

After singing a hymn, the Rev. W. F. Clarke expressed the feeling that his daughter, who had been given to mission-work, and who had died while in the field, had been a good investment.

The Rev. T. B. Hyde spoke of the mission work in connection with South America, where a missionary is soon to be sent from Toronto.

The Society then adjourned to give way for the C. C. M. S.

A. SECORD,

*Minute Secretary.*

### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.



OUR Secretary herewith presents the fourteenth annual report of the Directors of this Society, and the tenth that it has been his honor to prepare. It has been the best year the Society has known, although a time of great depression in trade, that has crippled the giving power of our constituency, and added to debts of nearly all the missionary societies. We are devoutly grateful to God that He has been pleased to accept the service we have rendered in His name.

This Society stands for Christ, in his effort to save the present generation of Africans. With their cruelty, their sensuality, their disregard of the voice of God in their consciences, they are in terrible need of the gospel of salvation.

Those who feel more interested in Home Missions, and who are inclined to think that they are the supreme duty of the hour, have good cause for their belief. But supreme things are not the only things. If the commercial men of the British Empire are making immense sums of money from China by forcing the opium trade on her, and by so doing are giving a distorted picture of Christian civilization, then the Christian churches are under obligation to send preachers of the gospel, to neutralize the evil so far as is possible. If commerce is besotting Africa with the millions of gallons of rum she sends in every year, till the Africans are becoming a nation of drunkards, the churches cannot avoid the obligation to send teachers who will interpret the Gospel, that shall fortify the people against the vices of civilized men.