

street. Before retiring a call came to cross the river to H——. Canal gates closed, and had to walk a mile to reach boat. Home at midnight.

Saturday, 104 patients at the dispensary; reached home shortly after two; evening, wrote a circular letter to Mission Board asking that another lady physician be sent out.

THE sixteenth annual report of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is before us. From the Foreign Secretary's report we glean a few interesting facts. The Foreign Mission work of the Church comprises five missions: Central India, China, the Indian work in Canada, Trinidad and New Hebrides. The work in India, China, and North-West is under supervision of the General Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee of the Western Division; that in Trinidad and New Hebrides under the Foreign Committee of the Eastern Division. The Woman's Society is auxiliary to the Committee of the Western Division. The object of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society is to aid the Foreign Mission Committee and Board of Missions in promoting its work among women and children of heathen lands. This Society disburses its money subject to the action of the Foreign Mission Committee or Board of the Church. The Home Secretary reports a total membership of 17,117. Total number of auxiliaries working, 494; Mission Bands working, 195. Reports of the medical ladies most interesting reading. Treasurer's statement gives balance in bank at close of year, April 19, 1892, as \$36,977.59.

WE note with special gratitude that the petition of the World's W. C. T. U. has lately received hearty endorsement from the International Missionary Union, composed of missionaries from all lands, and the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, which recently met in New York. These, with the endorsements of churches, Missionary and Peace Societies, the Salvation Army, and all the great temperance bodies, and Young Men's Christian Associations, aggregating millions, thus express their desire that all alcoholic and narcotic poisons may be banished. Mrs. Mary A. Woodbridge, the W. C. T. U. Secretary, writes: "We therefore most earnestly request that all these will unite with us in prayer that as leading Christian women, in the presentation of this petition, stand face to face with voters pleading for the protection of their homes, the Spirit of the Lord will move upon royal hearts to grant their request." What an aim is set before us! What a glorious object to work for! The great battle for the deliverance of the race from revenue producing poisons. Who is sufficient for these things? Only God, who inspires to noble deeds, and through Him "all things are possible" to His faithful co-workers.

A MOST impressive scene was recently witnessed in the committee room of the Church Mission. No fewer than twenty ladies, who had been accepted for service, were received and introduced to the Committee.

WE note with satisfaction the disappearance of the formal "address of welcome" and "reply" from some of the woman's conventions. The same time devoted to live addresses on some interesting subject would be of more advantage to the Assembly. In cases where the formal address is omitted, the President briefly extends the welcome to the delegates. Time, and its full improvement is getting to be the chief object in these meetings where much business must be done, and every opportunity improved to make the meetings accomplish their purpose of instruction and general profit to all.

WHEN the "Question Drawer" is opened general attention centres on the questions announced. Busy brains are propounding their own answers, and it lends greatly increased interest to the exercise to call for answers from the delegates. Thus their thought is brought out, and varied views are expressed, while the presiding member has the option of final reply to each question. Treated this way, the "Question Drawer" is divested of its stereotyped character, and in the hands of one who allows no time to be lost becomes a live, profitable and enjoyable exercise.

THE second Triennial Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, Church of England, was held in connection with the meeting of the Synod in Montreal. They report 564 Auxiliaries; total membership, 9,129; total receipts this year, \$44,480. Harrowing details of the appalling traffic in Chinese girls on our Pacific Coast were constantly being brought to their notice.

UNDER date August 1st, 1892, Mrs. E. S. Large writes from Japan requesting us to state the impossibility of complying with the requests of Auxiliaries for letters. Letters have been sent to the Branch Secretaries with the request that they be sent round. We quite sympathize with the feeling of our missionaries, whose duties are no doubt quite onerous enough to tax all their powers. There is, however, evidence in these requests for letters direct from the missionaries of the interest taken in their work, and also that our present method of imparting information is not altogether satisfactory. We would humbly suggest the appointment of an Official Correspondent from the staff in Japan for this department in the OUTLOOK, and believe confidently that a regular letter in this paper would meet the case.