

Reports from various departments of work have been full of interest, showing a widening and deepening interest in things pertaining to church extensions.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society has shown marvelous growth, graciously blessed and owned of Him, who leadeth His trusting children in paths unseen, and smoothes with His tender hand, the rough and rugged places, which He alone can do.

We have had the privilege of mingling with and looking into the faces of a number who have consecrated themselves to Foreign Mission work, who ere long will be in their different fields of labor, far separated by land and sea, yet never so far, but that they may rest in the cleft of the same rock, and drink from the same fountain.

Educational interests show increased desire that the higher education of our children, not only intellectually but morally and religiously, should be encouraged and maintained in our denomination. Intemperance continues to be a subject of deep solicitation, and the Church is awakening to the fact, that the gospel of Christ, must be the great lever, to work through instrumentalities yet untried, to banish it from our land. Home Mission, Pastoral and Evangelistic work through the systematic efforts of devoted laborers, has been greatly blessed of the Lord, in the saving of souls, strengthening of believers, and enlargement of the Church.

In conclusion, dear sisters, prayers arise from full hearts that this may be the beginning of a year more full of consecrated labor than in the past.

May we with you "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." To Him be glory, both now and forever. Amen.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

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