

Report of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Not quite a year old is our little Society, for it was on Oct. 23rd, 1895, that we met and organized a Woman's Missionary Society in connection with Melville Church.

We were fortunate in having among our number, several ladies conversant with the working of such societies, and to their judicious management is largely due the success of our first year.

At the outset, it was determined that there should be no membership fee, but that contributions should be entirely voluntary, consequently no roll of members has been kept, any lady of the Congregation being heartily welcome to attend and participate in our meetings.

Under such conditions, the usefulness and prosperity of our Society must depend on the degree of responsibility we, individually, feel with regard to it.

During the year, six meetings have been held, and as many opportunities given us of increasing our knowledge of missionary work.

We first had the pleasure of listening to a most interesting account of the efforts of the Montreal W. M. S. among the sick poor at home, among the French Canadians, and through its workers, in the foreign field.

A sketch of Presbyterian Missions throughout the world was given us at our next meeting, and in January we were favoured by having with us a returned missionary from China, Mrs. Thompson, who had devoted several years to labour there, and who, because of her personal experience, caused us to realize more fully than we often do what work in the foreign field really means.

The following meeting was devoted to Armenia, that country whose affairs have been so anxiously watched by the whole Christian world during the past year, and whose murdered children will one day rise up in condemnation of those Christian nations, who watching ask: "Am I my brother's keeper?" We were told of its past history, of its people and its missions, then listened to a letter descriptive of the riots at Marash last autumn, written by a missionary stationed there.

At a later meeting, the recently organized Jewish mission in the city, and the wonderful fulfillment of prophecy regarding the Jews were brought under our notice.