

very large number of the Auxiliaries have not as yet made any response to it. There may be various reasons for this, one of which may be that the time between the annual meeting at Hamilton and the 1st of June was too short to permit of the collectors calling on every member of the Society. In many cases also presidents and officers would probably wait until the regular meeting of Auxiliary before taking any step, and if that date happened to fall at the end of the month, they would then conclude that it was too late to attempt to gather money.

We feel, however, that we ourselves are not free of responsibility in the matter. In laying it before the Society in our May issue we assumed that everyone knew the facts in the case: what the deficit meant, how much money was required, that it was needed immediately, and what the consequences would be if the amount were not forthcoming. Instead of this being the case there is reason to fear that very many in the Church were, and still are, ignorant of the real state of affairs.

Delegates at the annual meeting in Hamilton could not, it is true, fail to have noticed that our late beloved President dwelt at length on this subject in her address. Will every one who reads these lines turn to the Annual Report, now in the hands of all our members, and read Mrs. Ewart's last words to us?

How to devise some plan by which the women of the Church could help in the reduction of the deficit in the General Fund was a matter which, during the last months of her life, lay very close to Mrs. Ewart's heart, and the resolution adopted by the Society to raise a Memorial Fund to be applied to this purpose was a source of great joy and thankfulness to her. It will thus be seen that the Memorial Fund, though intended to commemorate our twenty-first anniversary, must now be associated very closely with the memory of our late President. For this reason, but still more because of the great need, it has been decided to extend the time for receiving contributions, and to afford every member an opportunity of joining in this offering.

The Foreign Mission Committee's Annual Report shows that the financial year closed with a deficit of \$9,685. The Report states that "there must be either an increased revenue or a serious reduction in the work." "The Church is face to face with an important crisis."

Have the women of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society as members of the Church taken the situation to heart? Have we considered what "serious reduction" signifies? The intense disappointment to workers in the field and to eager candidates waiting to be sent? The open doors and none to enter? Stations abandoned, schools closed, and the Gospel of eternal salvation kept back from we know not how many of our fellow-creatures? This applies not only to the general work, but to our own woman's work as well. The two departments are so closely connected that if one suffers so also will the other.