

HOME DEPARTMENT.

THE TRAINING HOME.

The Committee recommends :—

That, in view of the importance of the work, arrangements be made whereby women applying for service in the Foreign Field, may be *tested as to their suitability* for this difficult work, and may at least receive some preliminary training in Biblical subjects and in practical mission work, before their applications are finally considered by the Foreign Mission Committee.

These arrangements to include :—

1st.—A boarding house, where at least three or four young women may be comfortably settled.

(a) It is desirable that the applicants remain in the boarding house at least six months for training. In case applicants are unsuited to the work they may withdraw at any time.

(b) It is understood that applicants shall be responsible for the expense of board. Special arrangements may be made in exceptional cases.

(c) That a special fund be provided to meet necessary expenses, in order that the funds of the Society may not be encroached upon.

2nd.—A course of lectures on Biblical subjects, to be arranged by the Foreign Mission Committee.

3rd.—Opportunities for practical mission work, such as nursing the sick, the leading of mothers' meetings, house-to-house visitation, etc.

4th.—If desirable and practicable, instruction in the rudiments of the language of the field chosen.

5th.—Such other training as may, from time to time, be suggested as necessary or appropriate.