

teries. During the year this society, after meeting all expenses and leaving a balance on hand was able to pay \$3,000 to the Treasurer to sustain mission work among the women and children of heathen lands. It has only been three years in existence, but its progress has been very marked. The first year it paid to the Treasurer \$1,000.00, the second year \$1,870.00, and the third year \$3,000.00.

Your Committee were happy to learn that during the year the Woman's F. M. Society, of the Presbytery of Hamilton, which was previously a separate organization, accepted the Constitution, approved of by last General Assembly, and united with the general Society of the Western Section, and has thereby become directly auxiliary to the Foreign Mission Committee. The sum credited to the Hamilton Society in the receipts of the year is the amount paid prior to the union. Since that time its funds have gone into the treasury of the Woman's F. M. Society of the Western Section, for the support of a lady missionary in India.

Cordial acknowledgments are also due for liberal contributions received from St. Matthew's Church, Halifax; the Halifax Woman's F. M. Society; and the Woman's F. M. Society of the Presbytery of Kingston. The growing interest taken by the Christian women of the Church in carrying the knowledge of salvation to the heathen of their own sex, cannot but be regarded as a symptom full of hope for the future. It is also a very hopeful sign that labourers are offering themselves freely for foreign service. Your Committee trust that the liberality of the Church will provide the means that those devoted men and women who are offering themselves to labour among the heathen, may be sent forth on their mission of mercy.

Mr. John Wilkie, who completed his theological studies a year ago, has since been studying Medicine, in Edinburgh, with a view to qualify himself for greater usefulness in the foreign field. His offer of service was accepted by the Committee last year, and it will now be for the Assembly to say whether it is prepared to send him forth. The missions in China and India both need to be strengthened without delay. Most promising fields invite us to labour, and surely when earnest, devoted and carefully trained labourers are anxious to embark in the work the Church should be slow to withhold the means.

Your Committee have drawn up a series of Regulations for the conducting of the Mission in Central India which they trust will aid in the harmonious and orderly prosecution of the work. In preparing them they have been guided largely by the experience of other bodies, which are prosecuting Missionary work in the same field. Time may show the necessity of minor modifications in these rules: but your Committee do not anticipate that any very radical change is likely to be required. A copy of these regulations which have been adopted *ad interim* will be found appended to this report.

All of which is respectfully submitted, by

WM. McLAREN, *Convener*.

Toronto, 20th May, 1879.

REGULATIONS FOR MISSIONS IN CENTRAL INDIA, ADOPTED, "AD INTERIM," BY THE FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE (WESTERN SECTION) OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA, APRIL 4TH, 1879.

I. Until such time as the Presbytery can be established, the male Missionaries shall be instructed to meet as a Council, quarterly at least, and consult in reference to the work of the Mission; and they shall also assume the general oversight and direction of the work, subject to the directions of the General Assembly's Committee.

II. Until there are three or more Missionaries in the field, the ordained Missionaries shall preside alternately, each for a period of one year. The Rev. J. M. Douglas shall be the first President. After three or more Missionaries are in the field, they shall elect their own President annually, in such manner as they may see fit.

III. The Committee will regard the Council as charged with special responsibility for the expenditure of the funds remitted by the Treasurer or Agent of the Church, or received in the field for the use of Missionaries,—it being understood that the salaries of Missionaries shall be paid at the par rate of sterling exchange, and also that the salaries of Canadian Missionaries shall be subject to the current rate of exchange in India; and the Committee will require the Council's recommendation of all estimates and expenses before giving its approval to them.

IV. The Committee shall designate Missionaries to particular fields of labour; and if, in the progress of the work, a change is deemed desirable, it may be determined by the Council, subject to the approval of the Home Committee.

V. All itineraries or district work shall be determined by the Mission Council, and all expenses thereby entailed, over and above the Missionary's average home expenditure, shall be borne by the Mission.

VI. No individual Missionary shall incur, in schemes of work, an expenditure exceeding \$50 per annum.