

increase of £17.66 over last year. In the afternoon Mrs. Tytler, from India, gave an interesting address, and an admirable paper on "Personal Responsibility" was read by Mrs. Alexander. Mrs. Gardner, of Aylmer, ably conducted the "Question Drawer." Owing to press of other duties, Mrs. Thorburn, who had been President for ten years, ever since the organization of the society, resigned. A pleasant event took place at the close of the afternoon meeting. Miss Harmon came forward and, in the name of the society, presented the retiring President with a magnificent Oxford Bible and an address bound in morocco. The address referred to her long services in the cause of foreign missions and to her introduction of the "Scattered Helpers" scheme into the working of the Society. The gift was a complete surprise to Mrs. Thorburn, and was much appreciated by her. The officers elected for the coming year were: President, Mrs. G. Hay, Ottawa; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. R. Gamble, Wakefield; Mrs. J. Lohead, North Gower; Mrs. M. H. Sinclair, Carp; Mrs. A. G. Robertson, Kenmore; Miss Parker, Aylmer. Secretary, Miss H. E. Derie; Treasurer, Miss E. H. Gibson; Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. L. Crannell. The evening meeting was eloquently addressed by Rev. Dr. Armstrong and Rev. J. Lohead.

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## FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

### Chinese Work in California.

Under the above heading Rev. I. M. Condit, D.D., San Francisco, writes in the *Church at Home and Abroad*, for July, 1896 :

"August 3, 1895, marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of our labors in this field. Twenty-five years ago there were only one or two stations outside of San Francisco; and now there are ten. At that time the work was largely itinerating, while now it is organized into a regular system. Then there were but few schools, while now we have Sabbath and evening schools at every station. Scarcely anything was then done among the women, and the sight of one in our audience was a rare thing; to-day a systematic work is carried on among them, and more than a hundred of them are often seen in our church on Sabbath. Twenty-five years ago but few children were to be seen in Chinatown, and the starting of a little school for them was quite an event; now the streets are alive with children who number thousands, and they are gathered into many schools. At that time a Christian family was hard to find, and considered quite a curiosity ;