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HISTORICAL SKETCH OF PAST 25 YEARS

OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN
CANADA.

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We are celebrating to-day the 25th Anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, which marks the close of a quarter of a century's work. It has been thought a wise and fitting thing, by your Executive Committee, that we should make a retrospect of the work from its beginning, that we may be able, *first*, to give a reason for our existence as a Society, *second*, to know how and by whom it was formed, and, *thirdly*, to record the difficulties encountered in the formation of an organization such as this, and the amount of strength and untiring energy it has required on the part of those who have gone before us, to bring it to the point where we stand to-day. A glance at what has been done in the past, makes our duty very plain. We must be up and doing, that our link in the chain may be lasting and strong, and we must be faithful to the charge entrusted to us, so that those who follow after us may find we have left them a worthy heritage, which they will be glad to take up.

The Woman's Missionary Society (Home, French and Foreign) had its origin in one of the oldest of such organizations in Canada. In the year 1864, there was formed

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