

regret. The reports of progress in the localities where the work is established are on the whole encouraging, but no new Branches have been formed, and the growth of the Society is therefore less satisfactory than it should be. The work is crippled everywhere throughout the country from the same cause, viz., the lack of efficient Associates, *i.e.*, of earnest, devoted Church Women, who will take the trouble to acquaint themselves thoroughly with the Society's objects and methods of work, and who are both willing and able to give time and thought to it. Without these qualifications no Associate can hope to accomplish any successful work in the G. F. S. Too often the office of an Associate is undertaken by those whose hands are already full, and who are unwilling to give up their work which they know, for the (to them) untried possibilities of the G. F. S. Yet we venture to say that if the Associate is to accomplish any real good she must make this work first and chief; that is, she must take it up as her particular branch of work in the Church. We should have no difficulty in obtaining Members if we had Associates capable of enlisting their interest and sympathy, and we cannot believe that among our older Church Women there are not many who are fitted to undertake this service in the cause of Christ, and for love of their younger less experienced, and perhaps less fortunate sisters.

There is no doubt that the work is to be done, and if the Women of the Church hold aloof from it, it will be accomplished by others whose energy and perseverance will put our lukewarmness and faint hearted

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