

can say, that on account of this home work, there cannot be found on his Circuit, at least a dozen women, who could lay aside *two cents a week*, the fee for membership of the Women's Missionary Society; or spare one hour a month to meet together to read missionary intelligence—letters fresh from the pens of workers in the fields, and to pray for God's blessing on our Missionaries at home and abroad, and to get their own hearts enlarged and drawn more into sympathy with the loving, sacrificing Saviour. Even in this day, when the wisest and best acknowledge the worth and need of woman's work in public, both at home and abroad, there have been found small souls, who said, "Let the women air their notions around their firesides, look after their families, and stay at home, as their mothers did." Did it ever occur to those, that we are in an age of progress, and that not only the world, but the church and its interests, are moving rapidly forward, and to the women of the church to-day, as to the women on the Resurrection Morn, comes the command of the risen Lord, "Go tell my brethren." With this command to the women of to-day, are given the opportunities and the power. Truly our mothers dwelt at home, and with busy hands they spun, wove and fashioned the garments the family wore. No idle moments were theirs. As they spun and toiled, how earnestly they prayed that God would open the doors of heathendom—those doors that for ages have shut our sisters from the light. In answer to those prayers, the doors of all heathendom stand wide open to-day, while the busy factories and the numberless machines by which woman's work has been lightened, have lifted the burden of spinning, weaving, and endless toil from our lives, and given us time for the Master's service. Truly we "know the truth, and the truth has made us free." Into the hands of the Christian women of to-day has been given, not only the care of their own families, but the care of the unmothered ones of heathendom; and only by woman's work can the mothers of the coming generations in those lands be reached and christianized. Others have urged that the work of the Woman's Missionary Society would lessen the interest in home work and detract from the amount given to General Mission Fund. Such is not the case, and we will for proof look at its effect on the General Mission Fund last year. Did the \$14,197 of the Woman's Missionary Society take that amount from the General Fund last year, then what of the \$12,000 increase that the General Mission report shows?