

ABSTRACT OF TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, W. R. H. M. SOCIETY, WEST.

The past year has been one of great blessing, and many souls have been born again in H. Mission churches. There is also a deeper interest being taken by the women of our churches in H. Mission work. At first we were somewhat disheartened when we learned that contributions to the work were \$40 short of last year, also that the contributions from the Bands had decreased nearly \$100, but like an inspiration, came the words of our Society's motto: "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not."

The Associational Directors have rendered us valuable aid. One has gone to her reward, Mrs. Puttenham, of the Owen Sound Association. Others have been replaced by new ones. During the year four new Circles have been organized and three re-organized. Of the fifteen Associations, nine report a gain and six a loss in contributions.

Some Circles report money raised for Grande Ligne as a separate item—the money having been sent to Montreal. Let me say—and please bear this in mind—that *all* money raised for Grande Ligne in Circles should be sent to our Treasurer, Miss Dryden. Your Board is pledged to do a certain work for Grande Ligne (support of six pupils), and looks to *you*, sisters, to help them fulfil this pledge. If you send your money in another channel, what is the Board to do? *All money raised for Grande Ligne is to go through Miss Dryden's hands, if you wish to be credited with it.*

Amid much persecution and many discouragements, Mr. and Mrs. Grenier, our missionary and his wife, in Quebec city, are holding the fort. Particularly trying have been their experiences during the last year. Owing to the persistent opposition of the priests, Mrs. Grenier's school was at one time reduced to three pupils. You have all read of the mobs in Quebec city, and how our representatives there have come out from it all, "more than conquerors." Let us pray for them, sisters, that they may have grace given them according to their need, and let us urge the children in the Bands to remember that this is their special work for Home Missions—the support of Mr. and Mrs. Grenier.

How glad we were the other day when we read that the husband of that brave woman, who some time ago was baptized at Maskinonge, had been converted, and followed Christ in baptism; and as we read, we could not but exclaim: Woman's influence! woman's influence! Convert the women of Quebec, and they in turn will leaven the whole lump.

Sixteen years ago one church represented Baptist principles in Muskoka. Now, some seven or eight centres, with many preaching stations, are regularly supplied through the liberality of the Baptist Women's Home Missionary Society. Yet, when we remember there are 30,000 inhabitants, including seven or eight hundred Baptists, few of whom are reached, we see much land yet to be possessed.

During the earlier part of the year a series of evangelistic services were held by Mr. Palmer at North Bay, Sundridge, Burke's Falls and Doe Lake—refreshing believers, converting sinners, and stirring up many to greater activity in the Master's service. A number of baptisms have taken place, thus adding to the membership of these churches—and they are looking forward to a winter of great usefulness.

Work is being pushed on the church at Sprucedale, to which we gave \$75 this year, and the Sunday School hopes to gather in a number of children now uncared for on Sunday.

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