Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Hamilton	\$150	
" Kingston	150	00
Juvenile Mission	224	20
Per Rev. Dr. McGregor, viz., balance of funds from St. Matthew's, Halifax;	001	11
from Newfoundlaud; and Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Halifax		-
Mrs. McKay, Windsor, donation	500	00
Presbytery of Pictou, Church of Scotland	115	40
Balance	5,094	0.5
	\$26,909	44
EXPENDITURE.		
Balance last year	\$1,008	83
Payments for North West	3,922	35
"Formosa		
" India		
Expenses of Committee, etc	384	68
Proportion of General Expenses and Printing	200	00
" Salary		00
Interest on advances		00
	\$26,909	44

It will be seen that while this statement is not all that could be desired, it contains much for which the Church should be thankful and nothing which need discourage her in the great work for the evangelization of the heathen on which she has embarked. The total receipts from all sources for the year, are \$21,815.39, or \$644.65 in advance of any previous year. Last year a special effort was made to increase the Foreign Mission Fund, and it rose in the course of that year from \$15,039.18 to \$21,170.74. It is peculiarly eatisfactory to find that in a year of unusual commercial depression, not only has the ground then gained been without any special effort held, but a further advance has been made. It is pleasing to note that every year the Foreign Mission Fund augments in volume.

In	1875-6	the Receipts from	all sources	were	\$14,811	85
	1876-7	"	64		15,039	18
	1877-8	44	44	***************************************		
	1878-0	6.6	66		01 015	90

The Foreign Mission Fund, before the Union, had a similar history in the late Canada Presbyterian Church. From 1861-2 when \$2,067.06 were raised to 1874-5, when the receipts were \$12,588.40; there was not a year wherein the Foreign Mission Fund did not show a certain measure of increase on that of the year which preceded it. And if the Foreign Mission Fund is still miserably small, as compared with the resources of the Church and the demands of the work, it is still surely something, for which gratitude is due to God, that during nineteen years it has

not taken one backward step. It is not pleasant, however, to discover that the expenditure has more that kept pace with the growing income. There is now a debt upon the fund of \$5,094.05. The debt reported to last Assembly was only \$1,008.83. It has therefore increased \$4,085.22 during the year, increase in the debt is to a very large extent, if not entirely, only apparent. The sum of \$550 due on account of China, of which the Treasurer was not advised until the accounts of last year were closed, belongs in reality to the debt of the previous year rather than to the expenditure of the year just closed. There has also been a change made in the mode of transmitting money to China, which requires payments to be provided for in advance. It is believed that the sum which appears in the statement for China will cover the normal expenditure of that mission for at least sixteen months. This alone is sufficient to account for nearly the entire increase in the debt. The purchase of mission property in India which the last Assembly directed, has also entailed a considerable ontlay. It was hoped that a very considerable portion of the expense of this undertaking would have been met by special contributions. An appeal was made to the Church for donations, but the response was not such as had been hoped. Only a few donations were sent, and almost the entire expense has come out of the ordinary fund. But while these explanations show how your Committee are in debt, and indicate also that the income has been greater than the ordinary expenditure, they do not remove the disagreeable fact that at the commencoment of another year the fund is in debt. It is t.ue, that considering the manner in which this debt has been incurred, it need cause no si scial anxiety, but debt at the commence-ment of the financial year is always an element of en barrassment which the liberality of the Church should not suffer to continue.

The comparatively favourable financial statement which your Committee are able to present, is in no inconsiderable degree due to the steady growth of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Western Section. This organizm is quietly extending itself over the Western Section of the Church and is doing much to evo. The intelligent interest, in Foreign Mission work. At the date of its Annual Meeting, it had forty-two branches and eight mission bands for the young. These subsidiary societies are scattered over fifteen Presby-