

THE SANTO MISSIONARY.

In another column will be seen the resolution of the Woman's F. M. Society, and that of the Foreign Mission Committee regarding the same matter.

This is not the first time that it has been under the consideration of the F. M. committee. At their meeting in February, it was discussed, but while sympathizing deeply with Mr. and Mrs. Annand, the state of the Funds did not warrant their assuming any additional responsibility.

The State of the matter at present is as follows :

1. In spite of every effort in the way of circulars, appeals, Missionary addresses, &c., the debt on the F. M. Fund has been steadily increasing. Two years ago the expenditure had exceeded the income by \$1575.30. One year since, that amount was increased to \$1935.30. At the end of the year just closing, the adverse balance will almost certainly not be less than \$3000.

2. There is a probability, almost a certainty that the F. M. Funds of the Eastern and Western Sections, will be unified at next Assembly.

3. In view of the above two facts, first, that our present expenditure is steadily in excess of our income, second, that our work is likely to be united with that of a stronger body, the almost unanimous feeling of the Foreign Mission Committee is, that it would be not only imprudent, but, as a business transaction, it would not be honest for them to assume additional responsibilities at present. If the United Committee will do so, the members from this Eastern Section will rejoice.

The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held in St. Matthew's church, Halifax, April 8th and 9th. There are about 40 Auxiliaries in connection with the Society. Besides the delegates from these, there were present visitors from other Women's Missionary Societies in the Presbyterian Church, from the Societies of the Methodist and Baptist Churches, as also a lady missionary from the Baptist Church among the Telugus of India. Reports were read from the different Auxiliaries showing good work done during the year.

Mrs. Annand was present and gave a most interesting and touching address on the New Hebrides, dwelling particularly on the Island of Santo where Mr. Annand

and herself expect to labor on their return.

At a public meeting held in St. Matthew's church on the evening of the 8th, Mr. Annand spoke on the Mission field in the South Seas. His address as usual was most interesting and instructive. At the close a collection of over \$30.00 was taken up.

The accounts for the year are as follows :

RECEIPTS,	
Balance from 1885	\$ 67.75
Halifax Presbyterian Society	921.14
Pictou Presbyterian Society	732.18
Newfoundland Auxiliaries	304.50
Sundries	46.52
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EXPENDITURE.	
Support of lady teachers	\$1624.00
Various appropriations	140.50
Printing and other expenses	120.95
Balance on hand	186.64
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The ladies were deeply interested with the story of Santo, and the Annands heroic undertaking in connection with that island, and their action regarding the matter will be found in another column.

The meeting was richly enjoyed by all present.

Besides the above organization there is a number of Women's Missionary Societies, chiefly in the Presbytery of Truro and Pictou some of them among the oldest in the Provinces, that prefer to do their work as congregational societies, and that have contributed largely in money to the Foreign Mission Fund during the year; besides quantities of clothing for the school children in the Mission Fields.

There is a deepening interest among the women of our church in behalf of their sisters in heathenism. But neither men nor women realize aright as yet the responsibility that lies upon us to "Go preach the Gospel to every creature."

Rev. H. A. Robertson has sent twelve casks, over 2000 lbs, of Arrowroot as a thank offering from the natives of Erromanga. Hitherto nearly all the arrow-root sent from the islands has been sold in Australia or Britain, but it is becoming more difficult to find a market there. Many of our people will gladly purchase it. Of one thing they can be sure, viz. its purity. Probably the casks will be distributed through the different towns for sale.