

THE EVENING MEETING.—Cooke's Church, which accommodates over 3,000 people, was filled to its utmost on Wednesday evening with an appreciative audience. Mr. Hamilton Cassels occupied the Chair. Rev. W. Patterson, pastor of Cooke's Church, spoke a few cordial words of welcome, and Rev. R. P. MacKay, Foreign Mission Secretary, gave a brief synopsis of the progress and work of the Society.

The Rev. Dr. Gillespie, of New York, for many years Foreign Mission Secretary of the American Presbyterian Church, North, was the guest of the evening, and the chief speaker. He spoke of the *outcome* and the *outlook* of Women's Foreign Missionary Societies, as these had come under his own eye during the past twenty-one years.

Although the movement was not welcomed in all quarters at the beginning, it had received assured recognition, and the approval of the Master and of the Church. It had resulted in the *discovery and development of gifts and graces* undreamed of before. Under the head of work accomplished, the remarkable development in recent years of the missionary spirit among young men and young women, was noted. Increase in prayer had been a feature of the outcome. In the outlook there was a two-fold peril: 1. The men of the Church were in danger of being too well satisfied with what their wives and daughters were doing and too willing to leave the bulk of the missionary work in their hands; 2. Women's Societies were meeting with so much appreciation that there was danger of their being persuaded to undertake too many things. Divided effort was not the way to accomplish great things. Singleness of aim and flexibility of method were essential to success, but above all constant waiting upon God. "Ye are the Lord's remembrancers." "We must advance upon our knees," as Neesima had said.

Dr. J. Fraser Smith, Honan, followed in a short speech. He had found since his return to Canada a great deal yet to be done in correcting ignorance and persuading men and women to deny themselves just a little for this work. In undertaking missions in Honan, they had been storming the citadel of heathenism, and they had found that the help of man was in vain, but God had been their refuge and strength, a present help in trouble, and now they were cheered by gathering in the first fruits.

Rev. J. Fraser Campbell spoke of the encouragements of the work in Central India, referring particularly to the abolishing of *Suttee* and to the law recently enacted forbidding the marriage of girls under fourteen years of age. In closing, Mr. Campbell made an appeal for more men for India. He referred to the openings for work in many places, the Rajahs even being anxious that missionaries should be sent. The collection amounted to \$165.