

REPORTER'S FOLIO.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THE regular meeting of the Missionary Society was held on Friday evening, December 13th, with the president, Mr. A. A. Graham, in the chair. After the opening exercises the minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. Mr. P. A. Walker then gave an address on India, which was listened to with great pleasure by the members present. After an allusion to the resources and position of that country, the speaker drew attention to the pioneer labors of Carey, Marshman and Ward. Prominent among the difficulties to be encountered in the work were the drink traffic and the opium trade, for which England is responsible to some extent. The degradation of woman was also touched upon. The weakening of Moham-medanism by the translation of the Koran into idiomatic Urdu, the failure of materialism and the breaking down of the caste system were cited as being among the more hopeful features of the work. Turning to our Central India mission, Mr. Walker pointed out the peculiar difficulty of working amongst a people sunk in poverty but possessed of keen intellect. There were five centres from which missionary influence operated, Indore, Mhow, Neemuch, Rutland and Uggain. Educational work of all kinds had been vigorously pushed and a special blessing had attended the Zenana laborers. The Christian doctor who joined in his person the two noblest professions, proved himself here, as elsewhere, the most useful missionary. Special features of the work were dwelt upon, and attention was drawn to the need of more education among church members on their duty and the needs of this benighted part of the empire, which is to most of us the most attractive foreign field, where we may work for as many towns as families in our home fields. Mr. J. S. Gordon closed with prayer.

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A regular meeting of the S. M. S. was held on Monday evening, Jan. 6th, instead of Friday, on account of the Intercollegiate debate between the different Theological colleges in Montreal. After the usual opening, the president asked for the report of the committee appointed to revise the constitution of the Society. The constitution as revised by the committee, with some slight changes, was adopted.

Mr. J. B. Sincennes read a very interesting paper on French work. He noticed the progress that has attended the efforts of those engaged in the work, especially with regard to the different schools for educating Roman