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THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY.

Our sister society, the Home Mission Society of Ontario West, has just been celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary. The women of that society have now a long and honorable record of work accomplished throughout the length and breadth of our land, and they have unlimited opportunities before them to spur them on to increasing efforts. The full story of these twenty-five years of preaching, teaching, praying, giving, of conversions and baptisms, of lives strengthened and sent out to do work for the Master—the full story can never be written, though Mrs. Lillie's inspiring historical sketch gave it just as fully as it could be given.

The Foreign Mission Society would rejoice in the work of the Home Mission Society because it means the saving of souls and the development of Christian character. But there is another very close interest for us. One way of increasing Foreign Mission offerings is to give more ourselves. Another way is to get someone else interested who will help. Every one of these little Home Mission churches established gives us as one of its first collections, a Foreign Mission offering, which grows from year to year. It is a fact that more than half of our present Foreign Mission income comes from churches which have been, or are being, supported by the Home Mission Board of Ontario and Quebec, to which the Women's Board is an auxiliary. This simply means that the Home Mission Society is not simply doing a magnificent work in the evangelization of our own country, but is laying the most substantial foundations for extending

our borders in foreign lands. We must see to it that we realize that these two branches of our Mission activity are inseparably bound up in each other. The success of the one means the success of the other, and the reverse is equally true. We hope that all our Circles will consider this fully and realize that there must be no specialization on one or other, which could mean exclusion of either.

On account of the publishing of the annual reports in this issue, we have been compelled to omit many Circle and Band Reports, which we hope to publish next month.

CONVENTION NOTES.

A resolution was passed by the Convention in appreciation of the hospitality of the London churches. Every one in attendance at the meetings will heartily second this resolution. There was nothing left undone which would add to the comfort and convenience of the delegates—in billeting, in postoffice arrangements, in the providing of the noon-day luncheons, or in the provision of rest rooms and writing rooms. We are all very grateful to the Mission Circles of London for their welcome in speech and action.

An invitation has been received from the churches of Woodstock to meet with them next year. Our popularity must be growing, as we have not been accustomed for some years past to invitations extended so long beforehand. Our Women's Convention has not met in Woodstock for nineteen years, but we are sure that "Woodstock"—a name