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In presenting this second published report we regret that we are not able to show a larger increase in the contributions, but still, we believe the interest is growing, though it may be slowly yet we hope surely. At the annual meeting of the Board in June 1882, it was decided to appoint the Secretaries of the Conference Auxiliaries agents, to travel as they could, to organize auxiliaries, solicit contributions from the women of our Church, secure life-members, and in every way possible strive to awaken an interest in the missionary work. We believe that scores of women devoted to the Church and her institutions need only to be approached and interested in this matter to secure their hearty co-operation and contributions.

We are glad to find that the prejudice against a woman's society is wearing away throughout the whole world as was evinced by the hearty vote of approval given to the Woman's Miss. Societies at the Ecumenical Council in London, England.

Our sisters in the United States are doing a grand work, having raised the past year \$107,932.00 an increase of \$31,582.00 over the preceding year. Yet, when we consider that they as a Church have a membership of a million and a half, that this is their twelfth report, and that they have increased their contributions during the past six years more than half, while we, as a Church, have only twenty-eight thousand members, that it is only a little more than five years since we first organized, and that this year we have increased our contributions a fifth, we feel to take heart, press on, enlarge our borders, strive for what we believe to be right. We would that the women of Canada would awake to their responsibility in this work, for truly it is the work in the Church pre-eminently for women. It cannot be said that there are no