

the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and one great means of the success which it had attained. Now, apart from the giving of any portion of the *funds* of the Society to Home Missions, it would be a great matter if the existing machinery of the Society could be made use of for the *diffusion of information* about Home Missions.

Dr Warden considered it a grave mistake that the interest of the women of the Church should be developed in one direction, as is now being done; and not only the interest of the women, but the young people as well, who are being formed into Foreign Mission bands all over the country. He made allusion to the romance connected with Foreign Missions, and said that one reason why this branch of work was so attractive was that it was both cheaper and easier to engage in it than in Home Mission work. Should the change of basis now urged by the Home Mission Committee be carried out, it would follow as a practical result that new auxiliaries would be formed in many congregations where it is now impossible for the W.F.M.S. to organize branches because of their exclusively Foreign Mission constitution. He believed that the increase in the revenue of the W.F.M.S. was chiefly derived from new auxiliaries. He had no sympathy with the argument of "woman's work for woman" in this connection. He contended that Home Missions were no less for the benefit of women and children than Foreign Missions.

Dr. Robertson set forth in forcible and eloquent terms the claims of the Home Mission Scheme. He spoke of the deficit now existing and the imperative need of increased funds. He thought the change proposed was the only plan by which this state of things could be remedied. He asked if it was desirable to have a mass of heathenism in our own country; pointed out that the heathen of India and China were being cared for by the Churches in Great Britain and other European countries, while there is no one but ourselves to care for the heathen in the North-west. He requested the friends present to compare the moral condition of British Columbia to-day with that of Manitoba and the rest of the North-west; the contrast would show what Home Missions had accomplished for the latter territories. If the Home work were but supported as it should be now, there would soon be large sums forthcoming from these new congregations for Foreign Missions. He cited the condition of society in the Western