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Subjects for Prayer.

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For Honan, for Medical Missionaries, Native Ministers, Helpers and Teachers and for those in training.

"In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made, each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats."—*Isa.* 2 : 20.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

WHETHER the 24th Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society would be held in Ottawa, was a question that came with sudden alarm to many of the delegates who purposed attending the gathering, as news reached them but five days before, of a dreadful fire raging in that beautiful city. Every arrangement was at once made by the Executive to hold the meetings in Toronto, and there was not a member of the Board but said, "to go would be an imposition," but under pressure of the Ottawa ladies, we yielded, and not one of the delegates but came back glad that she had gone. The Ottawa ladies, mid all the burdens that were pressing on them, fully rose to the occasion, and right loyally welcomed and entertained us. Never was there a happier gathering, nor one so fruitful, we trust, in grand results. The delegation numbered in all 235, mostly from the east, not quite so large as at more central places—but then our object was gained; we had drawn out the eastern ladies and the opinion was more firmly expressed than ever, let our Annual Meeting continue to migrate to the needy centres. Several speakers gave us glimpses into the Ecumenical Conference from which they had just returned, our own representative, Mrs. McQuesten, gave us some graphic pictures, but we feel it impossible to report everything, and as Mrs. McQuesten is to give us a full account of the Women's Day, we will rest satisfied.

FIRST SESSION.

The opening Session began on Tuesday afternoon, May 1st, with devotional exercises conducted by the President and Mrs. Gardiner of Ottawa. Mrs. Fraser, of Lancaster, gave a few well chosen thoughts on the passage of Scripture, "Abide in me." Then followed the Presbyterial reports—inter-