

As the completion of the Institute drew nigh, it became necessary to consider what should be the best method of continuing the school work of the Woman's Missionary Society. The new scheme would naturally require very much larger outlay, especially at first, while the attendance might not be so great at first as subsequently. Should we, therefore, advise the Society to continue the Actonvale school as well as the Institute, while a limited number only might be expected in each, and while a full staff of teachers must be maintained in each, thus doubling the cost of maintenance? This was a most difficult question, and needed much prayer and serious thought. Your Committee naturally felt a warm affection for Actonvale School, as it had been the place of such marked success in saving souls; and being situated in the midst of a comparatively Protestant French population, we were loth to recede from the foothold obtained there. But, on the other hand, if we continued there another year, we would be obliged to incur still further expense in refitting the building, which is the property of the Missionary Society, and occupied by us free of rent, on condition of keeping it in repair. Our previous expenses averaged more than \$100 per annum for alterations and repairs, and as new floors were now needed, we hesitated before the additional expense, especially as, after all, the building is not well planned for continued use as a school, and at best would contain but a limited number.

On consideration of this serious question, it was reluctantly, yet unanimously decided by your Committee to advise the executive of the Woman's Missionary Society to consolidate the work and bend all our energies to make the Girls' Department of the new Institute a success, with the earnest