

mission work in different parts of the world; also interesting papers prepared by the members being read and discussed. Thus the evening is made both interesting and profitable.

During the past eighteen months, from May, 1895, to January, 1897, one hundred and seven dollars and fifteen cents (\$107.15) has been contributed in amounts from one to five cents per week, these contributions being entirely voluntary.

It was thought well that the Society should try and support a native missionary at a cost of sixty-five dollars per year. But for various reasons this was found to be impracticable, much to our disappointment.

We were informed by the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee that the Young People's Societies were contributing their funds to the work in Honan, China, so after long consideration, as we desired to put the money to the very best advantage, it was decided to send it forward as part of the general fund, used last year in support of the work in Honan. Sixty-five dollars was forwarded and acknowledged, leaving a balance in the treasury of six dollars. Previous to the disposing of the funds the Society had received a letter from Mrs. McDonald, one of our members, who very forcibly brought to our notice the needs of our own Home Mission field, especially asking help in building a church at Whitney station, where there are forty families who were very anxious to have a church, but were unable to undertake the whole cost themselves.

It was unanimously decided that the balance on hand, viz., six dollars, be sent forward to Mrs. McDonald, to be used in the building of the church.

There is now a balance on hand of thirty-five dollars and ninety-five cents (\$35.95), this being contributed from May to December, 1896. And as the annual meeting of the Society has been changed from May to January, our year commences with this amount in the treasury.

It has been a source of regret to us that Mrs. Thomson through meeting with a painful accident had to resign from the position of President, and also the withdrawal from the office of Secretary-Treasurer, Miss M. Gibson, other duties demanding her attention first. While we miss them, it is a pleasure to say that others have come forward and taken up their work cheerfully.

It is earnestly hoped that more of the young people of the congregation will join us in this work during the coming year.

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