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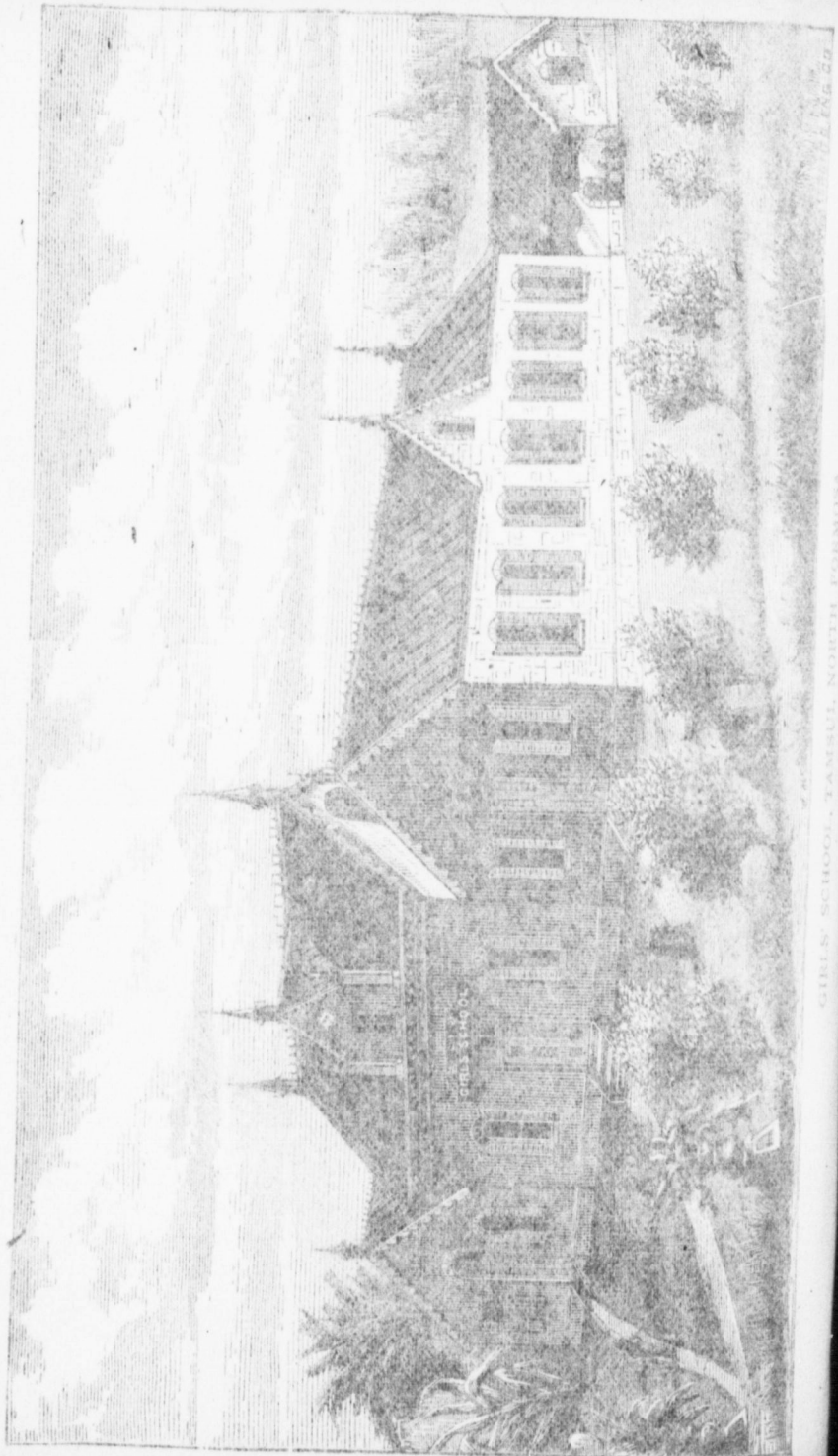


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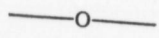
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Foreign Secretary's Report.

A FEW years ago the word "Foreign," to which we attach so much importance now, meant but little more to us than culture and travel. When repeated, the word called up pictures of storied lands, ancient cities, shadowy ruins, and moss crowned towers. It suggested all that was perfect in art, profound in philosophy, tasteful in literature. To-day it means all this, but infinitely more; it stands to us, in the place of hundreds of millions of living, struggling, human souls, dwelling in the land of the shadow of death, and upon whom no light hath shined. And what has caused the change, and given a new meaning to this word? We have discovered that, as far as woman is concerned, only woman's hand can lift the veil of ignorance and superstition which enshrouds these millions and bring them into the "great light," of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

There is an old Buddhist legend, in which we are told that there was once a huge and terrible monster, asleep on one of the mountains of India who defied all efforts to awaken him. The gods sent messengers to rouse him. His ears were pierced with red hot irons, but he only moved uneasily in his sleep; sharp instruments were thrust into his side, which caused him to open his eyes and shut them again. Gods and men alike endeavoured to awaken him, in vain. At last a woman came with gentle touch upon his heart, and his lethargy was broken. He disappeared and was never seen again. In alluding to this legend some one has said that the monster of superstition and degradation has lain for centuries, with crushing weight, on woman in heathen lands. War and bloodshed have had no effect on this monster, fire and pestilence have not moved him, even the march of civilization itself has not materially disturbed his baneful slumbers. But at last, in this nineteenth century, the soft touch of a woman's hand, all powerful through the gospel in it, on his heart—the mothers and the homes of the people—has done something towards lifting the terrible burden.

We come to-day, with thankful hearts, to present the record of what God has permitted us to accomplish, as a society, towards the enlightenment of heathen women and children during the past year.

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The Auxiliaries will remember that some months ago the Board forwarded to them a detailed statement of the expenditure of the Foreign Mission Committee, for our work, for the year ending April, 1883, and also an estimate of the probable amount required for the year ending April, 1884. It is only necessary now to say that the amount required for all departments of our work, in the foreign field, for the year now ending, is about \$8,000 (eight thousand dollars), which will be expended in mission work in the North-West Territory, China and India.

The Rev. Geo. Flett, missionary, who addressed a meeting of the Society early in the year, gave us many interesting particulars connected with mission work in the North-West, which, with the assistance of the report of the Foreign Mission Committee, we will endeavour to outline, as follows:—

OKANASE.

This mission is on a small reserve, three and a-half miles long, by two and a-half wide, situated on the Little Saskatchewan. Twenty-six families reside on the reserve, they are chiefly the descendants of a chief named Okanase, and belong to the Chippeway tribe. The Government is pledged by treaty to give them a school, but up to the summer of 1882 no school had been opened as the salary offered, was inadequate to the support of a teacher. Subsequent to the visit of Dr. McLaren to the North-West, steps were taken for the opening of a school and there is one now in operation, under the care of Donald McVicar, a young Indian, who was educated by the mission. About thirty children and adults attend this school, their ages ranging from eight to twenty-six years. Mr. Cuthbert Mackay has charge of a school at Crow Stand Reserve, Fort Pelly, with thirty seven children attending. Mr. Flett has, under his supervision, these two stations, together with four others, and in all has the care of between sixty and seventy communicants.

SIoux MISSION, BIRD TAIL CREEK.

During the year a school has been established at this mission, the Government paying one-half the salary (\$300) of the teacher, Mr. J. C. Burgess. The Sioux Indians are refugees from the United States, and are located on a reserve at the junction of the Bird Tail Creek and the Assiniboine River. About thirty families reside on the reserve, and as they have followed a civilized mode of life for a considerable time, they are probably more advanced than any other Indians in the North-West.

THE MIS-TA-WAS-SIS RESERVE MISSION.

This reserve covers the large area of seventy-eight square miles, and is divided into three districts; one under the supervision of the Episcopal Church, a second occupied by the adherents of the

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Church of Rome, and a third in charge of the Presbyterian Church. These Indians were the earliest to enjoy the labours of the Rev. James Nisbet, at Prince Albert, and have now as their pastor Rev. John Mackay, the interpreter through whom Mr. Nisbet preached to them. The extent of the reserve, and the scattered state of the settlement, make it very difficult to maintain a school, especially in winter. Miss Jesse Mackay teaches a school in her father's house. There are twenty-seven names on the roll, with an average attendance of fifteen. The work at this station is very encouraging; a prayer meeting is held every week, and many have received the Lord Jesus and united with the Church.

PRINCE ALBERT MISSION.

The removal of the Indians from this reserve to the Mis-ta-was-is in great numbers, has reduced the mission work at this point. Miss Baker has had charge of the Mission School for some years, and has rendered most effective service. Her school is now mainly supported by the people of the neighbourhood and contains principally the children of the white settlers. She, however, receives a number of Indian children, whom she not only teaches gratuitously, but feeds and clothes during the winter season. A few Cree families reside in the vicinity, and for the benefit of these, adults as well as children, Miss Baker is about establishing a Bible Class. Miss Baker states that though her school cannot be said to be doing Indian work, its value cannot be over-estimated, its aim having ever been a thorough Christian education. Over fifty children are now attending the school, Miss Baker writes:—"Were I to give you a detailed account of my week's work, day by day, I think you would be interested and amused. It has been a positive necessity that I should open my house to girl boarders. I have three at present and have had several others, and as I have to be cook, matron and teacher, my duties are never done until a very late hour. The Christians of the East cannot be too zealous in putting forth every exertion to mould the character of the young people of the North-West." All the schools mentioned are assisted by our society.

The Foreign Mission Committee have thought it desirable to reinforce the staff of missionaries and native teachers in the North-West by sending an additional missionary to the field, and we notice, with satisfaction, that Mr. Hugh Mackay, formerly missionary in Manatoulin, has offered himself and been accepted, having been publicly designated as a missionary to the Indians of the North-West Territory at a service held in Guelph, Tuesday, February 21st. In addition to regular work, it is expected that Mr. Mackay will visit the various fields of labour occupied by the missionaries and teachers, and give such detailed information as may be both interesting and encouraging to those who are contributing to mission work in this most important field. The work in the North-West may be called Home Mission work, as it is in our own country, but in reality

it is work among the heathen, and in giving the "red men of the prairie and forest" the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are presenting for their acceptance a richer heritage than their old "hunting grounds" which we now possess.

CHINA

The mission work of the church in this field has this year been eminently successful. Dr. Mackay reports, that two thousand and Pepuans (aboriginal inhabitants) have thrown away their idols and are earnestly asking to be taught the truths of our religion. Eleven chapels have been erected, and many converts added to the church. Owing to continued ill-health, Mr. and Mrs. Junor, who had returned to America in the spring of last year, were unable to think of active work of any kind, at least for many months, and at the request of Dr. Mackay, Rev. John Jameson and Mrs. Jameson, were sent by the Foreign Mission Committee to Formosa to assist him in the work of the mission, which, with the blessing of God, is developing so rapidly. Many of the members of our Society had the pleasure of becoming personally acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Jameson before their departure, and we gladly heard of their safe arrival at Tamsui. Friends will be glad to know that for some time past Mr. Junor has been rapidly growing stronger; recent intelligence received from Mrs. Junor, dated Hamilton, Bermuda, states that he is almost, if not quite, well, and beginning to think of future work. We believe that this devoted missionary has been spared a little longer to labour in the Lord's great harvest field in answer to the sincere and united prayers of the church.

It will be remembered, that, at the last Annual Meeting, it was decided to respond in the affirmative to the request of Dr. Mackay for the sum of \$3,000 (three thousand dollars), to be applied to the establishment, building, etc., of a Girl's School in Tamsui. Dr. Mackay has made some suggestions regarding the manner of conducting the school, among others the following:—It is to be a boarding school, and as the same subjects in general will be taught as in Oxford College, it will be carried on in connection with that institution, the students who teach in the college taking charge of the instruction given. The girls will not be taught English but simply to read and write their own characters. The building was commenced in October last, and a letter received, while preparing this report, gives the cheering news that it has been finished and opened for use. Dr. Mackay says: "On the 8th day of October, 1883, I began to build, and superintended everything about the building until completed—we worked many nights until midnight. The building is of cut stone, then, out and inside, plastered four times. The entire outside is in imitation of red bricks. It stands seventy paces east of Oxford College, is just as large as the College, and will accommodate fifty girls. When I state that foreigners and Chinese say that it is even more stately than Oxford College, I am saying a good

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deal. When I learned that the money would be forthcoming, I at once set to work, because materials are cheaper than last year, but dear now again. The school was opened on the 19th of January last, H. M. Consul in the chair; Mr. Jameson spoke in English and I addressed the people in Chinese. Upwards of one hundred converts from the east coast were present, the main hall was crowded and an immense crowd all around the building. Dear fellow-workers for Christ, I got this request, this answer to prayer too. I longed to see the building ere my poor labors cease. Here it is then, I have done my best, and do not hesitate to say that I have saved the mission *one thousand dollars* by watching everything done. Mrs. McKay is in ecstasies about the building, and staid out many nights. Mr. and Mrs. Jameson are studying hard. Never let us think we have done here, never let us rest, never weary. By the love of the Eternal God, by the amazing sacrifice of the Lord Jesus, by the shortness of life, by the thousand million souls crying in the darkness, I call on the Christian women in Canada to burn with zeal until their eyes behold the glory of Jesus of Nazareth in the Eternal City.

We praise God for this building, we thank and honour Dr. Mackay for his faithful supervision of the work, and we trust that it may stand for generations a monument of the missionary spirit of some of the Presbyterian women of Canada.

Of mission work in general, in North Formosa, Mrs. Jameson writes: "We have just been listening to some Pepuans singing hymns, and I take up my pen, because I wish you to share in the deep, deep, joy, that fills our hearts. So often we have exclaimed: 'If the people in Canada could only see and hear!' You hear of two thousand giving up their idols. Think five minutes of that; don't read further, but just take a few minutes and try to realize what it means. 'There is joy in the presence of the angels of God, over one sinner that repenteth': not one, not fifty, not one hundred, more than twenty times one hundred, precious souls, throw away their idols of wood and plaster, in which they have trusted implicitly—offering gifts, and praying to them day by day—some of these gods handed down from father to son for more than a century. These people are waiting to be taught, and in the mean time, students from Oxford College are sent to instruct them in the religion of Jesus Christ. Just interrupted to shake hands with a band of forty-five from the east coast, come to the opening of the girls' school. Ah! dear friends, this is no romantic tale of a far-off land, it is real, and living, and true. Do help those people, and pray for us, for Jesus' sake."

CENTRAL INDIA.

In this mission, the year has been one of conflict and toil. The native authorities have shown the most determined hostility to the work of our ordained missionaries; the preaching of the Gospel has

been forbidden, and the schools broken up, from time to time; not by official authority, but through the indirect influence of the police. Appeals have been made to the representatives of British authority; the result being a temporary suspension of hostilities, but the latest intelligence speaks of renewed opposition. Mr. Wilkie and Mr. Campbell have borne themselves throughout, with spirit and determination; and it is satisfactory to know that all the missionary bodies are prepared to act with our mission staff, in whatever course of action may be decided on. Our missionaries are hopeful; they feel that the work is the Lord's, and that He will carry it on. As an evidence of this, Mr. Wilkie tells us that, recently, on his return from the hills to Indore, in the midst of all this persecution and opposition, four were added to the membership of the Church, by baptism; and that, afterwards, the whole congregation, twenty-seven in number, partook of the Lord's Supper with thankful hearts. No doubt, his hands will be greatly strengthened by the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Builder, and Miss Rodger, who, we learn with satisfaction, reached Indore about the Christmas-tide.

It must not be supposed, however, that mission work in Indore is at a stand still, on account of the action of the authorities. We learn that, when schools have been broken up, the teachers have quietly waited a few weeks and then re-opened them, or have sought out another spot on which to commence operations, and we are informed by one of our lady missionaries, that the prospects for woman's work this year are specially cheering. Miss Rodger was warmly welcomed on her arrival at Indore. Speaking of it, she says: "It was like coming home this time; the children were so glad to see me." She has already resumed her school, with a good attendance; several of the number having been in the school two years ago. The grandmother of one of the children, while conversing with Miss Rodger, since her return, stated that her little granddaughter said to her, a short time before: "that God was angry with those who worshipped images," and, continued the aged woman, "none of my children will worship idols." "I thank Thee, O Father, because Thou has hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." The box sent by the Society, with Miss Rodger, was not only a source of unbounded delight to the children, but will be exceedingly useful to the ladies in their Zenana work. Miss Rodger says: "The box was emptied of many of its contents last week, as it was Christmas week, and the children were delighted with what was given them. They came to school on Christmas day, without being called, with the expectation of getting a doll, or something from the boxes, which had come from Canada."

Miss Ross continues to devote much of her time to the study of the language, but is also engaged in teaching and Zenana work. The latest intelligence from her is as follows: "A short time ago, I opened a school in the bazaar, some distance from where we reside. The first two or three days, five little girls came; but it was not

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long before the parents of one became possessed with the fear that their daughter would become a Christian, and, for some days, there were only two; however, in a short time, the number rose to twelve, and I hope that others will soon come. This afternoon, when I went to give a young woman a lesson in reading, and afterwards, to read to her a portion of Scripture, almost the first question she asked me was: 'Am I a Christian?' Then she told me, that several of her friends had said that if she became a Christian, she would be blind. I soothed her fears, by asking her if any of the Christians in connection with the mission were blind, and, after a little conversation, she appeared satisfied, listened to the reading, and joined heartily in the singing." May these spiritually-blind daughters of India soon hear the voice of the compassionate Saviour saying: "What will ye that I shall do unto you," and may the universal response be: "Lord, that our eyes may be opened."

The health of Miss McGregor has greatly improved during the year, and, as a consequence, her work has been continued without interruption. She has at present under her charge four day schools, and employs four native teachers; 113 names are on the roll, with an average attendance of seventy-two. A Sabbath School for native children is in operation, and at present fourteen are in attendance. Two thousand texts of Scripture, in the various vernaculars, have been distributed, and it is hoped that in this way many seeds of Divine truth have been sown. Special attention has been given to the instruction of native Christian women, with a view of their becoming Bible women and teachers. The Normal Class, established for this purpose under the supervision of Miss McGregor, having been carried on during the year. Ten pupils have attended the class, four of them being widows. A Bible Class has also been held twice a week for the instruction of native women, with nine in attendance. The children in the Foundlings' Home in the City of Indore, are permitted to attend the Mission School in the camp, and as these orphans are discharged from the Home at twelve years of age and are afterwards obliged to support themselves, it is hoped that an Industrial School, for their benefit, may be opened in connection with the mission at Indore.

ZENANA WORK.

Thirty-five homes are regularly visited by Miss McGregór, and two Bible women are employed in this work who have visited several of the villages, and in this way proclaim the Gospel to large numbers of women. A Gospel Meeting for women is in operation and is gradually becoming well attended, especially recently, as the plan of sending invitations directly to the parents by the school children has been adopted. Meetings of this kind are desirable, as the women of the poorer classes are not confined to their homes. The hospital is visited regularly and affords one of the best fields for Zenana work, as it is estimated, from a carefully kept record, that

over eighty women hear the Gospel each month. Many times the hearts of our missionaries have been cheered by requests for prayer in cases of sickness, and requests for Christian Hymn Books and Testaments are numerous.

All this is only the scattering of the seed, but it is hopeful work, for God has promised that His word shall not return unto Him void or without result. We are told that when passing along the street of an Indian city, the eye is sometimes attracted by a shrub or small tree growing out of the crevice of a wall or building; it is the peepul tree, a cause of much destruction to property. The seed may be carried by the wind or a bird and dropped; it takes root even at a great height above the ground, springs up and grows, often, into a large tree. Let it establish itself, and from that time the wall is doomed. The only way to stop its progress is to remove, at once, every bit of the root. Should only a little fibre remain it will grow and spread, forcing its way among the very stones and bricks, until—years after, it may be—the wall itself cracks and breaks. Gospel truth is like the seed of the peepul tree, once let it take root in the human heart and it can never be eradicated. It may be hidden or apparently lost for a time, but it will grow until, at length, the walls of error and superstition crumble and fall before it. And this seed-sowing is but hastening the time when all classes of society will have been permeated by the truth, and it will neither be impossible, nor improbable, for “a nation to be born at once.”

But there is much yet to be accomplished; the Hindoos alone have *three hundred million gods*, to which they continually offer prayer. It has been aptly said that the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is an iconoclast, and it may well be asked: How long will it take our missionaries, armed with this Gospel, to demolish these gods? How much faithful prayer and consecrated money will it require from Christians at home?

COMFORTABLE PREMISES FOR OUR LADY MISSIONARIES.

A communication, addressed to Dr. Wardrope, Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, just received, states that the Mission Council at Indore has before it an offer of a house suitable as a residence for our lady missionaries, at a price of 7,000 rupees, or about \$2,800. About 300 rupees will be required for improvements, but it is hoped that the building may be secured for 6,000 rupees, or \$2,400. The house is well constructed on a good foundation laid on solid rock and, as the walls are plastered within and without, is quite free from dampness; the ceilings are high, and the site, which is near the bazaar, is much liked by the ladies. Mr. Wilkie also states that, with some changes and an addition, the house can be made to accommodate four ladies as comfortably as three. The Council referred the offer to the Foreign Mission Committee, who, after due consideration of the advantages and disadvantages connected with the purchase, has telegraphed to Mr. Wilkie, in reply

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Woman's work in this mission presents many encouraging features. Mrs. Campbell, on account of ill-health, was obliged to leave the field, more than a year ago, but we are thankful to state that the medical treatment received in Britain has been the means of her restoration. She is now in Nova Scotia, where Mr. Campbell is shortly expected on furlough. Arrangements will probably be made for Mr. and Mrs. Campbell to visit our province before their return to India. The young Christian girl, Miss Minnie Stockbridge, continues to give promise of great usefulness, and during Mrs. Campbell's absence has been steadily engaged in mission work among the women and children. We are indebted to Mrs. Campbell for the following extract from a letter recently received from Miss Stockbridge, "We have not a very good attendance at our school this month (the average being fifteen), considering there are so many marriages. Kasi, Mina, Iti, are married, and two other children who have been attending this month, are away now, on leave, to get married, one of them is five and the other seven years old. We are reading 'Line upon Line,' and three of the heathen girls have bought copies of it. We are going to have another woman's meeting next week, if it is convenient." Mrs. Campbell explains that the woman's meetings were commenced in February last, the object being, not only to reach the heathen Mohammedan women, who would not come to a meeting where men were present, but to benefit the native Christian women. Not a great many of the former class have attended, but enough to encourage our missionaries to continue them. Forty millions of these daughters of Islam are imprisoned in their cheerless zenanas. Let us hasten to them with the gospel message, which proclaims liberty to the captive and the opening of the prison to those that are bound.

At the last annual meeting the attention of the society was directed to the evil mentioned in the above extract from Miss Stockbridge's letter, viz., the early marriages of little girls in India. After consideration the Board decided to send a memorial to Her Most Gracious Majesty, Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, on this most important matter. Other societies throughout the world have united in this movement and it is encouraging to know that native public opinion is beginning to be raised against this enormous evil. One of the leading native papers of Bombay, in a forcible article on this subject, says: "Sir Lepel Griffin is perfectly justified in assigning the minimum age of twelve to the Hindu wife; we think thirteen to fifteen would answer better in many parts of the country. The consummation of

the nuptial knot at nine and ten is nothing less than an outrage on womanhood. Infant marriage leads to enforced widowhood, and if the latter evil is to be at all lessened, in a perceptible degree, the former must be discontinued." Indian women are also ranging themselves on the side of social reform in this and other matters. Ramabai, a gifted young Brahmin widow, has undertaken the difficult task of creating public sentiment against the hard social customs—early marriages, confinement in the zenanas, and enforced widowhood—which bind down the women of India. Ramabai is a remarkable linguist and, on account of her scholarly attainments, commands the respect of the most learned Hindus. It is stated that her lectures have created a profound sensation wherever she has appeared. In passing, we may say that this gifted woman came to England in June last, and soon after was baptized and admitted to the membership of the Episcopalian Church. It is earnestly hoped that these various influences may have the desired effect of directing attention to "this evil and unnatural practice" of child marriage, and that ere long one of the greatest hindrances to the education and Christianization of the women of India may be removed.

PREPARATION FOR MEDICAL MISSION WORK.

Miss Oliver continues to pursue her medical studies at the Woman's Medical College, Kingston. She is an enthusiastic student, and has been specially successful during the past session. In all probability Miss Oliver will take the entire medical course before going to India; and it is satisfactory to know that, in addition to a love for the science of medicine, she possesses the great requisite for mission work, an intense desire for the salvation of heathen women. We are authorized to state that the Foreign Mission Committee have at present before them at least two applications from ladies for the foreign field. One of these comes from a lady who is about to graduate from the Woman's Medical College, Kingston, and the other from a lady in the west for zenana work; both are spoken of as being eminently qualified for these special spheres of mission work.

BEREAVEMENT.

We have much cause for gratitude from the fact that, though our missionaries in the various fields have not been exempt from the usual ailments attendant upon life in tropical climates, the mission circles are complete; but as we turn and look upon the workers in the home field, we note, with a feeling of sadness, that the ranks are broken. More than one of our beloved sisters, who were leaders in our missionary enterprises, has fallen by the hand of death during the year. "Our sisters were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and we are distressed for them;" but we "sorrow not, even as others, which have *no hope*." God is taking away, either by trans-

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We are deeply indebted to Miss Campbell, Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (Eastern Section), to Mrs. Chisholm, Secretary of the Society in St. Johns, Newfoundland, and to Miss Henderson, Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society, Montreal, for missionary intelligence from the various fields with which they are more closely associated.

In closing, we remind you that the outlook in the foreign field is most encouraging. Have we not heard, from the lips of Mrs. Morton, of Trinidad; Mrs. Robertson, of Eromanga; Mr. Junor, of China; Mr. Flett, of the North-West, and from others who have addressed us, that a spirit of inquiry is abroad, and that opportunities and openings are starting up on every hand. In view of this, what shall be our watchword for the coming year? May we not find it in the words of Mary, the mother of our Lord, to the wondering servants at the marriage feast in Cana: "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." What does the Master say to us, as Christian women, to-day? "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house."

Bring in the "tithes" of *time*. We need devoted women, (and these are among us,) with large executive ability, and zeal born of knowledge, without many home cares, to give time to the work of organization, and the strengthening of weak hands and feeble knees.

Bring in the "tithes" of *sympathy*. In attending a large representative meeting, convened in the interests of God's cause, a few days ago, we were almost amused to notice the appointment of a central committee, whose duty, among other things, would be to give sympathy to workers in other parts of the province. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society must constitute itself into a general committee for the extension of sympathy to weary workers in the foreign field. We must write them letters, without any thought of an answer, or send them, occasionally, an interesting newspaper or pamphlet. The following sentence occurs in a missionary letter lately received: "What a comfort the 'Interior' has been to the entire mission staff at Indore." This paper was sent through the kindness of an auxiliary.

Bring in the "tithes" of *prayer*. The prayers of a single individual may seem a small thing, but they are a golden thread. And all these golden threads—the prayers of the members of our Society—woven together make a strong cord, which, flung down into the abyss of paganism, where our missionaries are labouring, will bind them securely to the Rock of their strength.

Bring in the "tithes" of *money*. This is a luxurious age. We surround and fill our homes with all that is rare in workmanship,

delightful in nature, exquisite in colouring, graceful in drapery, costly in equipage. We clothe our persons in the richest and most costly fabrics, modelled after strange and curious fashions. True, God means us to make both our homes and our persons as beautiful as may be, but He does not mean us to dwarf our souls thereby, or to be "satisfied" until we "awake in His likeness." Let this be a year of self-denial, and let us pour the results of it into the missionary-box. Dr. Joseph Parker puts the duty of self-denial forcibly when he says: "You deny the body or you deny the soul. Deny the body, and the soul comes to the front, and floods your life with sacred light, with heaven's own splendour. Gratify the body, and the soul retires, and its hot tears fall in the presence of God. Self-slaughter takes place somewhere, it is for us to say where."

Bring in, then, the "tithes" of *time*, of *money*, of *sympathy*, of *prayer*. Crucify the flesh with the passions and lusts thereof, and speedily shall the glad day be ushered in when "all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord."

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By wisdom from on high?
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The lamp of life deny?"

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Home Secretary's Report.

THE Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has now come to be an event among the women of our Church—looked forward to with interest and preparation of heart and mind—looked back upon often with grateful acknowledgment of a blessing brought to the work and the workers. Written communication between the Board and the Auxiliaries must, at best, be unsatisfactory, for want of time and press of other duties, short and infrequent, therefore apt to become too much a business matter. But when at these gatherings we meet face to face, exchange thoughts concerning the work, hear the reports of what we each and all have been doing during the year, lay plans for future usefulness, and together recognize the power behind it all, we feel our zeal stimulated, our knowledge of missions and missionaries increased, our hearts warmed with love and filled with a desire to labor with more earnestness and self-denial to aid in the blessed work of sending the glorious gospel of our Lord all over the world. It is our privilege to see a fair and goodly structure rising steadily, year by year, on the foundation laid, with much sense of human weakness and insufficiency, but strong and deep in faith and hope *eight* years ago. There may be a tendency in the minds of some to feel that the success of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is assured, that it is now so well organized and established on such a firm footing, that we need have no farther anxiety as to its permanency and progress in the future. But what has already been done should only be a strong argument to incite us to *continued* effort, as full success cannot be assured except by the same persistent devotion that inaugurated the work and has carried it on thus far. We must strive constantly to extend and broaden its influence, enlarge its forces and increase its funds. As time goes on, things will, in many respects, adjust themselves differently, our successors will profit by our experience, and to them these first years of our history will bear many a lesson of which we do not now dream. We are living in a time of great activity in many directions, various enterprises of interest and worth are arresting our attention and enlisting our services, and some of these attract us and come very near our hearts; but we must be watchful lest they divert zeal and weaken effort in the work laid upon us by Him whose last command was "*Go and teach all nations.*"

Another year now closes upon us and we are permitted to meet again, this time to celebrate our eighth anniversary. We desire to

bring the record of the Home Work in thankfulness and praise to Him "from whom all blessings flow." Our hopes have not been disappointed, nor our expectations unrealized; a great deal of what we have attempted has been accomplished, and although the progress has been quiet, it has also been sure and steady. The number of Auxiliaries on the list has now reached eighty-nine, twenty-one of these having sprung into existence since the last Annual Meeting, many of them through the agency of the Presbyterian Societies. Presbyterian organization is going forward and working effectively. During the year two new societies have been formed, one in the Presbytery of Glengarry which has now eleven Auxiliaries and four Mission Bands, and the other in the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, having eleven Auxiliaries and one Mission Band. We rejoice in this, and hope that the example set by these Presbyteries may be followed at an early day by many others; the advantages of this mode of working are now so well known that it is unnecessary to enlarge on the subject, suffice it to say, that our Presbyterian Societies—six in all—have accomplished a large part of the work they are intended and expected to do, as their reports, which will be read in full later on, will show.

Many of the reports from the Auxiliaries this year are full of good cheer, sending us the assurance not only of well-sustained interest and effort growing with the knowledge of the work, but also that the hearts of the members have found a blessing in thus being brought together in sympathy and earnest prayer for perishing souls. These tell us of added membership, more intelligence and larger contributions; meetings well kept up and a desire to hear more of the work being done in distant lands, as well as of that which needs doing. But we regret much to have to acknowledge that a few of our branches are luke-warm, still *we cannot give them up*. One Secretary writes:—"Cannot say much for or against our Society; it is in that unenviable condition, neither hot nor cold." It may be such as these are depressed by surrounding circumstances, and we pray that in His own good way and time the Master may re-awaken interest and zeal.

We cannot help feeling, in reading many of the reports, as well as letters, coming to the Board from time to time, that instead of this Woman's Foreign Mission Work retarding home effort, as many feared, it has been an incentive to greater activity. Hearts that lived within reach of Christian fellowship for years, but never knew its blessedness before, are now drawn together and cheered and strengthened. Where once it was difficult to be active or give liberally, it is now a privilege to deny self for Christ's sake, and to use every talent in whatever way He directs. We rejoice in the enlarged contributions of many of the Auxiliaries, because these figures represent to us not merely so much money, but so many new hearts awakened to a practical, personal interest in this work.

Our returned missionaries do much for us, and there is no doubt that direct contact with them has greatly furthered the interest

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among the Auxiliaries. They stir the hearts of the home workers as none else can, while we listen to the story of their lives and labours. In this respect we have been greatly favoured this year. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, of Eromanga, N. H., were with us during the summer, telling us of their self-sacrificing work in that Island. Then we have had the pleasure of hearing Mr. and Mrs. Morton, of Trinidad, give an account of their mission there. Miss Rodger, who was with us last year, left to return to Indore in October, and about the same time we bade farewell and God-speed to Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson on their departure for China. Our earnest prayers follow all these noble men and women that they may have a deep sense of the Divine presence and guidance, and that those who, from day to day, come under their influence may be drawn to Him who hath said: "I will set my glory among the heathen."

Of Mission Bands we have now sixteen, and some excellent work has been done by them this year. Too much can hardly be said in praise of, and encouragement to, these organizations. The young people are realizing that they can bear their part in sending the good news to the heathen—let us make more effort to interest them; give them more opportunities to show what they are willing and able to do, both for the present good they accomplish and for the sake of the future, when these *girls* who have learned to be interested in, and to labour for foreign missions will, as *women*, stand in the places we now occupy. If the children of to-day are to constitute the working force of the Church to-morrow, how important they should be rightly trained in mission work.

Some of the Auxiliaries have during the year lost faithful and devoted officers. We offer to them and the sorrowing friends our tribute of heartfelt sympathy. We especially mourn to-day for one who has been with us at almost all of our annual gatherings, and whom it pleased our Heavenly Father to call "home" in February—Miss Cameron, Secretary of the Sarnia Auxiliary since its formation in 1876. We miss not only her genial presence, but her simple earnest zeal and unwearied interest in the work of the Society. Mrs. Hastie, to whom the Lindsay Society owes so much, is also one deeply regretted. The Ottawa Auxiliary has lost two of its most active and valued members, one of whom, Mr. G. M. Clarke, represented that branch at our annual meeting three years ago. These and others have been called to the higher service. May we profit by the bright example they have left us, and be faithful in all we do for Jesus while strength and life remains.

In entering another year we would like to say to the members of the Presbyterian Societies, Auxiliaries and Mission Bands: Gird on your armour and go forward, doing, by word and deed, all you can, remembering that the motto of our Society is that far-reaching one, "The World for Christ." It will not do to depend on present attainments, nor upon your connection with the Board, nor upon Presbyterian or Auxiliary Officers, however efficient or devoted they may be—you must have an earnest *individual* responsibility and be fired

with *personal* zeal in this work, "every one building over against her own house." May this year be one in which hearts already warm may be made warmer; in which the uninterested may be aroused and stimulated to take hold in earnest; in which the workers in the various mission fields may be encouraged and strengthened; in which we may all honour and glorify our Master by giving truer, better, more faithful service than ever before, having our hearts purified from every motive, save the blessed one of love to the Saviour and perishing souls.

AGNES M. TOPP,
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REPORT OF HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.

The work of the Presbyterial Society, this year, is almost all covered by the reports of the Auxiliaries. The distribution of the monthly letters or papers has been very much simplified by the printing, in Toronto, of sufficient copies for the supply of all. These

have been forwarded by your secretary, together with the quarterly magazine *Female Evangelist*. The suggestion is this year made, that the auxiliaries should supply themselves with some such magazine, and the *Gospel in All Lands*, published in Baltimore is recommended for that purpose. The officers have, by invitation and correspondence, endeavoured to diffuse intelligence and awaken interest in missions throughout the Prebytery, and have met with about the usual amount of success. On September 30th, in response to a special invitation from Carluke, your secretary and treasurer visited that place, and at a large and most successful meeting organized an auxiliary. This, the youngest among our members, sends a report for these few months which puts many of us to shame. The St. Catharines Society, also, though established in 1882, was too late to report to our last annual meeting, but gives a good account of its exertions to-day. The others have all, at least, kept alive, and several report good progress. The semi-annual meeting of the Presbyterial Board was arranged for October 17th, but, owing to the interesting nature of the other matter presented to the meeting, the business was postponed. The time was very fully and profitably occupied by addresses from Mr. and Mrs. Morton, our missionaries from Trinidad, who gave most graphic accounts of their work and success among the Coolies.

In closing this sketch, I wish to say to the auxiliaries, please remember that *you* are the Presbyterial Society; your officers are on the board, and on you as much as on those in Hamilton depends the extension of our work. We count on your assistance, and hope to receive from you the earliest possible intelligence of any opening for auxiliaries in your neighbourhood.

We regret to notice, this year, a decrease, though small, in our funds, compared with last year.

Doubtless there are reasons for this; yet, nevertheless, it ought not so to be. A time of commercial depression is before us; has come already to some, and if we are to meet it without sinking, so that our Lord's work may not suffer, *all* must share in the responsibility. The few cannot work for the many, and our only road to success is to be opened by the united efforts of all. We trust that the work of next year may be carried onward and upward.

M. D. McILWRAITH,
Cor. Secretary.

Contributions from the Presbyterial Society, \$960.91.

The following is an abstract of the reports from the various Auxiliaries:—

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think that it cannot truthfully speak of great progress. The membership is forty-nine— four less than last year; and the contributions amount to \$202.23—about \$6 less than the previous year. We hope, however, that this year we will retrieve ourselves, and be able to report next year large increase in both membership and funds. We have commenced the new year well, both in attendance and subscriptions; and we have also adopted a new plan for making the meetings more interesting. A subject is chosen for the following meeting, and two ladies appointed to seek for information and read to their fellow members. By this means also the talents of a larger number are utilized, and the society in the same measure benefited.

J. E. STEELE.

Caledonia.—Five years have passed away since our Society was organized; looking back, we thank God and take courage, for our progress each year has been sure and steady. Our membership is eighteen, with an average attendance of thirteen, and our contributions this year have been thirty dollars (\$30). The meetings have had a larger attendance this year than ever before, owing, in a great measure, to the energy and zeal of our President. The letters and books are read with interest, and circulated as widely as possible. We enter upon this new year with much to encourage us. May it be the desire of our hearts to do more for the Master than we have done in the past.

LIZZIE M. FORBES,

Secretary.

Burlington.—Our progress as a Society, though not very rapid, is steady and sure. There is a slight increase in its membership, and a greater interest taken in all mission work than ever before. Our contribution this year amounts to \$35.

H. BASTEDO,

Secretary.

Ancaster.—Our membership during the past year has decreased, and our meetings were not held regularly every month, still we intend to go on with the work. The number of members ten, and our contributions are \$17.

MRS. BRANDON,

Secretary.

Dufferin.—The Dufferin Auxiliary has not been able to hold regular meetings during the past year, but the letters have been circulated diligently, and the funds kept up by means of collectors appointed for different sections of the congregation. The results most satisfactory. Contributions, \$87.75.

Dundas.—Dundas sends no formal report, but a liberal contribution. We should be glad to have intelligence as well as the funds. Contributions, \$25.25.

Report of St. Catharines Auxiliary.—Meetings have been held only quarterly and the attendance has not been very large. Each meeting, however, has shown an increase and much good has been done by reading of the missionary papers. We have decided to meet monthly during next year. Number of members, 28; contributed \$40.—E. BURSON, *Secy.*

Carlake.—In this branch the prospects are, on the whole, encouraging. Monthly meetings held regularly; membership increasing; missionary items read and listened to with pleasure; \$20 for three months.—E. B. FORTUNE, *Secy.*

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Treasurer's Report.

NAME OF SOCIETY.	Date of Organization.	No. of Mem.	Amount Contributed.	NAMES OF SECRETARIES.
Hamilton.....	1877.....	49	\$202 23	Miss Buchanan.
Caledonia.....	Nov., 1878.....	18	30 00	Mrs. Forbes.
Burlington.....	Sept., 1878.....	25	32 23	" G. C. Bastedo.
Dufferin and Indiana.....			87 75	" Grant.
Ancaster.....	Jan., 1879.....	10	17 00	" Brandon.
Dundas.....	1880.....		25 25	Miss McKenzie.
Waterdown.....	Aug., 1879.....		6 60	" McGregor.
St. Catharines.....	Dec., 1882.....	28	40 00	Mrs. Burson.
Carlisle.....	Sept., 1883.....	21	20 00	Miss Fortune.

DONATIONS.

Jarvis	\$25 00
Flamboro' Sabbath School	14 00
Misses A. and M. Bastedo, Miss. Box, Burlington.....	3 50
Erskine Church, Hamilton, Missionary Prayer Meeting	15 00

MISSION BANDS.

NAME OF SOCIETY.	Date of Organization.	No. of Mem.	Amount Contributed.	NAMES OF SECRETARIES.
"Home Circle," (St. Paul's Church).....	Dec., 1878.		\$135 30	Miss J. M. Watson.
Juvenile Band (St. Paul's Church)—for Miss Rodger's school.			50 00	Mrs. Watson.
"Steady Streams" (Central Church).....	Dec., 1881.....		110 00	Miss F. Findlay.
"Friends of India" (McNab St. Church)—for Andore.....			100 00	Miss A. Cook.
"Our Formosa".....			40 00	Miss Jeanie McIntyre.
"Formosa's Helpers," (Knox Church)	1884.....			

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Presbyterial Society of Whitby.

(ORGANIZED 1880.)

OFFICERS.

MISS GORDON, Whitby.....	President.
MRS. DRUMMOND, Newcastle	} Vice-Presidents.
MRS. EASTMAN, Oshawa	
MISS GORDON, Whitby	
MRS. LESLIE, Newtonville	
MRS. RATCLIFFE, Columbus.....	
MISS J. PANTON, Oshawa....	Recording Secretary.
MRS. W. J. McMURTY, Port Perry.	Treasurer.
MRS. J. W. McLAUGHLIN, Bowmanville..	Corresponding Secretary.

COMMITTEE.

MRS. McARTHUR, MRS. FAIRBAIRN, MRS. LYAL, MRS. McLAUGHLIN,
MISS BIRTH, MISS McMURTY, MISS MURDOCH, MISS M. MURDOCH,
ASHBURN; MRS. ROGER, MRS. FISHER, MRS. GARDINER, MRS. J.
HERON, MRS. DAVIDSON.

Time, with ever restless wing, has brought us again to the close of another year, a year of many blessings, a year of peace and plenty, a year crowned with the loving-kindness of the Lord, and surely the language of every heart is "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works, to the children of men!" How many of the bright hopes entertained at our last year's meeting have been realized, these reports will no doubt show; but the real, earnest work done for the Master, eternity alone can reveal. The reports from the various Auxiliaries are most encouraging; all, with one exception, show steady growth, and an increasing earnestness of purpose in the great work, and can it be otherwise when we are co-workers with God? It must advance until all nations know the Lord and call Him blessed.

Through the past year we have indeed been "lengthening our cords and strengthening our stakes," for at Kendall, Orono, and Pickering Auxiliaries have been formed under very favourable circumstances, and now, with one exception, we have an Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in every congregation throughout the Presbytery of Whitby.

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the natives, and the cheerless, hopeless lives of our poor sisters in India was most touching and interesting. She graphically pointed out the difficulties a missionary has to contend with where all are most bitterly opposed to her, and how important that she should be cheered and sustained by the earnest prayers of all God's children. Many were stimulated by her visit to do more earnest work in the cause of missions.

The following is a synopsis of the Reports from the various Auxiliaries.

Whitby.—Twenty-one members. Have held regular monthly meetings, and though the membership has not been increased, the contribution is much in advance of last year, being augmented by the sale of work. Contributions, \$94.00.

Oshawa.—Twenty-nine members, an increase of four over last year. Monthly meetings held at the manse. Whilst glad to report an increased membership, and that efforts have been put forth to obtain the co-operation of all the members, they have not yet succeeded in increasing the average attendance. All are much interested in missionary letters, and their offering, though not so large as last year, is still a liberal one. Contributions, \$41.55.

Dunbarton.—Seventeen members. Though not more numerous than last year there is still great pleasure in the work. Missionary letters are looked for and much prized. Contributions, \$43.00.

Newtonville.—Thirteen members. Report an unabated interest on the part of all, and are undertaking the duties of the new year with renewed zeal; one name has been added to the roll. Contributions, \$16.00.

Ashburn.—Nineteen members. Though there has been a slight falling off in the membership by removal and other causes, the interest has by no means decreased; on the contrary, it is evidently deepening, and this is shown by the increased liberality of their contribution. Contributions, \$84.00.

Brooklin.—Eighteen members. The work done by this Auxiliary through the year has been gratifying. Meetings held regularly with varying attendance. Death has removed one of the number. from work in the Master's vineyard to the land of rest. Missionary letters have been read with interest, and afterward circulated among the ladies of the congregation. Contributions, \$71.00.

Bowmanville.—Twenty-six members. Meetings have been held regularly once a month during the year, and although the membership has not increased, still the interest in the work is steady and results gratifying. Contributions, \$145.00.

Newcastle.—Nineteen members. They express thankfulness to God for the prosperous state of their Society. Meetings held

regularly at the manse and well attended. It is with sorrow they have to report the loss of an aged and esteemed member, Mrs. Kennedy, wife of Rev. Alexander Kennedy, one who had been herself, for fourteen years in the Foreign mission field, and was a true helpmate of her husband. Mrs. Kennedy took a great interest in the Society, and, though for some time prevented by sickness from attending the meetings, always sent her contribution. She, in truth, through life, followed the command of the Master—"Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth." What personal means she possessed, she bequeathed to missions. Contributions, \$25 00.

Columbus.—Twenty-three members. They are glad to be able to report an increased interest in the work, and have held nine meetings through the year with an average attendance of thirteen. Contributions, \$31.21.

Port Perry.—Eighteen members. The report from this auxiliary is most cheering. Attendance better than last year, and meetings more interesting. They regret the removal of five members, two of whom were pioneers and zealous workers. The contribution is a most generous one, and reflects great credit on the Society. Contributions, \$122.50.

Kendall.—Eight members. Organized in September, and have had three meetings with a very good attendance, and though few in number, all are entering into the work cordially, and its prospects seem most hopeful. Contributions, \$2.00.

Orono.—Seven members. Organized in September, and have held two meetings. The work has been undertaken with much earnestness, and there is good prospect of its future success. Contributions, \$10.30.

Pickering.—Eight members. Being organized but a few weeks, have only held two meetings. Contributions, \$2.60.

Enniskillen.—No report.

I am sure you will all join with me in wishing the newly formed auxiliaries much prosperity and happiness, in their new field of labour. And now let us all be inspired by the success of the past, assured that He who has been with us thus far, will never leave nor forsake us; for, have we not His promise: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

IDA E. McLAUGHLIN,
Corresponding Secretary.

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NAME OF SOCIETY.	Date of Organization.	Membership, 1882.	Membership, 1883.	Contribution 1882.	Contribution. 1883.	NAMES OF SECRETARIES.
Whitby.....	1876	26	21	\$ c. 66 00	\$ c. 94 00	Mrs. James Madill.
Oshawa.....	1877	25	29	49 00	41 55	Miss Helen Boyd.
Dunbarton.....	1878	17	17	41 00	43 00	Miss E. Thomson.
Newtonville.....	1881	12	13	14 50	16 10	Miss S. Harrison.
Columbus.....	1881	21	23	38 00	31 21	Mrs. E. D. Beath.
Newcastle.....	1881	17	19	24 70	25 00	Mrs. J. M'Naughton.
Bowmanville.....	1878	28	26	120 00	145 00	Miss M. Murdoch.
Ashburn.....	1876	23	19	52 12	84 00	Miss M. Anderson.
Brooklin.....	1881	17	18	20 42	71 00	Miss Thomson.
Port Perry.....	1880	15	18	29 10	122 50	Mrs. S. D. Davis.
Enniskillen.....	1882	11	...	2 50	Miss Mary Henry.
Kendall.....	1883	...	8	2 04	Mrs. Jno. Crawford.
Orono.....	1883	...	7	10 30	Miss Pringle.
Pickering.....	1883	...	8	2 60	Mrs. C. L. Crassweller.
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Presbyterial Society of Peterborough,

(ORGANIZED FEBRUARY, 1882.)

When this Society was first organized only four of the thirty-three congregations in the Presbytery had auxiliaries, and even these four congregations only represented three Societies, one in Port Hope, one in Lakefield, and one in Peterborough. At the time of the annual meeting in January last there were only the three mentioned, but in several congregations interest was awakened which this year took the tangible form of six Auxiliary Societies. The first was organized at Colbourne in February by Miss Roger, our President, accompanied by Mrs. Harvie, the Foreign Secretary. The report received from that Society of its ten months work is very encouraging. It consists of eighteen members, who take a deep interest in the work in which they are engaged, and appreciate their privilege of being connected with this branch of mission work.

On the 9th of April the President and Recording Secretary went to Cobourg to form an Auxiliary. Although the attendance at the meeting was not large those present all seemed to be in favour of being organized into a Society, so that was accomplished. The Report from Cobourg tells of a membership of twenty, nine of whom are members of the General Society. During the year their interest was greatly stimulated by a visit and address from Mrs. Keer, a lady who had for many years lived in India, and whose personal experience and knowledge of that far-off land, made her account of it, and its native inhabitants doubly interesting and instructive.

On July 31st we held a meeting at Keene, at which Mrs. Alexander Smith presided in the place of our President, who was unable to leave home.

Although the weather was very unsettled, the church was well filled; and some of those present had walked six miles in order to be there, so great was their interest in the work. An Auxiliary was formed of sixteen members.

In November Auxiliaries were organized at Grafton, Baltimore, and Cold Springs, making in all nine societies in the Presbytery this year.

As this Society holds its annual meeting in January at the time and in the same place as the Presbytery, it is necessary that all the reports should be sent in to the Secretary in time to be presented at the annual meeting, so the Auxiliaries hold their annual meetings in the month of December. This arrangement must, of course,

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shorten the year of the newly formed Auxiliaries, but the inconvenience is of but short duration, as the next report will have the usual twelve months to account for.

The 8th annual report of the Port Hope Auxiliary tells of twenty-nine members, and acknowledges with great thankfulness the mercies vouchsafed to them by our Heavenly Father, who has enabled them to progress, in spite of trials and discouragements. This Auxiliary also had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Keer and received much benefit from her address, and felt deeply interested in what she said of the women of India. Mrs. Beattie, a much-loved and valued member and officer of this Auxiliary, has been called to another field of labour, and her loss is deeply deplored.

The Peterborough Auxiliary has undergone a change during the past year—instead of being a union Society it is now the "St. Paul's Auxiliary," and contains seventy-nine members, and is in connection only with the congregation of St. Paul's. It reports progress since its formation. The report from Lakefield evidences steady improvement. The monthly meetings are fairly attended, and are felt to be both pleasant and profitable. There are thirty-nine members in this Society, and a Mission Band in connection with it has twenty-six members. There is also a Mission Band in connection with St. Paul's congregation, Peterborough.

Although this Report is as brief as we can make it, we feel that it has occupied more space than it should; still we must, before closing, add our tribute to Mrs. Beattie, as our first President. We will miss the ready support given by her to this society, and the deep interest which she always took in it. We can only wish her "all good" in her new home and surroundings.

We have, as a Society, reason to be thankful for the favours granted us during the past year, and we acknowledge the help that has been given us by Him for whom we work, and who, by right, is "Lord of all the earth."

EMILY B. H. DENNISTOUN.

January 15th, 1884.

Presbyterial Society of Lindsay.

(ORGANIZED OCTOBER 12TH, 1882.)

MRS. STEWART.....	President.
MRS. ROSS	} Vice-Presidents.
MRS. COCKBURN	
MRS. PATTERSON.....	
MRS. TREW	Treasurer.
BERTHA JACKSON.....	Secretary.

This Society in presenting its Second Annual Report does so with a feeling of thankfulness to the Dispenser of all good, for the success which has attended it. At the time of its organization we had three Auxiliaries, since which time three others have been formed, one in Leaskdale, one in Woodville, and one in St. Andrew's Church, Scott and Uxbridge. At our Annual Meeting, held last Tuesday, we had the extreme pleasure of having with us Mrs. Ewart, of Toronto, and Mrs. Roger, of Ashburn, whose addresses will long be remembered by those who heard them, and their influence will extend into eternity. The reports of the different Auxiliaries are as follows:—

Uxbridge. — President, MRS. STEWART; Vice-President, MRS. COCKBURN; Treasurer, MRS. ROSS; Secretary, B. JACKSON. This Auxiliary traces its progress during the five years of its existence, and reports an increase in contributions each year, and this year more zeal in the work than ever before. Mrs. Harvie's visit contributed not a little to this result. The membership is forty-one, the contributions, \$110.00.

Beaverton.—President, MRS. PATTERSON; Vice-President, MRS. MORRISON; Secretary, MISS ROBINSON; Treasurer, MISS LESLIE. This Auxiliary presents its report, thanking God who had enabled them through many difficulties and discouraging circumstances to persevere in the blessed work of helping to send the Gospel to those who have it not. Membership sixteen. Contributions, \$32.00.

Lindsay.—President, MRS. SMART; Vice-President, MRS. MCLENNAN; Secretary, MRS. MCINTYRE; Treasurer, MRS. MITCHELL. This Society thankfully notes that the interest is not abating, that the Auxiliary is more firmly established and more self-reliant, and express the grief of all its members at the loss they sustained in the death of their president Mrs. Hastie. Membership twenty-five. Contributions, \$38.00.

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Leaskdale.—President, MRS. JAMES LEASK; Secretary, MISS MUSTARD; Treasurer, MRS. GEORGE LEASK. Organized in July, 1883. Reports a membership of twelve. Contributions, \$7.00.

Woodville.—President, MRS. A. ROSS; Secretary, MISS K. GUNN; Treasurer, MISS M. GILCHRIST. Organized November 8th, 1883. Reports each meeting as being more interesting than the previous one; that the sincere desire of its members is, that all may be willing and cheerful workers, deeming it an honour to work for the Master in this way. Membership twenty-four. Contributions, \$20.35, which sum they wish to be devoted to the Formosa Mission.

St. Andrew's Church, Scott and Uxbridge.—President, MRS. NELSON; Secretary, MRS. McDONNELL; Treasurer, MISS JOHNSON. Organized February 8th, 1884. This Society being so recently formed presents no report.

BERTHA JACKSON,

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Presbyterial Society of Glengarry.

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MRS. C. C. A. FRASER	President.
“ J. FERGUSON	} Vice-Presidents.
“ H. McLEAN	
“ F. McLENNAN	Recording Secretary.
MISS SARAH CAMPBELL	Treasurer.
MRS. J. McRAE	Corresponding Secretary.

Although the Presbyterial Society of Glengarry is little more than six months in existence, it has obtained in that brief time an individual history. The vicissitudes that sweep over large communities have left their mark on our Society. Death has done its work, warning us that the time is short, and that the night cometh when no man can work.

We can also speak of benefits and mercies. Since that fair August day that Mrs. Harvie left us, bidding us God-speed as we lingered around the Church-door, we have developed somewhat in every direction that betokens an increase of strength and stability. Since then an addition of four Auxiliaries, four Mission Bands and the revival of one Auxiliary have been obtained. And at our first meeting on the 7th February, the reports were eminently good.

Although we confess, with pain, that very much more might be done, and ought to be done, for the one great cause that should inspire every Christian heart, we are thankful to send some of our first efforts on behalf of Pagan women. We watch and pray for the tokens of the dawn in those eastern lands where Satan has so long held sway, and we rejoice to know that the great impulse from the spirit of God, that impels faithful women to throw themselves with such resolute energy unto this work for the Lord Jesus, means success and victory. God never puts forth his power for a special end by any instrumentality without accomplishing His purpose. The time will come when the ransomed of the Lord in every land will come with songs and everlasting joy on their heads, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

In answer to the communication from the Central Board in Toronto, inviting the attention of the Presbyterial Society to some proposed changes in the appointment of the general executive, this branch concurs in the proposed changes, and is of opinion that they will tend, when brought about, to the more efficient working of the Central Board.

MRS. JOHN McRAE,
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Vankleek Hill.—The Vankleek Hill Auxiliary has met with some discouragements in the past year, and, on account of adopting some new plans for raising funds, their offering is not all they could wish it to be. Their efforts and struggles, however, have perhaps more truly tested the strength of their zeal and purpose than a more easy success might have done. A box of articles was forwarded by this Auxiliary to Toronto, to go to India with Miss Roger. Number of members, 19; contribution in money, \$40.

Lancaster.—This Auxiliary has nineteen members. Meetings are held regularly first Tuesday of each month. Interest in missionary work increasing. Amount realized for the last nine months, \$79.31.

Locheil.—Remit to the funds of the General Society \$64.50. The removal of some influential members, although not mentioned in the report, will account for the funds being less this year than formerly; but they trust that, with renewed energy, their numbers and contributions may increase. Membership, 18.

Kenyon.—This Auxiliary having been re-organized in October last, it has only been in operation little over four months. The membership is twenty-one, of these nine are members of the General Society. Contribution, \$44.

Indian Land.—This Auxiliary increases in knowledge, numbers and liberality through God's blessing. Membership, 46; contribution, \$155.

King's Road.—This Auxiliary, though not increasing in numbers, speaks hopefully of an increase of the missionary spirit among its members. They feel it a privilege to give, and what they do give is bestowed cheerfully and gladly. Membership, 23; contribution, \$85.

Avonmore.—This is a most interesting Auxiliary. Its membership is small, being only ten. Besides a few incidental expenses, they remit to the general fund the sum of \$36.56.

Cornwall.—This Auxiliary was organized on the 12th October, 1883, and has a membership of twenty-three. A true missionary spirit is evinced by this Society. Contribution, \$17.

Woodlands.—This Auxiliary was organized on the 19th of January, 1884, with a membership of twenty-two. There is no report.

South Finch.—This Auxiliary was organized on the 25th February. The membership is small, being only six, but by God's blessing the little one shall become a thousand.

Boxboro' Auxiliary.—Organized March 15th. It has a membership of eleven.

REPORT OF MISSION BAND.

The "Willing Workers'" Mission Band, St. Elmo, was organized on the 13th October. The membership is now thirty-six, and the amount in the treasury \$16. Our desire is to impart missionary information and religious instruction to the children, and to unite in earnest prayer for the spread of the news of the salvation freely offered by God. We also strive to make it a Home Mission, that with the blessing of our Father we may feed His lambs. Since our formation we have to mourn the loss of our beloved Vice-President. On her death-bed she bequeathed the sum of six dollars to the Mission Band, in which she took such a true interest.

MINNIE G. FRASER, *President.*
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NAME OF SOCIETY.	Date of Organization.	Number of Members.	Amount of Contributions	NAMES OF SECRETARIES.
Vankleek Hill.....	1876	19	\$40 00	Miss Jane McIntosh.
Lancaster.....	"	19	79 31	" Annie McLennan.
Lochiel.....	"	18	64 50	" Katie McMillan.
Kenyon.....	"	21	44 00	Mrs. E. McKenzie.
Indian Land.....	1881	46	155 00	" P. A. McArthur.
King's Road.....	1881	23	85 00	" C. C. A. Fraser.
Avonmore.....	1882	10	36 56	" John M. Dermid.
Cornwall.....	1883	23	17 00	Miss Helen Smart.
Woodlands.....	1884	22	17 00	Mrs. John Farren.
South Finch.....	"	6	17 00	" M. McLean.
Roxboro'.....	"	11	" H. McIntosh.
Girl's Mission Band Indian Lands.....	16 00
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This Society was formally organized in August, 1883, by Mrs. Harvie, who came from Toronto for that purpose. At the time of organization we had three Auxiliaries, Almonte, Carleton, and Macdonald's Corners. We are happy to record four additions, Pakenham, Ashton, White Lake, and Arnprior, with the promise of others. The reports of Auxiliaries are as follows:—

Almonte.—Although our Christian workers are fewer this year than last, the interest deepens, and we have prospered beyond our hopes. The results of our annual bazaar, with the monthly contributions, enables us to forward the sum of \$310, with our earnest wishes for advancement in the future.

M. H. WYLIE,
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Carleton.—This Auxiliary is glad to be able to report several new members for this year, making in all twenty-four. The interest does not seem to be diminishing. The amount contributed, \$59.

M. H. WYLIE,
Secretary.

Macdonald's Corners.—Our Auxiliary met thirteen times this year, monthly and semi-monthly, as time and circumstances permitted. The meetings have been held throughout the bounds of the two congregations. At no two were the same persons. We trust there has been good accomplished. The sum of \$24 has been realized.

E. J. MCKENZIE,
Secretary.

Ashton.—This society has so lately been formed that the ladies decided not to send in any report, and to retain the small sum realized until next year.

White Lake.—This society has just been formed.

Arnprior.—This society was organized on the 26th of February, 1884.

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These reports are very encouraging, and by another year we hope to have many more. The officers of the Society are:—

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SYNOPSIS OF REPORTS FROM AUXILIARIES.

"*Murray-Mitchell Auxiliary*," of Toronto.—This Society still represents seven of the city congregations. The contributions have, as usual, been entirely voluntary, donations having been received varying from \$1 to \$200, and these, together with the members' fees and the contents of the missionary-box each month, enable us to send to the Treasurer of the Society the sum of \$920, accompanied with the earnest prayer, that in the hands of God it may be used in furthering the glorious news of the blessed Gospel. The membership is 258, of these six are life-members, and 224 are members of the General Society.—JESSIE COCKSHUTT, *Sec'y.*

"*Central Church Auxiliary*," of Toronto.—This Society has been progressing very favourably. Twelve meetings have been held during the year, the average attendance being twenty-one, and the interest increasing monthly. The President, Mrs. Jennings, was presented with a certificate of life-membership as a slight token of the high regard and esteem felt for her by the members. We have received two new life-members, the whole membership being seventy-four and the amount subscribed, \$182.87.—J. GORDON, *Sec'y.*

Ottawa.—We are thankful to be able to report that our Society continues to prosper. Meetings have been held regularly with an average attendance of twenty-five as against eighteen last year. Membership eighty-one, of whom fifty-four are members of the General Society. In all, the sum of \$446.60 has been raised; of this \$250 (the annual thank-offering) was forwarded to Dr. Mackay in answer to his appeal for money to build much needed churches in Formosa, and \$181 contributed to the funds of the general Society. This Auxiliary has sustained a great loss in the death of two of its most faithful members, Mrs. G. M. Clarke and Mrs. David Matheson, both of whom will long be remembered with deep regret.—L. H. HOPKIRK, *Sec'y pro tem.*

Seaforth.—The membership of this Branch is fifteen, of whom twelve are members of General Society. Amount raised this year, \$212.43. Missionary letters and intelligence received and read with pleasure at the monthly meetings.—J. ANDERSON, *Sec'y.*

London.—This Auxiliary has a membership of thirty-eight, and has this year contributed the sum of \$170 raised by fees, donations,

a sale, and social. We hope that during this year ways may be devised for increasing the membership, and that we may be more earnest in prayer and faith for more means to carry on the work of the Lord.—W. L. CHISHOLM, *Sec'y*.

Melville Church, Fergus.—In this Branch the members number fifty-two, of whom twenty-three are members of the General Society, and the contribution is \$137. Each year the amount raised by fees and voluntary contributions (the real test of interest and liberality) is increasing, and this fact speaks for itself. The missionary letters are read at the meetings with much interest.—I. L. SMELLIE, *Sec'y*.

Knox Church, Galt.—This Society became an Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society last April. The membership is twenty and the amount contributed \$123. Of this, \$60 is a legacy from a late member. There is a further sum of \$20 from a Mission Band in connection with this Branch. The visits during the year of Mr. and Mrs. Morton, of Trinidad, and Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, of Eromanga (New Hebrides), were the means of arousing much interest in mission work.—E. KERR, *Sec'y*.

Chatham.—This Auxiliary has a membership of forty-seven, and meetings are held regularly each month. Amount contributed, \$112.

Knox Church, Chatham Township.—This Branch has a small membership and remits the sum of \$7.—ELLEN L. HOIG, *Sec'y*.

Sarnia.—The attendance during the year at the meetings has been good; the membership is twenty-two. The contribution is \$115, which includes the sum of \$75 from the executors of the late John Robson. This Auxiliary is again called to mourn the removal by death of a beloved member—Miss Cameron—who, since its formation, has discharged the duties of Secretary with great efficiency, and who has always taken a great interest in its work and welfare. A few months before her death she organized a Mission Band, and was appointed its first President. Much of her time was devoted to collecting missionary information, and thus making the meetings interesting. Her life seemed so necessary, but the Master has been pleased to call her to Himself, and we pray that some one may be found ready to carry on the work she began.—Mrs. NISBET, *Sec'y*.

Agincourt.—Thanks be to God for His goodness to us throughout another year! The interest in the work is still increasing, and a new member occasionally joins our ranks in helping to send the Gospel to the perishing. Membership, forty; contribution, \$122.—A. CRAWFORD, *Sec'y*.

Ormstown.—This Auxiliary has contributed the sum of \$112, and has forty-eight members. There is a Mission Band in connection with it, and the interest is increasing. A visit from Mr. Robertson, of Eromanga, has done much good.—JEANIE MORISON, *Sec'y*.

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Clinton has sixteen members, with an average attendance of ten at the meetings. Missionary letters enjoyed. Contribution, \$110.—Mrs. R. IRWIN, *Sec'y*.

Kincardine.—In spite of the removal of some of its most vigorous supporters, the work in this Auxiliary has gone on steadily, and the amount of \$100 has been contributed for the "Girls' School" in Formosa. Membership, thirty-three.—A. M. JOHNSTON, *Sec'y*.

Belleville.—This Auxiliary meets each month, and we gratefully report an increased attendance during the year. The letters of our missionaries are much valued, and add to the interest of the meetings. Membership eighteen, and amount raised \$85.00.—M. K. TANNAHILL, *Sec'y*.

Embro.—Owing to removal and other causes, the membership in this Auxiliary is very much smaller than last year. Contributions, \$60.90, is much in advance of previous years.—J. MAC KAY, *Sec'y*.

Ingersoll.—This branch has a membership of twenty-nine, holds meetings regularly and interest increasing. Contributions in advance of last year, being \$53.00.—LINA MCKENZIE, *Sec'y*.

Teeswater.—This Auxiliary has a membership of twenty-four and has contributed \$50.00.—C. HARRIS, *Sec'y*.

Stratford.—This Auxiliary is still small in numbers, but there has been no decrease during the past year. Meetings held regularly every month, and missionary letters read with pleasure. Amount contributed \$50.00.—KATE HOSSIE, *Sec'y*.

Brucefield.—This branch reports a good attendance at the meetings and an increased interest in mission work by all the members. The membership twenty-one, and the contribution \$43.00.—MRS. G. BAIRD, *Sec'y*.

Harrington.—This Auxiliary has moved on its way during the year, steadily, though more slowly than to meet the wishes and hopes of some of us. Those who do attend the meetings thoroughly enjoy them, and an increase in contribution over last year is reported. Amount, \$40.00.—MARY K. GORDON, *Sec'y, pro tem*.

Ayr.—The membership in this branch is twenty-six. The monthly meetings are interesting but not largely attended, as many of the members live in the country. Contribution, 33.50.—MRS. WIFFLER, *Sec'y*.

Widder St. Church, St. Mary's Auxiliary.—Membership twenty-four, of whom twelve are members of the General Society. Contribution, \$25.63.—ANNIE S. MACLEOD, *Sec'y*.

Bothwell.—This branch reports membership twenty-one and contributions \$24.00. The members regret the amount is less than last year, but trust the interest and sense of personal responsibility is increasing.—J. McCRANY, *Sec'y*.

Proof-Line Auxiliary.—Membership twenty-one, of whom twelve are members of General Society. Meetings held quarterly. Amount raised \$21.25.—M. M. BALL, *Sec'y pro tem.*

Collingwood.—This branch was organized in October, 1883, consequently has not much to report. Membership thirty-seven, and amount raised \$20.00. Thankful for success so far, and hope to do better in future.—MRS. W. A. COPELAND, *Sec'y.*

Vennack Auxiliary.—The membership is thirty-one, with an average attendance of twenty-one at the meetings. The interest has been considerable and we hope is increasing, new members having been added at each meeting. Contributions \$17.00.—M. M. BALL, *Sec'y.*

Lucknow.—This Auxiliary was organized in November, 1883, consequently has only been a few months in existence. Has a membership of eighteen and good prospect of increase. Contributions, \$8.00.—A. MCKENZIE, *Sec'y.*

Mitchell.—This branch has only met three times this year, and the contribution is \$7.00.—HELEN CAMPBELL, *Sec'y.*

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"*Willing Workers*" of Knox Church, Toronto.—The members of this band desire to acknowledge with gratitude the success that has crowned their efforts during the year. The membership is fifty-five and the contribution \$250.00. Mite-boxes distributed to the children of the Sunday school, and returned at the end of the year in many cases nearly full, has helped largely to swell the treasury this year.—JENNIE A. TOPP, *Sec'y.*

"*Hopeful Gleaners*" of St. James' Square Church, Toronto.—A change in the time of holding the Annual Meeting has made this year one of only nine working months, the result of which has been highly satisfactory. The fortnightly meetings for the reception of missionary intelligence has been well attended, interest continues to grow. The membership has reached to fifty-one, contributions, \$200.00.—MARY McINTOSH, *Sec'y.*

"*Cheerful Givers*" of Charlest St. Church, Toronto.—This band reports a decided improvement, both in numbers of members and increase in the amount raised. Meetings are held fortnightly, except during the summer months, and the sums raised in various ways amounts to the sum of \$250.00.—MARGARET ALEXANDER, *Sec'y.*

"*Labourers of Love*," *Mission Band*, Belleville.—Number of Members twenty-one. This branch holds meetings every two weeks, except during the summer months, and the missionary letters are very much enjoyed. Amount raised this year, \$125.00, an increase of \$53.00 over last year.—BELLE FORIN, *Sec'y.*

"*Tiding Bearers*" of Knox Church, Owen Sound.—This band was organized in June, 1883, has a membership of fifty-six, and meetings are held monthly for the reception of missionary intelligence and prayer for the success of missions. Contributions, \$27.00.—JENNIE LITTLE, *Sec'y.*

Mission Band, of Knox Church, Galt (Mrs. Graham's Bible Class). This band has sent in a contribution of \$20.00.

A *Mission Band* in Sarnia, and also one in Ormstown, reports through the Auxiliaries in these places.

Treasurer's Statement.

Mrs. J. M. King, Treasurer, in account with the W. F. M. S. of the
Presbyterian Church in Canada (Western Section).

RECEIPTS.

To Balance from last year	\$1 13
" Proceeds of Social Meeting in Toronto	47 00
" Special Subscriptions	220 50
" Pamphlets	3 00
" Auxiliaries and Mission Bands—	
Agincourt	\$122 00
Ayr	33 50
Belleville, John St.	\$85 00
" Laborers of Love M. B.	125 00
	210 00
Bothwell	24 00
Brucefield	43 00
Chatham	112 00
Chatham Township	7 00
Clinton	110 00
Collingwood	20 00
Embroy	60 90
Fergus (Melville Church)	137 00
Galt (Knox Church)	\$123 00
" Young Ladies' Bible Class.	20 00
	143 00
Harrington	40 00
Ingersoll (Knox Church)	53 00
Kincardine	100 00
London	170 00
Lucknow	8 00
Mitchell	7 00
Ormsdown	112 00
Ottawa	181 00
Proof Line	21 25
Sarnia	115 00
Seaforth	212 43
Stratford	50 00
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Glengarry Presbyterian Society—

Avonmore	\$36 56
Cornwall	17 00
Indian Lands	155 00
Kings' Road	85 00
Kenyon	44 00
Lancaster	79 31
Lochiel.....	64 50
Vankleek Hill.....	40 00
"Willing Workers" M. B....	16 00
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Hamilton Presbyterian Society—

Ancaster	\$17 00
Burlington.....	32 23
Caledonia	30 00
Carluke	20 00
Dufferin	87 75
Dundas	25 25
Hamilton.....	202 23
Jarvis	25 00
St. Catharines	40 00
Waterdown	6 60
Mrs. Watson's Juv. Band....	50 00
Home Circle, St. Paul's	135 30
Friends of India, McNab St.	140 00
"Steady Streams," Cent'l Ch.	110 00
Flamboro' Sabbath School ..	14 00
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Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial Society—

Almonte	\$310 00	
Carleton Place	59 00	
" Mission Band.	9 00	
McDonald's Corners.....	24 00	
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Lindsay Presbyterial Society—

Beaverton	\$32 00	
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Lindsay	38 00	
Uxbridge	110 00	
Woodville	20 35	
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Peterborough Presbyterial Society—

Baltimore	\$12 00	
Cobourg.....	28 18	
Colborne	12 00	
Coldsprings.....	19 00	
Grafton	9 25	
Keene	19 00	
Lakefield	75 25	
Peterborough, St. Pauls.....	272 00	
Port Hope.....	87 00	
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Whitby Presbyterial Society—

Bowmanville.....	\$145 00	
Columbus	31 21	
Ashburn	84 00	
Brooklin	71 00	
Dunbarton	43 00	
Kendall	2 04	
Newcastle	25 00	
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Orono.....	10 30	
Oshawa	41 65	
Pickering.....	2 60	
Port Perry	122 50	
Whitby	94 00	
Mrs. Rodger's life member- ship	29 00	
Collection at Annual Meeting	18 55	
Balance from 1882.....	10 43	
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By Expenses of Annual Meeting	\$21 25
" Printing Programmes, Reports, Cards of Prayer and Letters	243 30
" Advertising	25 79
" Stationery and Postage	34 03
" Work sent to Indore	7 86
" Illuminated Memorial to the Queen	12 00
" Sexton of Knox Church	6 00
Total	<u>\$350 23</u>
Balance on hand	7306 39
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I have this day examined the accounts of Mrs. J. M. King, Treasurer of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, for the year 1883-4, and have found all correct, the accounts being kept in a very distinct and careful manner. The receipts have been (including a small balance from last year of \$1.13) \$7,656.62, and the expenses \$350.23, leaving in hand for distribution \$7,306.39.

TORONTO, 4th April, 1884.

WILLIAM REID.

Received by special collection at Annual Meeting, \$91.25, making the total amount at the disposal of the Society.	\$7397 64
Paid Dr. Reid	7375 77
Balance on hand	<u>\$21 87</u>

The amount paid Dr. Reid, together with \$489.23, already in the hands of the Foreign Mission Committee, makes up the sum required of the Women's Foreign Mission Society for 1883-84.

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SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

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In Missionary-box.....	\$4 00
Friend of Missions, Pickering.....	3 00
Friend, Elora.....	2 00
St. Andrew's S. S., Carleton Place.....	5 50
Mrs. John Redpath, Montreal.....	30 00
Miss Meikle, Guelph.....	3 00
St. Andrew's Auxiliary of C. W. B. M.....	20 00
Mrs. Pettigrew, Weston.....	5 00
Mrs. Cattenach, Winnipeg.....	1 00
Miss Langwell, St. Laurent.....	5 00
Morbyn House Band.....	100 00
Mrs. Rose, Woodstock.....	3 00
Miss J. Baxter, Ingersoll.....	4 00
Ladies Aid, St. Andrew's, Fergus.....	12 00
Miss Moscrip's Class, St. Mary's.....	16 00
Erskine Church S. S., Ingersoll.....	5 00
Miss Blain, Streetsville.....	2 00
Total.....	<u>\$220 50</u>

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Eighth Annual Report of the General Board of Management.

IN accordance with the usual custom, the Board of Managers desire to make a very brief statement, supplementing the accounts of our work which have now been laid before you and directing attention to a few of the varied interests growing out of it.

We have followed our missionaries to strange lands, and have been favoured with a glimpse of their daily life and active duties, their successes and disappointments; we have listened with pleasure to an outline of the work at home, and noted its gradual and sure development, and we now readily acknowledge that it is not heathen women alone who are receiving benefit, but that into every little Society scattered over the western section of our Church more-light has come, and that upon Canadian women a direct blessing is descending.

The generous support we are receiving and the kindly interest manifested in our work furnish evidence that among the women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada there exists a healthy permanent foundation of sound principle which responds cheerfully to the call of duty, so that the question now before us is not *money* in the first instance (that never fails to come), but "How can we give more of our own personal service?"—"How can we become less worldly, more self-denying, and more helpful in our methods of work?" The Foreign work has been characterized by striking contrasts—opposition here, success there, variety of circumstance and working elsewhere, but above and beyond all, unwavering perseverance.

Missionaries have come and gone, we have commended to our Father's care the friends who have recently left us for India and Formosa, full of hope and promise, we have seen and heard active workers from beautiful Formosa, "now stretching out her hands to God," from fair Trinidad, from cultured Athens, from populous Jamaica, from equatorial Africa, from distant New Hebrides, and from the prairies of our own North-West, and as we have met month after month, letters have been read not alone from our missionaries (with these you are all familiar), but also from friends at home, telling of one new Auxiliary after another, and here and there of a Mission Band, being formed—many of them springing up without outside advice or influence, but just because to one or

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more ladies the conviction has come with force, that they ought to have a society of their own, and *thus* do we extend and go forward.

The memorial on the subject of Child-marriage in India, to which reference has been made, was, in accordance with instructions received from the Society, prepared and forwarded to Queen Victoria.

The document was executed with the greatest care, and was in itself beautiful and suitable for presentation to the gracious and good Sovereign Lady of England.

It was signed by the President on behalf of the Society, and transmitted in August through the Marquis of Lorne, earnest prayer being offered for its success. Early in October we heard through the Governor-General from the Secretary of State for the Colonies that it had reached the hands of the Secretary of State for India, and would be duly laid before Her Majesty; meanwhile we await the result.

From the statement and estimates which were laid before you in January, it will be seen that we are now supporting three ladies in India, providing for the medical education of a lady in Canada, giving the sum necessary for the erection of a Girls' School in Formosa (now happily completed), and contributing towards the maintenance of schools for Indian children in our own North-West, and that for these purposes the sum of \$7,865 is required, and you have now heard from the Treasurer how nearly our contributions have reached this amount. You have also heard that the much-desired house for the ladies at Indore has at length been purchased for the sum of \$2,800, with \$200 for repairs, so that in addition to our offering to-day there remains from last year a small sum of about \$489 to our credit in the hands of the Foreign Mission Committee.

The condensed record of Home work for the year is as follows:—

Life members	16
Ordinary members (as far as reported)	2515

Of these, 940 are members of the General Society.

Presbyterial Societies.....	6
Auxiliary Societies	89
Mission Bands	16

Contributed by Auxiliaries.....	\$6068	87
" " Mission Bands	1285	72
Contributions from all sources	7656	62
Expenses	350	23
Balance on hand	7306	39

You have been reminded that during the past year some of our friends have been called away to be nearer the Master. With three of them we were all more or less familiar, Mrs. G. M. Clark of Ottawa; Mrs. Hastie, of Peterborough, more recently of Corn-

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well, and Miss Cameron, of Sarnia. We miss them here to-day, for they have been with us on these occasions, one of them very regularly, and even in her last illness she was *looking forward* to this annual gathering and hoping to be here.

These ladies were all distinguished for their private virtues and practical goodness; we now understand better the source of their true adornment, and whence the influence of their lives flowed. The call came when they were in the midst of their usefulness, and happy in their Master's work. "Blessed is that servant whom his Lord, when He cometh, shall find so doing."

Since our organization, the changes in the *personnel* of the Board have been very few—we now anticipate some which are very much regretted, and in addition we are about to lose the services of two of our most efficient officers, the Treasurer and the Home Secretary. It is quite unnecessary that we should speak here of the value and importance of the work done by these ladies to the Society at large, of their patient industry, or of the endearing relations which have existed among us since the beginning of this Woman's Foreign Mission; the friends all know of the grace and charm of their presence, and what our loss will be. We follow them to other spheres of usefulness with feelings of interest and affection, and with the earnest prayer that their lives may be crowned with honour and happiness.

And now, dear friends, we go on to the work before us, the work which has been foreshadowed already in our minds as we have listened to accounts of what has been done in the year just closed.

The Girls' School at Formosa, now being completed, it devolves upon us to see that means are provided to equip and maintain it with credit and efficiency.

If we rejoice to hear of young ladies presenting themselves, saying, "Here am I; send me," we must make it possible for the Foreign Mission Committee to send them. Hitherto we have been assisting to support the schools for our own Indian children, in future they must be our special care. With these and other objects to provide for, we go on, not as to an irksome task, of which we need to be reminded, but taking pleasure in giving ourselves and our services to the Lord, asking grace that we may "*Run in the way of His commandments*;" we go forward solemnly, for the passing years are bringing significant changes; we go forward with *thankful gladness*, for the Master, even Jesus, has given us some work to do.

April 8th, 1884.

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Annual Meeting, April, 1884.

THE Eighth Annual Meeting of this Society was held in the City of Hamilton on Tuesday and Wednesday, 8th and 9th of April. The ladies met in the new school-room of St. Paul's Church on Tuesday morning and afternoon and on Wednesday afternoon, the President, Mrs. Ewart, in the chair at each session. There was a large representation of delegates from the central and western parts of the western section, but not so many from the east. The Board of Management was also fully represented. The following ladies assisted the President in conducting the opening and closing devotional exercises at the different sessions:—Miss Stewart, Hamilton; Mrs. Harvie, Toronto; Mrs. Crannell, Ottawa; Mrs. King, Toronto; Mrs. Gordon, Harrington; Mrs. Maclaren and Mrs. John McEwan, Toronto. The songs of praise, were selected by a committee of the Hamilton ladies and were most suitable and appropriate, and the fine rendering of the music which accompanied them added greatly to the enjoyment of all present. The Address of Welcome was presented by Mrs. Fletcher, of Hamilton, and the response by Mrs. Stewart, of Uxbridge. These were followed by the President's Address and general business.

The Report of Foreign Work was presented by Mrs. Harvie; the Home Work by Miss Topp; Hamilton Presbyterial, Miss McIlwraith; Whitby, Miss Gordon; Glengarry, Mrs. Steele; Peterboro', Miss Haultain; Lindsay, Miss Jackson; Lanark and Renfrew, Mrs. McKenzie; Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, Miss Topp; Financial Statement, Mrs. King; Board of Management, Mrs. McMurchy. All these addresses and statements will be found published in full. A most interesting account of personal work among the Chinese, was given by Mrs. Crombie, of St. Anns, Ontario, and a carefully prepared and well-read paper on Brahminism by Mrs. Wilson, of St. Mary's. Telegrams and letters of greeting were received from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (eastern section), Halifax, Kingston Society, Ottawa Auxiliary, and Philadelphia and North-West Societies, U. S. The C. W. Board of Missions, Montreal, was represented by Miss Haight; the Woman's Missionary Society, Montreal, by Mrs. A. Campbell; the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (Methodist) by Mrs. Blackstock, and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (Baptist) by Mrs. Stewart. It was decided to hold the next Annual Meeting in the city of Ottawa. It was also decided that the Presidents of Mission Bands should hold the same position on the Board of Management as the Presidents of Auxili-

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aries. Some recommendations laid before the Society by the Board were considered. The first, respecting the six out-side members, not meeting with unanimous approval, was withdrawn. The second, giving the Society power to elect a standing Nominating Committee, and the third, that the General Committee, when elected by the Society, should elect its own officers by ballot, were unanimously agreed to. The Board of Management, after election by the Society, met on Wednesday morning and elected the officers for the coming year and an Executive Committee, and transacted general business.

A most successful public gathering was held in McNab Street Church and school-room on Tuesday evening. Tea was provided in the school-room, which was beautifully decorated with a fountain, appropriate mottoes and choice flowers. Afterwards the large company adjourned to the church, where addresses, bearing upon the work of the Society, were delivered by Reverends Dr. Maclaren, Dr. Wardrope and J. W. A. Stewart. The considerate and thoughtful hospitality of the Hamilton friends, and the excellent arrangement and accommodation, contributed largely towards making the whole gathering eminently successful.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

BY MRS. FLETCHER, HAMILTON.

Respected President and Members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society now assembled at this Annual Meeting:

On behalf of the ladies of Hamilton I give you a cordial and loving welcome to our city. I should have been glad if this pleasing duty had been assigned to an older and more experienced member of our association, who would convey to you in more fitting words than I can do, the warm greetings of our hearts. If my words should fail to express the full heart-welcome we wish to give you, and to which, as servants of our Divine Master and friends of Christian Missions, you are entitled, lay the blame on my inexperience, for, I can assure you, that your coming has caused our hearts to beat with unfeigned pleasure, and that we will do our utmost to make you so happy while you are with us, that you will feel reluctant to leave, and unwilling to forget us.

We welcome you, as friends of Christian Missions, who have openly and thoroughly identified yourselves with the noble work of giving the Gospel to India and other lands, of sending forth the refreshing, healing waters of salvation to the vast deserts of heathenism, that the wilderness and the solitary place may rejoice, and the barren desert become the very garden of the Lord. The blessed Saviour commissioned his disciples to preach the Gospel of

His love and peace to all nations, and to witness for Him to the uttermost part of the earth. It is a matter of joy to those, whose hearts are longing for the universal triumph of Jesus to find the Church, which for long ages sadly neglected her missionary work, now awakening to a more intelligent sense of her responsibility and privilege. Increased loyalty to her ascended and glorified Saviour, in giving her sons and daughters, her gold and silver to carry the Gospel to the far off lands, will surely shed a rich blessing on her Home work. The achievements of modern missions, especially of our own in Formosa, are such as ought to gladden our hearts, strengthen our faith, and inspire us with greater zeal in the work of the Lord.

Right glad are we to welcome you to our city, as members of the W. F. M. S., in connection with our own beloved Apostolic Presbyterian Church, a society whose laudable object is to confer on our sisters in India the religious and social blessings which we, ourselves, so richly enjoy—it is surely a duty and a privilege to do our best to raise our sisters from the tyranny and degradation of heathenism, to that position of social equality and usefulness which Christ, himself, designed they should have, and which his blessed Gospel will secure to them.

Your Society, though in its infancy, has already accomplished a work, for which the whole Church is thankful, and this is but an earnest of what shall yet be achieved. It has now completed the eighth year of its history, and it is pleasing to notice that each year has marked an advance in its strength, its contributions and its influence for good. It is gradually extending more widely over the land, and enlisting a larger number of the women of our Church in its good work. Let us cherish the hope that the day is not far distant when the mothers and daughters of every home in the Presbyterian Church shall be practically interested in the welfare of the women and children of heathen lands.

We extend to you a loving welcome to our homes, and assure you that it is our earnest desire that you may feel thoroughly at home while here. Hamilton is called the "ambitious city," and we purpose to make you feel that we are ambitious in one thing, that is, to abound in the grace of hospitality; and we have every confidence that the visit of so many Christian workers to our homes, will be a blessing to us, and increase our zeal in mission work.

We welcome you, not only to our homes, but to our hearts, and give you that place in our esteem and affection which beloved sisters in the Lord have a right to claim.

It is our earnest prayer and hope, that this Annual Meeting may not only be pleasant but really helpful to our spiritual life, and give a fresh impetus to our zeal in working for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

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REPLY TO THE WELCOME.

BY MRS. STEWART, UXBRIDGE.

The pleasing duty of replying to the Address of Welcome has been assigned to me. I only regret that it has fallen upon one who can do it so imperfectly. I am sure all the delegates join with me in tendering our sincere thanks to the Hamilton ladies for the warm reception and most cordial welcome which they have given us. We receive your greeting, and accept your generous hospitality with the confidence begotten of the assurance that we are all members of the great family of God. We fondly hope this annual gathering will be blessed to all who are present; that our fellowship, conference and prayers may be the means of filling our hearts with more love to Christ and His cause, and when we return to our homes, strengthened and refreshed by this happy meeting, may we take a deeper interest in the mission work and our hearts be filled with more sympathy for those who know not Jesus and His love.

Woman's work for woman in heathen lands marks a new era in missionary enterprise. What could be more appropriate than that we consecrate our lives and means to this blessed work? What has the religion of Jesus done for us? It has done everything! It has rescued woman from contempt, broken the terrible fetters of slavery, lifted her from degradation, and restored her to her proper position.

Dear sisters, we have come from our homes to take counsel together how we may most speedily give the Gospel to our sisters stricken with the fatal leprosy of sin. We have engaged in this work by the authority and sanction of our Master, and in the strength of Him who said: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." The call is urgent; millions are perishing; their despairing cry comes wafted to us on every breeze; our duty is plain: let us be up and doing! Let us commit this work to the Lord—it is His—and ask His blessing upon it; may He honour it for the sake of His dear Son; may He make it a means of grace to us and our families. At the annual meeting of a foreign missionary society in a little town in the woods of one of the Western States, a pale, weary-faced woman, grasping the hand of the President, said: "This woman's missionary work is an inspiration to my life. I am no longer simply a part of this village. From month to month, as I bring my little gift to the treasury, I feel that with my own hand I am unlocking forces which will speedily bring the kingdoms of the world to my Lord and to His Christ."

May these meetings be so owned and blessed of God that their influence shall be felt in all our Auxiliaries in deepening religious life. Let us live, work, and pray with a deeper conviction that if we are faithful to our trust He will make us instrumental in placing many gems in our Saviour's crown. Let us remember that there is much to do, and that life is short. The day is passing, and the night is near.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—I am very happy to be with you to-day, and feel it to be a cause of great thankfulness to our Heavenly Father, that so many of us are spared to see, and take part in this, the Eighth Annual Meeting of the W. F. M. Society. Looking back, we note, with much sorrow, the absence of several who were with us last year, and were earnest workers in this Society; and of those also, who, though not personally known to many of us, are,—as we learn from the reports sent—deeply regretted and missed by the members of their own societies. But while we sorrow over these faithful ones—"not lost, but gone before"—we are also called upon to praise our God who is raising up others to fill their places. And it is with very great pleasure we congratulate the members of this Society on a very decided increase, not only in the number of Presbyterian and Auxiliary Societies and Mission Bands, but also in a much deeper interest in Foreign Missions, as shown in the various reports sent by the Secretaries, and also greatly increased liberality in giving, and that with scarcely a single exception. These reports have given the Board much real gratification and will be read, in a condensed form, this afternoon. Some of us have been privileged to attend the Annual Meeting of several of these Societies, and it is truly refreshing and inspiring to meet, in this way, so many loving, earnest and faithful workers in the Master's vineyard. I do think, dear friends, that those who do nothing in this part of His vineyard, or who content themselves with only giving an occasional subscription to aid the work, deprive themselves of much real and abiding happiness.

I am very happy to welcome the delegates from sister societies, Mrs. McKee, W. F. M. S. of the North-West; Mrs. Arch. Campbell, W. F. M. S., Montreal; Mrs. J. A. Stewart, W. F. M. S. (Baptist), Hamilton; Mrs. J. Gooderham and Mrs. Blackstock, W. F. M. S. (Methodist Church), Toronto; Miss Haight, Toronto, representing the W. B. of Missions, Montreal, and Miss Wallis, Peterborough Epis. Society. Also, kind Christian greetings from W. F. M. S., Philadelphia; W. F. M. S., Pres. of Kingston; W. F. M. S., Halifax; Indore S., Quebec, and St. James' H. and F. M. S. (Epis. Ch.), Toronto; and to know they are all successfully engaged in similar work for the Master with ourselves.

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Certainly this mission work, this earnest desire to send the knowledge of a Saviour's love to those who know Him not, and are still sitting in darkness, has a wonderful power to draw us nearer to each other in Christian love and sympathy. Let me, also, most

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heartily welcome the delegates from our own Presbyterian and Auxiliary Societies, and Mission Bands. Their presence here, so far from home, is a testimony to the great interest they take in the work. While I most heartily thank the officers of the Presbyterian Societies for their earnest and self-sacrificing labours I also congratulate them on the success of these labours in the added Auxiliaries and Mission Bands formed in their Presbyteries during the year; I would also like to urge them to higher attainments. Make, dear friends, your societies centres of life-giving energy and Christian influence to the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands in your Presbytery. We, at such a distance from many of you, can do but little, if anything, in imparting vigour and efficiency. You, being near, can act and re-act on each other, draw out and cultivate the various talents in each—especially among the young—to be used in loving service for the Master. For, dear friends, to each of us is given one or more talents to be used for Him. Oh! make your societies life-giving centres! To the officers of the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands I would also address the same hearty congratulations. You can hardly realize the thrill of real pleasure we—the Board—feel when we hear of a new society having been formed, or of a deeper interest being felt in the work. That interest always showing itself in additional subscriptions. And to the Presidents, we say, think of the Board meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, and when you are coming to Toronto, arrange, if possible, to be present, and, in addition to giving your help and counsel, carry back to your societies many items of interest, which the Board cannot transmit to them. And to each member of the W. F. M. Society, and especially to our young friends of the Mission Board, I earnestly say, do your utmost to stir up others to attend the meetings. Do not be discouraged because "the last meeting was not interesting." Determine that the next shall be more so, and do your very best to make it a success. In this connection, may I allude to what is found to be a great hindrance to the success of any society, either in city, town or country. It is *this*, the shrinking from responsibility on the part of members. "Ye are my witnesses," said Jesus. Are we remembering this, when we shrink from leading in prayer? or, telling some piece of cheering news from our mission stations? or, when we refuse some office, pressed upon us by those who know us and think we are suited for it, with the excuse, "I cannot do it," or "there are others far better suited for it." Few, very few, are fitted for positions of responsibility, just at first. There are very few gifted natures among us; but, as surely as one really tries to do her best, so surely will she, if she ask it, be helped by One who is All-sufficient, and be greatly blest in her work; and, if she fails, she has at least shown, that she was ready to do her best for her Lord and Saviour. Do let me urge you, dear friends, to think seriously about this matter. Do not forget, Jesus says: "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you"; "Go teach all nations," and "I am with you always." "The fields are white to the harvest but the labourers are few."

Recent news from India tells us that native princes, merchants and graduates of the Madras University, have organized a powerful society, ostensibly to educate the low-caste people, but really to counteract the influence of Christian Missions, because they are at last realizing the fact that these low-caste natives are becoming Christians, by the tens of thousands, and that as they advance in intelligence and culture their Pariah origin will speedily be forgotten. Can we sit, with folded arms, and see mere secular teaching, combined with idol worship, take the place of the teaching of the Gospel of Christ? Can we be valuing aright our own Christian privileges when we take this matter so easily? The desire, on the part of the high-caste natives of India, to have thoroughly qualified medical ladies to attend their wives and daughters when ill, has resulted in the opening of the medical colleges in Madras and Calcutta to lady students, and a fund of \$100,000 to establish a hospital for women in Bombay, and another fund of \$20,000 to guarantee the salaries of thoroughly qualified English medical ladies to practise in the zenanas. *But all this is not to further Gospel teaching, but to thwart it.* Is it not time we put the question, each one to herself most seriously, "*Am I doing all I can to carry out my loving Saviour's command?*"

I must not encroach on what is the pleasing duty of the Secretaries, by anticipating what they will so ably tell you in the afternoon, but may say this much, that I am sure you will be very much gratified with the results of last year's operations, both in India and Formosa. That in Formosa telling of great progress without any real official interference on the part of the Government. That in India also telling of much progress even under very serious opposition from the native Government. We devoutly thank God, who has mercifully preserved all our missionaries throughout the year, and has given to each the grace and strength necessary to contend successfully with all difficulties thrown in their way. The news from our own North-West among the Indians will also please you. The Home Secretary's Report will show what is being done by Canadian Presbyterian women to fill our Lord's treasury, and to enlist the sympathies of some more devoted women to offer themselves as missionaries. The latest news that a "Home" has at last been bought for our lady missionaries at Indore, and that the Girls' School at Tamsui has been built and formally opened, is most cheering. But let no one think because these two large sums (\$3,000 each) being provided there will be less need for systematic effort to fill the Lord's treasury this next year. The work in all the mission fields is expanding every year, and all we can gather will be needed to meet the expenses. "Bring ye," saith the Lord, "all the tithes into the store-house and prove me now herewith, if I will not pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

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