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The Superintendent of Missions reports that the following fields have been recently visited: Nerepis, Jerusalem, St. George, Bocabec, Penfield, St. James, Little Ridge, Harvey and Portland. Communion services were held in Jerusalem and Nerepis. Our congregation in Jerusalem, through the untiring efforts of our student, Mr. McIntosh, is possessed of a new spirit. The old church has been thoroughly repaired, inside and out, and is now as good as new. The services are well attended, several members have been added to the communion roll, and two or three families to the congregation. In short, there has been a revolution, and the old order of things has given place to new and better things.

St. George, Bocabec and Penfield have called a minister, and if a settlement is effected there will be growth and progress. Our people in St. George express themselves as being hopeful that as a congregation they will shortly cease being a charge on augmentation.

Waweig, Rolling Dam, etc., are now supplied with regular services, and the people will soon realize the fact that the rearrangement as lately made by Presbytery will work to their advantage.

Good progress is being made with the new church in Waterford. The one at Riley Brook is being carried along as far as the means will permit. A little assistance is badly needed. The doors and windows can not be had unless some of our stronger congregations will come to the rescue. Fifty dollars at this

stage would greatly assist the work and encourage the people. This is one of our weakest and most remote stations, and needs fostering care. The Superintendent appeals most earnestly on behalf of this church. Contributions, however small, will be thankfully received. The church is needed, as there is no place which will accommodate the congregation on Sabbath. Our people are not financially strong. Each one has done something. Money is not to be had, but labor is given and material is furnished, so that a small contribution would go a long way to finish the outside and give us a place of worship during the summer months. Here is an opportunity to invest, for those who wish to lay up riches which rust not.

Workmen are completing the interior of the new church at Connors, and the funds are as yet a matter of faith, but the work must be done now, we cannot afford to wait.

St. Martins congregation is planning to build, if the ancient problem as to what shall be done with the masonic hall is solved.

All the ordained missionary fields are now occupied. Mr. Gratz is appointed to Andover, Rev. A. W. Lewis to Waweig, and J. D. McKay to Dorchester.

A student, W. Ross, is appointed to Portland, and A. McLeod to Lynfield, and another is expected to go to Nashwaak shortly.

Presbytery met on Tuesday 7th July, in the first of the Quarterly Meetings. There was quite a good attendance of members.

## W. F. M. S.

The seventh annual meeting of the St. John Presbyterial W. F. M. Society was held in St. John's Church, Moncton, on the 2nd and 3rd days of July. The weather was charming, and the new Church, with its profusion of pretty bouquets and potted plants, was a very pleasant place in which to assemble. The hospitality of the Moncton ladies was most kind, and the bountiful luncheon and tea provided for all delegates and visitors in the basement of the Church was a substantial proof of the cordial welcome given in the opening session, and the standing vote of thanks by the members in the closing session was a true expression of gratitude for all kindness received. The President, Mrs. McFarlane, of Fredericton, occupied the chair at all three business sessions, and her admirable address was listened to with the closest attention. The four papers read during the day contained much valuable information, and were too good to be enjoyed only by the fifteen auxiliaries and bands represented by the thirty-five delegates present, therefore it was thought best to have them published in one or two of our Church papers, that all the members might be privileged to read them. These papers were written by Miss Barker of Escuminac, Mrs. Corbett of Kirkland, Mrs. Menzie of Springfield, and Mrs. Bruce of St. John. The reports of Secretary, Treasurer and Secretary of Y. P. work showed that progress had been made during

the year in the gaining of new auxiliaries and an increase in funds. Mrs. Clark of Chipman, formerly Miss Semple, one of our Trinidad teachers, was present, and kindly answered questions relating to the work in Trinidad. Mrs. Atkinson, of the W. C. T. U. was also present and addressed the meeting. The question drawer which was opened on Friday provoked a very pleasant discussion, principally on Mission Band work, which no doubt will prove very helpful in the future. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Mrs. J. M. Robinson of Moncton, President; Miss Upton of St. John, Mrs. Bailey, Carleton, Mrs. Corbett, Kirkland, Mrs. Howie, Fredericton, Mrs. Dr. King, Buc-touche, Mrs. Donald Fraser, Hampton, Vice-Presidents; Miss Grace B. Stevens, St. Stephen, Secretary; Miss Wark, Fredericton, Treasurer; Mrs. R. D. Ross, St. Stephen, Secretary of Y. P. Work.

The public evening meeting was well attended, and was presided over by Rev. Dr. Whittier. An interesting address bearing on the work among the Indians of the North West was given by Rev. Mr. Hogg of Manitoba, a former pastor of St. John's Church, Moncton, after which Mrs. E. A. Smith, of St. John, gave her interesting and instructive address on suffering Armenia. Those who had looked forward to hearing Mrs. Smith's address with eagerness and pleasure were not disappointed, and all present must have gone away with a feeling of sadness after the heart-rending accounts to which they had listened, and also with a feeling of gladness that they had been privileged to listen to such an admirable description and discourse.

The solos with which Miss Willis, of Moncton, and Mrs. D. McLean, of St. John, favoured the audience,

were received with much pleasure.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Through the gracious and loving care of our Heavenly Father we are once more permitted to attend the meeting of the Presbyterial. When, a year ago, you did me the honour of electing me as your President I declined to serve, as I felt that I could not fill that position either to my own satisfaction or to the satisfaction of others; but being prevailed upon I consented; and I feel sure that you will not expect of me what you might reasonably expect of one of your more experienced workers. If my effort should encourage some other inexperienced one to try to perform the duty which God, in his wise Providence has placed upon her, then my work has not been in vain.

It is very pleasant to meet so many earnest Christian workers, and I am sure that the kind and cordial welcome that has been extended to us should make us feel at home here in Moncton. There are so many pleasant things about our meeting together, warm greetings from old friends, new friendships formed; and as we discuss means and work for the Master, our hearts are mutually warmed and encouraged. As we look back with pleasant recollections to our meeting a year ago, how we went home with a determination to do more the coming year than ever before, and as we reflect upon the year's work, we see how little we have accomplished. It is the desire of our hearts to become better workers, more interested, not members in name only but members striving earnestly to do and to give as the Lord prospers us. The annual Presbyterial meetings do much to strengthen our organization. It is a bond of union bringing closer together the women of our church. It is a representative society, being

composed of the officers of auxiliaries, with two delegates from each Auxiliary and the Presidents of Mission Bands. A pleasing feature of the society is that all work is done voluntarily.

In the ten years that have passed since our first Auxiliary was organized much money has been raised, although that is not the greatest blessing of the W. F. M. S. It is a privilege to give, and a rich blessing follows cheerful giving, but the spiritual life of our women is quickened by working in the society, their knowledge of missions is deepened and widened, and their interest deepens as their knowledge increases. Facts are the fuel of missionary fires; but those interested in this work of missions have not been reluctant to spend or to be spent in its behalf, not simply because it is women's work for woman, but because it is a part of woman's work for her Saviour. Are there not very special reasons why women should be interested in missions? If we claim discipleship, which I am sure we all do, then the command is to us, and if we love the Lord will we not obey his commands?

Foreign missions, or our work in the foreign field, is a study in itself. I do not intend to introduce you to the 214 workers under the direction of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. We have no time to refer to all of them. In the prairie districts of Saskatchewan, Assiniboia, and the Province of Manitoba, there are 17 stations with 36 labourers, 7 of whom are ordained missionaries. There has been some reaping but it is yet the sowing time. Ever since the rebellion of 1885 the W. F. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada has borne the cost of mission work for women and children among the Indians of the North West, erected buildings for schools, paid the salaries of teachers and matrons,

besides meeting other expenses connected with the work. The Presbyterian Church has now 8 boarding and industrial schools. At Regina the government school has an enrolment of 155. The girls hold prayer meetings, and conduct mission bands; the boys have a boy's brigade and literary society. A paper entitled *Progress*, is published fortnightly by the Indian boys. Much care is given to instruction in religious truths and to the building up of Christian character. That their efforts have not been in vain is evident from the fact that three-fourths of the addition to the communion roll during the past year has been from the pupils of the school; 46 made application, 36 of whom were accepted. The foundation of our Indian mission was laid by the Rev. George Fleet, who is now 80 years old, and whose long service has been invaluable to the evangelistic department of the work. I cannot pass by the Indian woman's mission on the Bird-tail Reserve. It reports a membership of 25, with an average attendance of 22, and has contributed this year \$17.00.

Our next nearest mission is Trinidad, of which I need say very little, since many of you heard Mrs. Morton not long ago, how from three little children on a door step, 28 years ago, there are now nearly 5,000 children distributed among 53 schools. How our hearts were stirred as we listened to an account of that field related from her own observation and experience. In Mrs. Morton's home we are all interested. From that home is going out throughout the island an undying influence. Dr. and Mrs. Morton have not only given themselves but their family as well to the work. We have with us to-day Mrs. Clarke, of Chipman, who was a teacher in Trinidad for five years. We are delighted to see her,

and I am sure that her words will stimulate us to greater zeal, and more especially the Mission Bands which are working for Trinidad. Mrs. Morton was accompanied by our President, Mrs. Dodge, whom it was a great pleasure to meet, and whose earnest appeal to the women of our Church will not soon be forgotten.

Let us study the mission fields of our own Church. The importance of such study cannot be over estimated. The reason of indifference is sometimes lack of knowledge. Every member of the Society should have a knowledge of every mission field of the Church both at home and abroad. A list of the missionaries in each field, as well as a map of the field being studied might be hung up in a conspicuous place. The best way to raise money for missions is to give it. Pray for missions. The Divine voice rings out from the Old Testament, ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance; and in the New Testament, pray ye the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into the harvest. Do we not often underestimate the importance of prayer as a missionary agency? Let us not forget that he who prays most helps most.

India—Let us ever look at missions from beneath the cross, remembering that all we are was purchased by Him who made himself poor that we might be made rich. Just here the words of Dr. Duff come to my mind. He said, that we are only playing with missions. In India we have 8 preachers, 8 doctors, 5 of whom are ladies, and 9 lady teachers, all Canadians. These 25 are on a tract of land measuring 75,000 square miles, with a population of 10,000,000. What are these among so many? Yet they are sowing the gospel seed. Think of a city of 17,000 inhabitants and only one Chris-

tian family in it, but there was a time when that one family was not there.

In Formosa, now belonging to Japan, we have Dr. McKay. Those of us who were present at the Presbyterial two years ago will never forget his earnest words, and to quote his own words from this year's report: "Christ's Church is in affliction here now; but fear not, brethren in Canada, Japan rules Fosmosa but Jesus overrules it, so we wait upon Him knowing that after black darkness comes bright glory with the morning dawn." He and Mr. Gauld are seeking, as far as possible, to repair the breach in Zion's walls.

In the New Hebrides we have three Canadians and 52 native helpers; and at Santo Dr. Annand, whose life has been so recently in peril. The college for the training of teachers and preachers is now in full operation. Mr. McKenzie, after a brief visit to Sydney; has taken back with him a wife. The blood-stained Eromanga is now nominally Christian. What a wonderful change! An elder, visiting there from Sydney was astonished at what he saw and heard. And so may any one be astonished who looks over that field of missionary labour.

Two-fifths of the missionaries in the foreign field are women. How little they have spoken of their privations and hardships, amidst storms, war, sickness and death. Still the work of the Lord goes on. We too often think of missions as existing in some far off distant lands. A mission is essentially the same whether it be near at home or far away. To sustain foreign missions we must give time and thought to home missions, and as home missions have been so sandwiched in at the meetings of the Assembly, from the Moderator's sermon down, it will not be out of place to bring the subject more prominently before us at this meet-

ing. The dividing line between home and foreign missions has never been drawn. Missic work is the leading of souls to the light and love of Jesus; it is the announcing of the glad tidings of salvation, by precept and example, by life and character. That home and foreign missions are mutual and reciprocal is very plainly manifest. People have said, and do say, that we have heathen at home, a fact which we must admit, and which declares the need of home missions. That there are untold millions whom the gospel has not reached is also a fact, and to say that the light should not be carried everywhere is a narrow and perverted view of the mission of the gospel. God's word plainly teaches that the gospel mission is for all the world, and that we who are God's servants must labour patiently and diligently wherever there is need. Christ said, beginning at Jerusalem. Is it any different to-day? Work at home is essential, and forms the foundation for all work that lies beyond home. The more thoroughly the Church at home is built up and organized the more she can assist in sending out the gospel to foreign lands. In our own Province and Presbytery the history of home missions is not at all pleasant. It is a fact that our Church did not overtake her work in the past. Many of our people have been neglected. Many have joined other communions. Numerous weak stations have irregular and insufficient gospel services. During the winter months the large majority of our mission stations are left vacant. It is true that to-day our Presbytery is alive to the importance of the mission work within its bounds, and it is a matter for which we ought to be profoundly thankful that God has put it into the hearts of so many young men to say, here am I send me.

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It is true that the present situation is hopeful. We have more churches, congregations and ministers than ever in our history, a larger number of S. S. missionary societies, and larger contributions for missionary purposes. There is room for greater effort, our opportunities are increasing. Co-operation in home missionary work will tend to increase and strengthen the foreign, and an interest in foreign will give an increased impetus to home missionary work, and if we wish to have a foreign missionary society in every mission station, we must show our sympathy in a substantial, affectionate and friendly

manner in the struggle with which so many of our stations are carrying on the work. Our missionary societies, through literature, letters and information, such as annual meetings report, etc., carry a large blessing to many hearts and homes, but it is true that unless our society takes a great interest in home missions three or four congregations must still remain vacant for more than half the year, our people growing careless and leaving us. It is our duty and privilege to do something to end a matter which does, I am sure, grieve us all.

The work that is done by us in our different societies we hope will be given an impetus by our meeting here in Moncton. Some of us are no doubt at times discouraged by the little amount of work we seem to accomplish. Our meetings at home are not always as bright and as interesting as we would like to make them. We feel that we must adopt different methods and we look around for new ideas. We hope that from an interchange of ideas here we may go home to our several churches with ideas of better ways of working, more cheerful and more encouraged.

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our societies grow and become strong. When the President of a society is not only a worker but also one who knows how to secure the assistance needed and the co-operation of others that society is fortunate.

Are we as christians, as co-labourers in Christ's vineyard doing all we can do, doing all that we ought to do, doing all that can be expected of us? Let us answer for ourselves. "The harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few." We are not all gifted alike, some possess ten talents, and some possess only one, and we will some day be summoned to give an account of that which has been entrusted to our care. May it be said of each of us "Well done, good and faithful servant". Dear sisters let me entreat you in His name to shrink from no responsibility that may be laid upon you. Let us resolve that we will work more earnestly and more faithfully that we, as individuals, may grow day by day more into His likeness, whose servants we are, and that as societies we may increase in strength and in usefulness.

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#### Harvey Station.

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Sabbath, June 7th., was a field day with the people of Harvey. On that day their new church at Harvey Station was dedicated to the worship of the Most High God. The Saturday previous service was held in the old church now used while building a church to replace the one burned last Christmas eve. The Sabbath was beautiful—a perfect June day.

The site upon which the church is built was presented by Marshall Robinson, Esq., and is a commanding one. Beautiful for situation is Mount Zion. The total length of the building is 56 by 42 feet and it is adorned by a tower 64 feet high.

The main audience room has a seating capacity of 300. Connected with the audience room by large folding doors is the vestry capable of seating 60 people. The pews are circular and were made by Haley Bros. & Co., St. John. The interior is ceiled and stained oak with walnut trimmings. The pulpit shows the skill of J. W. Taylor, and the painting testifies to his taste. The Bible was presented by the Society of Christian Endeavor. The church is also furnished with an excellent organ. The building as it stands cost about \$2000.00 of which less than \$300.00 remains to be paid. This pleasing result is due in no small measure to the untiring and self-denying efforts of the ladies of Harvey Station, though they are not forgetful of any favors received from friends in other places.

The Revs. W. Ross, of Prince William, and J. Ross of St. John, ably assisted the pastor, Rev. J. A. McLean, at the dedication services. In the morning, after an admirable sermon by Rev. J. Ross, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed. A large number of communicants sat around the table, two for the first time. In the afternoon a mass meeting of the S. S. children was held in the old church, three miles out. It was packed. Addresses were delivered by the pastor and Rev. W. Ross, and two elders, veterans in S. school work, led in prayer. There are seven S. Schools in active operation in this congregation.

At 6 p. m., the Y. P. S. C. E. met in the new church. It was their regular monthly missionary meeting, the subject "Home Missions and Augmentation." There seemed a providence in that the Supt. of Missions in the Presbytery of St. John was with them. As usual his remarks were pointed, and listened to with deep interest.

At 7 o'clock the audience room was again full and overflowing into the vestry. The Prince William pastor spoke wisely and well. Throughout the day the choir did admirable service. The excellence of the service of praise, and the rendering of the anthems, merit commendation. Mrs. Chamberlain presided at the organ. The church was decorated with potted and cut flowers by the young ladies of the congregation, and presented a fine appearance. It was a day long to be remembered by pastor and people. The congregation is also busy building another church upon the site of the one burned, and expect to have it ready for occupancy in the autumn. This one will be central and sufficiently large to accommodate the whole congregation.

Dr. Macrae's resignation was presented and accepted. Messrs. Campbell, Smith and Mowatt appeared for the congregation. Mr. Campbell expressed their regret at the removal of Dr. Macrae from their midst, but stated that the congregation would put no obstacle in the way of the Doctor's promotion. All of the members of Presbytery expressed the personal regret they felt at Dr. Macrae's removal, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That having learned of the appointment, approved of by the general assembly, of the Rev. Dr. Macrae to the principalship of Morrin College, Quebec, necessitating his removal from our bounds, the Presbytery feels reluctantly compelled to accept his resignation from the pastorate of St. Stephen's Church.

While most cordially congratulating the trustees of Morrin College on their excellent choice of a principal, and our brother on the high honor conferred on him, the Presbytery would record its deep sense of

regret at losing his valuable services. For 22 years he has been foremost in our councils and most abundant in labors. In his congregation he has labored most faithfully, making full proof of his ministry. In the Presbytery his keen debating powers, thorough acquaintance with his work, and especially his earnest missionary enthusiasm, have been an inspiration to the younger members. In the city, where his voice has been heard on many and various platforms, his ripe scholarship, and high literary culture have shed lustre upon our Church's name.

In accepting his resignation the Presbytery would express its profound gratitude to God for the many years of service our brother has been enabled to render in our midst: its belief that he is eminently qualified for the work he has undertaken, and its most earnest prayer that the blessing of God may rest upon him in his new field of labor.

The presbytery would further record its sympathy with the congregation of St. Stephen's Church in the great loss which they sustain in the removal of one whom they have admired so warmly, loved so dearly, and with whom they have worked so loyally, and its hope that He who holds the stars in His right hand may soon give them a pastor who shall in some measure fill the great blank created by Dr. Macrae's resignation.

The W. H. M. S. of the Presbytery of St. John, have decided to grant \$100 each to Fairville and Shediac and \$50 to Dorchester for this year. The Presbytery expressed its feeling of gratitude to the Ladies for the efficient work they have done and were still doing in assisting to maintain ordinances in our weak and scattered fields.

Rev. A. W. Lewis has been appointed to labour for one year as an ordained missionary at Waweig, etc.

Mr. J. D. McKay takes charge of Dorchester in August. He is to be ordained there on August 6th, at 7.30 p. m. Messrs. Robinson, Vans and Friar were appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the ordination.

Mr. Wm. Ross, a catechist, was appointed to supply Portland and Rothersey, beginning his work on 12th July.

Mr A. McLeod was appointed to labour as catechist in Lynfield and DeWolfe for the remainder of the term.

Judge Stevens, one of our most respected elders was unanimously elected to fill the Moderator's chair for the ensuing year. The Clerk and Treasurer were both re-elected.

Rev. W. W. Rainie was appointed Moderator of St. Stephen's Session. The pulpit is to be declared vacant on August 2nd. Dr. Macrae preaches his last discourse as pastor of St Stephen's on July 26th when his resignation takes effect.

Only two Elders' Commissions were received, viz, those in favour of Mr. Wm. Lamont and Judge Trueman. Sessions are reminded that the old Commissions have now expired and are requested to forward the requisite document to the Clerk as soon as possible.

Mr. Gratz was appointed ordained missionary to Andover, etc., for one year from date of ordination. He is to be ordained on August 10th, by Picton Presbytery, in United Church,

New Glasgow, at the special request of the St. John Presbytery.

Services were begun in Portland on Sunday, the 12th July. The Alexandria Temple of Honor Hall has been secured, and Mr. Wm. Ross, student, has been appointed to supply Portland and Rothersey for the summer.

The Committee appointed to visit St. James, reported that the congregation had become self-sustaining and had decided to get along without Lynfield and DeWolf. It was agreed to grant their request for the entire services of Mr. Peacock and to send a catechist in the meantime to the other places.

A call from St. George, Bocabec and Penfield in favor of Rev. Donald Fraser, late of Metapedia, was presented, signed by 86 members and 36 adherents. The call was hearty and unanimous, and was accompanied with a guarantee of \$600. Mr. Ross was heard in support of the call as commissioner from the congregation, whereupon the call was sustained, and the Clerk instructed to forward the same to Mr. Fraser for his consideration.

Rev. J. B. Cropper, our missionary-elect to Demerara, spent Sunday, July 12th, in St. John. He occupied the pulpits of St. David's in the morning and St. Andrews in the evening. He addressed a mass meeting of Sunday School children and young people in St. David's Church at 3 p. m. There was a large attendance of children, and they seemed deeply impressed with the telling way in which Mr. Cropper described the work done among the little ones of Trinidad. The best wishes of all our schools follow him in the work to which he has set his hand.

Presbytery resolved to send, on the 1st of August, a Catechist to Nashuank and Stanley to work among the people who will not attend Mr. Mullen's services.

The Mullen Case occupied considerable time but ultimately in view of the fact that Presbytery had to report to Synod, it was agreed that Mr Mullen and his congregation be required to produce all church deeds, the church rolls properly certified, the congregational minute book, the congregational guarantee and subscription lists all congregational receipts pertaining to salary, the deeds of the manse, the roll of session and trustees properly certified, and the treasurer's books and any other documents bearing on the congregational work, to be submitted to a meeting of the presbytery to be held on September 22, 1896.

A report was read from the Secretary of the Presbyterian of the W. F. M. S. it was as follows:—

"The 7th annual meeting of the St. John Presbyterial W. F. M. S. was held in St. John's Church, Moncton, on the 2nd and 3rd days of July, 1896. Fifteen auxiliaries and bands were represented by 35 delegates. Upwards of 100 workers have been added to this society during the year by the organizing of five new auxiliaries and the gaining of new members by the old ones. By the transfer of Port Elgin auxiliary from the St. John to the Wallace presbytery, the breaking up of the Kintore auxiliary and failure of Glassville to report its members, our total membership does not show any increase over last year, but the majority of the individual reports from the 36 auxiliaries which we now number show a greater increase of interest and progress in the work. Two life members have been added, making 19 in all. The treasurer reported \$944.95 for foreign missions and upwards of \$150 for home missions. There is still more money to come in. The 15 boxes of clothing, etc., sent to the foreign fields, were valued at \$164.20, an increase over last year of seven boxes and \$39.47. The recommendation of presbytery that the W. F. M. S. make an effort to raise \$400 for the support of ordained missionaries within the bounds, was submitted to the members, voted upon and carried. A discussion arose as to whether there can be two Woman's Home Missionary Societies in the same presbytery. The secretary was instructed to refer the matter to presbytery, and to request that the reply be pub-

lished in the CHURCH AND HOME, that all the auxiliaries may know the decision of presbytery on this point."

A Committee was appointed to prepare a resolution dealing with the report and to answer the questions referred to Presbytery in it. Afterwards they brought in the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the Presbytery learns with much satisfaction of the continued progress of the W. F. M. S. within its bounds, and desires to express its gratitude to Almighty God for the excellent work done during the past year by the Ladies of the Society with its auxiliaries.

In particular, the Presbytery would record its gratification at learning of the large amounts contributed towards Foreign and Home Missions, and the resolve of the Society to make an effort to raise \$400 for the support of ordained Missionaries during the current year.

In regard to the two questions which the Society wish to have answered the Presbytery can see no valid reason why the W. F. M. Society should not collect and contribute monies towards Home as well as towards Foreign Missions. Nor is there any necessary reason for limiting the number of Home Missionary Societies in the Presbytery to one or even two.

The resolution as read was adopted as the Presbytery's minute, and the Clerk was instructed to see that it was published in CHURCH AND HOME.

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