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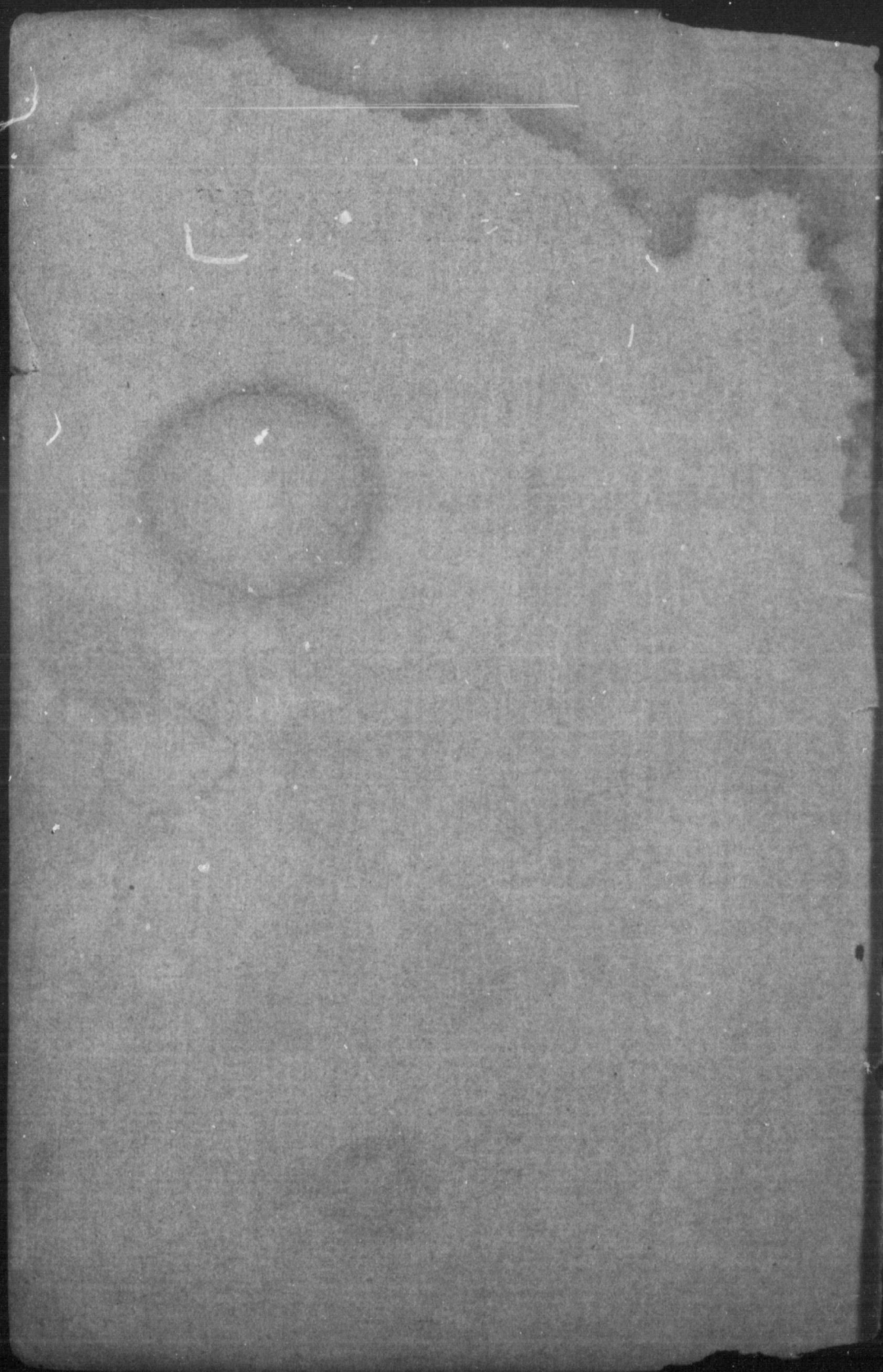
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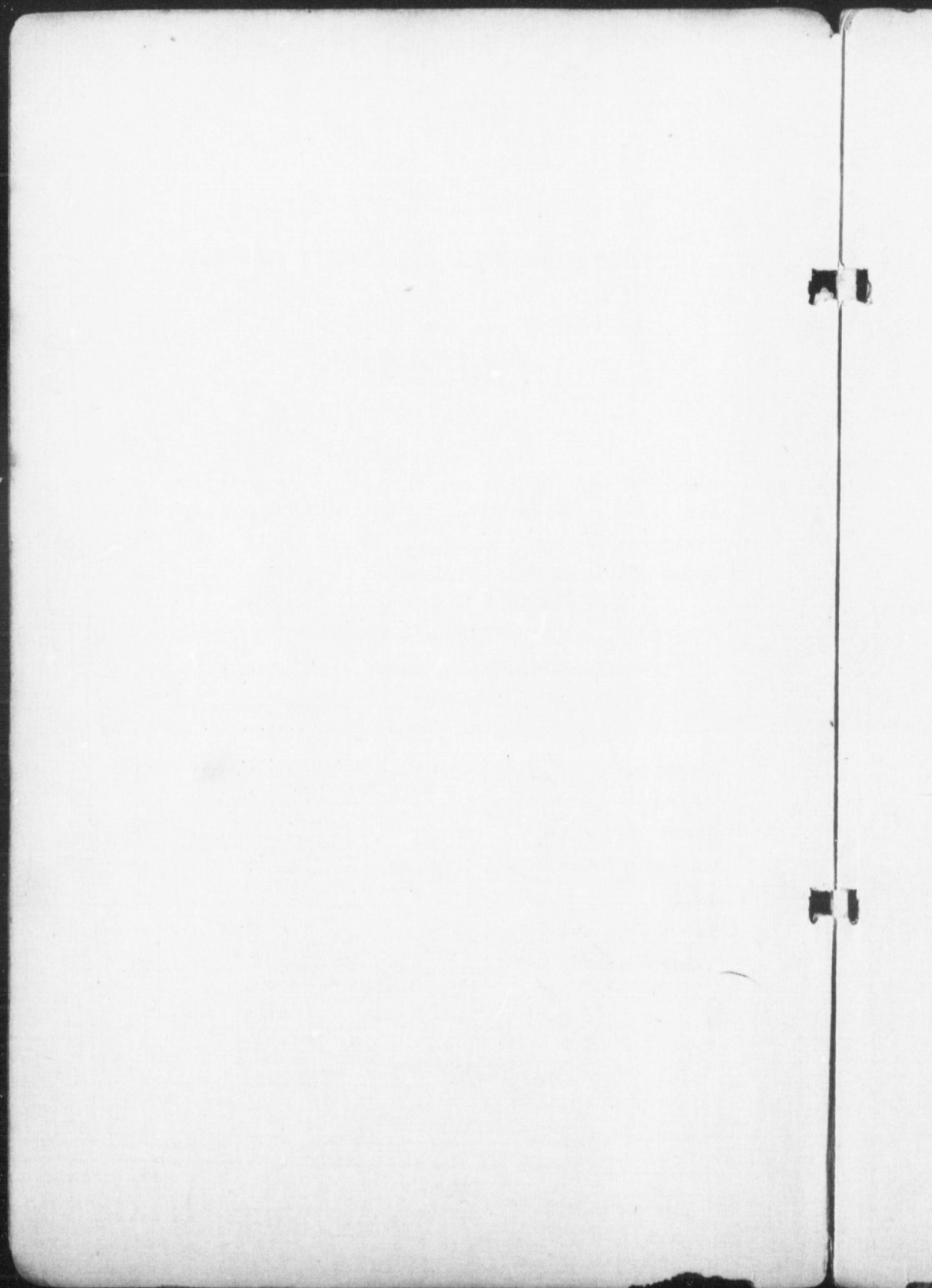
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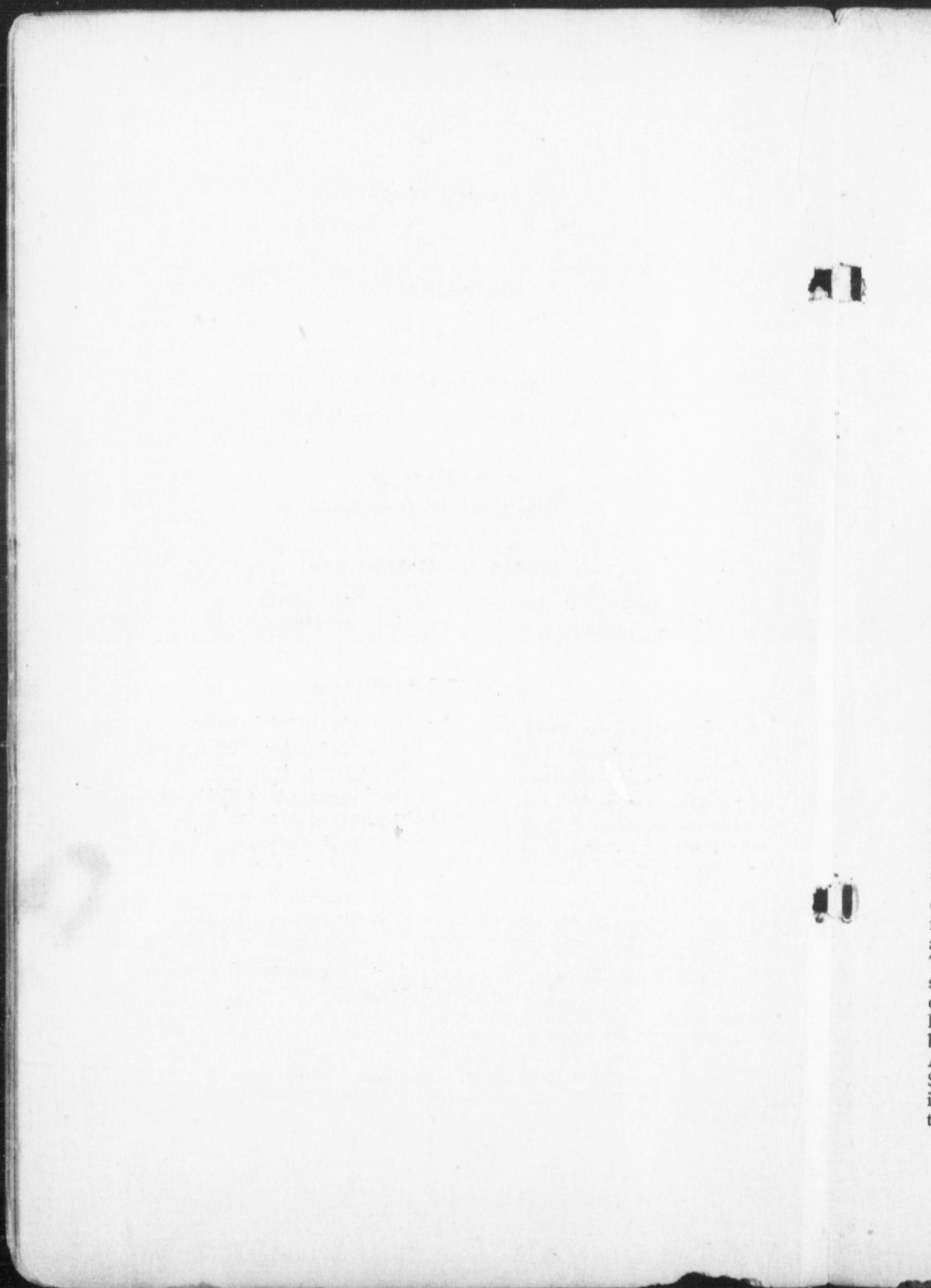
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## Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

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### *Home Secretary's Report.*

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IT is now seven years, this month, since, in response to the expressed desire of the Foreign Mission Committee of our Church, that Presbyterian women, as such, should make organized effort for the enlightenment and elevation of women and children in heathen lands, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Western Section was formed with fifty members, and began operations by seeking to establish Auxiliaries throughout the country. Somewhat vague and indefinite at first were the ideas of those who took this stand, and the difficulties to be met were neither few nor small—they had need of faith, and of the wisdom that God alone can give. Interest in missions is sometimes a plant of slow growth, and the old prejudice which, among Presbyterians, is often very strong, and does not favour organizations of women, whether for missionary work or any other church purpose, had to be met and fought with. Then after Auxiliary Societies had been formed, difficulties in keeping up the monthly meetings in country districts had to be overcome, the excuses of those who were half-hearted in the work to be answered, indifference on the part of many to be broken up and merged into hearty interest. But, in looking back over those seven years, we can now say, and let us do so humbly and gratefully, that by God's blessing on the means used a great deal of this *has been* done, and there is a deeper and more spiritual interest in the work in the hearts of many, more faith, more prayer, more looking on it as a great joy and privilege granted to us in these latter days. These seven years have been full of mercies, experiences, and lessons, but the light the Master has shed, and is shedding, over all our way is too clear and bright for us to doubt that He Himself is leading and guiding us as He would have us go. From the small beginning of fifty members we have now two thousand, with sixty-six Auxiliaries, and ten Mission Bands, and since its formation the Society has assisted the Foreign Mission Committee of our Church in its work among the women and children of heathen lands to the extent of \$26,150.



Should we not bring to-day a glad note of thanksgiving for the record of the past, and gather also whatever help for the future its experience has brought us, regarding it as but a foundation on which to build better and higher things in the time to come?

In the year just closed we have had much success and encouragement, but mingled with it some discouragement and sorrow. There have been *clouds* as well as *sunshine* in our sky, sent, doubtless, to lead us to seek more earnestly and humbly for the faith that will keep us from stumbling at the difficulties that sometimes lie in our path, and to be ever looking in all our plans to Him who alone giveth wisdom.

Some new organizations have been formed during the year, and fresh interest has been awakened and a new stimulus given to many others, and the offerings little by little have flowed steadily into the treasury.

The circular sent by the Committee to all the Branches in October, stating that, in the name of the Society, they had assumed the responsibility of raising this year the sum of \$7,000 for the erection of new buildings at Indore, and the efficient carrying out of the work in the Foreign Field, incited several of the Auxiliaries to earnest effort. Some of them have done nobly, more than doubling their contributions of previous years, and accompanying them with such earnest expressions of prayerful interest in the work, that it is evident, not only that they "had a mind to give," but also that they were giving *to the Lord*. Then there are little societies of ten, twelve, or sixteen members who hold steadily on their way, sending us year after year the results of their patient self-denying efforts, and with whom we feel it an honour to be associated. Reports have come to us saying, "We have done what we could, we have given, not of our abundance, but of the little we possess." Surely the prayers and gifts of such are precious, and not to be measured by any earthly scale of values. One Society sends the message, "More knowledge of Foreign Missions is diffused, and consequently a sense of personal responsibility is taking a deeper root amongst us." Another, "Although, as a Society, we have suffered by the general emigration in this part of the country, yet the members who remain have not allowed the feeling of desertion to dampen their interest in the work to which they have pledged themselves."

But, on the other hand, a few of the Auxiliaries are struggling along with seemingly very little interest, small membership and, smaller attendance at the meetings, and one in a scattered country district has sent us word of its entire collapse. All this is much to be regretted, and we think it is mainly due to lack of information regarding Mission work. The Secretary of one Auxiliary writes: "In *our* society the interest in Missions is growing with our *knowledge of the work*." It is ever so, and indifference comes only, we truly believe, through want of knowledge. We would like to persuade the women in these Auxiliaries to read more missionary literature; to read the lives of our devoted faithful pioneer mission-

aries; to read of the hard, sometimes discouraging, foundation work done, notwithstanding danger, and persecution and loneliness by many of them, and then come down to the present time and note the *wonderful* progress of the Gospel everywhere, and the great things God is doing all over the world, then surely we would have no lack of interest, or of gifts flowing into the treasury, then we would have that intelligent knowledge which always results in active work and earnest prayer for those who sit in the darkness of heathendom.

Of our Presbyterial Societies we can speak with pleasure. One in the Presbytery of Lindsay, with three Auxiliaries and the prospect of soon forming others, has, during the year, been added to the number. The three others in the Presbyteries of Hamilton, Whitby, and Peterborough are all fully equipped and working effectively. Hamilton, with eight Auxiliaries and five Mission Bands; Whitby, with eleven Auxiliaries and one Mission Band; Peterborough, with five Auxiliaries and one Mission Band. Most encouraging reports have been received from these societies and will be read to you in full today. We feel convinced that Presbyterial organization will in the future be our stronghold, and its success largely depend on the intelligent faithfulness of the officers. We would urge those, in the Societies already existing, to go on organizing Auxiliaries where there is an interest in the work, feeling that, in asking the women in their Presbytery to join our ranks, they are not begging, but offering a great privilege to those to whom the Lord has given so freely. Among our new auxiliaries we were much pleased to welcome in October the North Georgetown & English River Society, formerly connected with the C. W. B. M. in Montreal, but contributing to our treasury for years through that Board. In November an Auxiliary was organized at Avonmore with bright prospects; in February one in Belleville in connection with the John Street Church. From the "Ladies' Association" of this Church we have received every year a special subscription to our funds, shewing the interest taken in the work of our Society, and we are glad they have now identified themselves with us. Another interesting band of workers, though few in number, calling themselves the "McDonald's Corners Auxiliary" joined our ranks in February, and two in the West, the "Proof Line Auxiliary" and the "Vanneck Auxiliary" were organized about the same time. These, with the St. Catharines Auxiliary, in the Presbytery of Hamilton, the Ennis-killen Auxiliary, in the Presbytery of Whitby, the Colborne and Cobourg Auxiliaries, in the Presbytery of Peterborough, bring up the number of our new branches this year to ten. To them all, in the name of the Society, we extend a most cordial welcome, praying that the Master's blessing may rest upon all their efforts to spread the knowledge of His name and kingdom, and that the reflex blessings of personal progress, brighter influence and greater spiritual advancement may be experienced amongst them.

Miss Rodger, who returned from India in July, has addressed

some of the Auxiliaries, giving them information regarding the Mission at Indore, which should be productive of interest; and seeing face to face one who has come home for needed rest, after eight years of conscientious, intelligent, faithful service, should bring us into closer sympathy with her and her work, and make us feel how little after all we in this Christian land are doing to send the blessings of the Gospel where there are such dark homes and darker hearts.

Little has been done this year in the way of forming new mission bands, and we regret that one in Toronto by force of circumstances has been obliged to disband for the present. This is a very important part of the work, for those trained thus early in a knowledge of the needs of the heathen, and the location and extent of Missions, will, in the course of years be able to carry on the work more intelligently, with broader views and larger plans of usefulness. Let us aim this year to bring more of the young people into our work; might we not seek to organize some of our Sabbath schools into Mission Bands, and thus encourage the children to help us in sending to heathen children the knowledge of the tender Shepherd who took the little ones in His arms long ago, and still waits to bless them, whether they seek Him in heathen lands or on Christian shores?

To-day we mourn for some whom God has taken from us. Two who were with us at our last annual meeting in Peterborough have been called home. I refer to Mrs. Burns, President of the Murray-Mitchell Auxiliary, Toronto, and Miss Duffield, Secretary of the Hamilton Presbyterial Society. Many of us can recall how our hearts were touched by the inspiring, encouraging words addressed to us by Mrs. Burns on that occasion. She was indeed a true friend of Missions, and the progress and work of this Society were very near her heart. A wise counsellor on the Board, her zeal, wisdom and faith were ever equal to the demands made upon them. With the Sarnia Auxiliary we sympathize deeply. The death of Mrs. Vidal, President of that Branch since its organization, will be a loss long felt. The Brucefield Auxiliary has also been called to part with two of its most active members. We miss those who are gone, but God has taken them, and He is able to fill the ranks He in His infinite wisdom has broken, and our prayer is that upon some others their mantle of love and devotion may fall.

With the close of this meeting we cross the threshold and enter on another period of work; of the limit of that period to each one of us God alone knows. If permitted in His mercy to see its close, may it find us with interest in our chosen work unabated, our membership greatly increased and our faith strengthened. Much has been accomplished in the past years, but a great deal yet remains to be done ere the Presbyterian women of Canada fully awake to a sense of their responsibilities and privileges in this matter. Let us not be content that Auxiliaries *have* been formed in many of our churches, and that a few of the women in these churches are



interested in the work. Our aim should be to have an Auxiliary in each church, and every woman a member; and is there a more grand or inspiring work to which it is possible to consecrate our best energies? We are not *all* called to go abroad with the Gospel message; but the same spirit and consecration are the qualifications accepted and used by the Master in that part of the work which must be done at home; and there is no woman throughout the length or breadth of our land who may not take *her* share in it. If we all felt, when collecting money for this object, or arousing an interest in it among our friends, that we are helping to plant the "handful of corn," the fruit of which by-and-by "will shake like Lebanon," there would not be so many lost opportunities.

Let us each one resolve as a thank-offering to God for the mercies of the past, to give *this* year more of our time, our influence, our talents, our money, and above all our prayers, to this "woman's work for woman." Let us strive to live in the spirit of obedience to our Lord's command, "Go ye and teach all nations." The responsibility is with us to act, to plant—the power to make the seed spring and grow into an abundant harvest is with Him who has given us the high privilege of being co-workers with Him in hastening the time of His glorious appearing, "when all shall know Him from the least even to the greatest," and when "all nations shall call Him blessed."

AGNES M. TOPP,

*Home Sec'y W. F. M. Society.*

## *Foreign Secretary's Report.*

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**I**N general, reports, no matter how full and accurate they may be, are more or less unsatisfactory, and the impressions conveyed by them, not unfrequently, are vague and depressing, when, were we possessed with spiritual vision, these would be definite and encouraging. By observation and care, the *visible* results of philanthropic effort, or Christian enterprise may be computed and specified, but there is a point beyond which the pen of the reporter may not pass, and the *invisible* results of earnest prayers, of sincere sympathies, of holy influences, are reckoned and recorded *alone* by God.

For this reason, we find it difficult to present, from year to year, to those interested, any adequate idea of the work of our Society, inasmuch as, since its organization, and especially this year, the work has been largely preparatory. How often have we observed the individual Christian, at some particular period of his life, set aside, in a measure, from active work, that, through the development of a richer experience, he may be fitted for loftier achievements. In like manner, this seventh year of our life as a Missionary Society, has been marked by a quiet and confident waiting upon God, which is the best preparation for more aggressive work in the future. We have noted in our Secretary's Report of the Home work, that, though the growth in this department has not been more rapid than in former years, it has been, if possible, steadier and more vigorous. The missionary spirit, which is the spirit of Christ, has taken possession of the hearts of the Christian women of our Church, nay, our "woman's work, for woman in heathen lands" has become part of our very being, the foundation upon which our interest and activity depends, being the Divine command. As announced in our last report.

MISS RODGER,

after a sojourn of eight years in India, years of loneliness, of self-denial, of painstaking and persistent work for our Lord Jesus Christ, has returned to us to enjoy, we trust, a period of well earned rest, and pleasant intercourse with friends in her native land. Miss Rodger has been very successful in the past, as a missionary, and possessing, as she does, together with a thorough knowledge of Hindustani, great spirituality of mind, and devotion to the cause, we confidently expect, should she be permitted to return to her chosen field of labour, that she will enter upon her work at Indore, with fresh zeal and courage, stronger faith and a more confident hope of success. Immediately subsequent to the last

## ANNUAL MEETING

the Board decided to make inquiries of the General Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee, as to the amount required for all departments of the work of our Church, among women and children in the Foreign field. In reply, the Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee stated, that in view of the progress of the work in this department, which called for an increase of the staff of workers at Indore, and also the necessity for the erection of a Building for the accommodation of the lady missionaries there, the sum of seven thousand dollars would be needed. From information previously received it was understood that

## THE BUILDINGS

at present occupied by our ladies are, in every respect, unsuitable, being both unhealthy and uncomfortable. In Indian houses, good ventilation is of the most vital importance, consequently the ceilings should be twice the height of an ordinary Canadian house, with ventilators on every side, so that in the cooler portion of the day, sufficient pure air for the use of the inmates, in the hotter portion may be enclosed. The ceilings of the cottages now in use are low, below the ordinary height of a Western house, the ventilation, in consequence, is exceedingly poor, and in the rainy season, the floors not having been properly cemented, are ankle deep in mud. These facts, and with them the possibility and the probability of an increase in the contributions of the Society, were prayerfully considered by the Board, and it was finally agreed in humble dependence upon God, and relying upon the co-operation of the auxiliaries, to assume the responsibility of raising, during the current year, this comparatively large sum. Our Treasurer's statement will show how nobly the auxiliaries have sustained this responsibility assumed in their name, and that to-day, as Presbyterian women, we have reason for praise and thanksgiving.

## THE APPEAL

of the Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee for additional lady missionaries for India, resulted in the offering and the acceptance by the Committee of three young ladies, possessing in an eminent degree the requisite qualifications for this arduous and important work. It was arranged that

## MISS ISABELLA ROSS,

who was the first of the three to consecrate herself to the cause of missions, should proceed at once to Indore. Accordingly, after an engagement of a few weeks in the Toronto General Hospital for the purpose of acquiring some experience in the art of nursing the sick, during which time Miss Ross, also, with a view to future usefulness,

assiduously cultivated her musical gifts, the youthful Missionary, on the 18th of October last, cheerfully bade adieu to home, to friends, and native land, and looking unto Jesus, and with his parting assurance—"Lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world,"—sounding in her ears, and strengthening her weak heart, departed by (to her) an unknown route, to an unknown land, and to an untried work. Miss Ross was detained by unpropitious circumstances, some weeks in London, England; but on the 23rd of January last, we are glad to be able to state, she arrived safely at Indore. She is well and happy, and quoting from her first letter to our Society, counts it a privilege, and a cause of thanksgiving that she has been permitted to go to India to carry the glad tidings of salvation to its benighted daughters.

The Foreign Mission Committee, in considering and accepting

#### MISS MARIAN OLIVER'S

offer of herself to the Church for Foreign Mission work, advised, that as an equipment for more efficient and successful service among the neglected women of India, she should take, if not a full, at least a partial medical course. Agreeable to this plan, Miss Oliver entered at the beginning of the session, and at writing, still pursues her studies at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Kingston, in which institution special arrangements for the admission of ladies, as students, had been made. It is desirable that the members of our Society, as well as the Christian women of the Church in general, should, in view of her preparation for Medical Mission work, and the more than ordinary difficulties that surround the medical education of women in Canada, remember Miss Oliver in their private devotions and especially in the Sabbath evening hour of prayer. The members of our Society desire to express their sincere sympathy with Miss Oliver, in the recent bereavement she has sustained. Since her entrance at College, a loved father has been buried out of her sight; we pray that this trial may be, when its bitterness shall, in some measure, have passed, an inspiration to increased earnestness and faithfulness in the path she has chosen.

The demand for Medical Lady Missionaries is now greater than the supply, but it is a matter of encouragement that the number of women, who, with this prospect in view, are devoting themselves to the study of medicine, both in the United States and Canada, is rapidly on the increase. To-day the Canadian Church asks for women of firm physique, fair education, good judgment, tact, experience, and above and beyond all, women who are not only desirous of becoming competent physicians, but who go to the Foreign Field for the express purpose of preaching Christ, to offer themselves to meet the increasing demand for female physicians in oriental countries. Among all the number of *such* women gathered here, at this hour, has the God of missions none whom He desires to train for this, His great work beyond the seas.



With regret, though with a spirit of resignation to the providential dealings of our Heavenly Father, we note the withdrawal of the offer of

MISS ANNIE ROBINSON,

the last of our trio of accepted missionaries. Since childhood Miss Robinson had consecrated herself to Foreign Mission work, and only waited an opportunity to carry out her cherished plan. The desired opening came, and she gave herself to the Medical Mission work, agreeing in harmony with the wish of the Foreign Mission Committee, to take the full four years' course of medicine, and secure a diploma before going to India. Miss Robinson's eyesight had always been delicate, and when all the arrangements for entering the College at Kingston were completed, compelled by alarming symptoms which had suddenly appeared, she consulted a physician who, most emphatically urged the abandonment of the contemplated plan at once and for ever, as the sensitive sight could neither endure the strain of close study for years, nor an eastern climate. Our young missionary—for we must still speak of her as such—some-what regretfully, but withal cheerfully, relinquished the hope of years, and instead of folding her hands disappointedly, as far as Christian work is concerned, is seeking to glorify God, in earnest, active service for him, at *home*. As Christian women we cannot but thank God, both in behalf of those who have given themselves to the work as well as the one who has withdrawn, that, so early in their Christian life they were enabled to respond to the great Foreign Missionary's appeal:—"I beseech you therefore, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."

We now turn to the Foreign Field where, during ten months of the year

MISS M'GREGOR

has stood alone, bearing the burden and heat of the day. Owing to ill health and the responsibilities of work, she has not corresponded as regularly with our Society as in former years. Miss McGregor's illness, mentioned in our last report, continued for a number of weeks, and when sufficiently recovered to resume work, an accident through which she lost for months, the use of one of her limbs, again laid her aside. In spite of these untoward circumstances, and with the aid of the two helpers or Bible women, a considerable portion of the work undertaken has been carried on. In writing to us, Miss McGregor says: "Notwithstanding so much illness throughout the year, my work goes on, or rather, I should say, the Master's work, through my feeble instrumentality, and thank God that in spite of all difficulties, there are hopeful signs that the people appreciate our efforts among them."

## THE HINDOO GIRLS' SCHOOL

is still well attended and prosperous. Miss Ross' first impressions of this school will, we are sure, be of interest to many :—" We went up a narrow dark stair into a medium sized room. The walls and floor were composed of earth, and in a row round the wall sat the little pupils on the ground floor. Several of them looked very bright and interesting. Some of the children were absent, and when inquiries were made, we found they were away at a wedding. Their attempts at printing on their slates were excellent, and nearly all could repeat the Commandments and the Lord's Prayer with great accuracy."

## THE MARATHI GIRLS' SCHOOL

is also prosperous, there being from thirty to forty present daily. Many of the girls in this school read in the fourth book, and work, with ease and dexterity, very intricate patterns in fancy work.

## TWO ADDITIONAL SCHOOLS

have been sustained during the year, and the names of one hundred and twelve pupils in all, entered. The attendance is variable, owing to Hindoo festivals, marriages, etc. In the High Caste Girls' school alone, fifteen have been removed during the year, on account of marriages. In all the schools religious instruction is given daily.

## A NORMAL CLASS

for the training of native Christian teachers has been organized, and six pupils attend regularly. Others have applied for admission, and it is hoped that a High school may eventually be formed in connection with this class.

## A SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS

of eight native Christian women is taught, and it is the intention to re-open other Sabbath schools, as they form an excellent basis for day schools. During the year a

## EURASIAN GIRL

has been taken by Miss McGregor, with a view to fitting her for future usefulness in the mission field. Miss Ross is now superintending her English education, and it is possible that others may be provided for in a similar way.

In the month of September last, Miss McGregor writes that she found in one school, in a very low neighbourhood, that some women came frequently to listen to the singing; one of these women had been attending the school regularly for months, and after her own lessons were finished, she voluntarily assisted in teaching the children. This woman had also expressed a desire to enter the Sunday

School in the camp. Let us pray earnestly that the heart of this inquirer may be opened for the reception of Divine truth, and that she may in the near future, carry to her unsaved sisters the Gospel message.

#### THE ZENANA WORK

is still to some extent carried on, though there is much need of workers in this department. In her last letter, Miss McGregor mentions that they had been invited to a new home, where the gentleman had three wives, who all listened attentively to the singing and reading, and thanked them courteously for their kindness in coming. Look for a moment at the vastness of the work to be accomplished. "There are now on this planet three hundred millions of women who have only the Buddhist hope of being born again as men, instead of toads or snakes; there are eighty millions of women in Moslem harems; and there are uncounted millions of women and children growing up in the most degraded superstitions, and suffering in mind, body and estate, from inherited pagan customs." Turn now on the other hand, and note the comparative insignificance of the instrumentalities employed. Not one ordained missionary today, for one million of heathen in China; only one woman in twelve hundred in India under instruction, and all that united Protestant Christendom raises annually for missions, is the sum of seven millions four hundred thousand dollars, which amount would not pay the cost of intoxicating drinks in the British islands for two days, nor in the United States for three days, and that the entire amount contributed by Christian women in the United States and Canada for missions, is not the one-tenth of the sum they expend for the single article of dress—kid gloves. These facts are not only discouraging, but humbling, and in the light which they flash on the Christian Church of the nineteenth century, we are ready to cry out:—"The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish, so that we be not able to build the wall." But, praise God, there is more to encourage than to discourage; the soul of one human being is worth the whole world; the omnipotent power of Jehovah is ranged on the side of the Gospel, and the word is:—"Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord."

"Arm of the Lord, awake, awake!  
Put on thy strength, the nations shake,  
And let the world adoring see,  
Triumphs of mercy wrought by Thee."

Mission work among the women and girls at Mhow, though broken in upon by the absence of

#### MR. AND MRS. CAMPBELL

in the districts, is steadily progressing. Among others, Mr. Campbell has baptized a widow, who is proving a most useful helper. She is employed in the girls' school, and also in visiting the women at their homes. We have recently learned that Mrs. Campbell has

been ordered home on account of ill health; it is earnestly hoped that native air and skilful treatment, with the blessing of God, may, in her case, prove complete restoratives.

MRS. JUNOR

has written us a most interesting letter in which she reiterates her former statements regarding the oppressed and neglected condition of the majority of Chinese women, and again expresses a hope that something may speedily be done towards the establishment of a girls' school in Formosa. Mr. and Mrs. Junor have the sincere and prayerful sympathy of the entire Church in his failing health, and in view of their removal from positions of such great usefulness in the Foreign field, we feel almost inclined to question the wisdom of the Divine arrangements; but, above the disquietude occasioned by this, and other apparently discouraging circumstances, we hear the Master's voice saying:—"What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter."

In the month of October last, a letter was received by the Board, from the

REV. DR. MACKAY,

asking the Society to contribute the sum of \$3,000 (three thousand dollars) to \$4,000 (four thousand dollars) for the building and other expenses connected with the establishment of a girls' school in northern Formosa. As the Board had already, as mentioned, assumed the responsibility of making provision for all departments of the work in India, it was obliged to defer the consideration of Dr. McKay's request until after the annual meeting. This opening seems to have presented itself in answer to prayer, and we must never allow it to be said by other generations that such a grand opportunity for the education and Christianization of some of the future wives and mothers of Formosa was given, and that the Presbyterian women of Canada were not prepared to respond *quickly* and heartily with the necessary means.

The interchange of Foreign letters with Miss Thomson, Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Eastern Section, has been of interest and encouragement to our Society, as well as our correspondence with Mrs. Chisholm, Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, St. John's, Newfoundland.

THE PATTERNS, FANCY WORK, ETC.,

sent out with Miss Ross by the Board, were thankfully received, the package having reached its destination in good order. Miss McGregor was delighted with the variety, and when the box was opened, said that the ladies had forgotten *nothing* that could be of use to them in their work. She has given each of the little girls in the schools one of the small dolls with movable arms.

While the recapitulation of the work of our Society during the



year cannot fail to produce in our hearts gratitude and thanksgiving to God, it must tend to remove from us any thought of self-complacency, and humble us in His presence to-day, on account of our selfishness and indifference. How much has been expended upon ourselves, our own pleasure and gratification, and how little true, systematic giving to God and His cause. We have so devoutly uplifted the prayer:—"God be merciful unto us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us," and have forgotten the necessary and expected result of such an experience; "that Thy way may be known upon the earth, and Thy saving health among *all* the nations." In the words of Joseph Cook, we say that, as a Society, we have this year thrown *one pebble*—the sum of \$7000 (seven thousand dollars) into the great ocean of missionary effort, and we stand by with an amused childish conceit on the shore of history, watching the ripples produced by our pebble, and suppose that we are reforming the world. Our children will wonder at our enthusiasm over small things, for it is yet, despite all our cause for praise and thanksgiving, but the day of small things in missions. True, the history of modern missions is unparalleled, but in the past forty years the increase in the number of converts in heathen lands has been only four fold, when it ought to have been twenty fold. The Christian Church the world wide, should double its membership every year, were this the case, we might reasonably expect to see the knowledge of the Lord cover the earth within the lifetime of some present here to-day. *How shall they hear without a preacher*, this brings home to each one of us our responsibility. God could convert the heathen without our instrumentality, but it does not concern us to ascertain what God *can do*, but what He *does*. We know of no other means for the conversion of the heathen, other than the agency of the Holy Spirit, and the *publishing* of the *good news*. "The temple of nature tells us there is a God, but it tells not our *relation* to Him." Christ, the Saviour of fallen man, is not visible in the dewdrop glistening on the rosebud; on dancing waves, or in stormy wind; the sunbeams do not write the history of redeeming love on the blue canopy of heaven, nor angel voices chant the *old, old story*, in eager, listening ears; but "*ye shall be witnesses unto Me*, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the *utmost part of the earth*."

L. J. HARVIE.

*Foreign Secretary.*

## *Treasurer's Statement.*

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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 .....	\$214 79
" Proceeds of Social Meeting in Peterborough.....	46 80
" Special Subscriptions .....	241 53
" Pamphlets .....	4 30
" Two Life Members .....	50 00
" Auxiliaries and Mission Bands—	
Agincourt .....	\$118 13
Almonte .....	292 00
Avonmore .....	12 00
Ayr .....	33 00
Belleville, John St. ....	\$85 00
" "Labourers of Love" M.B. ....	72 00
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Bothwell .....	157 00
Brucefield .....	30 61
Carleton Place .....	38 00
Chatham .....	42 00
Chatham Township.....	75 00
Clinton .....	7 00
Embroy .....	130 00
Fergus (Melville Church) .....	23 00
Harrington .....	110 00
Indian Lands .....	36 00
Ingersoll (Knox Church) .....	123 45
Georgetown and English River .....	39 03
Kincardine .....	174 80
King's Road .....	96 00
Lancaster, 1882 .....	81 00
" 1883 .....	\$60 44
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	99 21
Lochiel .....	74 00
London .....	200 00
McDonald's Corners .....	7 00
Mitchell .....	42 35
Ormstown .....	112 00
Ottawa .....	300 00

Sarnia.....	\$200 00	
Seaforth.....	210 50	
Stratford.....	50 00	
St. Mary's (Widder St.).....	23 00	
Teeswater.....	42 00	
Toronto (Central Church).....	165 14	
" Murray-Mitchell.....	\$625 25	
" "Willing Workers" M.B.....	225 00	
" "Hopeful Gleaners" ".....	200 00	
" "Cheerful Givers" ".....	157 75	
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Vankleek Hill.....	55 00	

Hamilton Presbyterial Society—		
Ancaster.....	\$33 00	
Burlington.....	40 00	
Misses A. & M. Bastedo.....	2 00	
Caledonia.....	27 00	
Dundas.....	28 06	
Waterdown.....	6 60	
Jarvis.....	30 00	
Dufferin.....	78 20	
Flamoro' S. S.....	15 00	
Hamilton.....	211 07	
Mrs. Watson's Juv. Band.....	80 00	
St. Paul's Mission ".....	132 75	
McNab St. " ".....	140 00	
Central Ch. " ".....	100 00	
" " Bible Class.....	38 85	
Interest.....	1 06	
	<hr/>	963 59

Lindsay Presbyterial Society—		
Lindsay.....	\$35 00	
Uxbridge.....	80 00	
Beaverton.....	17 00	
	<hr/>	132 00

Peterboro' Presbyterial Society—		
Peterboro'.....	184 44	
" St. Paul's.....	89 00	
" Children's Bazaar.....	136 56	
Port Hope.....	70 00	
Lakefield.....	42 90	
Keene & Westwood.....	25 25	
Cobourg, Members' Fees....	2 00	
Interest.....	1 10	
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Whitby Presbyterial Society—		
Brooklyn.....	\$70 42	
Ashburn.....	52 12	

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\$214 79  
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Columbus .....	\$38 00
Whitby.....	66 00
Port Perry .....	29 10
Oshawa .....	49 00
Newcastle .....	24 70
Dunbarton .....	41 00
Newtonville.....	14 50
Enniskillen .....	2 50
Bowmanville .....	120 00

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To Interest on Bank Account .....	6560 40
	16 40
	<u>\$7134 22</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

By Expenses of Annual Meeting.....	\$4 00
" Printing Report, Programmes, Cards and Letters ....	254 84
" Advertising.....	18 75
" Stationery and Postage .....	28 90
" Work sent to Indore.....	8 00
" Sexton of Knox Church .....	6 00
	<u>\$320 49</u>
Balance on hand .....	6813 73
	<u>\$7134 22</u>

I have examined the accounts of Mrs. J. M. King, Treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and found all correct, the receipts being as above, including balance from last year, seven thousand one hundred and thirty-four dollars and twenty-two cents, and the disbursements three hundred and twenty dollars and forty-nine cents, leaving for appropriation the amount of six thousand eight hundred and thirteen dollars and seventy-three cents (\$6813.73).

WILLIAM REID.

Toronto, 7th April, 1883.



Received by Special Subscriptions and Collection at Annual Meeting the sum of \$187.40, making the total amount at the disposal of the Society .....		\$7001 13
Paid Dr. Reid.....		7000 00
Balance on hand .....		<u>\$1 13</u>

J. M. KING,  
Treas. W. F. M. S.

Toronto, April 24th.

SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

(Included in the foregoing.)

Ladies' Aid Society, St. Andrew's, Fergus .....	\$10 50
Morvyn House Band .....	87 00
Miss Meikle, Guelph .....	2 00
Mrs. D. Allan, " .....	1 00
Miss Langwell, St. Laurent (Que.) .....	5 00
Proceeds of Dr. Jardine's Lecture .....	22 70
Woman's Missionary Association, Knox Church, Galt ....	60 00
Ingersoll, Erskine Church S. S. ....	\$11 33
"          "          Primary Class .....	5 00
"          "          Mrs. McEwen .....	4 00
"          "          Miss J. Baxter .....	4 00
St. Mary's, Miss Moscrip's Class.....	24 33
Thank Offering, C. S. E.....	14 00
Winnipeg .....	10 00
	5 00
	<u>\$241 53</u>

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*Presbyterial Society of Hamilton.*

(ORGANIZED 1877.)

*List of Officers :*

MRS. LYLE, Hamilton .....	<i>President.</i>
" MALLOCH, " .....	} <i>Vice-Presidents.</i>
" GEO. THOMSON, Ancaster .....	
" ABRAHAM, Burlington .....	
" GRANT, Oneida .....	
MISS FERRIER, Caledonia .....	
MRS. FLETCHER, Hamilton .....	
" SCOULAR, " .....	} <i>Rec. Secretary.</i>
" A. J. MCKENZIE, " .....	
" LAIDLAW, " .....	
MISS JAMES, " .....	
MRS. LAWRIE, St. Catharines .....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
" SMELLIE, Hamilton .....	<i>Cor. Secretary.</i>
MISS MCILWRATH, " .....	

*Members of Presbyterial Board.*

ANCASTER.....	Mrs. Brandon, Miss Chep, Mrs. Manning.
DUNDAS.....	Miss McKenzie, Mrs. Laing.
BURLINGTON .....	Mrs. Bastedo, Mrs. Laing, Mrs. Kerns.
CALEDONIA .....	" Forbes, Mrs. J. Scott, Miss A. Walker.
WATERDOWN .....	Miss McGregor.
ST. CATHARINES.....	Mrs. Burson, Mrs. Currie, Mrs. St. John.
HAMILTON .....	" Steele, Miss Wanzer.

AUXILIARIES.

NAME OF SOCIETY.	Date of Organization.	No. of Members.	Amount Contributed.	NAMES OF SECRETARIES.
Hamilton .....	1877 .....	53	\$211 07	Mrs. Jas. Steele.
Caledonia.....	Nov., 1878 .....	19	27 00	" Forbes.
Burlington .....	Sept., 1878 .....	24	40 00	" G. C. Bastedo.
Dufferin and Indiana .....	.....	.....	78 20	" Grant.
Ancaster .....	Jan., 1879.....	12	33 01	" Brandon.
Dundas.....	1880 .....	7	28 06	Miss McKenzie.
Waterdown .....	Aug., 1879 .....	.....	6 60	" McGregor.
St. Catharines .....	Dec., 1882 .....	15	No rep.	Mrs. Burson.

## BANDS.

NAME OF SOCIETY.	Date of Organization.	No. of Members.	Amount Contributed.	NAMES OF SECRETARIES.
Mrs. Watson's Juvenile Band .....			\$80 00	Mrs. Watson.
"Home Circle," (St. Paul's Church).....	Dec., 1878 .....	16	132 75	Miss Watson.
"Friends of India" (McNab St. Church)—Indore .....	April, 1879 .....		100 00	} Miss Davidson.
"Friends of India" (McNab St. Church)—Bible Woman, Formosa.....			40 00	
"Steady Streams" (Central Church) .....	Dec., 1881 .....	60	100 00	Miss A. Henderson.
Bible Class Band (Central Church) .....	Dec., 1881 .....		38 85	" Troup.

## SPECIAL DONATIONS.

Missionary Box, Misses Anna and Mabel Bastedo, Burlington .....	\$2 00
Flamboro' Sabbath School .....	15 00
Jarvis Congregation .....	30 00

Interest added to December 31st, 1882, \$1.06.  
 Contributed to General Fund, \$963.60.

## REPORTS.

The year 1882 has been a very quiet but not altogether uneventful one to our Society. We have to record not any startling progress, but a steady, natural growth, and the adoption of some changes which we hope will lead to greater improvements in the future. A number of our members attended the annual meeting of the General Society, held in Peterboro' last April, and returned strengthened, encouraged and inspired with new zeal, bearing with them the

idea that the adoption of the Constitution approved by the General Board, and followed by the other Presbyterial Societies, would facilitate the working of our own, and tend to interest our auxiliaries with us in the spread of missionary intelligence. It was finally decided to take the step proposed and to hold a meeting for that purpose sometime in September, to which the Toronto Board should be asked to send a delegate. During the summer your Secretary visited most of the Auxiliaries and explained to them the change proposed. The meeting was held as arranged on the 19th September, and the re-organization proceeded with under the direction of Mrs. Harvie, Toronto. It is confidently expected that the step then taken will be for the benefit of all mission work within the Presbytery.

On the 14th July the Society had the pleasure of meeting Miss Rodger, our missionary from Indore, who was home on furlough. The meeting was attended by several representatives of our Auxiliaries and also by a number of children who are specially interested in the schools of Indore.

The amount of missionary matter distributed throughout the Presbytery during the year has been considerable. Through the kindness of a member of the Hamilton Society, a missionary magazine has been sent monthly to each Auxiliary. Missionary letters have also been regularly received from Toronto and forwarded by your Secretary, but not in such numbers as in former years, owing to the reduction of our staff in Indore.

Only one addition to the number of our Auxiliary Societies has been made this year, but its prospects seem most hopeful. On the 11th December last your President and Secretary visited St. Catharines by invitation, held a most successful meeting, and organized a Society. Good news is expected from this, our youngest sister, by the end of the year.

It is impossible to draw up any report of our work without missing over and over again the faithful worker who shared it all, and who would have been with us to-day, and—"is not—for God took her." But we dare not lament Miss Duffield; a death in the harness was her own desire. She rests from her labours, and her works do follow her. "May I die the death of the righteous, and may my last end be like his."

M. D. McILWRAITH.

Secretary.

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

*Hamilton*—Not much progress to report, but a general increase in numbers and contributions. We meet on the first Thursday of the month for prayer, and missionary intelligence.



A few weeks ago our Society met with a severe loss in the removal by death of Miss Duffield, who has been its valued Secretary since its organization. She was untiring in her efforts to interest others in the noble work of missions, and wherever she went she was ready to speak a word for her beloved Master. But to her He has now given other work, and in her ears have sounded the blessed words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

J. EMILY STEELE,  
*Secretary.*

*Caledonia*—Our list of members is smaller than last year, but our average attendance and the contributions show an increase. We can testify that the interest in and love for the work is unabated. May God bless our Society and our work, and increase our usefulness in this year upon which we are entering.

LIZZIE M. FORBES,  
*Secretary.*

*Burlington*—We meet regularly once a month, for prayer, reading the foreign letters and other missionary intelligence, and our meetings are always interesting and profitable. We are also endeavouring to interest our children in the work, and find great encouragement in so doing. Two little girls not long ago gave in \$2 which they had saved—candy money I might call it. We had the great pleasure of a visit and an address from Mrs. Harvie last October.

H. BASTEDO,  
*Secretary.*

*Dundas*—Monthly meetings held regularly (except in the month of August) during the year. Though the number was small our meetings were very interesting. We trust that, with renewed energy on the part of each member, our numbers may be increased.

E. B. MCKENZIE,  
*Sec'y-Treas.*

*Ancaster*—Our meetings are held regularly every month and are attended as well as formerly, though we have no increase of membership. The interest of those who attend has in no way abated, and we hope and trust to do more in the future.

MRS. BRANDON,  
*Secretary.*

*Dufferin and Indiana*—Another year has passed and our members still evince unflagging interest in the great and glorious work. Although our meetings have not been as frequent as we would like, the zeal of our members continues.

ANNA GRANT,  
*Secretary.*

## *Presbyterial Society of Whitby.*

(ORGANIZED 1880.)

Another year with its joys and sorrows, cares and trials, work and rest, has come to a close, and what is the record it brings? Much that is encouraging. When we think of what has been done in the past, our hearts are filled with thankfulness to our heavenly Father, who has moved the hearts of so many of our dear sisters to do more earnest work for the Master, and enables us to realize more and more this great truth, that woman has much to do in the cause of missions; and I feel assured if our congregations would only become more thoroughly acquainted with the cause, our membership roll would be largely increased, and the work of Foreign Missions would become dear to us, and we would then engage in the work with double heart and double energy, and be moved to ask, "What shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits?"

From the various Reports I have received, I find much that is encouraging, and a growing interest throughout our different auxiliaries—an increase of membership and likewise in their offerings—made, I believe, with loving hearts and earnest prayer that the blessing of God may accompany them into far off heathen lands. For though we find much that is discouraging, yet by prayer and patience the work will become more precious, for we feel already we would not resign the privilege of attending and working in our missionary meetings—especially as we have our Saviour's command, "Go teach all nations"—and with His love constraining us, may our hearts glow with deepened interest in the great harvest-field of the heathen world; and I feel confident that at the close of 1883 our Report will be one of great encouragement to ourselves and others.

The encouragement of the year now closed is due very largely to our dear and much esteemed President, who though having passed through many scenes of sorrow and suffering, has not allowed these to come between her and duty, and by her indefatigable efforts and earnest zeal, our different Auxiliaries have been stirred up to duty, and another branch added to our number.

We desire to convey our thanks to the Presbytery of Whitby for kindly arranging to hold its present meeting in Whitby, and in giving us the privilege of listening to two of its members at our public meeting in the evening upon missionary work. With the foregoing remarks I will proceed in giving a summary of Reports from the various branches.

*Ashburn* numbers seventy-three members, and reports evident growth in interest. Average attendance twelve. On account of sickness and trouble had only ten monthly meetings, and regret

their offering being smaller than formerly, it not being in their power to make any extra effort.

*Brooklin.*—Seventeen members—an increase of five new members from last year. Meetings held every month with the exception of one, and much interest manifested in missionary letters, and other readable matter relative to the subject; and though their wishes have not been realized, yet express a good hope for improvement in the coming year.

*Port Perry.*—Fifteen members. Reports great thankfulness for their success during the past year, in being able to more than double their offering of the year previous, and that simply by envelope contributions. Much regret is expressed at the loss of one of their office-bearers, who has been removed from earth to heaven (Miss Foreman) and who gave promise of great usefulness in the Master's work.

*Oshawa.*—Twenty-five members. The attendance much better than last year, and their meetings more interesting, not only on account of missionary work, but also in the spirit of religious devotion manifested by the members; the Report of their Delegate to the annual meeting held at Peterboro' having largely increased their interest.

*Newtonville.*—Twelve members. Report a strong desire to witness to greater things, but have been able to increase their number, though few; and have been able to keep their society in working order throughout the year, with a growing interest in the cause.

*Newcastle.*—Seventeen members. Though the same in number as last year, new ones have been added, others lost by removal. Meetings held regularly at the Manse, and much interest manifested in the work, largely increased by a visit from our respected President and Mrs. Douglas.

*Bowmanville.*—Twenty-eight members. Interest in the work continues steady and increasing, and, I must add, as formerly, have carried off the palm financially.

*Enniskillen.*—Eleven members. A rather desponding Report from lack of interest in the subject, but trust the coming year will bring new life and encouragement.

*Dunbarton.*—Seventeen members. Express great interest and delight in their little meetings, and by a "Parlour Social" were enabled to enhance their offering.

*Columbus.*—Twenty-one members. Have held nine meetings during the year, and, although not mentioned in the report, I feel that much interest must be taken, as their contribution is a liberal one.

And last though not least *Whitby.* Twenty-seven members. Have held meetings regularly at the Manse, and on the whole have been interesting and tolerably well attended.

In the beginning of the summer the members commenced, with loving hearts and willing hands, a sewing society in aid of the funds, but through sickness and other unavoidable circumstances, have not been able to realize as much as we fondly anticipated; but

with God's blessing on the coming year we have every prospect of doing very much better.

I cannot close my Report without recording the loss we have sustained by removal of our much valued Corresponding Secretary, whose place I have endeavoured to fill during the last four months. But we feel that what has been our loss will be another's gain.

MARGARET R. CAMPBELL,  
*Corresponding Secretary pro tem.*

AUXILIARIES.

NAME OF SOCIETY.	Date of Organization.	No. of Members.	Amount Contributed.	NAMES OF SECRETARIES.
Bowmanville .....	1878 .....	28	\$120 00	Miss M. Murdock.
Oshawa.....	1877 .....	25	49 00	" Helen Boyd.
Whitby .....	1876 .....	26	66 00	Mrs. G. H. Robinson.
Newtonville.....	1881 .....	12	14 50	Miss S. Harrison.
Newcastle .....	1881 .....	17	24 70	Mrs. W. McNaughton.
Dunbarton .....	1878 .....	17	41 00	Miss E. Thomson.
Brooklyn .....	1881 .....	17	20 42	" Thomson.
Ashburn .....	1876 .....	23	52 12	" M. Anderson.
Columbus.....	1881 .....	21	38 00	Mrs. David Beath.
Port Perry .....	1880 .....	15	29 10	Miss C. B. Gordon.
Enniskillen .....	1882 .....	11	2 50	" Mary Henry.

Amount contributed in full ..... \$458 34  
Sent from Columbus to Mrs. King, ..... 24 00

\$481 34

OFFICERS.

- Mrs. ROGER, Ashburn.....President.  
 " DRUMMOND, Newcastle .....  
 " LITTLE, Bowmanville .....  
 " LESLIE, Newtonville .....  
 " RATCLIFFE, Columbus .....  
 Miss GORDON, Whitby .....  
 Mrs. KEITH, Oshawa.....Recording Secretary.  
 " D. McLACHLIN, Bowmanville .....Corresponding Secretary.  
 " J. McMurtry, Port Perry,.....Treasurer.



*Presbyterial Society of Peterborough.*

(ORGANIZED FEBRUARY, 1882.)

This Society, though formally organized in February, 1882, by Mrs. Ewart, who, accompanied by Miss Topp, came to Peterborough for the purpose, did not come into operation until after the annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, which was held in April last at Peterborough. We had, at the time of our organization, three Auxiliaries in this Presbytery, and although as yet we have had no additions to that number to report, we have the promise of several, and hope before very long to be able to organize them. The reports of the different Auxiliaries are as follows:—

*Port Hope—Seventh Annual Report.*—In order to meet the requirements of the Presbyterial Society, our report necessarily embraces but a period of ten months. During that time our Society has been advancing slowly but steadily. Our membership numbers twenty-eight, an increase of six on the previous year, with an average attendance at our monthly meetings of twelve. These meetings have been well sustained during the summer months. In July the first meeting of the Peterborough Presbyterial Society was held at Port Hope, and imparted no small impetus to our Auxiliary.

We have contributed of our means the sum of seventy dollars, the proceeds of ten months. Oh that the Spirit of God would descend upon us and so fill us with His love that we would be constrained to do more in the Master's service! May it be our fervent desire and our unwearied effort, as God gives us opportunity and ability, to aid in establishing that kingdom, "Whose dominion shall extend from sea to sea and from the river unto the ends of the earth."

MRS. GALBRAITH,  
*Secretary.*

*Lakefield—Annual Report.*—The members of the Lakefield Auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society present their annual report, through the Presbyterial Society, with great pleasure, and feeling that what was so much needed to curtail the work of the Toronto Board, has been fully organized and is in operation. We regret that, owing to our year being shortened to nine months, we have to report funds considerably lower than last year, but we trust we shall be able to add greatly to our coming year, both in members and funds. Only six meetings have been held during the year, but we thank God for increased interest in the work. Missionary intelligence is always heartily received, and it would be hard to estimate the value of these monthly letters to us, which have been penned by one of our own beloved sisters labouring in heathen lands. Early in the year a few little girls desired to be formed into a Mission

Band. They were duly organized. They have contributed much encouragement to us by their continued interest and zeal.

S. GRAHAM,  
*Secretary.*

*Peterborough—Sixth Annual Report.*—The past year has been an important and eventful one to our Society. In April last the Annual Convention of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held in our midst, and the addresses given and the conversations held upon that occasion have no doubt been the means, with God's blessing, of keeping up and increasing the interest already felt in the particular work which we are striving to assist. In July many of the members of our Auxiliary went to Port Hope to attend the first meeting of the Presbyterial Society to which we belong, and had there the pleasure of meeting Miss Rodger, one of our Missionaries, and Mrs. Douglas, both of whom had lately returned from India, and had much to tell of the customs and habits of the natives and the progress of the work among them. During the past years we have been able to contribute to the funds of our Society a larger sum than ever before, having remitted to the Treasurer of the Presbyterial Society the sum of three hundred and twenty-one dollars (\$321). One hundred and fifty of which being the proceeds of a bazaar held by young friends in Peterborough in aid of our Society.

CLARA HAULTAIN,  
*Secretary.*

These reports are very encouraging, and we hope next year to have many more Auxiliaries from which to send reports. Our first annual meeting was held in January in Peterborough. The meeting was well attended, and many of the congregations in our Presbytery were represented. The President's Address told us of many congregations now ready to form Auxiliaries, and also of the great interest which is being awakened on all sides. A telegram was received from the Whitby Society, with the prayer contained in St. Luke, xii. 32—"Fear not little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."

E. B. DENNISTOUN,  
*Rec. Sec'y, Peterborough Pres. Society.*

The officers of the above Society are as follows:

MISS ROGER, Peterborough .....	<i>President.</i>
MRS. FAIRBAIRN, " .....	<i>Vice-President.</i>
" FINLAY, Lakefield .....	<i>Treasurer.</i>
" R. H. DENNISTOUN, Peterborough .....	<i>Rec. Secretary.</i>
" CRAICK, Port Hope.....	<i>Cor. Secretary.</i>

Since the annual meeting of the Peterborough Presbyterial Society, in January, 1883, two new Auxiliaries, one in Colborne, the other in Cobourg, have been formed, and the Peterborough Auxiliary has been dissolved, and one under the name of the "St. Paul's Church Auxiliary" Peterborough, has been organized there.

*Presbyterial Society of Lindsay.*

(ORGANIZED OCTOBER 12TH, 1882.)

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Mrs. STEWART, Uxbridge.....	President.
“ HASTIE, Lindsay.....	1st Vice-President.
Miss ROBINSON, Beaverton.....	2nd “
Mrs. COCKBURN, Uxbridge.....	3rd “
“ McALPINE, Lindsay.....	Corresponding Secretary.
Miss JACKSON, Uxbridge.....	Recording Secretary,
Mrs. TREW, Lindsay.....	Treasurer.

Such a short time has elapsed since the formation of this Society that the report, under any circumstances, must have been brief. In addition to this many things have transpired to prevent the extension of the work in the Presbytery. The President has been confined to her room through illness for nearly three months, and for some time previous was not able to leave home. Other members of the Society have also been ill, and this together with the very severe winter has hindered the work.

The *Beaverton* Auxiliary reports a decrease in the contributions this year, but attributes it to the removal of a number of its members, and not to any decrease in individual giving or interest—on the contrary there is evidence of an increase in both, and though few in number, they go forward to the work of the coming year with renewed zeal, counting it an honour as well as a privilege to be engaged in any way in sending the Gospel to those who have it not. Contribution, \$17.

The *Lindsay* Auxiliary reports an increase in membership—the number being now 37—the reception of the foreign letters—a visit from Mrs. Harvie—a lecture from the Rev. J. Douglas, and a desire for renewed energy that they might be instrumental in giving to the heathen the good news of a Saviour “who came to bind up the broken heart, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.” Contribution, \$35.

The *Uxbridge* Auxiliary reports an increase both in membership and contributions. The average attendance has not been as large as one could desire, but while failing to attend in person the ladies have sent in their envelopes monthly, some bringing as many as six from friends whom circumstances prevented from coming themselves. The membership numbers 40, and the contribution is \$80.

Total amount contributed by the Lindsay Presbyterial Society since its organization in October, \$132.

BERTHA JACKSON,  
*Recording Secretary.*

### *Synopsis of Reports from Auxiliaries.*

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*Ottawa.*—The blessing of the Lord has surely followed us throughout the year, and we have been prospered beyond our hopes. The interest in the work is growing, and our membership has increased from seventy to ninety. We are thankful to be able to contribute to the funds of the Society the sum of \$300, more than twice the amount of last year. Truly our God is "the hearer and answerer of prayer."—ELLEN HAY, *Rec. Secy.*

*London.*—From the record of the past year we have reason to thank God and take courage. The membership continues about the same—thirty-six. The monthly meetings have not been so well attended as they ought, but we trust this year we may be drawn together by an increasing interest in Mission work, and that others may be enlisted, remembering that to be co-workers with Christ is the highest honour we can attain. Contribution \$200.—M. D. BLAIR, *Secy pro tem.*

*Sarnia.*—This has been an eventful year in the history of this Auxiliary, one crowned with much mercy and temporal success, tempered with deep sorrow under the chastening of the Lord. We mourn the death of our beloved President, Mrs. Vidal, whom God has seen fit to take to Himself, and whose loss is one that "Time the channel deeper wears." Our meetings have increased in interest, and the attendance has been encouraging; the membership is twenty-four. We have to thank the Executors of the Will of the late Mr. John Robson for the sum of \$150, left as a legacy to the Society, to be applied according to the wishes of this Auxiliary. Adding this to our ordinary contributions we are glad to be able to remit the sum of \$200.—C. C. CAMERON, *Secy.*

*Almonte.*—We have again to report most satisfactory results from the united efforts of this Auxiliary. The members number forty-four, many of whom take a deep interest in the work. Monthly meetings well attended. Contribution \$292.—W. H. WYLIE, *Secy.*

*Seaforth.*—This Auxiliary has done well. With a membership of fifteen the sum of \$210.50 has been raised. Monthly meetings held regularly, and Missionary intelligence received and read.—J. ANDERSON, *Secy.*

*Central Church Auxiliary, Toronto.*—This Auxiliary has much pleasure and thankfulness in presenting its first Annual Report. The interest has increased during the year; number of members 67, and average attendance at meetings 25; total amount raised during the year, \$165.14.—J. GORDON, *Secy.*



*Clinton.*—Membership 18, and contribution \$130. Would like to see a larger attendance at the monthly meetings and more interested in the work, but those who do attend have done well.—HATTIE A. IRWIN, *Secy.*

*Indian Lands.*—A little more knowledge of foreign Missions is diffused, and consequently a sense of personal responsibility is taking deeper root amongst us. We send as our contribution \$123.45, with the prayers of some who count the good of Zion their chiefest joy. Membership 41.—C. C. A. FRASER, *Secy.*

*Agincourt.*—We have much pleasure in recording this year an increase in membership and funds beyond any former year, and we have cause for deep gratitude to Him who has blessed our efforts. We have 35 members and contribute \$118.13.—A. CRAWFORD, *Secy.*

*Ormstown.*—This Auxiliary is encouraged to press on with the work by increasing earnestness and interest on the part of the members. As an evidence of this the contribution is \$20 in advance of last year, viz.: \$112.—JEANIE MORRISON, *Secy.*

*Fergus.*—Twenty-six meetings have been held during the year for work and business. \$110 has been realized from fees, contributions and the sale of work. The membership of this Auxiliary is fifty-two, of these twenty-seven are members of the General Society.—I. L. SMELLIE, *Secy.*

*Kincardine.*—This Auxiliary sends in \$96 to be applied to the Boys' Home in Formosa, Membership twenty—smaller than last year on account of removals, but contribution considerably increased, which says much for the interest in the work.—A. M. JOHNSTON, *Secy.*

*North Georgetown and English River.*—This Society having joined the ranks of the W. F. M. Society (W. S.) in October, 1882, sends in a contribution of \$174, and has a membership of sixty. Six meetings have been held during the year, all pleasant and instructive.—ELIZABETH ORR, *Secy.*

*Lochiel.*—This branch holds meetings each alternate month, and lately they have been well attended and much interest manifested; has contributed \$74. Membership twenty-four.—KATIE McMILLAN, *Secy.*

*Stratford.*—This branch has a membership of about fifteen, and contributes \$50, with the hope and prospect of doing more next year. Meetings held monthly and Missionary intelligence read with great interest.—KATE HOSSIE, *Secy.*

*Carleton Place.*—Although our membership has decreased during the past year we are still encouraged to go on with the work. We number twenty-two, and our contribution is \$42.—MRS. A. A. SCOTT, *Secy.*

*Chatham.*—The meetings of this Auxiliary are held regularly every month; membership forty-three and contribution \$75, being

considerably in advance of the previous year, and we hope for still better results as the interest deepens and extends.—ELLEN L. HOIG, *Secy.*

*Chatham Township.*—This Branch sends a contribution of \$7.

*Teeswater.*—This Auxiliary only reports for eleven months; has twenty-six members, and contributed \$42.—C. HARRIS, *Secy.*

*King's Road Auxiliary.*—Has a membership of twenty-six and contributes \$81. Meetings held monthly, well attended, and interest increasing.—MRS. P. A. McARTHUR, *Secy.*

*Belleville.*—The Ladies' Association here was only organized into an Auxiliary of the W. F. M. Society in February, consequently has no special report this year, but sends a contribution of \$85.—MRS. R. TANNAHILL, *Secy.*

*Ingersoll.*—This Branch is in an encouraging state; membership thirty-seven. Monthly meetings held regularly and missionary letters much valued. Contribution \$39.03.—LINA MCKENZIE, *Secy.*

*Harrington.*—In this Auxiliary there is a growing interest in the objects of the Society, in spite of difficulties to be contended with; reports a larger membership and more voluntary contributions. Amount sent in, \$36.—ANNIE MCKENZIE, *Secy.*

*St. Mary's (Widder Street Church) Auxiliary.*—Membership forty-nine and contribution \$23. Monthly meetings held and interest increasing. Hope to do more next year.—A. S. MACLEOD, *Secy.*

*Vankleek Hill.*—In this Branch the prospects are, on the whole, encouraging. Monthly meetings held regularly, with a fair attendance, and the missionary intelligence appreciated and enjoyed. Contribution \$55.—JANE McINTOSH, *Secy.*

*Avonmore Auxiliary.*—Organized November, 1882, with a few members. "Have just had two meetings, but send our mite, hoping next year to do more." Membership, ten; contribution, \$12.—MRS. JOHN McDERMID, *Secy.*

*Ayr Auxiliary* reports an increase in membership, although not in the attendance at the meetings, but feels encouraged by the prospects for the new year. Members twenty-eight, and contribution \$33.—MINA CAMERON, *Secy.*

*Bothwell.*—Unabated interest is maintained in this Auxiliary. Twenty-one names enrolled and monthly meetings held with regularity. Missionary letters looked for and listened to with pleasure. \$30.61 contributed during the year.—J. McCRAVEY, *Secy.*

*Embro.*—Membership sixteen, and amount raised \$23, without help from any outside source.—J. MACKAY, *Secy.*

*Brucefield.*—There are nineteen members in this Auxiliary, all taking an active interest in the Society. All the meetings not held on account of stormy weather. Contribution \$38.—MAY THOMSON, *Secy.*

*Lancaster.*—This Branch has a membership of ten, and although it has fallen behind financially this year, it is from no lack of interest in the work, but because of a change in the plan adopted for raising funds. Missionary letters read with pleasure, and, we trust, profit. Contribution \$99.21.—G. E. CALDER, *Secy.*

*Mitchell.*—This Branch has held six meetings during the year, and has raised the sum of \$42.50.—MRS. D. S. CAMPBELL, *Secy.*

*McDonald's Corners Branch,* organized in February 1883, has a membership of fourteen, and contributes \$7.—E. J. MCKENZIE, *Secy.*

"*Murray Mitchell Auxiliary.*"—Twelve meetings have been held during the year, the average attendance being about forty-five. During the month of August, when many of us were seeking necessary rest and change elsewhere, our much-lamented President, Mrs. Burns, remained at her post of duty, and while busily engaged in the work she loved so well, her Father called her home to "His eternal rest." We esteem it a high honour and privilege to have enjoyed in our early history the patient oversight and fostering care of a Christian lady so eminently devoted and accomplished, and although *now* we see her face no more, we earnestly trust that the influence of her gentle courtesy and unselfish thoughtfulness may long remain among us. A short Memoir of Mrs. Burns has been published and extensively circulated. We have received during the year *six* new life-members; the whole number of our members is one hundred and fifty-two. We remit to the General Treasurer (after deducting expenses) the sum of \$625.23; this includes \$150 from St. Andrew's "Women's Association." In addition to this, the Mission Bands in connection with us have contributed \$582.75, making in all the sum of \$1,207.98.—JESSIE COCKSHUTT, *Secy.*

### *Mission Bands.*

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"*Willing Workers*" *Mission Band* of Knox Church, Toronto.—A change in the time of holding the annual meeting was made this year, one of only nine months, so that although the contribution, \$225, may seem smaller, it is in reality larger than that of last year. Membership about 50.—LIBBIE SCOTT, *Secy.*

"*Hopeful Gleaners*" *Mission Band*, of St. James' Square Church, Toronto.—We have much pleasure in reporting good attendance at the meetings, and increased interest in the work. The meetings have been solely for the reception of Missionary intelligence, and for prayer for the success of Missions. Not the least interesting feature has been the reading of carefully prepared "papers" by members of the Band on different Mission fields. Contribution this year, \$200.—MARY MCINTOSH, *Secy.*

"*Cheerful Givers*" *Mission Band*, of Charles Street Church, Toronto.—Though the membership has scarcely been increased during the past year, the interest of those who attend the fortnightly meetings has evidently deepened in the great work of Foreign Missions. For several reasons the amount raised is not quite as large as in former years. Membership, twenty-three; amount raised, \$150.—ISBEL REID, *Secy.*

"*Labourers of Love*" *Mission Band*, Belleville.—This Band sends this year a contribution of \$70. The Missionary letters are read at the meetings and much enjoyed.—BELLE FORIN, *Secy.*



*Seventh Annual Report of the General Board of  
Management.*

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WE have gladly availed ourselves of this opportunity of submitting to our friends a detailed statement of the work of this Society during the past year, and now, at the risk of a little unavoidable repetition, desire to direct attention to one or two points of importance which naturally grow out of it,

As in the past, there has been the usual necessary routine of general business, accompanied, however, by some variety and by many tokens fitted to encourage and cheer.

Early in the year, feeling assured that the Society would heartily approve of the plan, we stated to the Foreign Mission Committee our willingness to meet any expense incurred in the preparatory training of ladies intended for Foreign work. This we considered would be advantageous in many respects, and would also afford to us an opportunity of becoming somewhat familiar with those who will ultimately be our representatives and regular correspondents.

Very soon after this, as you have already heard, we welcomed our friend Miss Rodger, who had "come aside to rest awhile," and about the same time—we trust in answer to earnest prayer—three young ladies offered themselves for Foreign work, the particulars of whose appointment have been laid before you. Miss Ross is now in the field, Miss Oliver is now pursuing a course of study, and Miss Robinson has, in the wise providence of God, been prevented from carrying out her cherished desire.

In this connection we direct attention to the fact that it is the earnest wish of the Foreign Mission Committee that our ladies should bear in mind that volunteers for this important branch of their work are much wanted. Let each one, therefore, remember her responsibility in the matter, that she may in her intercourse with the friends of her own immediate circle direct the attention of suitable persons to this service of the Church,

When Miss Ross was about to sail for India, your Committee had the pleasure of wishing her good-bye and good-speed, and we sent with her a box of articles likely to be useful to our missionaries in the Zenanas and schools. The time at our disposal was too short to admit of asking the co-operation of friends at a distance, but we might now consider whether it would not be well to be ready with a similar box, on a larger scale, for the next opportunity of sending one.

Following the example of older and larger societies, we now issue

to our life members a certificate specially prepared for that purpose, which has met with a very favourable reception. In order to make the document as complete as possible, it was thought fitting that we should adopt a permanent motto for the Society. After careful consideration the words "The World for Christ" were selected. This expression has been used in similar circumstances by God's people in the past, and we trust it may prove to us an *unfailing watchword*. It is with special satisfaction we add that in this our seventh year the number of life members has more than doubled; let our aim be in the future to keep up this very high ratio.

We are already somewhat familiar with the general features of the work now being carried on at the different Mission stations from the Foreign correspondence which is kept up with regularity; and now that fuller particulars have been placed before us, while we note that there have been discouragements and anxieties of various kinds, we are also satisfied that there exists an unfailing tendency to hold on, and continuing to do this the work will not only become more aggressive but final success will be assured.

In listening to the account of the Home work, there are some points quite new, because it is only on such occasions as these that our large family hears from and sees its individual members, therefore each little history becomes interesting and the annual gathering a pleasant reunion of co-workers.

The steady onward progress has been very marked, and specially is this the case in respect to our falling into line in Presbyterian order, the slow regularity of our development being characteristic of our country and of Presbyterianism; and while we are gradually adapting ourselves to our circumstances, it is interesting to note that, at the present time in Scotland, the cradle of Presbyterianism, the Church is actively engaged in forwarding the formation of Presbyterian Societies for Ladies' Associations, profiting in this respect by the experience of our American friends.

The past year will be memorable to many of us; into some homes sorrow and bereavement have come, but still the year has been crowned with loving kindness and tender mercies.

And what shall we say of those who have hitherto been actively engaged at our side, sharing the work and the responsibility, now removed from earthly activity and intercourse and friendship to the perfect rest above, still to serve the Master, but *now* without weariness. The list is a long one, and appeals to the sympathies of all. Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Vidal, Mrs. Burns, Miss Duffield, deeply mourned in their own respective circles, and causing a sad vacancy in our united band, ours the heritage of a bright example and a memory fragrant of lives spent in usefulness.

So, one after another, our places must be filled, and death comes with the imperative command to cease from our labours, imparting an urgent meaning to life, and holding us to our tasks by its constant admonition that the time for carrying out our plans is short and uncertain.

As the work extended and the interest deepened, questions arose which your Committee were unable to answer, we therefore requested an interview with the Foreign Mission Committee for the purpose of obtaining such information as would lead us to answer these questions intelligently, and we beg to acknowledge the ready courtesy and patient attention accorded to us on that occasion.

Much valuable information was placed at our disposal, and several requests were promptly granted. We will in future receive, as soon after the meeting of Assembly as possible, an estimate each year of the probable cost of our part of the work, and in addition to this a statement of the manner in which the money sent in during the past year has been expended, and by keeping the whole Society informed on these points we hope to facilitate united and harmonious action. You have already been informed respecting the amount required for the past year, and have heard from our Treasurer that the desired sum has been secured—heart-service has made the work light—the want only required to be made known for the ready response to come. On the history of this effort it is impossible to dwell—it is known to our Heavenly Father—but we are fully warranted in taking it as a *pledge* of more to come. There are two items of business at present under the consideration of the Committee, of which you have already heard, a request by Dr. McKay, of Formosa, and the offer of a sum of money to the Society under certain conditions, both of which will be brought before you in the regular course of business.

Being now seven years of age, we may speak of the friends who have identified themselves with us from the first as old friends; to them, and to others more recent but not less true, we offer our sincere thanks.

We beg to direct attention to the card which has been issued, containing the subjects for united prayer; its present form is convenient, and we expect much in connection with it.

A condensed statement of the year's work is now placed before you:—Life members, 26; number of members, 2,000; 830 of these are members of the General Society. Presbyterial Societies, 4; Auxiliary Societies, 66; contributed by Auxiliaries, \$5,414.05; Mission Bands, 11; contributed by Mission Bands, \$1,146.35. Total amount contributed during the year, \$7,001.22.

And now as we go forward to the dim and uncertain future, with its hopes and responsibilities, may our Heavenly Father who knoweth best the shortcomings and imperfections of our service, be graciously pleased to accept our unworthy efforts in His cause, and stir up in our hearts more earnest desires to do His will, going before us and permitting us to hear His voice saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it."

M. J. MACMURCHY,  
*Recording Secretary.*

TORONTO, April 10th, 1883.



*Annual Meeting, April, 1883.*

**T**HE Seventh Annual Meeting of the Society was held in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 10th and 11th April. The ladies met at 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, and at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday. The General Committee met for ordinary business on Wednesday at 10.30 a.m., and a very pleasant and successful Public Meeting was held in Knox Church Lecture Rooms on Tuesday evening. Tea was served at 6.30 and afterwards addresses were delivered by the chairman, Rev. Dr. McLaren, and also by Revs. Dr. Castle and H. M. Parsons. The audience enjoyed music between the addresses—singing by Miss Günther and the Messrs. Gordon, and a piano solo by Miss Günther.

The meeting on Tuesday morning was occupied with the address of welcome and reply, the President's address, an address by Mrs. Douglas, and general conversation. In the afternoon the various Reports of the Society were presented, the officers and general committee for the year were elected, etc., etc.

On Wednesday afternoon the meeting was addressed by Miss Weed, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and two papers were read, one by Miss Muir, of Toronto, and the other by our own missionary, Miss Rodger. A very interesting address by Mrs. Keer, and the transaction of some general business, followed by informal conversation on the prospect of the work, and the passing of cordial votes of thanks, closed the business of the afternoon meeting.

The following ladies took part in the devotional exercises:—the President, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. McLaren, Miss Weed, Miss Haight, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. W. Reid.

The address of welcome was read by Mrs. Harvie, of Toronto, and replied to by Mrs. Beattie, of Port Hope.

The Reports were presented by Miss Topp, Mrs. Harvie, Mrs. King, Mrs. Steel, of Hamilton, Miss Darlington, of Whitby, Miss Haultain, of Peterborough, and Mrs. MacMurchy.

The following ladies also took part in the proceedings:—Mrs. Malloch, of Hamilton; Miss Cameron, of Sarnia; Miss Veals, of Peterboro'; Mrs. McMurtry, of Bowmanville; Mrs. Graham, of Galt; Mrs. W. B. McMurrich, of Toronto; Mrs. McNaughton, of Newcastle; Mrs. Smellie, of Hamilton; Mrs. Roger, of Ashburn; Mrs. Campbell, of Whitby, and several others.

The Annual Meeting, both in regard to the large audiences and the great interest manifested, was a complete success, and will not soon be forgotten.



Delegates were present from Hamilton, Ottawa, Peterboro', Ypsilanti, Oshawa, Brooklin, Galt, Lindsay, King's Road, Williamsburgh, Fergus, Newcastle, Ashburn, Newtonville, Uxbridge, Dunbarton, Cobourg, Georgetown, English River, Port Perry, Seaforth, Whitby, Beaverton, Chatham, Bothwell, Bowmanville, Port Hope, Agincourt, Harrington, Sarnia, and a representative from the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada. Telegrams of greeting were received on Tuesday afternoon from Ottawa, Montreal and Halifax.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—I am very glad, indeed, to see so many here this morning. Having been preserved throughout another year, we are, I trust, met with thankful hearts to tell and hear of all the many mercies and loving kindnesses of our Heavenly Father, and of all that this Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been enabled by His blessing to accomplish during the past year. I need, I am sure, add nothing to the hearty and loving welcome tendered you by Mrs. Harvie on our behalf, nor yet to the feeling terms in which she has alluded to those dear friends who were with us last annual meeting, but are now no more. May we benefit by their bright example. It is, dear friends, rather difficult for me to find much that is interesting to say, without encroaching on what will be read to you this afternoon by our Secretaries. Nevertheless, there are one or two things I may mention. And, first, let me say to those Delegates from Sister Societies how much we value their presence with us. That, as well as the letters and telegrams received, testifying to their hearty good will and deep interest in our work. And in this connection, I would mention Miss Weed, Delegate from the Woman's Board of Missions, of the North-west, United States, a Society which has never failed to send a representative to bring their hearty Christian greetings, and with whose Delegates we have not only had very pleasant intercourse, but they have also stirred us up to higher aims and more earnest work, so that our motto, "The World for Christ" may become a reality. We also very gladly welcome Miss Rodger, our returned missionary, who has been now some months in Canada taking a much needed rest. Then we are so glad to see so many Delegates from our own Auxiliaries. May our intercourse be much blessed and productive of lasting good. This Society has now attained to such dimensions that the position of President is one of very considerable responsibility, and had I not been so ably supported and helped by those associated with me in the management, and more especially by the Secretaries, the burden would have been a heavy one. As it is, I feel deeply thankful to our Heavenly Father who has so guided us, that we can,

without very much fear, stand before you and give such an account of our stewardship as we trust will be satisfactory.

The Home Secretary's Report will show a decided progress not only in additional Auxiliaries formed, but, in a deeper interest manifested in Foreign Missions, while, if you are inclined to think from the Foreign Secretary's Report, the actual work in India has not made such rapid advance as you would like, I must ask you to remember, that, from various circumstances, the labourers there, this last year, have been few. But we know "We shall in due time reap if we faint not." Let us then send up an earnest prayer to our Father, to put into the hearts of many, the desire and determination to consecrate themselves to this work, that of helping to "win the world for Christ." There is, my dear friends, no work that will yield you more real happiness than this. For just as surely as our dear Saviour has said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," so surely will she who is giving either time, money or earnest prayer for the advancement of His kingdom received, into her own soul a thousandfold of blessing.

We have not, we are sorry to say, quite reached the \$7,000 we pledged ourselves to raise this last year, but we are not far off. Perhaps our evening meeting will make up the deficiency.\*

There are two or three matters of interest which have come before us, and which are merely alluded to in the reports. One a communication from Dr. McKay; another the offer from a member of our Society of a considerable sum of money for our Mission in India, on certain conditions, but these with others will be brought up for discussion to-morrow afternoon.

We hope that in the time devoted to conversation, our members and delegates will not hesitate to bring forward matters of interest or questions which—on being satisfactorily answered—will tend, we are quite sure, to make our work not only harmonious, but more deeply interesting. We are very much pleased to find that Mission work and a missionary spirit is spreading amongst our young people. In a very few years, no doubt, we shall find many of those whose youth now prevent their offering themselves to Mission work, but whose hearts are aglow with love to their dear Saviour, in the forefront of the battle, and proving themselves valiant soldiers of the Cross. When we allow our thoughts to dwell on that idea, "The world won for Christ," how insignificant and comparatively worthless any other subject seems, and yet we toil and tire ourselves out in striving for the things that perish with the using, in a large measure forgetful of the Life beyond, and that many thousands of our fellow-creatures are perishing for lack of the knowledge of a Saviour. My dear friends, let us rouse ourselves. "*The kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever.*" Shall we then stand idly by and be content to have little or no part in this warfare, and so lose His

\* The amount was made up in the afternoon by the ladies present.

*blessing?* Let, my dear friends, zeal and earnestness take the place of coldness and indifference, and then shall we be able to join with heart and soul and work in the spirit of the hymn which I now ask you to sing.

"Zion's King shall reign victorious,  
All the earth shall own His sway;  
He shall make His kingdom glorious,  
He shall reign in endless day."

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### ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

BY MRS. HARVIE, TORONTO.

Our city has often been the rallying ground of large assemblies and mighty interests, but none more interesting or important than the convocation of earnest, consecrated women gathered in it to-day, having for their aim the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom over the whole earth. A more than ordinary interest gathers around this meeting—it is more than a simple anniversary; this our seventh annual meeting marks an epoch in the history of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and shall ever, we trust, be memorable as the connecting link between our infancy and a strong and vigorous youth. Was it not fitting that this event should be celebrated in Toronto, the place of our birth?

To our old friends, the representatives of Auxiliaries, who early realized the enslaved condition of Pagan women, and their need of the Gospel, and who all these years have prayed and laboured for their Christianization, we say *well-come*. To the representatives from our Presbyterial Societies, Hamilton, Whitby, Peterboro', and Lindsay, who are endeavouring to enlist the sympathy and coöperation of every congregation within the bounds of their Presbyteries, for "woman's work for woman in heathen lands," we say *well-come*. To our new friends, representatives of Auxiliaries, whose hearts have but recently been fired with the missionary spirit, we say *well-come*. To our honoured guests, who come to us delegated from the Woman's Board of Missions for the North-west, U.S., the Baptist, the Methodist, the Episcopalian Boards, and representatives from all other Sister Societies, we say *well-come*, because we know no creed in our work, but redemption through the blood of Christ, and salvation for perishing sinners.

We bid you welcome to our hearts. How many tender ties, and old associations will be revived through this missionary gathering to-day; hand will clasp hand firmly and lovingly, and hearts long sundered will hold sweet communion for a brief moment before again taking up the responsibilities of active work. And new friendships—friendships that will outlast time, and be fresh and green after the lapse of ages—will be the fruit of our meeting.

We bid you welcome to our homes, and in doing so would remem-



ber that lovers of hospitality have in some instances been privileged to entertain angels unawares; and right sure are we that these noble missionary women, our guests, have been *angels* of love and mercy since the formation of this Society to many dark and benighted homes; *homes*, did we say? Pagan women have no homes, not even a word in their language to convey the idea of one. And who can tell, perchance the missionary influence radiating from your presence in *our* homes may be the means of giving to the cause of missions a Duff, a Mackay, or a Mrs. Murray-Mitchell.

We bid you welcome to St. Andrew's Church, fully believing that the gathering of Christian women in this beautiful temple to-day is but an earnest of similar gatherings in the near future on "India's Coral Strand," or in the heart of the Dark Continent.

We welcome you, dear sisters, in the name of the Presbyterian women of Toronto, whose hearts are, and ever will be, we trust, warm and true to Christ, His cause, and His people. We welcome you in the name of Pagan woman, who even at this present moment are crying with outstretched hands and mournful voice, "Send us the Gospel faster, faster, ye who dwell in Christain lands." We welcome you in the name of our missionaries who are toiling patiently, hopefully, forgetful of difficulties, loneliness, or weariness, because they know that a band of women, almost *two thousand* strong, are holding them up in the arms of faith and prayer. We welcome you in the name of the Master whose ye are, and whom ye serve, and who has been present in every little monthly meeting during the year, verifying the promise, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

But however perfect and tender we desire our welcome to be, it is in reality incomplete, the golden chain is broken, and some of the links are gone, lost to us, at least for a little season. Fond memory would recall the loving presence of one of these lost ones. The tall and dignified figure, the calm, benignant brow, the active mind, the eye shining with spirituality and the clear light of love, nay the whole person the embodiment of the grace of love, love to God, and love to a perishing humanity. But our effort is useless, we cannot bring back the *living* presence. We shall go to her, but she shall not return to us; and glad thought, our sister, Mrs. Burns, will be waiting yonder on the shore of the "Jasper Sea" to welcome to the "New Jerusalem" the missionary women whom she loved, and with whom she laboured here.

Our assemblage, inasmuch as it is representative, has a voice; it speaks; can we catch the import of its utterances? The foes of the Gospel hear and tremble. Listen! We are coming, a mighty host of women, more than six thousand strong, including the membership of all the Canadian Societies, augmented by hundreds of thousands of British and American women, and, God helping us, we will never lay aside our armour, the girdle of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword



of the spirit, until every woman and child, from the little one playing on the banks of India's sacred river, to the inhabitant of the region of eternal snows, shall have heard Messiah's name, and when there shall be no watchword rallying mightier forces in all the world than "*Woman's work for woman in heathen lands.*"

And now let every heart be uplifted to the God of assemblies, that He may be present, that we may receive power; power to will, to do, to suffer, power to wait or to work, always looking for and expecting that day, when we, and those whom He has given us from heathen lands, shall be right royally welcomed to the great loving heart of Christ, to the many mansioned home, to the Church triumphant, the great multitude which no man can number, who have been redeemed out of every nation and kindred and people and tongue, and when we shall unite in ascribing "glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honour, power and might, unto our God for ever and ever."

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#### REPLY TO THE WELCOME.

BY MRS. BEATTIE, PORT HOPE.

The sympathy and hospitality of the friends of Missions in this goodly city have been tested too often to require recognition in formal words. We have come from widely distant points in our beloved Church, but even before we left our homes we all felt assured that we would have a cordial reception and a profitable meeting. Your kindly greeting is the result, we know, of the mysterious power in your hearts of the truth taught by the favoured apostle when he says, "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." Through faith in our precious Saviour we are bound together in the bonds of that love and the enjoyment of the priceless blessings of hope and peace. Having the same mind that was in Christ, we are met together to-day to unite our prayers and deliberations, that these blessings may be enjoyed by every immortal soul. How sweet at this moment are the words of our blessed Lord, "where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them." The meetings of our Auxiliaries may be very unassuming in their character, but we know that an infinite value attaches to them, and we love and prize them on account of this precious promise. In this meeting we will rejoice in our Saviour's presence, and see Him in the life and spirit of one another; we will speak and hear His words and meditate upon His life, sacrifice and love. When we think of the magnitude of the work to which the Church of Christ is called our hearts fail us. Then our Lord says unto us, "Fear not." Ye are a little flock, but ye shall inherit the earth. It is the good pleasure of the Father to give you the kingdom. Here we will learn anew the exalted position which we occupy, and remind each other that "our Redeemer is strong,

the Lord of Hosts is His name." If we have faith to grasp our Master's words, we will believe that every missionary meeting is a fountain of the most resistless and far-reaching influences which are at work in our world. All the forces and obstacles of the world appear as nothing to those whose faith is true and strong. God has committed the Gospel to His Church and said: "carry this into all the world and to every creature." While He alone can open the doors and make our work successful, He says unto us, "Be faithful," "Be not weary." Six hundred millions of immortal souls have never heard the glad tidings of great joy. It is calculated that by applying to this work the energy of the business enterprise of our day, the Gospel might be offered to every soul before the close of the present century. In the two leading Protestant countries, Great Britain and North America, we are told that the work of 800,000,000 of men is done by mechanical genius and power. In this way the wealth of these countries has been more than doubled in twenty years. Thus God has freed the hands for higher work and provided for their support. Every land has opened its gates for the Gospel. The railways and canals are built, the ship lines are established to take the Missionaries of the Cross to the darkest places of the earth in a very few weeks from the time we say good-bye to them. O, shall we not pray that the day of the Lord's power may come, and all His people be made willing servants, that the gifts may be rendered to their righteous owner and the desert be made to blossom as the rose! We must continually remind ourselves that it is not man, but God, who has said, "The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea;" all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our Lord. For the spread of that saving knowledge we will here unite our prayers. When tempted to seek great things for ourselves we will remember that it is not the honours of earth, or even success according to the world's standard, but simple fidelity that our Lord requires. "Be thou faithful unto death." The time is short. She who responded to the last Address of Welcome has heard the Master's call and has entered in through the gates into the city. Other members are not, for the Lord has taken them. Their voices are silent; but, doubtless, their happy spirits smile on us as we strive to do the work they loved so well. Let us watch and work, and not sleep without seeing that there is oil in our lamps.

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### LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. McLaren, Toronto.	Mrs. Redpath, Montreal.
" Geo. Brown, Toronto.	" MacKay, Windsor.
" McGee, "	" Kennedy, London.
Miss S. E. Haight, "	" Ure, Goderich.
" J. A. Haight, Montreal.	" Topp, Toronto.
" Lay, Toronto.	" McCuaig, Vankleek Hill.
Mrs. Lesslie, Eglinton.	" MacLennan, Toronto.
" C. H. Lay, Montreal.	" C. B. Robinson, Toronto.
" Fairbairn, Peterboro'.	" Paterson, "
Miss Cameron, Sarnia.	" J. M. Cameron, "
Mrs. Little, Bowmanville.	" King, "
" Johnstone, Morrisburg.	" John Leys, "
" Kellie, Skye.	" Ewart, "
	Mrs. Watt, Ingersoll.

Ladies subscribing twenty-five dollars are life members of this Society.

Ordinary members of General Society pay one dollar per annum.

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NUMBER of ladies in each Auxiliary who are members of the General Society.

Agincourt .....	19	Chatham .....	44
Almonte .....	6	Clinton .....	18
Ashburn .....	8	Columbus .....	10
Avonmore .....	7	Dufferin .....	12
Ayr .....	27	Dunbarton .....	3
Beaverton .....	6	Fergus .....	28
Bothwell .....	9	North Georgetown and	
Bowmanville .....	17	English River .....	100
Brooklin .....	4	Hamilton .....	29
Brucefield .....	4	Harrington .....	21
Burlington .....	1	Indian Lands .....	41
Carleton Place .....	8	Ingersoll .....	8

Indiana .....	6	Sarnia .....	7
Lakefield .....	8	Seaforth.....	10
Lindsay.....	9	St. Mary's (Widder Ch.)...	7
Lochiel.....	24	St. Catharines .....	11
London .....	1	Teeswater .....	14
Newcastle .....	8	Toronto (Central Church)	17
Newtonville .....	3	Toronto (Murray-Mitchell)	148
Ormsdown .....	43	Uxbridge.....	6
Oshawa .....	1	Vankleek Hill.....	8
Peterboro'.....	22	Whitby .....	12
Peterboro' (St. Paul's Ch.)	28		
Port Hope.....	11		836
Port Perry .....	2		

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“ Give! as the morning that breaks out of heaven ;  
 Give! as the waves when their channel is riven ;  
 Give! as the free air and sunshine are given,  
 Lovingly, loyally, joyfully give.

“ Not the waste drops of our cup overflowing,  
 Not the faint sparks of our hearts ever glowing,  
 Not a pale bud when June roses are blowing ;  
 Give! as He gave thee who gives thee to live.

“ Scatter thy life as the summer shower pouring!  
 What if *no* bird through the pearl rain be soaring?  
 What if *no* blossom look upward adoring?  
 Look thou to the *Life* that was given for thee!”



# Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

(WESTERN SECTION.)

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## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—This Society shall be called "THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA" (Western Section), and its central point of operation shall be the City of Toronto.

ARTICLE 2.—Its object shall be to aid the Foreign Missionary Committee and Board of Missions, by promoting its work among the women and children of heathen lands, and for this purpose it shall receive and disburse all money which shall be contributed to the Society, subject to the action of that Committee or Board, in the appointment of Missionaries supported by the Society, and fixing their salaries and locations. For the furtherance of this end it shall endeavour to organize similar Associations throughout the Church, and these Associations shall bear the name of "Auxiliary Societies to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada," and shall report their work to this Society at such times as the By-laws may direct.

ARTICLE 3.—Each person paying one dollar annually, through an Auxiliary or direct to the Treasury, shall become a member of this Society. The payment of twenty-five dollars by one person, at one time, shall constitute a life membership.

ARTICLE 4.—The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of thirty-six managers, including the President, four Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, two Corresponding Secretaries, and a Treasurer. They shall be elected from the members

of the Society annually, by the members who are present at the Annual Meeting. They shall have power to elect non-resident Vice-Presidents, and to appoint corresponding members when the objects of the Society shall be promoted thereby; they shall also have authority to fill vacancies occurring in their body during the year.

ARTICLE 5.—There shall be an Executive Committee, composed of the officers and four other managers, to be elected annually. This Committee shall have power to transact business as may require attention in the intervals between the stated meetings of the Board. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 6.—The Annual Meeting shall be held in Toronto, or elsewhere, as the Society shall from year to year determine, on the second Tuesday in April, when the Board of Managers shall give in their Annual Report, and the Officers and Managers for the ensuing year shall be elected. The Board may, however, for special reasons, postpone the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE 7.—A Special Meeting of the Society may be called at any time by the President, upon the request of three Managers.

ARTICLE 8.—This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting of the Society, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; notice in writing of the intended alteration having been given at a previous meeting.

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## BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1.—The Board of Managers shall hold its stated meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, at three o'clock p.m., or at such time and place as it shall appoint. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 2.—The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and perform such other duties as are incident to the office. She shall call special meetings upon the request of three members, and shall be *ex officio* a member of all Standing Committees. She shall sign all drafts upon the treasury before they are paid.

ARTICLE 3.—The senior Vice-President present shall, in the absence of the President, perform all the duties of her office.

ARTICLE 4.—The Treasurer shall receive and hold, and keep an account of all money given to this Society, and shall disburse it as the Board of Managers shall direct. She shall report the state of the treasury at each regular meeting. Her Annual Report shall be examined by an auditor appointed by the Board.

ARTICLE 5.—The Recording Secretary shall keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Board, give proper notice of special and stated meetings, and prepare the Annual Report of the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE 6.—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary for the Foreign Field, to conduct the official correspondence with the Foreign Mission Committee or Board, and also with the missionaries, teachers, and Bible readers supported by this Society. She shall prepare the Annual Report of the Foreign Work. Missionaries supported by this Society shall be required to make regular reports to her.

ARTICLE 7.—The Corresponding Secretary for the Home Field shall correspond with churches and individuals, and extend information in all proper directions, in order to awaken an interest in the branch of missionary work for which this Society was formed. She shall prepare the Annual Report of the Home Work.

ARTICLE 8.—Auxiliary Societies shall be required to make an Annual Report to the Board on or before the first Tuesday in March.

ARTICLE 9.—Any manager who shall be absent from three successive meetings of the Board, without notifying the same of the reason of her absence, shall forfeit her position, and her place may be filled.

ARTICLE 10.—These By-laws may be amended at any meeting of the Society, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; but notice of any proposed amendment must be given in writing, and sent to all Auxiliaries, one month before the vote is taken.

NOTE.—Any member of this Society desiring to bring up matters for discussion at the Annual Meeting, is requested to give notice to the Board of Management, one month before the time of meeting, or, when such notice is not given, the matter may be referred to a Committee named at the time.

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## CONSTITUTION

*For an Auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.*

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ARTICLE 1.—This Society shall be called the — of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (Western Section).

ARTICLE 2.—Its object shall be to aid the General Society in sending to Foreign Fields and sustaining female missionaries, Bible readers and teachers, who shall labour among heathen women and children.

ARTICLE 3.—Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of \$—— annually.

ARTICLE 4.—The officers of this Society shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE 5.—The President shall preside at all meetings, and have a general oversight of the work.

ARTICLE 6.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record the proceedings of the Society, give notice of meetings, and prepare the Annual Report. She must also keep the General Society informed of the condition of the Auxiliary, and forward a list of officers with the Report and the Treasurer's statement.

ARTICLE 7.—The Treasurer's duty shall be to report the state of the treasury at every meeting, and remit the funds yearly to the Treasurer of the General Society, on or before the first Tuesday in March.

ARTICLE 8.—This Society shall hold regular stated meetings, when all suitable measures shall be adopted to promote interest in this branch of Missionary work; also an annual meeting to elect officers and hear the Annual Report.

ARTICLE 9.—An Auxiliary Society, raising sufficient means, may have the privilege of designating a missionary whom they would wish to support.

#### MEMORANDUM.

Any rules relating to the local affairs of the Society may be adopted, provided they do not conflict with the Constitution and By-laws of the General Society.

NOTE.—Do not interfere with other organizations. Make no appeal that shall conflict with duties Church members owe to any other benevolent work.

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