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Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Home Secretary's Report.

YN going through the records of the home work of our Society for the past year, at nearly every point we see some progress, some development, some growth, and it certainly looks as if in this our sixth year we had taken a long step forward. And so we have. We cannot stand still in our life as a Society. There will ever be new work forcing itself upon us to be done, about which we have no choice, if we do not wish to retreat from a position gained. There will always, thank God, be hearts newly dedicated to His service, whose love will find an outcome in this direction; there will ever be some waking out of the sleep of indifference to ask for a share in this work; and the children will be reaching on to bear their part, and fill the places we now occupy.

This growth goes on, some years so slowly, and always so quietly and unostentatiously, that, to the casual observer, one year's Report seems almost the echo of the other; but to those whose hearts are really interested in the work, the steady progress is so apparent that they are constrained to acknowledge "the good hand of our God upon us," and to feel that He is blessing the means used. We do not glory, but rather humbly rejoice in our growth and increase, knowing it is all due to the abundant blessing of our Heavenly Father. May He through whose watchful care we have been graciously kept and guided in the past, go with us into the future!

One of the most important features in our progress is the increase of Presbyterian organizations. A Presbyterian Society groups together the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands formed, or to be formed, within the limits of a Presbytery, and is in perfect accord with the government of our Church. When properly managed, it has in itself power to develop the resources and call out the energies of the field under its control. Its advantages are many—we cannot stop to name them now—they will be found in the leaflet on this subject issued by the Central Board, and sent down to all the Auxiliaries last October— suffice it to say, that such a Society, with a certain measure of authority, asks the women of the Churches within its bounds to organize themselves for this work, and, if need be, gives them a helping hand

in so doing. Of these Societies we have three, and we look forward hopefully to the formation of others in districts now almost ripe for it.

The Hamilton Presbyterian Society has now six Auxiliaries and six Mission Bands, and the Report shows they are all full of life and zeal, working well and contributing largely.

The Whitby Presbyterian Society has been in existence little over a year, and has already added three new Auxiliaries to its ranks, which now number ten Auxiliary Societies and one Mission Band, this proving better than words the efficiency of this plan.

The Peterborough Presbyterian Society was organized two months ago, with three Auxiliaries, and we confidently hope it will be strengthened by the addition of branches in many, if not all, the Churches of the Presbytery before very long.

In the Presbytery of Glengarry we have now eight Auxiliaries, which we feel would work more intelligently, and with perhaps more interest, if united together in this way, especially as they are at such a distance from the Central Board.

During the year just closed ten Auxiliaries have been organized. This number includes those already referred to in the Presbytery of Whitby—Newtonville, Newcastle and Brooklin—also Kincardine, Lindsay, Bothwell, the "King's Road Auxiliary" in the county of Glengarry, the Widder Church (St. Mary's) Auxiliary, and two in Toronto—one in connection with the Central Church, and the other composed of ladies from seven of the city churches, under the designation of her "Murray Mitchell Auxiliary." These are all in good working order, and give promise of accomplishing much in awakening an interest in missionary work, and in adding to the funds of the Society. The two in Toronto supply what for some years has been felt to be a want, and those members of the Society resident in the city now share in all the privileges and advantages belonging to the Auxiliaries. From three of our Auxiliaries we have failed to receive reports this year, and we regret much to erase from our list the names of Exeter and Windsor. Although these two Branches have for the time ceased to exist, still, knowing what God has done for us in the past, in answer to continued faithful prayer, shall we doubt His power now?

Some of the Secretaries write discouragingly, though not hopelessly, as having continued their meetings without perceptible increase; but from the large majority we have been greatly cheered by the assurance of continued and added interest, increase in the membership, a deeper consecration to the cause, and more faithful and earnest efforts, not only to enlarge the contributions, but to enlist the sympathy and aid of others, and bring them to share in the blessing that always accompanies this work. In some districts of the country, where the members of Auxiliaries are far scattered, and it costs an effort to keep up the meetings, a spirit of determination to continue them, and an endeavour to increase, is manifested which is most commendable. The influence exerted through the agency of our Auxiliaries has been quiet, but all-powerful. Some of them are strong and wealthy, others

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are small and weak, and may not be able to give largely into the treasury; but the Lord looketh upon the heart, and "it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." None are too weak to pray and to labour in the interest of this great cause, and prayer and work must ever go hand in hand. That Society, other things being equal, will accomplish most for the Master that prays most earnestly and strives to work as it prays.

Several of the new Branches have been organized, and some of the old ones visited during the year by the Foreign Secretary, and we judge by the reports that her words have been the means of imbuing those to whom she spoke with a measure of her own earnestness and enthusiasm, and a desire to give and work with greater zeal and liberality.

Let me mention an instance to prove the quiet and spontaneous growth of the work. A letter came to the Central Board in November from a country district, telling how a few women not connected with any one Church or congregation, but whose hearts the Lord had touched, and who felt constrained to do something for their benighted heathen sisters, had organized themselves into a Society, but hardly knew how to begin to work. "We met," said the letter, "in much weakness and ignorance; but we knew that the Lord, who put it into our hearts, was able to carry on the work, and would do it." They were welcomed by the Board, supplied with the necessary information, and their faith was not in vain. They began with twelve members, and have now twenty-five, and have sent, as the result of four months' work, the sum of \$26. We hope great things from this Auxiliary.

The success of another Branch has this year been most marked and gratifying—it has raised its membership from fourteen to twenty, and its contributions from \$59 to \$282. Another has doubled its membership, and a third with the same membership has doubled its contributions. We have been greatly pleased to receive contributions from three Auxiliaries from whom we did not hear last year at all, and we might go on to mention others whose prospects are very bright and encouraging.

We are also thankful for the growing interest in the work on the part of the young, as is evidenced by the increased number of Mission Bands and the amounts they have raised. Their efforts have helped not a little to swell our treasury, and they have our best wishes for their continued success and prosperity. We number this year, in all, fifty-seven Auxiliary Societies and twelve Mission Bands.

The missionary letters, which are such a bond of sympathy between the workers at home and the workers abroad, are the great centres of interest in all the meetings; but it might be well not to limit ourselves to these. It would pleasantly vary the programme of the monthly meetings if members would report items of intelligence gleaned from magazines, etc., relating to the progress of the Gospel and its operations in *all* heathen lands, and so embrace a larger field, and help to create a wider and more extended interest. By some of

our Societies the monthly subjects on our Scheme of Prayer are used as the topics for "papers" or conversation at the meetings. We recommend this plan to those who have not already adopted it. The Board recently decided to issue the letters in printed form, which is a decided improvement on the old way.

We would assure those Auxiliaries from whom, during the year, God has seen fit to take away faithful and conscientious officers, of our sincere and heartfelt sympathy. Mrs. Ross, President of the Lochiel Society, and Mrs. Ketchen, Treasurer of the Brucefield Society, have both, since our last annual meeting, been called "home." God grant that others as helpful and true may be raised up to take their places!

Those of us who have been called to take an active part in this work, whether on the Central Board or as officers in the Auxiliaries, have found that it means steady, earnest, faithful labour, from the underlying principle of love to Christ and those for whom He died; and I am sure not one has any regretful thought connected with it, except that the service has not been more devoted—the consecration of every power and talent more entire. And has it not brought with it many blessings to ourselves? Not the least among these is the strong tie it has proved in binding our hearts together in Christian fellowship. Although many of us have not seen one another face to face, and may never do so in this world, still, the knowledge that we are united in this work for the Master draws us near to each other and nearer to Him, when we join in pleading for a blessing on those who are carrying and those who are hearing the message of His finished salvation. When we realize that the reasons and motives for missionary effort are multiplying and growing more imperative day by day, let us *press on* in this part of the work. God has put it into our hands to do as He gives power and opportunity, and there can be no doubt it is growing and widening on all sides. Looking back on the past, and forward to another year, may we be strong in the Lord and full of faith that He has *greater* things for us to do, and yet richer blessings in His hand, if we are only faithful, steadfast and obedient. Let us enter on this new year withholding neither talent nor money from the service, remembering our Saviour's words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me."

AGNES M. TOPP,

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Foreign Secretary's Report.

WE have listened, with hearts overflowing with gratitude, while our Home Secretary has so carefully and hopefully reviewed the Home work of our Society during the past year. And as her ready pen has led us, in thought, from districts where we have large and flourishing Auxiliaries to quiet corners where little hands of faithful, self-denying women are praying and working, amidst much that is discouraging, for the evangelization of the world, we have glorified God for the Mission entrusted to the Church, for the privilege of being co-workers with the Holy Ghost in the conversion of mankind. But we may not tarry longer in the Home field to gather inspiration from the record of faithful services rendered to the Master by Christian women, and therefore we ask you to turn with us for a short while, to that land in the Foreign field around which much of our interest as missionary women, our sympathies and our prayers, have centred since the organization of our Society.

INDIA,

with its (300,000,000) three hundred millions of acute, intelligent, and cultured people, is perhaps one of the most interesting and important Mission fields on the globe; interesting, because here some of the noblest missionary heroes have laboured, and, thank God, some of the grandest missionary victories have been won; important, because its people are subjects of a Christian Queen, ruled by a Christian Government, and yet, strange anomaly, they are but cultured pagans. But why especially, as Christian women, are we interested to-day in India? Is it because of its missionary heroes and heroines? is it because the Queen of England is also the Empress of India? is it because of its many natural advantages and beauties—its cloudless skies, its tropical vegetation, its grand old trees, older than the Mogul Empire? or is it because of its wealth and magnificence, its stately temples, its ivory palaces, its "barbaric pearl and gold?" We answer, unhesitatingly, no; it is because that in its secluded daughters we have millions of degraded, superstitious pagan women, who can only be touched, educated, emancipated by the power of the Holy Ghost working through a Christian womanhood.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is now a recognized department of Church work, its object being three-fold—viz., to give outcome and enlargement to consecrated workers at home, to contribute towards the evangelization of heathen women and children, and to send to the Foreign Mission field lady missionaries, giving them not only temporal, but moral support by womanly sympathies and prayers. The

LADY MISSIONARIES

supported by this Society during the past year are Miss Rodger and Miss McGregor, and to the record of their evangelistic work in the city of Indore and vicinity we bespeak your prayerful attention. Miss Rodger has sent us no detailed statement of her work, and has written the Society but one letter during the year; we are not, however, to infer from this fact that there has been nothing to communicate. From other sources we learn that Miss Rodger is an earnest, zealous worker, and is possessed in an eminent degree with the missionary spirit. Her time has been more than fully occupied in Zenana visitation and teaching in the day schools, the latter being an important department in the work of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission in Indore. Miss Rodger has been labouring eight years in the Foreign Mission field; she returns this year on furlough to her native land, having in all probability sailed for Canada on the 18th of March last. We earnestly ask our Heavenly Father to give the wind and waves a charge concerning her, to preserve her in all her journeyings by sea and by land, and to give us, as a Society, the privilege of welcoming home, after years of faithful toil, this honoured servant of our Lord Jesus Christ. In her correspondence, Miss Rodger describes most faithfully the sufferings and degraded position of

WIDOWS

in India, and in doing so mentions the fact that the woman who "calls" the children to school is a widow, and, although a Brahmin, is *nameless*, being known *only* as Jhonki's grandmother (Jhonki being one of the little girls attending school). "Widows," states Miss Rodger, "must dress very plainly; must lay aside all ornaments; even the nose (marriage) ring is forbidden, and frequently they suffer from want and exposure." A case is mentioned where a poor widow told Miss Rodger, as she was passing, that she had eaten nothing all that day, whereupon her son pulled a few radishes from a wheat sack standing in a corner of the verandah, and gave them to her to eat. Our hearts go out in sympathy with these despised and suffering widows, of whom there are more than sixty thousand under the age of six years to-day in India; and we long to flash upon the horrible darkness, degradation and oppression that enshrouds them, the glorious light of the Gospel, which has for one of its grand basal principles the visitation of the widow and the fatherless.

MISS M'GREGOR

is a most diligent and faithful correspondent, her monthly letter to the Society having been regularly received throughout the entire year. We regret to announce the fact that for some weeks Miss McGregor has been seriously indisposed; so much so that, in all probability, she will be obliged to seek change of air for a longer or a shorter period. From Miss McGregor's correspondence and written statement of work

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ZENANA VISITATION

has met with much encouragement, and has been in some measure successful. Twenty-five families have been visited with more or less regularity, and many more are accessible to the Zenana teacher. The name of Mrs. Bappoo, whose home was one of the first visited by Miss McGregor, is familiar to many of the members of this Society, and they will gladly receive, from one who has had many opportunities for observation, the following testimony concerning the unobtrusive piety of this once heathen woman. We quote from a letter recently received :—" Mrs. Bappoo is to leave Indore in a day or two ; she goes with her husband to Dewas, where there is no Mission ; and when we went to see her this afternoon she said, sorrowfully, ' There will be no one to teach me there.' She is a dear little woman, and is, we believe, a Christian, though she has made no profession. She is able to read, and is very faithful in teaching her children Gospel hymns and portions of Scripture."

Owing to customs which obtain in India, the results of the Zenana work of lady missionaries will not be very apparent in all probability for years to come ; but when the hitherto impregnable walls of caste are razed, thousands of women who have been followers of the Lord Jesus (but secretly, for fear of caste regulations) will openly confess their allegiance to the King of kings. Meantime we can pray for those who are carrying into the very citadel of heathenism—the Zenana—Bible doctrines, precepts and teaching.

MEDICAL ELECTRICITY

has been used to relieve the sufferings of women and children, and has been successful in drawing large numbers of women from the seclusion of their homes, and, while seeking relief from physical pain, they have heard the Gospel. A daily service has been held in the rooms so kindly thrown open for the purpose by native friends, who have greatly assisted our missionary in this work. Miss McGregor mentions having been called to see a woman suffering from some nervous disorder, and while treating the patient medically, a congregation of ten assembled, to whom she spoke of Christ, the great soul healer. The sufferings of even high caste women in India, when prostrated by sickness, are almost incredible. Miss Beilby, in the relation of a pathetic little incident, with which all are familiar, has given us some insight into the neglected condition of sick women in the East. In this department of Mission work doors are opening on every hand ; and as the Home work of our Society steadily increases from year to year, we must look forward to the sending out of one or more medical lady missionaries in the near future.

THE DAY SCHOOLS

connected with the Indore Branch of the Mission are prosperous. Two new schools have been opened during the year, a third having been in existence some time previously. The names of one hundred and twenty pupils have been enrolled, with an average attendance of seventy-five. Four teachers are employed in the schools, and two Bible women, who also assist in Zenana work. The school opened in September last is exclusively high caste, and has an average attendance of thirty-eight, including women. Christian teaching is given regularly in this school, as well as in all the others connected with the Mission. Seventeen women are pupils in various branches, and many now make friendly visits to the Zenana teacher, who improves the occasion by singing hymns, reading the Scriptures, etc. The mixed school opened in the month of October has also prospered; it has an average attendance of twenty, there being twenty-nine on the roll. The school in the camp is still kept open, but it meets with less encouragement than the others, various circumstances having combined to hinder its progress. In the three schools, thirty pupils are boys and ninety girls; no heathen teachers are at present employed in the schools. Our missionaries are also permitted to teach the boys in

HOLKAR'S FOUNDLING'S HOME.

These lads are many of them bright and intelligent, and generally very attentive to their studies. It is hoped that they may be useful Christian men, repaying in some measure the care that has been bestowed upon them. During the latter part of the year three

SABBATH SCHOOLS

were organized—two in the city and one in the camp—these being wholly for native children and adults. From thirty to forty children attended each Sabbath. These schools were conducted with the assistance of various members of the Mission staff. One in the city is still open, and has an average attendance of twenty. An eminent missionary of twenty-three years' experience speaks as follows of the Sabbath School work in India: "The Sabbath School children are multiplying so rapidly that, for the want of a sufficient number of teachers, they have Sabbath schools on Saturday as well as on the Sabbath. The missionaries and the Sabbath school children are singing Christianity into the people."

TWO VILLAGES

have been visited by our missionaries, and schools opened, but these have been discontinued on account of the want of suitable teachers.

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of salvation: "I cannot say that I am lonely, even though, of all places in the world, a small Indian station is calculated to make one feel dreary. I suppose it is because I have so much to do that the day is not long enough for it all. It is true that sometimes I long for a chat with some dear friend, but I try not to give way to depression, and a little talk with Jesus does the rest; and though I would advise no inexperienced girl to take up the life of a missionary, I would never say nay if I had to begin over again in the Mission field. It is a work that I do not weary of, and, God helping me, never will, until He calls me to enter into the rest which remaineth for the people of God."

The evangelistic work among the women and children at Mhow during the year has been successful, and gives good promise for the future. A recent letter from Mrs. J. F. Campbell speaks very encouragingly of the girls' school at that station, this prosperity being greatly due to the painstaking and conscientious work of the native Christian teacher and a young European girl who has been coming regularly to assist in the teaching. Some of these children have been attending the school more than two years, and Mrs. Campbell speaks of them as bright, intelligent and happy children, and asks that they be made subjects of special prayer. Mrs. Campbell also states that two women have recently been baptized, and that other two are asking baptism. The work of Zenana visitation has been somewhat interrupted during the past year, owing to the protracted absence of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell in the districts, where the Mission work has been specially interesting and successful.

From Mrs. Junor, Formosa, we have received one letter of deep interest, and which we trust will result in some definite work in the shape of a

GIRLS' SCHOOL

in connection with our Mission in Northern Formosa. Mrs. Junor says that "she longs for the time when we shall be able to do something more, especially for the women and girls in our Mission, than has yet been done. We think that if we had a school we could in this way accomplish most for them." About the beginning of April, 1881, Mrs. Junor gave up teaching the Bible woman, and since that time this woman has been engaged in Mission work between two of the Mission stations, in each of which she has one woman learning to read. She also visits families, and reads the Scriptures to the various members when they are willing to listen. Mrs. Junor states that one or two other women are ready to come, for the purpose of learning to read, as soon as her home cares will allow her to give the necessary time for their instruction. At the time of writing, Mrs. Junor was comparatively well, perhaps stronger than usual, and much occupied with the care of their little boy, whom God has given them to fill Franky's vacant place.

With sincere gratitude we note the safe arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Mackay at Tamsui. We believe that the presence of

MRS. MACKAY

has done more, perhaps, than anything else to draw out the sympathies of Canadian women towards their heathen sisters in China, and in the future, should openings for the education and evangelization of women and girls in Formosa present themselves, we are sure that the Presbyterian women of Canada will be prepared to respond quickly and heartily with the necessary means.

THE MESSAGE OF LOVE

signed by members of the Committee, and sent from the last annual meeting of this Society to our missionaries, was a happy thought, and has been a strong cord binding together, more closely than ever before, our missionaries, our Lord Jesus Christ, and ourselves.

In reply, Miss M'Gregor writes: "The message so kindly sent from our sisters in Canada was received, and I may thank them, in the name of the ladies here, for the sweet Christian kindness which prompted their letter, and their loving remembrance of us in this our adopted home." Mrs. Junor writes: "I received your letter of April 15th, enclosing the message of love and Christian greeting from the ladies of your Society. What a pleasant thought it was! and I thank you all most heartily for it. It did indeed seem to bind our hearts more closely together in Christian love and sympathy, and made me feel more than ever before that we, though so far apart, are seeking to further the same great cause—the glory of our God and Father—by making known the love of Jesus to our poor heathen sisters." Mrs. Campbell writes, saying: "Will you kindly thank the ladies of your Society for their warm Christian greeting, for their sympathy, and, above all, for their prayers?" In this connection we would mention the

HOUR OF PRAYER,

between five and six o'clock on Sabbath evening, when all with one accord we bow around our Father's throne, with our Saviour's own prayer upon our lips and in our hearts—"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth."

We have been greatly interested in the accounts of Mission work in the island of Trinidad, as presented in letters received by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (Eastern Section) from Mrs. Morton and Miss Blackaddar, and kindly forwarded to our Society by Miss Thomson, Secretary. We also gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the "News of Female Missions in connection with the Church of Scotland," from Mrs. Chisholm, Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, St. John's, Newfoundland.

Our missionaries at Indore have desired their thanks to be presented to the ladies of the Peterborough Auxiliary, for their kindness in sending them "The Interior;" and also to the ladies of the Hamilton Presbyterian Society for the receipt of the "Sunday at Home" and

gifts of Christmas in the schools. A "loving memorial home land."

In concluding to inquire, "What more increased and of praise we answer in heathen lands, more earnest, faith Foreign Mission O speedily as possible field in India. Let women be lifted to may direct the church singularly adapted of winning their people

In view, then, of Society, step into our Let us unfurl our "The Christian Work" in the 'W' "The conversion of thought which carries to the watchword gives voice by the Thank God for the as our sisters from the Episcopal Mission the night?" answer cometh!"

gifts of Christmas cards, etc., the latter having been highly appreciated in the schools. All these gifts have seemed to our missionaries as "loving memorials of their places in the hearts of friends in the dear home land."

In concluding the record of the foreign work of our Society, we inquire, "What is the outlook? What are the possibilities for a more increased and perfect service within our grasp?" With the voice of praise we answer, that the future is full of promise for woman's work in heathen lands, and that as a Society we have every incentive for more earnest, faithful and enthusiastic effort. The General Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee is at present taking steps to secure, as speedily as possible, the services of other lady missionaries for the field in India. Let the hearts of this great assembly of missionary women be lifted to-day in prayer to the God of Missions, that He may direct the choice, so that it may fall upon consecrated women, singularly adapted and qualified, in body, soul and spirit, for the work of winning their pagan sisters to Christ.

In view, then, of the past, the present, and the future, let us, as a Society, step into our seventh missionary year with hope and faith. Let us unfurl our banner, and trace upon it these two sentences: "The Christian Women of every self-sustaining Presbyterian congregation in the 'Western Section,' for the cause of Missions;" and "The conversion of the world." The conversion of the world is a thought which carries us at once to the uttermost parts of the earth; to the watchword given by Christ to the infant Church; to the promises voiced by the prophets, apostles, and our Saviour Himself. Thank God for these promises! in their glorious light we can to-day, as our sisters from the United States—from Baptist, Methodist, and Episcopalian Missionary Societies—cry to us, "Watchman! what of the night?" answer hopefully, trustfully, joyously, "The morning cometh!"

L. J. HARVIE,
Foreign Secretary, W. F. M. S.

Treasurer's Statement.

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

RECEIPTS.

To Balance from last year	\$108 83
“ Proceeds of Conversazione in Knox Church, at Annual Meeting	65 75
“ Special Subscriptions	442 75
“ Pamphlets	2 44
“ Three Life Members	75 00
“ Toronto—	
Members' Fees	\$99 00
In Envelopes and Missionary Box	66 55
Special Subscriptions	120 15
Murray-Mitchell Auxiliary	178 70
Central Church	38 15
“Willing Workers” M. B., Knox Church ..	250 00
“Hopeful Gleaners,” St. James' Sq. Church.	200 00
“Cheerful Givers,” Charles Street Church..	160 00
“Helping Hand,” Cooke's Church	117 00
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“ Auxiliaries—	
Agincourt	\$68 35
Alexandria	5 00
Almonte	282 00
Ayr	30 00
Beaverton	20 60
Brucefield	41 00
Bothwell	11 06
Carleton Place	41 00
Chatham	67 07
Chatham Township	10 00
Clinton	134 00
Columbus (1881)	26 05
Dalhousie Mills	12 00
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Fergus, Melville Church	105 00
Hamilton Presbyterial Society	635 93
“ Friends of India M. B.	40 00
“ Juvenile M. B.	55 00
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EXPENDITURE.

Printing Annual Reports, Programmes, Leaflets, Cards and Letters	\$183 96
Advertising	16 60
Stationery and Postage.....	36 24
Electric Battery for Miss M ^c Gregor	28 10
Dr. Reid, for Salaries of Missionaries, etc.....	5250 00
Sextons of Knox Church and St. James' Square.....	9 00
Balance on hand.....	214 79
	\$5738 69

I have this day examined the above accounts, which have been found correct in every particular, the balance being two hundred and fourteen dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$214.79) in the hands of the Treasurer.

WILLIAM REID.

Toronto, 7th April, 1882.

Special Subscriptions.

(Included in the foregoing.)

Mrs. John Redpath, Montreal	\$40 00
A Friend of Missions, Pickering	5 00
Flamboro' Sabbath School.....	15 00
Ladies' Aid Society, St. Andrew's, Fergus	10 00
Ladies' Association, John St. Presbyterian Church, Belleville.....	80 00
N. Georgetown and English River, per C. W. B. M., for Indore	\$100 00
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	164 50
St. Andrew's, per C. W. B. M.	13 25
Women's Missionary Association, Knox Ch., Galt.....	60 00
Infant Class, Erskine Church, Ingersoll	5 00
Infant Class (Miss Moscrip's) St. Mary's.....	10 00
Mrs. Ball's Bible Class, Guelph.....	20 00
Ormstown Sabbath School.....	11 00
Miss Langwell, St. Laurent	5 00
Mrs. McKenzie, Dalhousie	4 00
Morvyn House Band, Toronto	75 00
A Family, Toronto	15 00

Mrs. McLaren, Toronto
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Mrs. McLaren, Toronto	\$10 00
Davenport Road Mission School, Toronto	10 00
Miss Tait, Toronto	4 00
Mrs. Foster, Toronto	2 00
Mrs. Jardine, Toronto	1 00
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Mrs. D. Galbraith, Toronto	1 00
Mrs. Cadow, Toronto	1 00
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General Statement.

AMOUNTS RAISED BY THE SOCIETY.

First year	\$1,107 99
Second year	2,166 66
Third "	3,225 37
Fourth "	3,682 56
Fifth "	4,666 55
Sixth "	5,629 86
Total	\$20,478 99

PAID FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

First year	\$500 00
Second year	2,400 00
Third "	3,000 00
Fourth "	3,500 00
Fifth "	4,500 00
Sixth "	5,250 00
Total	\$19,150 00

EXPENSES.

First year	\$71 70
Second year	174 33
Third "	216 74
Fourth "	205 82
Fifth "	170 71
Sixth "	273 90
Total	\$1,113 20

*Sixth Annual Report of the Board of Managers,
with Summary.*

THE Board of Managers have endeavoured to place before this Society the details of their work, and of general business throughout this our sixth year; anything further which may be brought under your notice, can only be of the nature of a summary, combined with a sketch of their plans for the future, or recommendations arising out of the gradual development of the work; and in meeting you here to-day, they expect to profit by the wisdom and experience of the united membership, by receiving from you such suggestions as you consider may contribute to the successful carrying out of our undertakings.

HOME WORK.

From the cheering and satisfactory report of the Home Secretary, and from the separate story of each Branch, many facts have been noted which cannot fail to prove both suggestive and helpful. You can readily understand that a correspondence which could furnish such details as these, must in itself have been deeply interesting, and that it has tended, along with the increase of personal intercourse among the members of our Branches, to draw us all more closely together, enabling us to realize that we are *one band*.

Those of us who have gone out to attend special meetings of the Auxiliaries, or to assist in organization, have found ready and intelligent co-workers wherever they went, and have observed that members of the Board who live in different and distant localities, as well as other members of the Society, have been faithfully carrying out the work of extension, each in her own way, and with due regard to the circumstances surrounding her. We therefore infer that we can rely on those ladies as a source of strength; and, whenever they have attended our monthly meetings, we have been cheered by their presence, and by their readiness to co-operate actively with us, the advantages which they possess of familiarity with the spirit and requirements of their own localities being of the greatest service.

It is obvious that in many sections the work of interesting the ladies in Foreign Missions is becoming easier; it is not now so much an attempt to create an interest as to give satisfactory answers to the highly practical questions which arise in the course of conversation on this subject. Still, the thought must be present with us all to-day that there is a vast field yet to be occupied, so that we cannot rest

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satisfied till we are able to bring the claims of heathen woman, with full intelligence and gospel motive, before every woman in the western section of our Church; and, as one step in this direction, could not *each one* of our ladies bring only *one other* into our membership, placing within her reach and bringing under her notice such information as she herself possesses on the subject? This would not only double our numbers (which is very desirable), but also materially extend the influence of our cause, and personally benefit the friends who are thus identified with us, and to many it would not be a very great effort.

FOREIGN WORK.

We have listened with the deepest interest to the narrative of the work in the foreign field, and we all know the value of the missionary letters in maintaining an interest in, and adding freshness and reality to all our plans; but in judging of what has been accomplished, as far as we are in a position to do so, such thoughts as these arise: that while real and faithful work is being done, it is not an *easy thing* to be a foreign missionary; that the Canadian Mission (especially in India) is only breaking ground, or, as it were, feeling its way; that the fruition of experience comes only after long years of toil and patient waiting, this being very clearly marked in the case of Formosa; and that among those *nine millions* of people in the Province of Indore, the success of our young Mission, sent from a youthful country, has been far greater than could reasonably have been anticipated.

Surely, from all that we have heard to-day, we are warranted in taking a cheerful view of the future, and in seeking to strengthen our faith in the promises of God; and since the possibility of reward and triumph is conditioned, not alone upon patient waiting, but also upon continuing and holding on to the end, we will not be cast down if we have failed to accomplish all that we had hoped to do, either at home or abroad; we will still expect great things; not be too anxious to have our own way, but abiding by the indications of Providence, be all the more diligent lest any unfaithfulness on our part may hinder the promised blessing.

THE TREASURY.

The condition of the treasury is, we are sure, a source of gratification to all. We are glad that, as in past years, the steady advance has been maintained. To the members of the Board it has been an object of solicitude all the year. We have watched the gradual accumulation as one friend after another added to the store, one Branch after another sent in its offering, and even when (rare event) some lady, rich in good works, has made herself or friend a life member; but we know that in many instances this sum is the outcome of patient self-denial, and in others of earnest endeavour or careful gathering, and although, in proportion to the great need, it is not large, its history makes it precious in our eyes; and in presenting it to the Foreign Mission Committee to be used for the Master, we do

so in full confidence that this effort will bear fruit in the coming year by enabling us to devise more liberal things.

We present cordial thanks to the friends not otherwise connected with this Society, who have contributed to increase this amount; they are one with us in the desire to extend a helping hand to our sisters, and to share with those less favoured than we the priceless privileges which the religion of Jesus has conferred upon our country; and we know they unite with us in the wish to make this offering to the King.

The following summary will place the work of the year at once before you:—Life members, 12; Ordinary members, 668. Total number of members (including members of Auxiliaries as far as reported), 1,690. Number of Auxiliaries, 57. Largest number of members in any Auxiliary, 126; smallest number, 12. Amount contributed by Auxiliaries, \$3,792.37. Number of Mission Bands, 12. Contributed by Mission Bands, \$944.45. Special donations, \$562.90. Total amount contributed during the year, \$5,732.54.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The Board of Management has met regularly during the year; members resident in the city have, with a few exceptions, been regular and punctual in their attendance. Personal illness or family affliction has hindered those few; but the monthly gatherings are much prized, and those who cannot attend consider it a loss not to be present.

We had one visit from a foreign missionary in the early part of the year: the Rev. R. S. Swanson, English Presbyterian Church, Amoy, China, addressed us in passing through the city. His words came with weight, as from one who knew of what he was speaking, and had the advantage which the pleading of the voice possesses over the written or printed words.

The Offering Leaflet issued by the Board was accompanied by earnest prayer that God's own words on the duty of offering to Him might be greatly blessed, and we trust it has not gone forth in vain.

We commend to your notice the proposed changes in the by-laws, which may yet be somewhat modified. They are unimportant in themselves, but were rendered necessary by the gradual development of the work, and by the formation of Auxiliaries in the city of Toronto.

The letter of the Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, relating to the expenses incurred for our branch of the work, has been laid before you. It will also be noticed from the Treasurer's Statement that, in prospect of an extension of operations during the coming year, the sum of \$5,250 has been placed in their hands, and we invite a full expression of opinion from you on the subject.

The representative of the Church Missionary Society in Japan, in speaking at home of the remarkable success which has attended the American Mission there, attributes it to four causes: "Their wise concentration of work, their use of *female* agency, their powerful medical missions, and their admirable schools." We commend these remarks to the serious attention of our ladies, knowing how much

depends on this Society's spirit, that no lack of committee in carrying out Indian Missions in India enquiries have been sending out more qualified medical missions to have *special objects* matters, the precept Such arrangements are committee have fully and selves at liberty to open ages; but in the mean all our energies to the occur, or when, in an properly qualified women ay to the Committee, out the missionary."

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depends on this Society doing its share of the work in such a liberal spirit, that no lack of means may fetter the Foreign Mission Committee in carrying out similar intentions in connection with the Canadian Missions in India and Formosa. It is true that many earnest enquiries have been made about the purpose of the Committee in sending out more workers, we all long to be able to send properly qualified medical missionaries, and many of our Branches would like to have *special objects* assigned to them; but here, as in many other matters, the precept comes with force, "Ye have need of patience." Such arrangements are only possible when the Foreign Mission Committee have fully and fairly considered their position, and find themselves at liberty to open schools of a certain class or establish orphanages; but in the meantime, if we would be helpful, we must devote all our energies to the raising of money, so that, when such openings occur, or when, in answer to prayer and effort in that direction, properly qualified women present themselves, we may be in a position to say to the Committee, "The money is here; open the school, or send out the missionary."

As Canadians as well as Presbyterians, we occupy an advantageous position for many kinds of work. The history and the associations of the home land are our inheritance. We claim kindred with, and are the recipients of courtesy from, our friendly neighbours, who share with us the heritage of this great continent. Let us endeavour to render ourselves worthy of our position, and in forming our plans for the future, and settling what our aims shall be, and in what spirit we shall conduct our work, seek to combine the patient experience of the old land, with the ardour and enthusiasm of the new, ever keeping before us the fact that our Society is young, and that youth and inexperience are apt to make mistakes. It is therefore becoming that we should "hasten slowly;" and in laying the foundation of a vigorous Foreign Missionary Society on Canadian soil, that shall be worthy of the cause we represent and of the Christian women who are to be its members, in our schemes for the raising of money or for the general furtherance of the work, never to forget what is due to ourselves, but, avoiding publicity, or a desire to attract attention, perform our duties in *quietness and confidence*, becoming the cherished mothers and daughters of home life; and, while "the deepest feelings of religion, and the strongest forces of patriotism demand, that the home mission work should be supported with an ever-increasing liberality," we will also extend a helping hand to the heathen, and unite in the prayer that this Society may be honoured in doing ever so little to hasten the time when "the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ."

M. J. MACMURCHY,

Rec. Secretary.

April, 1882.

Presbyterial Society of Hamilton.

(ORGANIZED 1877.)

List of Officers:

MRS. MALLOCH	<i>President.</i>
" LYLE	<i>1st Vice-President.</i>
" LOGIE	<i>2nd " "</i>
" SMELLIE	<i>3rd " "</i>
MISS STEWART	<i>4th " "</i>
" DUFFIELD	<i>Recording Secy.</i>
" MCILWRAITH	<i>Cor. Secy.</i>
" WANZER	<i>Treasurer.</i>

Committee:

Mrs. Jas. Watson.	Mrs. R. R. Waddell.	Mrs. Jas. Osborne.
" McClellan.	Miss James.	" Macdonald.
" J. Walker.	Mrs. Bellhouse.	Miss McMillan.
" D. White.	" Kennedy.	Mrs. Scoular.

AUXILIARIES.

	Contributed.	Secretary.
Ancaster	\$24 00	Miss Chep.
Burlington	30 00	Mrs. G. C. Bastedo.
Caledonia	25 00	Mrs. Forbes.
Dufferin	77 00	Mrs. Grant.
Dundas	37 25	Mrs. James Sommerville.
Waterdown.....	9 00	Mrs. McMechan.

MISSION BANDS.

Home Circle,		
St. Paul's Church...	\$55 00	Miss Watson.
Friends of India,		
McNab Street Church	130 00	Miss Davidson.
Bible Class,	{ Recently organized }	Miss Edgar.
Central Church.....		
Steady Streams,	{ Recently organized }	Miss Henderson.
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REPORTS.

ANOTHER year, with all its golden opportunities, has journeyed on with the traveller Time, who never wearies in his march, whose wheels never stop, and brings us to the sixth year of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The question comes home to us, What good have we accomplished—what victory won for our blessed Master? We have a story to tell of the great goodness of our glorified Master, both as to what He has done for us and what He has done through us. Since this Society has been organized, the little one has at least become larger, the weak one stronger. To Christ Jesus woman owes everything she holds dear in this world and in the world to come. Only where the glad tidings of a Saviour's love has been proclaimed have the nations acknowledged her power and influence. Did our Saviour mean nothing when He made women the messengers of good tidings? Speak unto the women of the Church, that they go forward, is the voice that comes from heaven to-day. Our marching orders are, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and as long as Christ goes before, "saying to the north give up, to the south keep not back; bring My sons and My daughters from the ends of the earth," we shall go forward. When we consider "the sole needs of India," with its myriads of secluded and spiritually benighted women, our mission to the women of India does yet scarcely deserve the name, yet we hail the hopeful commencement, and ask ourselves the question, How can we discharge our responsibility to the King? Thank God, hundreds of Christian women now realize the last command of our risen Lord, "Go tell that I am risen," and are aiding by their prayers, sympathies and funds. Then let us briefly glance at what has been done by our missionaries in India. From month to month we received most encouraging tidings from Miss M'Gregor and Miss Rogers, and the last few months have brought us most cheering news. God has brought to nought the opposition of the Maharajah and the native officials. Our missionaries may now, without let or hindrance, preach to these people the glad tidings of redeeming love through Christ Jesus; and a school has been opened by Miss M'Gregor in India, with a good attendance and every prospect of success.

The importance of medical missions is becoming more generally known, for no one can ever form the slightest estimate of the intense suffering of the women of India for want of medical aid; for they are not allowed to see the face of a man, or be seen by them, so that only the lady medical missionary can minister to those poor suffering ones. Its object is then twofold, for, while ministering to their bodily diseases, she can whisper the sweet message of peace through Jesus, "Come unto Me all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Even our own good Queen has signified her sympathy, when their sufferings were brought before her by one who had been an eye-witness of them, by sending a royal message: "We would

wish it generally known that we sympathize with every effort made to relieve the sufferings of the women of India."

Self-consecration should be our watchword, as well as our sisters in the Mission field; new opportunities, new work daily open to us, and we can watch and pray and give while our missionaries gather in the ripening sheaves. May we realize, as never before, that we have been commissioned by our Master—

"And tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King."

MARY DUFFIELD,

Rec. Secretary.

Five years have now passed away since, with many fears and doubts in the face of much prejudice and opposition, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized in the western section of this Province. Looking back after those years, we thank God and take courage for we are able to say the progress has been sure and steady; that no single year has been ashamed to confront its predecessors; and that the Association, begun in weakness and doubts, is being acknowledged as a power in the Church and a source of strength where its influence is felt.

In our own Presbyterial Society the office-bearers have often laboured on under a heavy burden of discouragement, and have been tempted to accuse themselves of want of faith and perseverance, and their neighbours of want of energy. Yet even here we have each year been able to report some few steps in advance, and this year is no exception to the rule.

All our Auxiliaries, now numbering six, send us full reports of their work, and, as a rule, remark that the interest in the meetings has been well sustained and is increasing. Several other congregations who are contributors, though not Auxiliaries, have also continued and increased their subscriptions. The Society established last year at Dundas renders a very good account of its first year of existence, and closes with a hope of improvement in the future. Burlington doubles its subscription of last year. Waterdown, which has for two years contributed to our funds, now falls into line and declares itself an Auxiliary; while last, though not least, two Mission Bands have been established in the Central Church in this city. I wish to make special mention of these last, because we find, from an examination of the Treasurer's report, that the Bands this year have actually raised more money than the parent Society in the city of Hamilton. This, though it appears strange, is really most natural, for the younger members of our Churches are free from many of the demands made on older hands and purses, and it is everywhere found that the young are easily roused to enthusiasm in missionary work. The two new Bands

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are, one in the Bible Class, the other in the Sabbath School of Central Church, and we have liveliest expectations of success from their efforts.

We touch upon these evidences of success, not with any self-gratulatory feeling—for that, indeed, there is little room—but simply to encourage and rouse ourselves to further effort. There is much, very much, to be done even in this Presbytery, and we ask of the members of our Society that by every means in their power, by their interest in the work, by their money, by their influence with friends, and, above all, by their prayers, that they will assist the officers who undertake this work of organization, but who, like Moses, will faint and fail unless Aaron and Hur support their hands.

I make an appeal, too, on behalf of our own monthly meetings. They have been through this year tolerably well attended; the collections have been fairly liberal, and the meetings, on the whole, moderately successful. But they might be made better and more interesting by far. Who is to do it? Your President is always at her post, and her heart is always in the work; your Secretaries and Treasurer endeavor humbly to do their duty; what can you do? Cannot each member interest at least one other? Can you not contribute some item to our fund of missionary information? Cannot each one do something to further the object for which we are all working? Let us not forget that machinery, however perfect and well oiled, is useless without the motive power. May God in His grace touch all our hearts with a live coal from off the altar, and send a thrill through every fibre of our organization whose influence cannot but be seen and felt.

M. D. McILWRAITH,
Cor. Secretary.

Presbyterial Society of Whitby.

(ORGANIZED 1880.)

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| " BLEAKLEY, Bowmanville | <i>Treasurer.</i> |

MEMBERS OF CENTRAL BOARD.

Newtonville—Mrs. Leslie, Miss E. Thompson, Mrs. J. Lockhart.
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 Mrs. J. K. Allin, Mrs. Bowie, Miss Stark.
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 Robinson, Mrs. McGillivray, Mrs. Madill, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Robert-
 son, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Henderson, Miss Mason and Miss Gordon.
Brooklin—Miss Darlington, Miss Thomson, and Mrs. Ker.
Ashburn—Mrs. Roger, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. J. Heron,
 Mrs. W. Heron, and Miss Brown.

AUXILIARIES.

NAME OF SOCIETY.	Date of Organization.	No. of Members.	Amount Contributed.	NAMES OF SECRETARIES.
Bowmanville	1878	31	\$80 05	Miss M. Burdock.
Oshawa	Feb., 1877	17	53 39	Miss M. E. Henderson.
Whitby	Nov., 1876	22	57 05	Mrs. G. H. Robinson.
Newtonville	Oct., 1881	12	6 00	Miss M. Milligan.
Newcastle	Oct., 1881	22	10 40	Mrs. McNaughton.
Dunbarton	Oct., 1878	19	36 70	Miss M. Dunbar.
Brooklin	Oct. 1881	15	5 75	Miss J. D. Thomson.
Ashburn	Oct., 1876	21	54 45	Mrs. W. Heron.
Columbus	{ Reorganized } { March, 1881., }	18	15 00	Mrs. Carmichael.
Port Perry	July, 1880	11	Miss C. B. Gordon.
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FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

IN summing up the work of the year now ending, I think we may fairly do so with a feeling of genuine satisfaction and thanksgiving. Not that we are to be too well pleased with our own performance of duty, for, alas! there is very great room for improvement. Our membership should embrace a much larger circle than it does. We should not rest content till every woman in the Presbyterian Church takes a personal interest in the W. F. M. But as far as we have gone within our limited sphere, we have much reason for thankfulness that there has been such a general and united effort for the furtherance of this noble work—God's own work, which we should all feel honoured to have a share in. May it be said of each and all of us, "She hath done what she could."

All our Branches send in encouraging reports, and our number has been increased by the organization of three additional Branches during the past three months—namely, Brooklin, organized on October 13th, and Newtonville and Newcastle, on the following day, October 14th. I may inform you what you no doubt already know, that these additions have been entirely owing to the indefatigable exertions of our worthy President, than whom no one could be more faithful and energetic in the discharge of duty. She will probably herself give you a detailed account of her travels, which I am sure will interest you, but I may say that in these three places the prospects are bright, a good beginning made, and our Mission may with confidence look forward to a fair measure of support from these new Branches. We extend to them a hearty welcome, and all our good wishes for success in the future.

We have also to convey our thanks to the Presbytery of Whitby for its courtesy in arranging to hold its present meeting in Bowmanville, and in appointing two of its members—Rev. Mr. Roger and Rev. Mr. Carmichael—to deliver addresses before the public meeting this evening. As our programme to-day is likely to be somewhat lengthy, I will proceed at once to give a summary of reports from the various Branches:—

Ashburn—Numbers remain the same as last year, with increasing interest, owing, as the report says, "to the energy and zeal of the President." This same President has surely for her motto, "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

Columbus reports meetings held regularly since April last, and most of them well attended, with deepening interest.

Bowmanville ought to stand at the head of the list, financially at least.

Oshawa rejoices in being able to chronicle an increasing interest in the work, and promises even better things for the future than the past has shown.

Port Perry, though small in numbers, is not behind in any other particular, and reports specially interesting and edifying meetings.

Dunbarton, though no increase in numbers is reported, has no lack of life in its organization, as any one who has had the pleasure of visiting their meetings, as I have had, can abundantly testify.

Whitby—The membership has increased during the year, as also the contribution, which we regret has hitherto been so small. Meetings held regularly in the manse have been well attended and interesting. The Society is indebted to Mrs. McGillivray for the use of her house for an entertainment held on the 31st August, the proceeds of which added greatly to our funds. The Mission Band also made a special effort, and realized a small sum by a concert.

Newtonville, *Newcastle* and *Brooklin* have also sent in reports of their Societies; necessarily brief, owing to the short time since their organization, but all very satisfactory.

I may say for myself, that I have received the missionary letters regularly from Toronto, and I have re-mailed them punctually to all the Branches, and at the same time have sent leaflets procured from Chicago bearing upon our special work.

I have still on hand a large number of these tracts, which may be distributed from time to time during the coming year.

AGNES F. ROBINSON,

Secretary.

WHITBY, January 17th, 1882.

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Peterborough.—The past year should be more successful for the Society, but to all interest in a particular branch of mission work, many hitherto indifferent to our membership and the cause for deep gratification. One interesting feature of occasional "mite" contributions, \$250.—CLARA HAULTAIN

Ottawa.—The membership for this year, the number being \$129.50, is also much to be desired, the hope of God's blessing and brighter things.—E

London.—This Auxiliary has made contributions during the year, all plans for raising money. Membership thirty-six, \$100.—SON, Secy, pro tem.

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AUXILIARIES.

Lakefield—Mrs. W. M. Graham, Secretary.
 Port Hope—Mrs. Galbraith, Secretary.

Auxiliaries.

Peterborough.—The progress made by this Auxiliary during the past year should be most encouraging, not only to the members of the Society, but to all interested in Mission work. The hold which this particular branch of missionary labour is taking upon the hearts of many hitherto indifferent to it, as manifested in the great addition to our membership and the larger attendance at our monthly meetings, is cause for deep gratitude to Him to whom alone the praise is due. One interesting feature in the working of this Auxiliary is the holding of occasional "mite meetings." Total contributions for the year \$250.—CLARA HAULTAIN, *Secy.*

Ottawa.—The membership in this Auxiliary has fallen off somewhat this year, the number being now seventy. The amount contributed, \$129.50, is also much smaller than we would wish it to be; but with the hope of God's blessing upon our efforts, we look forward to better and brighter things.—ELLEN HAY, *Secy.*

London.—This Auxiliary has increased both in membership and contributions during the year. Monthly meetings held regularly, and all plans for raising money successfully worked out by the ladies. Membership thirty-six, and amount contributed \$166.43.—M. THOMSON, *Secy, pro tem.*

Seaforth.—Though the number of members has not increased much

during the year, yet the interest has by no means abated, and we are happy to be able to report a slight increase in our contributions over any previous year. The amount sent in is \$192.35.—J. ANDERSON, *Secy.*

Indian Lands.—The prospects of this Auxiliary are, on the whole, encouraging, the interest in its object being more and more developed. Eighteen names have this year been added to the roll, and the membership is now forty-two. The sum of \$102 is sent in, with many longing wish that it was four times as much.—C. C. A. FRASER, *Secy.*

Fergus.—This branch reports a membership of fifty-nine, an increase of twelve on that of the previous year, and \$105 has been contributed to the funds of the Society. Meetings are regularly held, and interest in the work seems undiminished.—T. L. SMELLIE, *Secy.*

Almonte.—We can with pleasure report a deepening interest taken by this Auxiliary in the work. The members number twenty. Missionary letters valued highly, and add much to the pleasure of the meetings. A sale of work held during the winter, together with the regular contributions of members, raises the amount sent in to the large sum of \$282.—M. H. WYLIE, *Secy.*

Clinton.—We have much pleasure in recording a marked interest in the object of the Society, as well as an increase in the amount contributed. With a membership of fifteen, this Auxiliary sends in the sum of \$134. We earnestly pray that God may continue to bless us in our work.—HATTIE A. IRWIN, *Secy.*

Lochiel.—The meetings of this Branch are held regularly and at different points, so as to enable those who cannot come a distance to attend. Although the average attendance is small, in the aggregate there is an improvement, and much interest is manifested. Our Heavenly Father has been pleased in His providence to call our President (Mrs. Ross) to Himself after long-continued ill-health. We have to record increased liberality every year since the formation of the Society. This year the amount is \$86.—KATIE McMILLAN, *Secy.*

Port Hope.—This Auxiliary has seventy-two members, and has sent in a contribution of \$73.50. We have been enabled to meet regularly during the year, and, although we cannot boast but of a very slight increase in the membership, yet we feel that a deeper interest has been excited, that our sympathies are widening, and that it is the desire of our hearts to do more for the Master than we have ever done in the past.—J. A. GALBRAITH, *Secy.*

Orms town.—Membership the same as last year, forty-one. Meetings regularly maintained during the year. Interest in the work steadfast. Contribution \$92.—J. MORRISON, *Secy.*

Uxbridge.—Meetings attended with ever-increasing interest. Membership twenty-five and contribution \$64. A visit from the Foreign Secretary was the means of arousing to greater zeal in the work.—B. JACKSON, *Secy.*

Lakefield.—In number past year, and the renewed efforts to do to our heathen sister in \$56.—Mrs. W. M.

Vankleek Hill.—The meetings regularly each the agency of collectors in.—JANE McINTOSH,

Stratford.—Member meetings about sixteen taken in the success HOSSIE, *Secy.*

Chatham.—During the work in this Auxiliary held regularly. Member B. L. HOIG, *Secy.*

Ingersoll.—Membership \$63.73. Missionary letters maintained.—L. MACK

Brucefield.—This Auxiliary the past year. Attendance Amount raised \$41 and

Sarnia.—This Society good attendance at the increased interest evinced was the means of exciting Foreign Secretary was given and contribution \$41.—

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Lakefield.—In numbers the Auxiliary has increased beyond any past year, and the state of the funds evinces stronger interest and renewed efforts to do our part in sending the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our heathen sisters. Membership twenty-two and amount sent in \$56.—Mrs. W. M. GRAHAM, *Secy.*

Vankleek Hill.—This Branch has a membership of twenty-two, and meets regularly each month. Money is raised principally through the agency of collectors, and the sum of \$55 has this year been sent in.—JANE McINTOSH, *Secy.*

Stratford.—Membership same as last year. Average attendance at meetings about sixteen. Missionary letters valued, and much interest taken in the success of the teachers. Contribution \$57.—KATE HOSSIE, *Secy.*

Chatham.—During the past year an effort has been made to extend the work in this Auxiliary and increase the membership. Meetings held regularly. Members number forty and contribution \$67.07.—E. L. HOIG, *Secy.*

Ingersoll.—Membership in this Branch thirty-five. Contribution \$68.73. Missionary letters highly prized, and interest in the work maintained.—L. MACKENZIE, *Secy.*

Brucefield.—This Auxiliary has had very gratifying success during the past year. Attendance and interest in the meetings very good. Amount raised \$41 and membership twenty-six.—M. THOMSON, *Secy.*

Sarnia.—This Society has cause for thankfulness in the uniform good attendance at the meetings during the past year, and the increased interest evinced in the work. A visit from Dr. G. L. Mackay was the means of exciting more enthusiasm; also a visit from the Foreign Secretary was greatly appreciated. Membership twenty-eight and contribution \$41.—C. C. CAMERON, *Secy.*

Agincourt.—The interest in this Branch is increasing, and the amount sent in is in advance of last year. A visit from the President of the General Society and Mrs. Burns in September did much good. Membership twenty-six and contribution \$68.35.—A. CRAWFORD, *Secy.*

Embros.—This Auxiliary has this year doubled its contribution, a fact proving how much in earnest the members are. They number thirteen and have sent in \$44.—J. MACKAY, *Secy.*

Teeswater.—Membership twenty-nine and contribution \$46.90. Dr. Mackay's visit was the means of deepening the interest here. The meetings, held monthly, are most enjoyable.—C. HARRIS, *Secy.*

Kincardine.—This Branch was organized by Dr. Mackay in August, 1881, so has not yet been in existence a year. It has now a membership of thirty-seven, and has sent in the sum of \$50, wishing it could be devoted to the work in Formosa.—A. M. JOHNSTON, *Secy.*

Carleton Place.—The membership in this Auxiliary has not increased, but the interest in the work has in no way lessened. The contribu-

tion to the treasury is \$41, a sum considerably in advance of last year. Membership twenty-four.—Mrs. A. A. SCOTT, *Secy.*

Harrington.—The monthly meetings held regularly, and have been found refreshing and inspiring. Membership twenty-three and amount sent in \$38.—A. MACKENZIE, *Secy.*

Ayr.—The meetings are held each month. Membership twenty-three, amount sent in \$30.—MINA CAMERON, *Secy.*

King's Road.—This Branch was organized in October, 1881, with twelve members; now it numbers twenty-five and has sent in \$38. Meetings are held monthly, in connection with which an hour is devoted to a "Bible reading," thoroughly enjoyed by all.—Mrs. W. SCOTT, *Secy.*

Beaverton.—The contribution from this Auxiliary is \$20.60. Meetings have been held regularly, though the attendance is small. A visit from Mrs. Harvie had the effect of encouraging to renewed zeal in the work.—A. T. ROBINSON, *Secy.*

Kenyon.—The meetings here not well attended on account of bad roads, etc., but the interest is by no means decreasing. Contribution \$26.17.—JESSIE McLEOD, *Secy.*

Lindsay.—This Branch was organized in January, 1882, with fifteen members; now has thirty-one, and has sent in \$14.—Mrs. McINTOSH, *Secy.*

Mitchell.—Owing to local circumstances, meetings not held regularly and membership not increased, but hope for better things. Sent in \$13.56.—Mrs. D. S. CAMPBELL, *Secy.*

Bothwell.—This Auxiliary was organized in December, 1881, with nine members; now has twelve, and has sent in the sum of \$11.00.—J. McCRAANEY, *Secy.*

Chatham Township, Knox Church.—Contribution \$10. This Branch is in the country, and as many come a long distance to the meetings they are not held regularly.—R. ROBERTSON, *Secy.*

The "Murray-Mitchell" Auxiliary, Toronto, was organized in November, 1881, and is a Union Society, composed of ladies from seven Churches—Knox Church, St. James' Square Church, Bloor Church, St. Andrew's Church, Charles Street Church, Old St. Andrew's Church, and Erskine Church. The membership is 124, the attendance at the meetings varying from seventy-five to 100. The sum of \$178.00 has been sent in as an earnest of what it is hoped may be done in the future by this Auxiliary. This amount includes two life memberships; a special donation of \$40 from Mrs. John Redpath, of Montreal, forwarded through the President, Mrs. Burns; and other donations to the amount of \$13.—JESSIE COCKSHUTT, *Secy.*

Central Church Auxiliary, Toronto, was organized in October, 1881, with twenty-six members; now the number has increased to fifty

The interest in the cause. Thanks are due to the presence at the meeting of those who have taken an active part. \$38.15.—J. GORDON,

Fingal.—This Branch hopes for brighter days.

Alexandria.—Sent in \$25.00. Organized March 31st, and welcome it most cordially and prosperity.—Mrs.

"Willing Workers" pleasure in sending to the cause. Membership is about seventy-five. The efforts of the Branch are larger. The efforts of the Branch are \$250, which they send to the cause. Pleased by the Master's

"Hopeful Gleaners" Band has forty workers. Contributed the sum of \$250 for work and the receipt. Are interested.—M. A.

"Cheerful Givers" held once a fortnight. of interest. Members \$100. ISOBEL REID, *Secy.*

"Helping Hands" monthly for business. Membership twenty six

"Labourers of Love" members twenty-nine, an amount of \$100.—BELLE FORIN,

The interest in the work in this congregation is steadily on the increase. Thanks are due to Mrs. Harvie and Mrs. Burns for attendance at the meetings and adding to their interest, also to others who have taken an active part in helping on the work. Contribution \$38.15.—J. GORDON, *Secy.*

Fingal.—This Branch regrets having done so little this year, but hopes for brighter days.—M. E. MACPHERSON, *Secy.*

Alexandria.—Sent in this year the sum of \$5.

Widder Church Auxiliary, St. Mary's.—This new Branch was organized March 31st, 1882, consequently is our youngest child. We welcome it most cordially to the family, and wish it much success and prosperity.—Mrs. MACLEOD, *Secy.*

Mission Bands.

"*Willing Workers*" of Knox Church, Toronto.—This Band has pleasure in sending to the Board its Fifth Annual Report. The membership is about seventy, and it is hoped another year may see it larger. The efforts of the young people have realized the sum of \$250, which they send in with the earnest prayer that it may be blessed by the Master for His own glory.—R. CREAM, *Secy.*

"*Hopeful Gleaners*" of St. James' Square Church, Toronto.—This Band has forty working and six honorary members, and has contributed the sum of \$200 this year. Meetings held every two weeks for work and the reception of missionary intelligence, in which all are interested.—M. A. BURFIELD, *Secy.*

"*Cheerful Givers*" of Charles Street Church, Toronto.—Meetings held once a fortnight, and the missionary letters then read a source of interest. Membership twenty-two and amount sent in \$160.—ISOBEL REID, *Secy.*

"*Helping Hands*" of Cooke's Church, Toronto.—Meetings held monthly for business and the reception of missionary intelligence. Membership twenty six and amount sent in \$117.06.—J. BAIN, *Secy.*

"*Labourers of Love*" Mission Band, Belleville.—Number of members twenty-nine, an increase of eleven this year. Amount raised \$100.—BELLE FORIN, *Secy.*

Annual Meeting, April, 1882.

THE Sixth Annual Meeting of this Society was held in Peterborough on Tuesday and Wednesday, 11th and 12th April, the President, Mrs. Ewart, in the chair, who conducted devotional exercises, assisted by Mrs. MacLaren, Toronto, and Mrs. J. Dennistown, Peterborough. The visitors and delegates were welcomed to Peterborough by Mrs. Haultain; Mrs. Burns, Toronto, replying.

Letters were read by the Home Secretary from the Woman's F. M. Society of the Canada Methodist Church, and from the Presbyterian Board of Missions, Philadelphia, U.S. This was followed by the President's address, the appointment of a Committee on Nominations, and an address by Mrs. Gordon Harrington. Kindly greetings were then presented from the following Societies: The North-West Society, U.S., by Mrs. Bruske, Saginawa, Michigan; the Church of England Zenana Society, Peterborough, by Mrs. Wallis; the Baptist Missionary Association of Ontario, and Mission Circle of Peterborough, by Mrs. Gilmour; the Canadian Board of Missions, Montreal, and the North Georgetown and English River Society, by Miss Muir; and the Kingston Presbyterial Society, by Mrs. Mackerras.

In the afternoon the Reports of the Society and its Branches were presented in the following order: Home Work, Miss Topp; Foreign Work, Mrs. Harvie; Presbyterial Society of Hamilton, Miss Duffield; Presbyterial Society of Whitby, Mrs. Roger, Ashburn. Auxiliaries—Peterborough, Miss Haultain; Port Hope, Mrs. Galbraith; Lakefield, Mrs. W. M. Graham; all other Auxiliaries and Report of the Board of Managers, Miss Topp. These reports were received and adopted on motion of Mrs. Fairbairn, Peterborough, seconded by Mrs. MacMurrich, Toronto, and 4,000 ordered to be printed. The changes in the by-laws were read by Mrs. Harvie, and passed, with slight modifications, after conversation on the subject, in which the following ladies took part: Mrs. MacLaren, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Thorburn, Mrs. Roger, Mrs. W. MacMurrich, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. King and Miss Duffield. It was then decided to accept an invitation to hold the next annual meeting in Toronto, presented by Mrs. W. B. MacMurrich and Mrs. Burns.

Interesting but brief conversation on Presbyterial Organization, led by Mrs. Roger, closed the proceedings on the first afternoon. The devotional exercises on this occasion were conducted by Mrs. Harvie and Mrs. Gordon.

The social meeting on Tuesday evening was most successful, Professor MacLaren presiding, and the following ministers taking part in

the proceedings: Rev. Shaw and Jolliffe.

The newly-elected reading for ordinary business.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 13th, the meeting was held at 7 o'clock, presided over by Mrs. Burns, Toronto. She read a letter from the Ottawa Society of the Missionary Association, addressed the ladies on historical and financial matters, assuring the Canadian ladies of their American sisters' interest in them. The last hour of the session, and was under the direction of Mrs. Burns. Several subjects were discussed, leaving the Disposal of the "Presbyterial Committee," "Presbyterial Missionary Intelligencer," "Methods for extending the work," taking part: Mrs. Burns, Miss Muir, Miss McLeod, Miss Reid, seconded by Mrs. Gilmour. Its next meeting, engaged in thoroughly qualified ladies of the Society to our hearty recommendation, conveyed to the Peterborough friends, generous hospitality and the support of the delegates. Indeed, it would be a pleasure which rendered the visitable, and improving.

The following vote of thanks was moved by Mrs. MacLaren, seconded by Mrs. Reid, for courteous services rendered by Mrs. Stewart, Uxbridge; Mrs. Grand Trunk, Great West, for business in granting resolutions, seconded by Miss Topp. Paul's Churches, Peterborough, on this occasion.

The hymns of praise were sung by Peterborough friends, to the enjoyment of the meeting. "Psalm," "Holy, Holy, Holy," "More Love to Thee," "Spread, oh Spread,"

the proceedings: Rev. Messrs. Torrance, Bennett, Clarke, Macdonnell, Shaw and Jolliffe.

The newly-elected Board of Management met on Wednesday morning for ordinary business.

On Wednesday afternoon the devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Burns, Toronto, and Mrs. Watson, Hamilton. Miss Topp read a letter from the Baptist Society, Toronto, and telegrams from the Ottawa Society (2 Cor. ix. 8), and from the Central Church Missionary Association, Toronto, then in session. Mrs. Bruske then addressed the ladies in eloquent and stirring words, giving some historical and financial items from the work of the North-West, and assuring the Canadian Society of the unabated interest with which their American sisters continued to regard themselves and their work. The last hour of Wednesday afternoon was spent in informal conversation, and was undoubtedly a very important part of the proceedings. Several subjects were fully discussed, such as "The desirability of leaving the Disposal of Funds in the hands of the Foreign Mission Committee," "Presbyterial Organization," "The best way of providing Missionary Intelligence for the Monthly Meetings, and other Methods for extending an Interest in the Work," the following ladies taking part: Mrs. Bruske, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Roger, Mrs. Thorburn, Miss Muir, Miss McIlwraith and Miss Smellie. On motion of Mrs. Reid, seconded by Mrs. Harvie, it was agreed that each Auxiliary, at its next meeting, engage in special prayer that God would raise up thoroughly qualified women to go out as missionaries from this Society to our heathen sisters. Mrs. Harvie, on behalf of the Society, conveyed to the Peterborough ladies their heartfelt thanks for their generous hospitality and their unwearied efforts to promote the comfort of the delegates. This was warmly seconded by Mrs. W. Reid; indeed, it would be hard to over-estimate the thoughtful kindness which rendered the visit to Peterborough at once so pleasant, comfortable, and improving.

The following votes of thanks were then passed unanimously: Moved by Mrs. MacLaren, seconded by Mrs. Cameron: To Rev. Dr. Reid, for courteous services as auditor and otherwise. Moved by Mrs. Stewart, Uxbridge; seconded by Miss Duffield, Hamilton: To the Grand Trunk, Great Western, and Midland Railways, for their kindness in granting reduced rates of travel. Moved by Mrs. King, seconded by Miss Topp: To the Managers of St. Andrew's and St. Paul's Churches, Peterborough, for the use of their buildings on this occasion.

The hymns of praise sung during the meetings were selected by the Peterborough friends, and greatly contributed to the comfort and enjoyment of the members. They were as follows: "Hundredth Psalm," "Holy, Holy," "Blest be the Tie," "Our Blest Redeemer," "More Love to Thee," "All Hail the Power," "Rescue the Perishing," "Spread, oh Spread," "Hail to the Lord's Anointed," "The

Church's One Foundation," "The Spirit of the Living God," "Abide with Me."

A text of Scripture, beautifully printed on a card, was presented to each visitor on retiring by Mrs. Cameron, Toronto. The meetings were held on the first day in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Church, and on the second in the lecture room of St. Paul's, and the local arrangements for the transaction of business were of the very best description.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

It gives me very great pleasure to be here to-day and to meet face to face with so many who are drawn here to this our Annual Meeting by a strong Christian sympathy and an earnest desire to hear how the work we have been trying to do during the past year for the Master is prospering, and how delightful it is to be able to say to you and with you, "Thou, O God, hast graciously helped us and abundantly prospered us as a Society. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us be stirred up to praise His holy name. We have reason to love Thee, O Lord, because Thou hast heard the voice of our supplication, and because Thou hast inclined Thine ear unto us. We will therefore call upon Thee as long as we live."

We have to regret the absence of two ladies from Montreal, who we hoped would have been with us—Mrs. Lay and Mrs. Stevenson—but I am very glad to say we have Mrs. Bruske with us—a delegate from that great and prosperous Society, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the North-West, a Society in whose unparalleled success we heartily rejoice, and whose example in zeal and earnestness we are trying to follow. We have also representatives from the Episcopalian, Methodist and Baptist Societies, whom we gladly welcome. We are also delighted to see such a large number of delegates from our own Auxiliaries, and trust that our meeting together may prove one of mutual encouragement and improvement, and that we all may be enabled truthfully to say, "It is good for us to be here." This is our Sixth Annual Meeting; each successive one has witnessed to an advance on the last. The Home Secretary's Report will tell how faithfully our Auxiliaries and Mission Bands have laboured during the past year, and also the progress made in Presbyterial organization. The Foreign Secretary, too, will tell of the increased interest manifested by the women and children in India in the "Good News," as told by our missionaries, and the many doors of usefulness which stand open. Our Treasurer's statement will be found very satisfactory. She will also give a short abstract of the work from the beginning; and the Recording Secretary, after the Presbyterial and Auxiliary Reports have been read, will, in addition to some items of intelligence connected with the General Board, give you a brief summing up of the whole. And yet, while I doubt not your hearts, while listening to all

these interesting reports and grateful acknowledgments has enabled us to have a clear conscience this Christmas than she might have had in faith and love to do the work was His. Dearest, the consecration of all the coming year.

The convener of the Board for information of the Mission to the world as nearly as could be seen you to-night some correspondence with the Secretary will read

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these interesting reports, will be stirred up in response to the heartfelt and grateful acknowledgments offered to our Heavenly Father, who has enabled us to accomplish so much, there will be in each individual conscience this chastened feeling, that she has, after all, done far less than she might have done had her soul been as earnestly drawn out in faith and love to her blessed Saviour as it ought, knowing that the work was His. Dear friends, let that feeling result in a more decided consecration of all we have and are to be used in His service in the coming year.

The convener of the Foreign Missions Committee of our Church—Professor MacLaren—has, in reply to a request made by the Central Board for information, stated the sum used for the support of the Mission to the women and children in India during the last year was, as nearly as could be easily ascertained, \$3,300, and he hopes to give you to-night some more definite information about a lady they are in correspondence with, and whom they hope to send out. The Foreign Secretary will read the communication when she finishes her Report.

Copies of the proposed amendments to the By-laws of the Society were sent down to all the Auxiliaries a month ago. We trust you have given some study to the subject, and that when they are brought before you, with the necessary explanation, for your consideration, you will be prepared to say whether you approve of them or otherwise. In one or two instances a close adherence to these seemed as if it would hinder our work, and for the last three months I may say we have in one matter anticipated your consent by practically ignoring that part of Article 10 of the By-laws which refers to missionary intelligence, the two Auxiliaries formed in Toronto giving that intelligence in a much more satisfactory manner than we were able to do while adhering strictly to that By-law. The Central Board will, I am sure, always be very happy to see any members of the Society, or ladies wishing information, at its usual monthly meetings, and such ladies will also be cordially welcomed at the monthly meetings of either of the Auxiliaries—that of the Central Church on the second, and the Murray-Mitchell on the third Tuesdays of each month. Some little misapprehension seems still to exist as to members' fees. An opportunity of asking and giving explanations on this subject will be given at that part of our programme devoted to conversation. There is another matter we would call your attention to—the expense incurred in printing, which is considerably larger than last year, but we trust you will see the necessity for this when you have heard the different items read. The printing of the foreign letters, instead of writing them, will, we are sure, be appreciated by all our Auxiliaries, and yet that one item entails an expense of three dollars each month. Our Annual Report, too, as it increases in interest increases in volume, and, as a consequence, in expense. Opportunities will be given in the afternoon for any remarks or questions on this or other matters, and we trust our dear friends will speak freely. I think I may assure them that while the Board is prepared to defend its action

in the past, it will be glad to listen to any practical suggestions for the future. I have preferred, dear friends, in these few words, to indicate what you may expect from those who will follow, rather than to attempt to give you anything of real interest myself.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

BY MRS. HAULTAIN, PETERBOROUGH.

DEAR FRIENDS,—A very pleasant part of this day's programme has been assigned to me, and though undertaken with grave doubts as to the wisdom of the selection, not a shadow of one exists as regards the sincerity and heartiness with which we, the members of the Peterborough Auxiliary, welcome to our town, our homes and our hearts, this large company of representatives of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society from the Queen City, her royal consort, Hamilton, and the other numerous Auxiliaries, which, springing from a Society whose object is to send the Gospel message of peace to India's women, may not inaptly be termed olive-branches, and with these we heartily include all members of kindred societies in other localities who are with us to-day. We consider it an honour that Peterborough should have been selected for the celebration of the Sixth Anniversary of this Society. We welcome you heartily to our town, and are glad, amongst other reasons, that you have so good an opportunity of judging of the correctness of the description some of you may have read of its being "a little uncivilized village in the backwoods." Civilized or not, we gladly receive you, and shall not be averse to be ranked with the ancient inhabitants of Melita, if, by-and-by, your testimony concerning us will be as good and lasting as that accorded to them by that Prince of Missionaries, Paul, who wrote that "the barbarous people showed them no little kindness; that they were received and lodged three days *courteously*."

There is no need to dwell upon the pleasure of welcoming to our homes many dear personal friends, or in renewing intercourse with some we had lost sight of for years, or in entertaining those who, coming amongst us as strangers, we hope from henceforth to retain as valued friends. But far outweighing both the honour and the pleasure do we esteem the privilege of welcoming to our town, our homes and our hearts, so many co-labourers in that blessed Mission which sends forth to our female fellow-subjects in India the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, and the knowledge of that truth, the acceptance of which will make them fellow-subjects of the King of kings. Our welcome, dear friends, is, I trust, based upon the only reliable foundation, God's everlasting love in Christ, which, implanted in His people, manifests itself in love to all who, not being "kinsmen according to the flesh," are nevertheless children of the same Heavenly Father, sisters in Christ Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit to serve the

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one blessed Master, and fellow-travellers to the only abiding home in the city of our God. And now, realizing, as we so often do, that all earthly welcomes, however joyous and heartfelt, must be followed sooner or later by the "farewell," we know not for how long, let us be up and doing, working while it is day, that when "Sorrow vanquished, labour ended, Jordan passed," we may be sure not only of that welcome which the Master will accord all His redeemed, from the least to the greatest, but hear also those gracious words of approval, "Well done, good and faithful servants,"—who will not plead the best of works when done, who know no other ground of trust but Jesus Christ *alone*; to whom shall be all the glory, with whom we soon may be—Him in whose presence is fulness of joy, and at whose right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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REPLY TO THE WELCOME.

BY MRS. BURNS, TORONTO.

This welcome has been so cordial and gratifying to those to whom it has been given, that I am sure we all feel more than we can express. We know how much is implied in the true Christian *well-come*. It is a scriptural note of introduction to our meeting to-day. It sounds like the loving greetings and salutations of apostolic times. The great missionary apostle, in closing the most wonderful of all his epistles, found time and space to give the Church of every age a model of Christian courtesy and warm affection. Such are among the things that are "lovely" and commend the Gospel. The fact of this large assemblage here makes it almost superfluous to say a word in the way of stirring up your interest in the cause which has brought us together. "The Lord hath brought us into a large place; let us rejoice and be glad." May this missionary gathering be a Pentecostal season! Let our place of meeting in Peterborough be indeed a Bethel, one of the favoured spots near Zion Hill, where Jehovah shines "in the beauty of holiness!" May the Lord open the windows of heaven just over our heads, and give showers of blessing as He has done before! Then shall not each one of this goodly company be refreshed and strengthened, and "find it good to be here?" Our missionaries will share in the benefits, and we shall not return empty to our homes and our circles. This is a happy occasion, dear friends, for exchanging greetings; for looking each other in the face, joining hand in hand, heart to heart; uniting in "prayer, with thanksgiving;" reviewing God's mercies, lamenting our shortcomings and failures, encouraging one another by the reports of the year's progress—the sheaves gleaned from our various Mission fields being larger to-day than they were last year. This missionary festival—shall we call it?—which a few years ago was a rare experiment, is becoming now a popular institution

with our Presbyterian women. Let us cherish, then, our first love, and do not let that stinging truth lately made apply to us, viz., "That missionary enterprise will glide into *routine*; missionary zeal become so much *rhetoric*; participation in missionary work degenerate into a matter of *habit* or ecclesiastical business."

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Canada is making its history—we can scarcely trace its beginning. Here is the notice in the first Report: "The Society owes its existence to the expressed desire of the members of the Foreign Missionary Society to aid them, to enlist the sympathies of old and young." Fifty members were first enrolled. The Peterborough Auxiliary was formed in January, 1879, and contributed \$31.13. How pleasant your prompt response to our Church's appeal! "Hearing through various channels of the wonderful work being effected for the mental, moral and spiritual enlightenment of the women and children of India, they resolved that, with God's help, they, too, would do what they could for so excellent and important a cause." Well, the Auxiliaries are now the supplying tributaries, and the Mission Bands the little rills, promoting life and breadth to the steady Gospel stream which has been flowing these nearly nineteen hundred years, and will go on—how far? 'Till it reach the shore of the Jasper Sea and the golden gates of the New Jerusalem! In looking over the past, let us keep this in mind: it is not *our* work nor *our* way; but, if carried on in answer to prayer, it is God's *work* and God's *way*—a journey begun, progressing, but not finished. We are not the fit hands to measure and weigh either influences or results—our successors will profit by our failures and be encouraged by our success. Our young people, by early training, will easily step into our places, and with their growing interest in and knowledge of the state of the heathen world, they will intelligently go forward in the walks of Christian usefulness.

What is implied in missionary work or woman's work for woman? Allow me to quote from a recent periodical: "Woman's work for woman carries in it far more than the simple idea of single women going out to heathen lands and instructing a few little girls in the Bible. It means also a thousand influences breathed from every action and word of a missionary, married or single; it means a Christian home in a Pagan or Popish land; it means a gathering of women together, in zenana or harem, or street or bazaar; it means a congregation to worship God in spirit and in truth, where all around are temples, idols and foolish ceremonials; it means all and everything that woman can do to stem the tide of evil which sweeps her sisters beyond all others to misery and degradation, and to draw these by every power, direct or indirect, into the sheltering harbour of a Saviour's love."

Archdeacon Kirkby has remarked that "no objection was ever raised by a woman against Missions. It must arise in men from lack of information. They do not know what heathenism is, and what the Gospel does." Philanthropy or civilization, without the Gospel,

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The night of ignorance and sorrow is wearing away; the glory of the day of the Lord is dawning in answer to prayer. The condition of the heathen is itself an appeal, not always mute. Please listen to the prayer of a heathen woman, taught in her zenana by one of our missionaries: "Send the Gospel faster, swifter, ye who dwell in Christian lands," etc. There are open doors, fields whitening and ripening to the harvest. Come, then, "Daughters of Zion," let us rise to the occasion. "The Lord hath need of thee!" should startle and stimulate, and bring the speedy response, "Behold the handmaids of the Lord!"

We are thankful for gifts cast into the treasury, but we need living gifts—men and women to go to those who are afar off, not only in locality, but in state, character, condition, to offer the riches of grace to the poor and needy, so making a moral waste as "the garden of the Lord," and preparing out of rude materials jewels for Emmanuel's crown; thus extending the triumphs of the Cross. Visions of precious opportunities increase responsibilities, demanding more zeal, activity and self-denial; but to our knees in prayer! then will paralyzed hands and feet be loosened, purse strings untied, dormant talent aroused, and the perils and privations of barbarous and benighted lands will no longer be oppressive and disheartening drudgery. Come, then, to the help of the Lord in this great work! The Dominion of Canada is now nearly netted over by railway communications, these veins of commercial prosperity; so let our Presbyterian boundaries be beautified and elevated by our Missionary Associations—these unmistakable evidences of spiritual life and extension. All the Reports are encouraging; the tree has taken root, the branches are spreading, the interest is deepening, the funds are increasing, the membership enlarging, the feeble are getting stronger, the timid are gaining courage, the young are following in the Mission ranks, and will be well trained for noble service when their seniors have been called up higher. Look at the Missionary Register, how it has extended year by year. In one field we had a Williams, a Gordon, a Geddie; in another a Mackay, a Junor, and a Wilkie. Then we have been cheered by glad tidings from India, Africa, China, Japan; and even in Persia the good work is going on. Hear the wonderful utterances of Chunder Sen, a Pantheistic Hindu! He says, "To the Missionaries belongs the honour of holding India; yes, the missionaries, headed by their glorious Captain, the Lord Jesus Christ." "Christ rules British India," he added, "not the British Government. None but Jesus ever deserved this bright, precious diadem, India, and Christ shall have it." The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Canada, we cannot doubt, is the outcome or development of the Gospel seed planted by those who have gone before—those earlier pioneers who were, in the true sense of the word, labourers, when our Dominion was itself a Mission field—a virgin

soil, but, unquestionably, a hard soil; fallow ground, yet strange to the Gospel plough, which had to be guided by experienced hands, in order to prepare it for the softening influences of showers of grace.

Yes, we cannot but feel, as we ought to acknowledge, that we have in many respects entered into other men's labours; their prayers opened our Missionary gates, and now, from on high, do they grudge us our easier work and more apparent success? Oh, no; their hearts still beat in unison with ours when another Auxiliary has been formed, another volunteer enlisted, another convert made, another victory won—"one Church above, below."

Salvation and immortal praise
To our victorious King,
Let heaven and earth, and rocks and seas,
With glad hosannas ring!

New circumstances in the history of Presbyterianism in Canada required new agencies. Here and there along the line of our settlements a seed had been dropped—tender plants begin to shoot up—a little meeting is called to get light and air, in order that these may grow—prayer is offered, letters are written—conferences and plans begin to take shape—a new path in our Church life has been chalked out, care being at the same time taken that this path be in harmony with old landmarks, in order that our missionary friends should not be put down as innovators of goodly order, or violators of Presbyterian laws and customs. Thus walking warily, softly, thoughtfully, prayerfully, we shall keep on the right line and preserve our womanly ways. While the work is the Lord's, the field is the world, the sphere is woman's; and as we enlarge it we shall be the "helpers" and not the "hinders" of our Church's prosperity.

Thus far God has led us; our roots have deepened, our branches have spread; by-and-by we shall have fruit as well as leaves, and we are aiming at vigorous life and world-wide expansion.

You can easily understand how it required at first a resolute hand to apply the missionary lever so as to elevate the tone of Church life, and secure the reflex blessing of personal progress and brighter influence. A good deal of mist had to be cleared away, more than a voice needed to rouse from the sleep of selfish indifference. Nothing has been more effectual in the way of stirring up than the warm appeals of returned missionaries. A Murray-Mitchell and a Mackay brought us face to face with the sad realities of heathendom; facts and statistics strengthen our faith. The missionary map preaches to our eye; and if God's Spirit has touched our hearts, opportunities of Christian effort are longed for, and there will be a speedy response to every earnest Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us!"

Can we calculate how much we owe to our hours and years of united prayer? The Sabbath evening and monthly prayer meeting has been a very valuable element in our missionary history. To it we do not hesitate to ascribe a large measure of our success. In the closet and

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at our Auxiliary gathering, have we not had our Father's ear? To many, leading the devotions of others was a new duty, almost a cross-bearing from which they shrunk, but laid upon them by the Master; and realizing only His presence, have not the feeble been strengthened and the faltering tongue made steady, so as to give a voice to their efforts on behalf of their heathen sisters and far-distant fellow-workers?

Prayer moves the arm that moves the universe; and for this great world-wide work in which we are engaged we need the strength of God's almighty arm. And yet it is not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord. The more we ask, the larger will be our supplies. We may come away from God's audience chamber richly laden with promised blessings; and shall we not return to our homes from this meeting joyful and glad of heart for all the Lord's goodness to His people Israel?

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Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

(WESTERN SECTION.)

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

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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 such 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.

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.

CONSTITUTION

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

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 prepare the proceedings of the Society for the Annual Report. She shall also prepare the condition of the Home Field Report and the Treasurer's Report.

ARTICLE 7.—The Treasurer shall receive the contributions to the treasury at every meeting of the General Society.

ARTICLE 8.—This Society shall have the privilege of sending delegates to the General Society and hear the Annual Report.

ARTICLE 9.—An Auxiliary Society shall have the privilege of electing delegates to the General Society to support.

Any rules relating to the Auxiliary shall be provided they do not conflict with the General Society.

NOTE.—Do not interpret the By-laws so that shall conflict with the benevolent work.

I.—An Association of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be called a Mission Band of the Presbyterian Church in which it is organized (Western Section).

II.—Each Band shall have a Band Book.

III.—Any one may become a member of this Band by the annual payment of two dollars.

IV.—The officers of this Band shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected at the first meeting.

V.—The duty of the President shall be to preside at all meetings, and to have a general oversight of the work.

VI.—The duty of the Secretary shall be to prepare the proceedings of the Band for the Annual Report.

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.

DIRECTIONS

For Forming Mission Bands.

I.—An Association of young ladies banded together to aid the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church shall be called a Mission Band, auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Church in which it is formed, or to the Parent Society (Western Section).

II.—Each Band shall be responsible for not less than \$20 a year.

III.—Any one may become a member of the Mission Band by the annual payment of twenty-five cents.

IV.—The officers of a Band shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

V.—The duty of the President shall be to preside at all stated meetings, and to have a general oversight of the work of the Band.

VI.—The duty of the Secretary shall be to keep a record of the proceedings of the Band, and make an Annual Report to the Mission-

ary Society to which it is auxiliary, or to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (Western Section).

VII.—The Treasurer shall receive and hold all funds, paying the same annually to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary or the Church in which the Band is formed, or to the Treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (Western Section).

VIII.—Each Mission Band must select an appropriate name, not already in use, and report the same to the Society to which its money is sent.

CONSTITUTION

Of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Presbyterial Society.

ARTICLE 1.—This Society shall be called “The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of _____.”

ARTICLE 2.—Its officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer—all to be elected annually, and to hold office until their successors are appointed.

ARTICLE 3.—The Presidents of the local Societies shall be Managers in the Presbyterial Society.

ARTICLE 4.—The object of this Society shall be to promote the formation of Auxiliaries to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in all the congregations of the Presbytery, to diffuse intelligence and excite missionary interest among the women and children of the Church.

ARTICLE 5.—This Society shall be Auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (Western Section).

ARTICLE 6.—The Presbyterial Society shall hold its Annual Meeting at _____ meeting of the Presbytery _____.

ARTICLE 7.—The President and Secretary of the Presbyterial Society, with the President of the local Society where Presbytery is held, shall be a Committee of Arrangements, selecting topics for discussion, and devising means to make the meeting interesting and profitable.

ARTICLE 8.—Reports shall be sent to this meeting from the Secretary of each local Society.

ARTICLE 9.—A short abstract of these reports shall be sent to the Presbytery in session, to be read, if approved, at their public meeting, to be followed, it is hoped, by at least one address upon this branch of work.

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ARTICLE 11.—The voting members of the Presbyterial Society shall consist of the officers of the various Auxiliaries. All members of Auxiliaries who have paid one dollar shall have the right of discussion, but not of voting. Five of the voting members, representing different congregations, shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE 12.—The counsel and co-operation of the pastors of the churches shall at all times be sought for, when circumstances may require.

ARTICLE 13.—This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice in writing of the intended alteration having been given at a previous meeting.