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OF THE

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THE

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING of this Society was held in St. James' Square Church, Toronto, on Tuesday, April 8th. The ladies met both morning and afternoon, the proceedings being unusually interesting.

There was a large attendance of members, delegates and friends, ladies being present from Ottawa, Hamilton, Peterborough, Sarnia, Fergus, Seaforth, Ashburn, Agincourt, and Uxbridge; also representatives from four Mission Circles of the Baptist Church in this city.

The President, Mrs. McLaren, took the chair at 10.30 a.m., the meetings being opened and closed with devotional exercises.

The President's address, the address of welcome by Mrs. Harvie, Foreign Secretary, remarks from delegates, the reading of Managers' report, and Treasurer's statement, and a paper by Mrs. Blair, London, read by Mrs. King, Toronto, on "Work in Zenanas," and one on the "Religions of India," by Miss Harmon, Ottawa, occupied the morning.

The afternoon session was chiefly taken up by the Reports of the Home and Foreign Secretaries, the election of Committee (which was done by ballot), a paper on "Woman's Work," by Mrs. Bellhouse, Hamilton, also one on "Female Evangelization in India," by Mrs. D. J. McDonnell, Toronto, some time being left for conversation.

A pleasant hour was spent in recess, when a large party of ladies and friends, including the members of the Toronto Presbytery, sat down to luncheon together. By special invitation it was decided that the next annual meeting should be held in Hamilton.

The public meeting in the evening was presided over by Rev. Professor MacLaren, Convener of the Assembly's Committee on Foreign Missions (Western Section). The attendance was large, the following gentlemen taking part in the proceedings: the Rev. Samuel Lyle, Hamilton, Rev. J. H. Ballagh, Missionary, Dutch Reformed Church, Japan, Rev. George Cochrane, Missionary, Canada Methodist Church, Japan, Rev. Dr. Castle, Rev. J. M. King, Rev. Prof. Gregg, Rev. D. J. McDonnell and A. MacMurchy, M.A., Toronto.

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ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting a summary of the third year's work, your Committee do so with satisfaction and thankfulness, because the confident expectation expressed in the beginning of the year has not been disappointed.

All departments of Christian work having been more or less straitened, we consider it a cheering evidence of the hold which this cause has taken upon Presbyterian women, that this year has seen no diminution in our receipts or loss of earnestness in the workers, but rather a gradual development of our resources.

Our growth has been slow, but we trust of a healthy and permanent character. We cannot point to any great results, but there are satisfactory reasons for inferring that good work is being done.

We can speak hopefully of the indirect influence exerted upon ourselves—we frequently receive testimony to this effect from our branches; and we venture to think that the educating process through which we are passing, the training which is inseparable from earnest, honest effort, is widening our Christian sympathies, placing us all on a higher level, and fitting us as the work increases to take our part in it with greater intelligence and efficiency.

The direct correspondence which is being kept up with the ladies in India is increasingly interesting; we are also favoured with letters from Formosa, Trinidad, New Hebrides, and our own North West, either direct or through the courtesy of friends. Information received in this way has tended very largely to impart to our members in all parts of the country a more correct conception of the foreign work. The simple statement of daily duty done for the Master, divested of all romance or show, the faithful, honest recital of difficulty and success, fear and encouragement, indicates the realization of our hopes, and stimulates our efforts at home.

The Central Society has met regularly every month in the year, Branch Societies have in most cases also met regularly, and not having been favoured this year with a visit from any distinguished stranger or missionary, the chief interest of the meetings has gathered round the letters, both Home and Foreign, and this has been well sustained.

Interesting details of the year's work will be found in the separate reports of the Home and Foreign Secretaries, and in the Treasurer's statement.

We have been joined by several valuable Branches, and where all have done so well it is impossible to specify cases; but we direct attention to one or two features of this branch of our extension:

1st. The new auxiliaries have been formed at points throughout the section, and not in any special locality or Presbytery.

2nd. A larger number of important centres have come in, societies having been formed in cities. It was with much pleasure we welcomed the Hamilton Presbyterial Society, with four auxiliaries and two mission bands; and we are in correspondence with the Kingston Society respecting matters of detail with the view of effecting a union, which we hope will soon be accomplished.

A fine spirit of enthusiasm continues to prevail among the youth of the Church, who, through the agency of Mission Bands, contribute largely to our funds; and our constant friends, the young ladies of Morvyn House, Toronto, have as usual done good service.

A handsome donation of \$142 has been received from the ladies of North Georgetown and English River, transmitted to us through the Canadian Woman's Board of Missions, Montreal; and from that Board direct, \$14 30.

The following is a concise statement of our position:

Life members, 4; ordinary members, 246; number of Branch Societies, 42; members in Branch Societies, 966; total number of members, 1216. Number of Mission Bands, 8. Contributed by Toronto Society and Mission Bands, \$842 49; contributed by Branch Societies and Mission Bands, \$2091 26; received from other sources, \$291 62. Total amount contributed, \$3225 37.

And now, dear friends, consider the extent of the Foreign Mission field and the greatness of its necessity, and see to it that those who labour there as the representatives of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, are supported and encouraged by our liberal giving and continual remembrance of them in a manner commensurate (to some extent at least) with the preciousness of our own privileges.

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HOME SECRETARY'S REPORT.

ANOTHER year with its varied records has gone, and we come now to celebrate our Third Anniversary. To our Father in Heaven we would offer our first tribute of gratitude for His goodness to us as a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in permitting us thus to work for Him, and for sparing in life and health so many of those who are interested in this blessed work. Although we may not—nay, certainly have not—come up to the full measure of our ability, still we come rejoicing over the good we have been enabled to accomplish in the year just closed, and feeling that the work is deepening and widening and taking a permanent hold upon the women of our Church. It is also cause for much gratitude that we can record evidence of increased activity and faithful effort on the part of very many of the Societies connected with us. A few of our Auxiliaries are reported as less vigorous than formerly, but we think this is more owing to depression from surrounding circumstances, over which they have no control, than to diminished interest in the cause of Mission. There are those among them who continue to work and pray, patiently waiting for brighter days. Others of our Branches, through extra exertions, have surpassed their former liberality, and we feel greatly encouraged by the fact that the sum total of our receipts has exceeded that of any other year.

We have welcomed to our ranks during the course of the year TEN new Auxiliaries in different parts of the country, and the Presbyterial Society of Hamilton, with its four Auxiliaries and two Mission Bands, joined us in August; so that with these important accessions to our numbers we go hopefully forward with new vigour and determination. We would like to see one of these Presbyterial Societies formed in every Presbytery of our Church, as we believe they afford, when rightly conducted, the most simple, effective and satisfactory method of promoting this work at home that can be found.

Most of our Auxiliaries, now numbering forty-two, hold monthly meetings, at which letters from our Missionaries are read, and the reports from the Secretaries show that these are much appreciated. Want of familiarity with the history and operations of missions on the part of the women of our Churches, has been the greatest drawback to the progress of the work, and this obstacle is daily becoming less formidable through the agency of these letters, and reality and definiteness are dispelling the vagueness of interest which had usurped among us the place of missionary zeal.

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Our Mission Bands also send us encouraging reports and very considerable help this year—but far better and more precious than the money they have given is the spirit of heartiness and zeal that animates their work.

We thank the Secretaries of the Auxiliaries most heartily for their interesting reports, our only regret being that we cannot publish them in full. A short extract from each is all we can give.

REPORTS OF THE HAMILTON WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSION PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.

Your Committee have the pleasure of presenting their Third Annual Report, and in doing so consider this a fitting occasion on which to ascribe praise to God for the great blessing which has attended their labours during the past year.

Our Society is as yet, we may say, in its infancy—not yet three years since it began with very few. For a year it made but little progress, since then we have marked a steadily increasing interest in missionary work. This year several Auxiliaries have been organized, one at Dufferin, one at Burlington, one at Caledonia, and one at Ancaster. The young people also in our different churches are roused to interest in this important work. A Mission Band called “The Home Circle” has been lately organized in St. Paul’s Church. In McNabb Street Church we hope soon to hear of one also. A band of youthful workers (we may say children) gathered in from different churches, met weekly last year to work for the Zenana Mission, and contributed to our funds the sum of \$20.00. Your Committee would take this opportunity to mention with gratitude an aged lady of eighty-three who has done so much, both by her large contributions and her prayerful interest in this especial Mission; though confined to her bed for more than twenty years, love to her Divine Master constrains her to labour for “Him who loved her,” and “has been a very present help in time of trouble.” Since our last annual meeting we have joined the Western Section of the W. F. M. Society, which movement was sanctioned by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

DUFFERIN AUXILIARY.

Organized March, 1878. Your welcome letters have been received from time to time and heard with much interest. At our last meeting, owing to sickness and other causes, there was not a full attendance, but all evince great heartiness in the work, and we intend enlarging our borders.

A. GRANT, Sec.

BURLINGTON AUXILIARY.

Organized September, 1878. I am very happy to tell you that our Society is progressing fairly. We have 16 members. Our monthly meetings are quite interesting, and the foreign letters are listened to

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G. ALLAN, *Sec.*

CALEDONIA AUXILIARY.

Organized November, 1878. As our Society has been so recently organized, our report must necessarily be very meagre. We have fifteen members on the roll. We trust that by the blessing of God the Society will go on and prosper.

L. MUNRO, *Sec.*

"HOME CIRCLE"—ST. PAUL'S MISSION BAND.

Organized November, 1878. There is a membership of seventeen at present, and it is hoped that the numbers and interest will increase as the meetings go on.

A. LOGIE, *Sec.*

We must not omit to mention three congregations that have contributed largely to our funds, while as yet not Auxiliary:—Grimsby \$8; Flamboro' W., \$10; Black Heath, \$10; Dufferin and Indiana, \$63; Jarvis and Walpole, \$73.00. Though hitherto the ladies have not seen their way to form Societies, we look forward and earnestly pray, that ere another year passes, we may not only receive such substantial aid, but that by united prayer they will help us bear our burden while sharing in our blessing. Let us all, young and old, pray the Father to enable us to put forth more earnest effort to send the Gospel far and wide, that we may not merely "crowd His gates with thankful song," but fill our Lord's treasury with gifts of love.

Respectfully submitted,

R. ARNOT MACKINTOSH, *Cor. Sec.*
MARY DUFFERIN, *Rec. Sec.*

REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY OF LANCASTER AND ITS
AUXILIARIES.

At the end of the third year of our Society in Lancaster, we have great pleasure in reporting an increased interest in the cause of Foreign Mission work in our midst. The meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month, and there is invariably a full attendance. The information derived from missionary letters received from the parent Society tends greatly to increase the interest in the cause. Number of members, seventeen. Contributed this year, \$70.

F. J. HILL, *Sec.*

LOCHIEL AUXILIARY.

Meetings held each alternate month, at which the attendance has not been quite so good as last year. Contributed, \$43.

K. McMILLAN, *Sec.*

VANKLEEK HILL AUXILIARY.

Though we cannot speak of increased membership, still the interest is by no means decreasing, and we trust that the blessing of God may

rest on our efforts for the furtherance of His cause. Contributed, \$22.

J. McINTOSH, *Sec.*

WILLIAMSTOWN AUXILIARY.

Organized in August, 1876. Meetings held and interest increasing.

From Alexandria, Kenyon, Hawkesbury and Dalhousie we have received no reports this year.

STRATFORD AUXILIARY.

The membership of this Auxiliary is small, but it is hoped that by perseverance and the diffusion of missionary intelligence in this locality the members will greatly increase. Has contributed to parent Society the sum of \$132.43.

M. D. SCOTT, *Sec.*

PORT HOPE AUXILIARY.

Number of members, twenty. Held ten monthly meetings during the year. A visit from the President of the Central Society in January, proved an occasion of much pleasure and profit. Contributed the sum of \$59 66.

JANE CRAICK, *Sec.*

ST. MARY'S AUXILIARY.

Organized November, 1876. Membership of thirty-eight. Contributed \$77.32, including a donation from Miss Moscrip and Infant class of \$12. Missionary letters read with much interest.

MARY D. MOSCRIP, *Sec.*

WHITBY AUXILIARY.

We are happy to report that our Society, although still small, is steadily on the increase, and a much greater interest seems to have been awakened lately, and more earnest efforts put forth for its success. Number of members, ten. Contributed, \$17.

M. DONALDSON, *Sec.*

SARNIA AUXILIARY.

Our interest in Mission work has been deepened and extended. Missionary intelligence from India, Formosa, South Africa and other places has engaged our attention from time to time. Number of members, twenty-three. Contributed to parent Society, \$48.01.

C. C. CAMERON, *Sec.*

LAKEFIELD AUXILIARY.

Membership of nine. Contributed \$10.90. Letters from Missionaries much enjoyed.

J. McNAUGHTON, *Sec.*

COLUMBUS AUXILIARY.

Organized 1876. Contributed to parent Society the sum of \$44. No report sent in.

PETERBOROUGH AUXILIARY.

We can with thankfulness and pleasure record that, notwithstanding various hindrances, God has been pleased to bless our work, and

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C. B. DENNISTOWN, Sec.

OSHAWA AUXILIARY.

This Society has a membership of twenty-one. Has found the Missionary letters very beneficial in deepening an interest in the work, and in creating an accurate knowledge of mission needs. Contributed \$22.
M. HENDERSON, Sec.

AYR AUXILIARY.

Though the numbers of members has not increased during the past year, yet we cannot say that the interest has abated. We look forward with pleasure to our little monthly meeting. Number of members, thirteen. Contributed, \$15.
H. WALKER, Sec.

ORMSTOWN AUXILIARY.

This Society, although it has had to encounter difficulties and hindrances during the past year, still is as resolved as ever to press on in its good work, in humble trust in God for guidance and blessing. Contributed the sum of \$69. Number of members, twenty-nine.
I. YOUNIE, Sec.

CLINTON AUXILIARY.

Report from this Society not quite so cheerful as last year, but looking hopefully forward to the future. Number of members, twenty-one. Contributed, \$64.
M. FAIR, Sec.

GODERICH AUXILIARY.

Contributed to parent Society the sum of \$14.50.

M. McLEAN, Sec.

WINDSOR AUXILIARY.

Windsor has suffered greatly from the financial depression which has visited our land, and although our members have not increased we have kept our Society alive, and hope for brighter days. Contributed, \$8.50
B. B. PEDDIE, Sec.

BRUCEFIELD AUXILIARY.

This Society has held its own this year in point of numbers, and we are glad to be able to state that the amount raised is considerably in excess of that of last year. We have a Saturday evening prayer meeting for our heathen sisters and for those who have gone to tell them of "Jesus and His love. Contributed, \$38.65.
M. P. KETCHEN, Sec.

FINGAL AUXILIARY.

Number of members, eighteen. Contributed, \$24. The letters fresh from our Missionaries and the mission field form always the most interesting part of our meetings.
M. E. McPHERSON, Sec.

SEAFORTH AUXILIARY.

Membership of thirteen. Monthly meetings held regularly, and Missionary letters read with profit. Contributed, \$77.14.

J. ANDERSON, *Sec.*

ASHBURN AUXILIARY.

Organized October, 1876. Membership of fourteen. Sent to parent Society \$29.04. Monthly meetings held regularly and very well attended, and the interest gradually increasing.

BELLA CRIGHTON, *Sec.*

EMBRO AUXILIARY.

Organized July, 1878. Members, fifteen.

J. MACKAY, *Sec.*

BOWMANVILLE AUXILIARY.

Missionary letters proving a source of much good as well as pleasure. Contributed, \$37.

C. FAIRWEATHER, *Sec.*

TEESWATER AUXILIARY.

Organized June, 1878. Membership, thirty-five. Have met monthly, and send to parent Society the sum of \$40.05.

I. WARDROPE, *Pres.*

LONDON AUXILIARY.

Organized March, 1878, with a membership of seven, now numbers twenty-eight, and has contributed the sum of \$134 96. We are determined to increase in usefulness and are sure of God's blessing on His own work.

M. L. CHISHOLM, *Sec.*

FERGUS AUXILIARY.

Membership thirty-four. Contributed \$50 to parent Society. Monthly by month, as we meet together and receive fresh intelligence from Mission fields, we feel still more animated and encouraged, and are beginning a new year of work with much hope of usefulness and blessing.

J. L. SMELLIE, *Sec.*

OTTAWA AUXILIARY.

Organized August, 1878. Membership of thirty-five; although only in existence six months has contributed \$48. The meetings are held monthly, and have increased in interest from the first. We value very highly the missionary letters sent by parent Society; and have no doubt they will, by the blessing of God, be the means of awakening an interest in the minds of many who have not hitherto thought much on the subject.

ISABEL MACKAY, *Sec.*

ALMONTE AUXILIARY.

Organized August, 1878. Membership of twenty-four. Monthly meetings held regularly and well attended. Contributed \$31 45.

KATE T. McNABB, *Sec.*

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Organized August, 1878. Has a membership of twenty-one. Contributed \$22 05. Whilst thankful for the success we have had, we trust in the coming year more may be inclined to take an interest in the work.

A. CRAWFORD, *Sec.*

DUMBARTON AUXILIARY.

Organized October, 1878. Monthly meetings held regularly; membership of sixteen; contributed \$10.

T. DUNBAR, *Sec.*

INGERSOLL AUXILIARY.

Organized April, 1878. Membership twenty-four; Missionary letters much appreciated, and monthly meetings held. Contributed, \$29 34.

LINA MCKENZIE, *Sec.*

UXBRIDGE AUXILIARY.

Organized January, 1879. This Society still in its infancy, but bids fair for success. Number of members, twenty-three.

A. E. JACKSON, *Sec.*

HARRINGTON AUXILIARY.

Contributed to Parent Society the sum of \$15 43. No report sent in.

"WILLING WORKERS" MISSION BAND, OF KNOX CHURCH, TORONTO.

The young people of this Band have met weekly for work during the past year. This together with three entertainments and a lecture has enabled them to contribute to the Parent Society the sum of \$150. The interest in the work keeps up, and Missionary letters are read from time to time.

JEANNIE A. TOPP, *Sec.*

"CHEERFUL GIVERS" MISSION BAND, OF CHARLES STREET CHURCH, TORONTO.

The meetings have been kept up regularly though the attendance has not been quite so large as last year, owing to various causes. Those who attend are much interested in the work, and enjoy the letters from our missionaries. Contributed the sum of \$100.

I. REID, *Sec.*

"MINISTERING CHILDREN" MISSION BAND OF ELIZABETH ST. MISSION SCHOOL IN CONNECTION WITH COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO.

Number of members eighteen. A series of entertainments and two sales of fancy work have been held during the year, realizing the sum of \$100. We pray that God's blessing may still rest on our work.

C. DUNLOP, *Sec.*

"HOPEFUL GLEANERS" MISSION BAND OF ST. JAMES' SQUARE CHURCH, TORONTO.

Our meetings held every two weeks for the reception of Missionary intelligence are well attended, and the members take great interest in

the work. Money is raised by private orders for work, and holding reunions which have been very successful. Contributed the sum of \$90.

M. A. BURFIELD, *Sec.*

"LABOURERS OF LOVE" MISSION BAND OF BELLEVILLE.

This Band meets every alternate week for work, each member doing a little and all thoroughly in earnest. Number of members, seventeen. Contributed, \$70.

BELLE FORIN, *Sec.*

"DILIGENT WORKERS" MISSION BAND OF WHITBY.

Number of Members in this Band thirty. Contributed the sum of \$64 50.

And now as we stand looking back on the year that is past, and forward to the one we are just entering, let us each one reflect on *the motives* that prompt us in our deeds for, and gifts to this Society. Do we remember that "the real motive of mission work is the motive of love?" Such love for our Divine Master, and gratitude for His unspeakable and unutterable gifts as will make the extension of His kingdom the first object of our lives. And we know that there is not one record of self-denial, or one real effort made for those poor heathen that shall be forgotten by Him to whom the motives of all hearts are known. We feel assured that if we carry on this work in which we are engaged earnestly, faithfully and prayerfully, it will not only prove a blessing to those heathen women for whom we labour, but will return in abundant blessing upon ourselves.

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FOREIGN SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To superficial observers, history but repeats itself; the achievements and the failures of any age, the records of religious or philanthropic enterprise, are, to them, scarcely more than reproductions and reprints. But the careful eye, and thoughtful mind, that have been "taught of God" to analyze "detail," to detect changes and events but indistinctly outlined, to look within the microscope, as well as the telescope, beholding the unnoted results of hidden causes, will discover, that all history is pervaded by one of two universal laws, viz., the law of *life and growth*, or, the law of *death and decay*.

The Foreign mission work assumed by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, auxiliary to the Foreign Mission Committees of the General Assembly, whether it be on a distant continent, or in verdant islands of tropical seas, *pulsates* with life and vigour, consequently the record *must* be hopeful and encouraging. Consecrated men and women, evidently chosen vessels of God, are bearing his name before *princes*, are waging an aggressive and successful warfare against ignorance and idolatry.

Turning our attention to that portion of Missionary enterprise more intimately associated with *our* Society of the Western Section, we note, with fervent thanksgiving, the "planting" of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission in Central India. Two years ago our Missionaries settled temporarily in Indore, but the mission "tents" were simply "pitched," sites for permanent buildings could not be secured, and untoward circumstances might at any moment have necessitated a hasty removal. Time, however, is generally required for the complete development of any important plan, and the *sequel* in this case has plainly proved, that, this period of patient waiting was *essential* to the perfecting of Divine arrangements. By *it*, enmities have been subdued, antipathies removed, specially suitable locations have presented themselves, and to-day the Church is in possession of mission premises in the city of Indore.

An old Mohammedan Mosque occupied a portion of one of the purchased sites; *this* was quietly removed, affording the glad spectacle of Islamism fleeing before Christianity. Our faith accepts the encouragement revealed through this fact, and we, see the light of the gospel, radiating from these Christian homes, until, by the power of the Spirit, all classes of society are permeated.

Already we have in Indore the nucleus of a *native* Presbyterian Congregation, five persons, Sukh-a-nunden and Narayan Sing, whose af-

fecting story has touched all our hearts, Mungia, with her little daughter, and Isai Dass, formerly a Fakir, or Brahmin Monk, have been baptized by Rev. J. Douglas, upon their profession of faith in Christ Jesus. The two first named, are gentlemen of high caste—Brahmins. They have endured much bitter persecution, and are now sentenced to ostracism for Christ's sake.

That mighty leavener of the masses, either for good or evil, the printing press, has been brought into requisition, and is in itself an important part of the Gospel machinery set in motion by our Missionaries at Indore and Mhow. Thousands of Bible leaflets are "thrown off" weekly, by the "toy press," and distributed by our lady missionaries throughout the City of Indore, Mhow station, and neighbouring villages; occasionally, even at the entrance of some magnificent temple, the people going up to do "pooja," with these "silent protests" in their hands. The aggregate results of this rapidly increasing circulation of Scripture truth are beyond human calculation. The very children run after the ladies as they drive along in their "garis," (light waggons drawn by oxen) eagerly clamoring for the "books" which tell about the "good heart," or the "house in the sky."

Our Foreign correspondence may be compared—to appropriate the beautiful thought of a recent writer on a kindred subject—to that wondrous instrument but newly discovered, which *imprisons* words, laughter, music and weeping, reproducing them, perhaps in another age or clime. *Our letters speak* to us of joys and sorrows, hopes and fears, but "far above the sad refrain of weakness, loneliness and anxiety," comes the triumphant chorus born of "faith, courage and fruition."

For some months in the early part of the year the shadow of death brooded over the mission home at Indore. A pestilential disease having broken out in the city, Miss McGregor, also the little lada, Willie, Robbie, and Freddy Douglas were prostrated, but God had mercy on *them*, and upon *us* also, and preserved *unbroken*, the mission circle. A short residence on "the hills" at Kandalla, completely restored Miss McGregor to her wonted health, also greatly benefited Miss Fairweather, whose strength had for some weeks been failing. During their holiday, our ladies were not idle, the distribution of "booklets," and the reading of the Word, either to natives or soldiers, occupying much of their time.

Miss McGregor and Miss Forrester are rapidly gaining a knowledge of the language, being able even *now*, to speak, though with "broken utterance," directly to the hearts of native women. May they be enriched with all knowledge and all utterance, that the testimony of the Lord Jesus may be confirmed by them.

The blessing of God has rested upon the "Zenana visitation" undertaken both at Indore and Mhow, the efforts of the lady missionaries have been tolerated, and in some instances appreciated by native gentlemen. As Christian women, this department of foreign mission work interests us greatly. From the vantage ground of liberty, honour,

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and equality, upon which the Christian religion has enthroned us, we gaze with yearning pity, not unmixed with horror, upon the *absolute* degradation of the women of heathen lands. Scores of families, including Parsees, Mohammedans, and Brahmins of caste, are visited with more or less regularity. In several of *these* the mothers and daughters are taught to read in the New Testament, either in the Hindu, or the Marathi, character. Interesting conversations have been held by the ladies with native gentlemen upon religious questions, and frequently *they* assemble with the women, to listen to the reading and explanation of some portion of scripture.

The young Bible women, Yamoona and Venoo, sing our beautiful Gospel hymns with much sweetness and power, which, is a great attraction to native women.

Our ladies have made frequent excursions to neighbouring villages, where they are generally greeted by large gatherings of men, women and children. The Marathi women and half-castes are unveiled, and do not always retire from the presence of men. On one of these trips Miss Rodger made the acquaintance of the mother of the Maharaja Holkar, and has several times since read and explained portions of the New Testament in this august presence.

A recent letter from Miss Fairweather describes an important interview with the Maharaja and Maharani Holkar, at which faithful testimony was borne for Christ and "truth."

The day schools established at Indore have been discontinued for some months on account of the rapid increase of Zenana work. The Orphanage recently opened, under the charge of Miss Fairweather, will undoubtedly prove a valuable addition to the various "Mission agencies" already in operation.

The *three* schools at Mhow—the Boys', the Girls' and the Sabbath school—are all prosperous, the average attendance is good, and the manners and appearance of the children gradually improving. The Girls' school is in charge of the Catechist's wife and daughter, Miss Forrester teaching the singing and sewing classes, and Miss Rodger the Scripture lessons. The children sing several simple hymns, and have read almost the entire Gospel of St. Matthew.

Miss McGregor has given us much curious and useful information concerning the manners, customs, domestic arrangements, and climatic peculiarities of this most interesting land.

Concerning the work of the devoted Missionaries of our Church in Northern Formosa, most encouraging intelligence has reached us from Mrs. Junor, who in the midst of severe personal affliction and bereavement, has written us, most *fully*, of the difficulties and prospects of mission work among the women of China. Mrs. Junor has consented, with the assistance of Rev. G. L. and Mrs. McKay, to undertake the instruction in Bible truth, of a number of native women—converts—as rapidly as her own knowledge of the language will permit. Native Bible-woman possessing nationality, language, associations, etc., in common with their heathen sisters, will doubtless, *wield* an influence which "foreigners" might scarcely hope to acquire in a life-time.

The cost of maintaining and instructing one of these Bible-women will amount to about \$36 per annum, and the responsibility of supplying the "means" rests with us.

The sympathies and prayers of our Society are drawn out towards Mr. and Mrs. Junor in their distant and *now* desolate home, and we desire to send across the sea a word of comfort. "It is well" with "Franky," and though his place may be vacant on earth, the little missionary life will linger a tender memory in the heart of the *entire* Canadian Church.

Specially interesting notes of travel in Persia, also affecting accounts of the famine in South India have come to us from the kind and unwearied hand of Mrs. Stothert. The failing health of Rev. Mr. Stothert had necessitated a tropical sea voyage, and a sojourn of some months at Coonoor, Neilgherry Hills. We thankfully record his partial restoration to health.

Mrs. Bryce, Winnipeg, has kindly favoured us with intelligence of mission work among the Okanisee and other Indian tribes, which has directed our thoughts and prayers into new and important channels.

The exchange of Foreign letters with Miss J. Campbell, Secretary of the Halifax Branch, W. F. M. Society, has conduced greatly to the interest of our meetings; many encouraging facts connected with the work of Miss Blackadder, Missionary to Trinidad, having thus been brought under our notice.

With thanks we acknowledge the receipt of an important and suggestive letter, addressed by Rev. J. F. Campbell to Mrs. Chisholm, Secretary of the W. F. M. Society, St. John's, Newfoundland.

The intellectual uses or benefits arising out of the organization of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, apart from the spread of the Gospel, are numerous and palpable. Our members necessarily acquire a certain amount of business tact, practical and comprehensive views upon important subjects, mental discipline and enrichment, but beyond and above all this, *we possess the presence and the benediction of a risen Lord.*

In looking out upon the "possibilities" for future work, we must remember that the "field is the world," and that never *before* was it better prepared for the preaching of the Gospel—the day breaks, the shadows flee away, the horizon brightens with the prospect of new conquest and ultimate success. "Governmental walls of circumvallation are crumbling to pieces;" the progress of thought is producing a feeling of "unrest among the masses;" paganism is becoming enamoured with Christian arts, institutions and culture; the disciples of Confucius are discovering that Christians are purer moralists than themselves; heathenism is losing its hold upon the rising generation; temples are deserted, and idols criticised as curiosities; caste lines are becoming indefinable, and "caste prejudices an anachronism."

With these social and political revolutions, these upheavings of ancient customs and religions, these "doors" opening on every hand, our responsibility as a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and an important factor in the Church, *increases.* The "Macedonian cry"

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L. J. HARVIE,

For Sec., W. F. M. S.

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Mrs. Duncan Clark, Toronto	4 00
Master Frank Mitchell, "	3 00
Mrs. James Campbell "	1 00
Mrs. George Keith "	1 00
Mrs. Wm. Carlyle, "	2 00
A Family, "	15 00
Morvyn House Band, "	50 00
Mrs. James Leslie, "	4 00
Mrs. W. M. Clark, "	5 00
Mrs. W. McLaren, "	10 00
Miss Haight, "	10 00
John St. Presbyterian Church, Belleville	67 50
Infant Class, Erskine Church, Ingersoll	5 00
Mrs. Montgomery, New Richmond, Que.	4 00
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Mrs. McKenize, Dalhousie	10 00
Thank Offering from Prayer Meeting, Vankleek Hill.	16 00
Mrs. Blackwood, West Lorne	5 00
Mrs. McCuaig, Vankleek Hill	4 00
Georgetown and English River (per C.W.B.F.M., Montreal)	
" Ladies' Department of Missions	100 00
" Mission Building Fund, Indore	30 00
" Formosa	12 00
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Mrs. J. M. KING, Treasurer, in Account with the W. F. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.
(WESTERN SECTION.)

Receipts.

To Balance from last year	\$128 62
Collection at Annual Meeting	39 51
Received in Envelopes	89 23
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Expenditure.

By Amount paid Dr. Ellinwood (Travelling Expenses)	\$30 00
Printing Annual Report and Programmes	33 50
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Collection at Annual Meeting	Printing Annual Report and Programmes
Received in Envelopes	Advertising
" in Missionary Box	.....	Stationery, Postage, Copying Letters, etc	.....
Members' Fees	.....	28,000 Envelopes, Printing and numbering	.....
One Life Member	.....	Sexton of Knox Church	.....
Mrs. M. Mitchell's book on "Zenas"	.....	Dr. Reid for Salaries of Missionaries, etc	.....
Special Subscriptions	.....	Balance on hand	.....
<i>Auxiliaries</i> —Almonte, \$31.45; Ashburn, \$29.04; Ayr, \$15; Agincourt, \$22.05; Bowmanville, \$37; Brucefield, \$38.65; Clinton, \$64; Columbus, \$44; Dunbarton, \$10; Embro, (for Envelopes) \$2; Fergus (Meiville Church), \$50; Fingal, \$24; Goderich, \$14.50; Harrington, \$15.43; Hamilton Presbyterian Society, (For salary of Miss McGregor), \$477.91; Ingersoll (Knox Church), \$29.34; Lakeland, \$10.90; Lancaster, 1877, \$80; 1878, \$70; Lochiel, \$43; London, \$134.96; Ormstown, \$69.00; Oshawa, \$22; Ottawa, \$48; Peterborough, \$94; Port Hope, \$50.66; Sarnia, \$50.26; Seaford, \$77.14; Stratford, \$123.43; St. Marys, \$77.32; Teeswater, \$40.05; Uxbridge (for Envelopes), 67c; Vankleek Hill, \$22; Whitby, \$17; Windsor, \$8.50..... Total 1952 26			
<i>Mission Bands</i> —"Diligent Workers" (Whitby), \$64.50; "Labourers of Love" (Belleville), \$75; "Willing Workers" (Knox Church, Toronto), \$150; "Cheerful Givers" (Charles Street Church), \$100; "Ministering Children" (Cooke's Church), \$100; "Hopeful Gleaners" (St. James' Square Church), \$90..... Total 579 50			
Interest on Bank Deposit
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Examined and found correct.
Toronto, 7th April, 1879.
WM. REID.

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 operations shall be the City of Toronto.

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

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

Article 4.—The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of thirty-six managers, including the President, four Vice-Presidents, a Recording-Secretary, two Corresponding-Secretaries, and a Treasurer. They shall be elected from the members of the Society annually, by the members who are present at the Annual Meeting. They shall have power to elect non-resident Vice-Presidents, and to appoint corresponding members when the objects of the Society shall be promoted thereby; they shall also have authority to fill vacancies occurring in their body during the year.

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

The rest of the Constitution is the same as in former years.