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## THE ANNUAL REPORT

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**T**HIS being the First Annual Report of the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, the Managers think it might be as well to notice that the Society owes its existence to the expressed desire of the members of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, its object being to aid that committee by promoting its work among the women and children of heathen lands, and especially to raise the necessary funds for the support of Female Missionaries in India and elsewhere; and as one means of attaining this object, to urge the organisation of Auxiliaries throughout the whole Presbyterian Church, and,—that we might enlist the sympathies of the young—to form smaller societies or Mission Bands with distinctive names, each of which would be responsible for a subscription of, at least, twenty dollars a year, to the Central Society in Toronto.

Several meetings for organization took place in February and March of last year, and on the 4th of April, just one year ago, the first monthly meeting of this Association was held, at which fifty persons enrolled themselves as members.

We immediately turned our attention to securing direct missionary intelligence from the foreign field, which, as will be seen by the report of the Foreign Secretary, we were most fortunate in obtaining.

This helped very much to give an increasing interest to our monthly meetings—the first part of which is always spent in devotional exercises and reading missionary intelligence. With a view to establishing and stimulating “systematic giving,” we adopted the envelope system, viz: Giving to each member one large envelope containing twelve small ones, and asking, that one of these last, should be dropped into the Mission-box each month, with just such a subscription as God put it into the heart and power of each to give for this particular purpose. And at the same time, we were careful to make it thoroughly understood, that we did not wish any one to take from any other scheme of our Church to give to this; but if they could not by additional self-denial spare somewhat for this object, then we still asked their prayers and attendance at our monthly meetings, that they might hear of all the ways our Lord and Master was leading us, and the doors that were everywhere open for His followers to go in and spread the knowledge of His truth throughout the whole earth.

And thus we entered on our special work; trusting on Him alone for wisdom to guide us, who says, “Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit.”

The success attending our efforts has been very encouraging. We began with fifty members, we are now ninety-four, and we may with truth add, all these more deeply interested in foreign missions than formerly.

Eighteen auxiliaries have been organized—several very recently, consequently they will not be able to report any funds this year. Others have sent their reports, (a summary of which is appended,) their subscriptions and good wishes. Three mission bands have been formed in our city and have worked well. At the head stand the “Willing Workers,” who have contributed \$300 to the funds of our Society; next come the “Hopeful Gleaners,” who sent us \$95; and then the “Cheerful Givers” who, though only in existence for a few months, gave

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By looking at the Treasurer's statement, it will be seen that the amount received from member's fees is \$94; one life-member \$25; envelopes and special donation \$306.03.

Our auxiliaries have sent us \$235.36, and our mission bands \$445, making the sum total \$1,105.39.

Now as we are assured that no scheme of our Church has suffered, in consequence of this additional call on our "givings," we think we may take courage and urge the claims of this Society; remembering, that "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver," and that "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

Our membership fee is *one dollar* a year. Friends who have sent us more than that sum will find the balance credited to them as a special donation.

C. S. EWART, *Rec. Sec. W.F.M.S.*

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## Foreign Secretary's Report.

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**B**UT few words in the English language are more expressive, or of deeper import than these,—Letters—Correspondence—conveying, as they do, to the minds of those who are separated from loved friends and relatives, so much of joy or sorrow, pleasure or pain. Who among us does not grasp, with eagerness, a long expected packet of letters from an absent friend? and who does not cherish them among their most dearly prized treasures? But, especially to Christian women, deeply interested in the welfare and salvation of their ignorant, degraded sisters, in foreign, heathen lands, are these “white winged messengers” precious, when they come from those distant shores, from missionaries—those who have in reality “counted all things as loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus their Lord,”—and telling of the wondrous power of the “old, old story,” to subdue and transform even the hearts of superstitious idolaters.

Fully realizing this fact, and also, that unless direct communication was at once established with missionaries in the foreign field, the interest so recently and so thoroughly awakened in the minds of our Canadian ladies of the Presbyterian Church upon the subject of Foreign Missions, would speedily pass away, the Committee of Management resolved to open a correspondence at once with Miss Rodger and Miss Fairweather, missionaries of our church labouring in Central India, and Mrs. Dr. Fraser of Tamsui, Formosa.

In accordance with this resolution, letters were at once despatched ; but before replies could be received from either of these ladies, we as a Society, were favoured with our first foreign letter from Mrs. Stothert, wife of Rev. R. Stothert of the Free Church Institution, Bombay. The arrival of this letter; and the commencement of a correspondence with Mrs. Stothert, was an unexpected pleasure, obtained through the influence of her sister, Miss Ewing, one of the members of our Society. Although busily engaged in the study of the Marathi language, and in Zenana mission work, Mrs. Stothert has furnished us with six letters, all of them of much interest, rich in thought, comprehensive in range of topics, yet entering minutely into the detail of a missionary's every day life. Her descriptions of Zenana visitation are vivid and touching. The women of Bombay enjoy more liberty than their sisters of Bengal and some other portions of India, consequently, entrance to the Zenanas is easily effected ; all that is required being an introduction, and this is frequently procured from the young men attending the Institution.

One of Mrs. Stothert's letters, received by Mrs. MacLaren, our President, contains a thrilling history of the conversion of a Hindoo lady, and of the persecutions to which she was subjected by friends, on account of her acceptance of Christianity. We can only give a synopsis of this interesting story:—Poor "Vitabai" was summoned before a civil court, afterwards deserted by her husband, and literally torn from her children. Through all these severe trials, God preserved her by His sustaining grace. Indeed, the more her afflictions abounded, the stronger became her faith, and the more firmly her feet were planted upon the "Rock of Ages," Christ Jesus. Recently the cheering intelligence has reached us, that, after years of weary waiting, watching, praying and suffering, our Heavenly Father has rewarded her faith and patience, by softening in a measure the husband's heart, causing him to seek a reconciliation, and

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Our attention has also been called to the fact that, though Zenana work is at present the popular mission work, schools will eventually accomplish more for India, especially if the girls could remain a longer period; and this, those who are interested are desirous of bringing about. We hope a brighter day is dawning for the women of India, and that soon the girls may share in the many and superior advantages for education and culture, possessed even at present, by those of the opposite sex.

From Miss Rodger and Miss Fairweather, our own Missionaries, we have received during the year four letters. Miss Rodger would probably have written more frequently, but for two or three months she has been laid aside from active work by serious illness. The latest intelligence is encouraging, showing that she has entirely recovered. Miss Rodger's correspondence relates chiefly to three Girls' Schools over which she has charge. The average attendance at these schools is fifty. The girls are taught to read, particularly in the Bible. They are also taught the Catechism, Scripture History, Writing, and the elements of Arithmetic, and through the blessing of God this faithful teaching is doing much to break down the barriers of ignorance and superstition, which have hitherto prevented the spread of the glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Indeed, a letter received a few days ago from Miss Fairweather reiterates the opinion previously expressed by Mrs. Stothert, that it is to the young and comparatively pure minds of the children of India we must look as the best soil for the careful sowing, and the consequent upspringing of the seed of the Word. The Zenana itself is frequently opened for the lady missionary by the "tender fingers of its children."

Both Miss Rodger and Miss Fairweather are engaged in Zenana work, visiting regularly several families, teaching the

women who assemble at their coming to read, and endeavoring, here and there, to drop some seeds of Divine Truth, which by and by may spring up and yield a rich and abundant harvest.

Miss Fairweather has given us an interesting description of Indore, the capital of Malwa, around which so many hopes and prayers are at present centred, as being the home of Rev. J. M. Douglas, and the headquarters of the Canadian Presbyterian mission in Central India.

We have also much pleasure in recording the receipt of one letter from Mrs. Dr. Fraser, Formosa. Mrs. Fraser was seriously ill during the hot weather, but had regained her usual health previous to writing. Her letter contains sad accounts of the forlorn and degraded condition of Chinese women, in that land with its "teeming millions."

We cannot close this report, without thanking our correspondents for their kindness in sending us so many precious letters, and assuring them, that, as a society, our prayers are daily ascending to the "Lord Jehovah," for them, and for a blessing on their work.

L. HARVIE, *For. Sec'y, W.F.M.S.*

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## Auxiliaries.

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THE Managers of the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY in Toronto desire most heartily to thank the Secretaries of the Auxiliary Societies for the cheering reports sent to them, and which were read at their last meeting. They are very glad to hear that the regular monthly meetings and the direct missionary intelligence supplied to them, are creating such a deep interest in this noble work; "so that not only do they feel that they are enjoying pleasant intercourse, and doing something by their prayers and contributions to cheer the hearts of our missionaries, but are themselves receiving a great spiritual blessing."

The necessity of keeping down our working expenses prevents the publication of these reports in full.

*Peterboro' Auxiliary.*—Organized January 1877. Contributed to Parent Society \$31.13. The Secretary writes, "Hearing through various channels of the wonderful work being effected for the mental, moral and spiritual enlightenment of the native 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."

*Port Hope Auxiliary.*—Organized October 31, 1876. Contribution to Parent Society \$27.25. This Society "held its Annual meeting in February last, though only formed in October, with a view to making their business arrangements harmonize with those of the Parent Society" The warm interest that has

been awakened makes the prospect of increased liberality for the ensuing year encouraging.

*Lakefield Auxiliary.*—Organized in December 1876. Contributed to Parent Society \$6.13.

*Lancaster Auxiliary.*—Organized May 3rd, 1876. Contributed to Parent Society \$60.15 Monthly meetings held regularly. The members realizing, in a measure, what a privilege it is to assist in such a noble work, sent a box of articles valued at \$25 to India, by the Rev. J. Fraser Campbell.

*Williamstown Auxiliary.*—Organized August 1876. Contributed to Parent Society \$37.

*Vankleek Auxiliary.*—Organized September 2nd, 1876. Contributed to Parent Society \$20.30. Great willingness to aid, and deep interest felt in the good work.

*Kirkville Auxiliary.*—Organized October 4th, 1876. Collected \$46, but not sent to Parent Society. "Bad weather and bad roads have prevented many good monthly meetings, but a lively interest has been felt in the evangelization of India and in Zenana work.

*Whitby Auxiliary.*—Organized November 8th, 1876. Contributed to Parent Society \$6.16. "Circumstances interfered with meeting frequently, but sincerely hope to be able to do more in the future. Making earnest efforts to help on so worthy a cause."

*Ashburn Auxiliary.*—Three meetings held, and interest awakened. Contributed to the Parent Society \$9.74.

*Oshawa Auxiliary.*—Organized February 1877. Contributed to Parent Society \$12.25.

*Sarnia Auxiliary.*—Organized December 1876. Cheering prospects for next year, but regret they can forward little to the Parent Society, but hope! Contributed \$2.25.

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*St. Mary's Auxiliary.*—Organized November 1876. Contributed to Parent Society \$23.00.

*Ayr Auxiliary.*—Organized February 16th, 1877.

*East Hawkesbury Auxiliary.*—Organized October 18th, 1876.

*Kenyon Auxiliary.*—Organized October 16th, 1876.

*Lochiel Auxiliary.*—Organized September 3rd, 1876.

*Alexandria Auxiliary.*—Organized September 4th, 1876.

Two additional Auxiliaries have been formed since the Annual Meeting, viz., Windsor and Ormstown. Others, we have no doubt, will follow rapidly.

Of our three Mission Bands, auxiliary to the W. F. M. S., we will only add: That the "Willing Workers" (Knox Church) have fully sustained the reputation of their name; while the "Hopeful Gleaners" (Gould Street Church) must have *gleaned* we think, somewhat like Ruth; and the "Cheerful Givers" (Charles Street Church) in their cheeriness seem to combine the *will* of the one and the *hope* of the other. May the blessing that maketh rich and addeth no sorrow be theirs now and forever.

# Women

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LIST OF MEMBERS OF  
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*LIFE MEMBER.* —Miss J. Haight, Montreal.

*MEMBERS.*

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| Allan, Miss.              | Ewing, Miss.              |
| Archibald, Miss.          |                           |
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| Barnhill, Mrs.            | Fletcher, Mrs.            |
| Blaikie, Mrs.             | Forrin, Mrs., Belleville. |
| Brodie, Mrs.              | Fraser, Mrs. R. D.        |
| Brown, Mrs.               |                           |
| Brown, Miss.              | Galbraith, Mrs. D.        |
| Brown, Miss E.            | Gibbs, Mrs. M.            |
| Brown, Miss I.            | Gilray, Mrs.              |
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| Burns, Mrs. John.         | Graham, Miss.             |
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| Campbell, Mrs. Hugh.      | Greig, Miss.              |
| Campbell, Mrs. Jas.       |                           |
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| Clark, Mrs. W. M.         | Hunter, Mrs.              |
| Cook, Mrs., Sarnia.       | Inglis, Mrs.              |
| Cowan, Mrs.               |                           |
| Cross, Mrs.               | Jennings, Miss.           |
|                           | Johnston, Mrs.            |
| Davids, Miss.             |                           |
| Durand, Miss Emma.        | Keith, Mrs. G.            |
| Douglas, Mrs. Jas.        | Kerr, Mrs. John.          |
|                           | King, Mrs. J. M.          |
| Esson, Mrs., Belleville.  | Kirkland, Mrs. T.         |

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- Mathers, Mrs.
- Miller, Mrs. H.
- Milligan, Mrs.
- Morrison, Mrs. Angus.
- Munro, Mrs.
- McCracken, Mrs. F.
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- McDonnell, Mrs. D. J.
- McGregor, Mrs. H., Kintyre.
- McKenzie, Mrs., Dalhousie.
- McLachlan, Mrs.
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- McLaren, Mrs.
- McLelland, Mrs.
- McMurchy, Mrs.
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- McMurrich, Mrs. W. B.

Oliver, Mrs.

- Paterson Mrs. J. A.
- Platt, Mrs. John.
- Playfair, Mrs.

- Reid, Mrs. W.
- Reid, Miss.
- Robb, Mrs. J. G.
- Ross, Mrs. W.

- Saunders, Mrs. T.
- Skinner, Mrs.
- Smith, Mrs. A. M.
- Smith, Mrs. John.
- Stewart, Mrs. F.

- Tannahill, Mrs., Belleville.
- Thom, Mrs. J. H.
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- Topp, Mrs.
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- Wallace, Mrs.
- Warden, Mrs. R. H.

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### Special Subscriptions.

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Morvyn House Band.....	44 00
Mrs. McMurchy's children.....	15 00
Mrs. Pollard.....	10 00
Mrs. J. M. King.....	10 00
Mrs. H. McGregor, Kintyre.....	7 00
Mrs. McLaren.....	5 50
Mrs. John Burns.....	5 00
Presbyterian Minister.....	5 00
Mrs. A. M. Smith.....	4 00
Mrs. McKenzie, Dalhousie.....	4 00
Mrs. Forrin, Belleville.....	3 00
Mrs. A. Hunter.....	3 00
Mrs Jas. Douglas.....	3 00
Mrs. W. Kerr's children.....	3 00
Mrs. Jas. Campbell.....	2 00
Mrs. Cook, Sarnia.....	2 00
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*Mrs. J. M. KING, Treasurer, in account with the W. F. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church.*

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>Expenditure.</i>	
Members' Fees.....	\$94 00	By amount paid for Printing and Envelopes.	\$51 23
One Life Member.....	25 00	Stationery and Postage.....	14 47
Special Subscriptions.....	216 00	Sexton of Knox Church.....	6 00
In Envelopes.....	\$80 40	Dr. Reid for salaries of Misses Rogers and	500 00
Missionary Box.....	9 63	Fairweather.....	536 29
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Port Hope.....	27 25		
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Whitby.....	6 16		
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Williamstown.....	37 00		
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# Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,

TORONTO.

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—This Society shall be called “THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,” 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 organise 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-two 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 not more than ten non-resident Vice-Presidents, and of appointing 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.

ARTICLE 6.—The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the second Tuesday in April, in the City of Toronto, (unless postponed for special reasons by the Board), at which time the Board of Managers shall report to the Society the operations, condition and prospects thereof, and an election shall be made of Officers and Managers for the ensuing year.

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 3 o'clock p.m., at such 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.

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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, and give proper notice of special and stated meetings.

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 in conjunction with the other Secretaries prepare the Annual Report of the Board of Managers. 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, in localities where it is possible to awaken an interest in the branch of Missionary work for which this Society was formed. It shall be her duty to extend information on the subject in all proper directions. She shall organize Auxiliary Societies wherever it is practicable.

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.—The Society shall meet with the Board of Managers on the first Tuesday of each month, for three-quarters of an hour, for devotional exercises, and the reception of Missionary intelligence, after which the Board shall, by itself, proceed to the transaction of its business.

ARTICLE 11.—These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of Society, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, but notice of any proposed amendment must be given in writing at the meeting preceding such vote.

## 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.

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 labor among heathen women and children.

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 7.—The Treasurer's duty shall be to report the state of the treasury at every meeting, and remit the funds yearly to the Treasurer of the General Society, Mrs. J. M. King, 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.

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## MEMORANDUM.

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

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

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 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 in Toronto.

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

III.—Any one may become a member of a 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 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 Missionary Society to which it is auxiliary, or to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Toronto.

VII.—The Treasurer shall receive and hold all funds, paying the same annually to the Treasurer of the auxiliary of the church in which the Band is formed, or to the Treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Toronto.

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.

Letters concerning the organization of Societies, and all matters pertaining to home work, are to be addressed to MISS TOPP, cor. Peter and Wellington Streets, Toronto.

Letters asking for information about missionaries, or any questions concerning the foreign field, as to Bible readers, teachers, or children in the various mission schools, should be addressed to MRS. HARVIE, 354 Front Street, Toronto.

Letters containing remittances of money for the W. F. M. S., may be addressed to MRS. J. M. KING, Treasurer, 357 Jarvis Street, Toronto.

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## CONSTITUTION.

### *Of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Presbyterian 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, 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 Presbyterian Society.

ARTICLE 4.—The object of this Society shall be to promote the formation of Auxiliaries to the Women'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, Toronto.

ARTICLE 6.—The Presbyterian Society shall hold its annual meeting at —— meeting of the Presbytery —— .

ARTICLE 7.—The President and Secretary of the Presbyterian 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.

ARTICLE 10.—Contributions from the congregational Auxiliaries shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Presbyterian Society, who shall forward it to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board, Toronto, though, when it is preferred, the Auxiliary may remit direct to Toronto, and report the same to the Treasurer of the Presbyterian Society.

ARTICLE 11.—The voting numbers of the Presbyterian 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.