

# The Woman's Missionary Society.

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## FULL OF PROMISE.

The growth of the work by Christian women for missions at home and abroad is one of the most promising signs of the times. Their increasing contributions alone are worth far more than all the time and work given by them, but their contributions do not sum up the results of their labors and prayers. They, we believe, are reading and talking and praying more about missions than anybody else. In our homes and Sunday schools they are training up a new generation who promise to take seriously God's purposes and plans for saving the world.

## FIRST DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Woman's Mission Society met at Mrs. E. F. Shaw's during the session of the First District Meeting. The president, Mrs. F. C. Bloodsworth, could not be present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A report from the Lower Perth Society was read. It was moved and carried that the officers of last year retain their positions another year. Contributions were received as follows: Arthurette, \$7.40, collected from Mrs. Thomas Withcrlly's Sunday school class; Lower Perth, \$16.40; Lower Perth Mission Band, \$1.64; Bath, \$14.00; Bath Mission Band, \$5.00; collections by Rev. J. N. Barnes, \$3.07; collections at Bath, \$4.11.

MRS. R. D. CURRIE,  
Secretary.

## LOWER PERTH SOCIETY.

Another year has gone by, and we meet again to look over the work of the year and lay plans for another year. The Lord has been good and given us many rich blessings the past year. While we have tried to be faithful, we feel that more might have been done for the Master. The Society at Lower Perth moves along about the same as in the past. We hold our meetings once a month at members homes. The meetings are interesting, and the following one is looked forward to with pleasure. We pray that the Lord will bless our society and crown our efforts with success.

MRS. JOHN W. GRANT,  
Secretary.

...In America alone 30,000 automobiles will be placed on the market during the present year, which will only supply half the demand,

## A REMARKABLE CONVERSION.

Mrs. Heinrich writes from Ramapatam, India: "We had a most remarkable conversion here recently. It was an old Mala woman, who came from a distant village for baptism. When asked in church to give her experience, she arose, and in clear, ringing voice, and with very remarkable language for an old uneducated Hindu woman, gave such an experience as I have seldom heard. She had long felt a desire for something which her Hindu religion could not give her and had been groping for the light. Then she heard the Gospel from one of our seminary students, and with very exceeding joy gave herself to the Saviour. I asked her the next morning what she would do if the people persecuted her for becoming Christian. She gave a happy laugh and said, 'These old bones, this old skin, they can destroy them, but my soul, they cannot hurt that.'"

## A HINDU LEGEND.

According to a Hindu legend this is a proper origin of woman: Twashtri, the god Vulcan of the Hindu mythology, created the world. But when ready to begin with the work of creating woman he discovered that with man's manufacture the materials had been exhausted. What should he do? Twashtri fell into profound meditation and then appeared to discover that there were plenty of scraps left for making woman. He took the roundness of the moon, the undulating curves of the serpent, the graceful twist of the creeping plant, the light shivering of the grass blade and the slenderness of the willow, the velvety softness of the flowers, the lightness of the feather, the gentle gaze of the doe, the frolicsomeness of the dancing sunbeam, the tears of the cloud, the inconsistency of the wind, the timidity of the hare, the vanity of the peacock, the hardness of the diamond, the sweetness of honey, the cruelty of the tiger, the heat of the fire, the chill of the snow, the cackling of the parrot, the snow, the cackling of the parrot, the snow, the cackling together and formed woman.

## MEDICAL MISSIONS.

The following is a good illustration of the value of medical missions in China. A wealthy and influential man at Swatow became interested in the work of the medical missionaries and had his wife treated during her illness. He was so much impressed by the skilled method of treatment that he gave \$2,000 to start a woman's hospital. His next step was the offer of \$10,000 to start a Chinese school where a western education could be secured. The final step was to destroy his idols and apply for baptism.

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elder brothers. Miss Hughes, her Sunday school teacher, writes: "She used to plead Sunday after Sunday for baptism for herself and one brother; but thinking it was a childish whim, and that she did not know what she was asking for, we did not take much notice of her request at first. However, on visiting the mother, it was found that the little girl had been a true missionary in her home. All of the family had a grasp of spiritual things, and had lost faith in the household gods. The little girl, mother and brothers were baptized, and are now among our most constant church members."

## General Religious News.

—The Salvation Army has made so many converts in Stockholm in recent years that fourteen steamers were required to convey the members to the suburban meeting place at General Booth's last visit.

—The *Christian Endeavor World* has a column devoted to reports of societies organized among convicts. A prison does not seem a favorable place for Christian work. Yet probably no other two years of Paul's life were more fruitful than the two he spent in his Roman prison.

—During last year most remarkable progress was made by Protestantism in the west of France, where at different places there have been religious movements towards the Reformed faith. Several interesting secessions of French priests have also recently been announced.

—The Jewish Mission Committee of the Church of Scotland have resolved to carry out important extensions of their work. At Beirut a home for Jewish girls is to be established; at Smyrna the present successful schools are to be extended, and at Constantinople a medical mission has been undertaken, which is expected soon to be in full operation.

—The work attempted by the Protestant denominations of America among the Roman Catholics of Porto Rico is not generally known. The whole island has been parcelled out among them. The Baptists have a small force of workers who have exclusive care of almost 300,000 of the inhabitants. Already twelve churches have been organized and many

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other stations opened. Over 200 new believers were baptized the last year. The aim is to raise up native ministers to carry forward the work.