

four extensive territories within his immense jurisdiction of 800 miles in length, in which the population is constantly increasing, where the ministrations of the Church can only be supplied by our instrumentality.

The Algoma mission fund by the 30th of June will be largely overdrawn, so that it may be feared that, instead of the work of the Church being extended, some of the existing missions may have to be closed, unless the contributions for their support are largely increased.

The Board are gratified to learn that the Jubilee year of our Sovereign has suggested to Churchwomen in the province the appropriate offering of a special addition to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Diocese of Algoma, and trust that their efforts will be largely crowned with success.

Rupert's Land, the chief centre of rapid colonization, not only from Great Britain but from the older settlements of Canada, looks to us for substantial aid to meet the engagements of the diocese to its present staff of missionaries. The opening of the immigration season already shows the prospect of a large increase this year in the influx of settlers, which will call upon us for renewed efforts to provide for their spiritual necessities.

Saskatchewan, another objective point of European emigration, as well as a most interesting field of Indian evangelization, has, during the past year, become a place of mournful interest to the whole Canadian Church, through the death of its first heroic and self-sacrificing bishop.

Consecrated in 1874, Bishop McLean for thirteen years devoted himself with untiring energy to the spiritual culture of the vast field committed to his oversight. By arduous and unremitting labor he laid the foundations of the Church in this enormous diocese wisely and substantially, having himself realized and secured funds for the endowment of the episcopate and of Emmanuel College, the nucleus of a Widows' and Orphans' Fund, together with grants for his widely scattered missionaries. In the fullness of his purposes and works, he was warned that through long continued toil and exposure, the earthly home of his tabernacle was beginning to dissolve. Notwithstanding, his zeal and efforts were unabated, till an accident on one of his great journeys gave him rest from his labors, but deprived the Church of one of her most whole-hearted and zealous missionary bishops.

His life, his death, both appeal most touchingly to the Church in Canada not to allow the grand work to which he so entirely gave himself to languish through lukewarmness, nor turn a deaf ear to the crying demands of untaught Indians for the Word of Life, and of forlorn exiles deprived of the blessed ministrations of the old home.

There are also the other dioceses in the Northwest, viz. : Mackenzie River, Athabasca, Q'Appelle and Moosonee, whose pressing spiritual needs call for large aid to enable their bishops to supply the means of grace not only to our brother churchmen

but to thousands of our Indian brethren scattered over those vast regions.

Thus, from the whole Northwest rises the loud cry to us for help, help for body and soul to our own brethren and kindred, and to the uncivilized red men of the forest, whom God has cast upon our Christian compassion and protection.

The Board estimates that \$20,000 annually are required as the minimum sum which will enable the Church of this country to discharge the just claims of the domestic missions upon her aid. The total amount raised in the eight organized dioceses of this Ecclesiastical Province in response to the Ascensiontide Appeal of last year was \$10,635.

Surely, brethren, our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, who is moved with compassion towards His flock widely scattered without pastors, is calling upon you to rise to a higher sense of your responsibilities as members of His body, and to share His compassion towards them. And remember, brethren, this is the one appeal which the Church makes for the year on behalf of the Domestic Mission Fund, giving you the opportunity to fulfil your duty to your brother in his need, your duty to Christ your Lord, your duty to your own soul as a living member of his body. Give in the sense of this responsibility ; give in the gladness of being privileged to be laborers together with God ; give with your earnest prayers that thus the kingdom of Christ may be extended and its blessings of saving health and gladdening peace reach those whose cry has entered our ears.

The Society of the Treasury of God.

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WOMEN AND CHURCH FINANCE.

A "wise hearted" (Exodus xxxv) woman of the "Auxiliary" came to her husband and said, "We want leaflets. We women want to go round to all the women of the parish and get them to give money for missions."

"Which means that they have to get it from their husbands. Do you approach the question as one of principle? The banner over your Society is love, and that is the secret of your power. Do you think that is fully realized?"

"Well, perhaps not. We want leaflets to teach us how to do it."

"Have you, then, ever considered that it may be a mistake to ask for money only? Money is but the medium of exchange ; its value is what it can purchase ; it is exchanged more often for misery than for peace. A woman may induce her husband to give five dollars for missions, but unless it has the 'image and superscription' of consecration it is as valueless as what is got by raffles, lot-