

come down this year, and a new one be built in its place. I have plans for a very neat little building 40 feet long by 20 feet wide. Its estimated cost is \$700, of this I hope to get \$400 from the Government, thus leaving \$300 to be collected by me. Do you think the Quebec Diocesan W.A., or some of its branches could give us help in obtaining this sum? It was so cold in the old building last Sunday that we had to stop the service, and we have not been able to hold school in it all the past week. We want the new building to be a school-church, and the plans have been drawn up with this in view. A gothic window will be placed at the east end where the Holy Table is to stand. We shall be so glad to get any help towards this building. I am thankful for the help the St. Matthew's Branch of the W.A. is rendering in sending \$50 per annum towards a teacher's salary at Eagle Ribs. I hope you will not think I am asking too much in bringing this other need before you. Yours sincerely,

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The following extracts are from a paper written by Mrs. Von Iffland, for the Richmond Conference :

#### THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN.

*Dear Sisters in Christ.*—I wish, with your kind permission, to say a few words as to our manner of ministering to God's consecrated servants. This is a high and holy work to which we have been especially called. The wonderful increase in this work and its now widespread influence show that "It is of God." But I want to speak of what, to my mind, are some of the dangers which lie before us. First, and perhaps greatest is the fear that if we are not very careful we may come to think that ministering to the priests of God is *Almsgiving*. The dignity of the office which they hold should shield them from this. We are warned that it is possible for people to think that the payment of God's just dues is "almsgiving." Now, it is not. *After* we have rendered unto God His dues let us take from our own share of what He has given us, and give to His poor and all who are in need. When we think of the subject seriously and solemnly it can not but be mortifying to us to know that we Christians of the 19th century have to be reminded every week of our duty to those who minister to us in spiritual things. But so it is, and we often listen with deaf or inattentive ears when these words are read, "Even so hath the Lord also ordained that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." This is what ought to be, but, alas! how far, how very far it is from the real facts. Men who have spent five years and more in arduous study and self-denial; who for Christ's sake have given up the ordinary chances of success in life, are ordained and appointed to the cure of souls to which work they should be able to devote their whole time. Their stipends are so small they cannot live without constant anxiety.

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