

branches of the Woman's Auxiliary, giving many most useful hints as to the clothing required for the Indians, the way to pack bales, etc.

Much regret is expressed on all sides that the indefatigable Mr. Wilson is obliged, from ill health, to retire from active work, but we hope it may be only for a time.

QUEBEC will hold (D.V.) their Diocesan Annual Meeting on May 18th. The Bishop of Mackenzie River hopes to be present on that occasion.

THE Secretary of the C.M.S. thus kindly acknowledges the receipt of a letter with Leaflet and post office order from the Literature Committee of the Toronto Woman's Auxiliary, "We thank you very much for the report of your Society and for the three valuable little booklets. . . . We notice with much thankfulness to God what you have been enabled to do for missionary work, and in particular for the help you have given to Mr. Tims, our C.M.S. Missionary."

### Systematic Giving Department.

*The object of this Society is to advocate the duty and privilege of all Christians to give unto God systematically and in proportion to their means, and to promote the study of examples of those who in less favoured times paid tithes and offerings to God.*

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### GIVING AS A MEANS OF GRACE.

IT is to be feared that many look upon giving as a painful necessity, like having a tooth drawn, to be avoided as long as possible, says *Times of Refreshing*. But God meant it to be a means of spiritual refreshment. Listen to the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts. xx, 35). Our experience must be brought up to the level of God's word. A Hindu Christian who used to be always grumbling at the smallness of his salary, made up his mind to give one-tenth to God. So next day when his master handed him ten rupees as usual, he pushed back one of them, saying: "That is for God's work, sir." The missionary took it, but wondered how the man who had a large family, and was poor, would get on without it. Meeting him two or three weeks afterward in the bazaar, he asked how they were doing. Instead of grumbling as usual, the man answered cheerfully, "Well, thank you, sir." "Then tell me how it is," said

the missionary, "that you used to be always grumbling when you were spending ten rupees a month on yourself and family, and now do so nicely with only nine." "Because, sir, nineteenth with God's blessing is better than tenth without it."

### THE RULES OF GIVING.

At a meeting in a coloured Church where the brethren had come together to raise funds for a new building, three resolutions were passed. "First, we will all give something. Second, we will give according to our means. Third, we will give cheerfully." According to the usual custom, the box was set in front of the platform and one after another walked up the aisle and deposited his offering. One member, the most substantial in the church, but not the most liberal, looked on for some time, and finally walked up and dropped something into the box. The minister saw what it was and addressed the giver. "Cannot accept that, brother," he said, "not 'cording to second resolution." The reproved brother went back, muttering, to his seat. He saw one after another, poorer than himself, go up and make liberal offerings. Eyes were turned on him from all parts of the church; he began to feel uncomfortable. Rising and going to the platform, he took out a bill and fairly flung it into the box. "Won't do, brother," said the minister, "that 'cords with first and second resolutions, but not with the third. The brother restored the bill to his pocket and went back. There was singing and prayer and more gifts, but still not enough for the purpose. The man was interested in the effort, but ill at ease over his own exclusion. Why should he be excluded? He would not be. Stepping briskly down the aisle, with a broad smile on his face and two bills in his hand, he nodded to the minister cheerfully and put the bills into the box. "Right, brother, that fits all three resolutions, let us sing 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow.'"

### CONFERENCE OF THE SOCIETY OF SYSTEMATIC AND PROPORTIONATE GIVING.

A Conference in connection with the above Society, will (D.V.) be held under the auspices of the Synod Committee of the Diocese of Toronto, on Friday evening, May 13th, 1892, in St. Philip's Lecture Hall, St. Patrick Street, corner Spadina Avenue. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese will take the Chair at 8 p.m. sharp. It is expected that the following will take part in the proceedings: The Bishops of Huron and Niagara, the Revs. Rural Dean Forneret and Wade, Dr. Mockridge, W. C. Allen and Messrs. Baldwin, Dymond and Dr. Millman. You are cordially invited to attend.

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A collection will be taken up to defray expenses.