

of the past are but the precursors of still mightier events in the future.

Thirdly, The state of the world at the present still demands the most intense activity of the Church. While the population of the world is estimated at 1,470,000,000 (or about a billion and a half), 874,000,000 of men are yet utter heathen, unpenetrated by a single beam of light, and uncheered by any ray of hope. We therefore call upon you for the sake of that glorious Redeemer on whom our hopes are fixed, and whose second advent is contingent upon the fulfilment of His great missionary command, to take your part in the advancement of His kingdom by your prayers, your offerings and your personal service. The true secret of spiritual prosperity at home is missionary activity abroad, and our confidence is that, while listening to these appeals, your hearts may be aroused from the apathy of the past and brought into living sympathy with that glorious work for which the Saviour gave His life.

You will hear with much pleasure and satisfaction that the Board has now taken a step, which, with the blessing of God, will doubtless prove a powerful stimulus to the cause of missions throughout the length and breadth of the Province. Encouraged by the increasing sympathy shown toward all Domestic and Foreign Missions by the various Dioceses within their sphere, and desiring to encourage the laudable desire that our Church should, as soon as possible, commence direct missionary work herself, the Board has now accepted the services of the Rev. J. G. Waller, B.A., of Trinity College, Toronto, as a missionary to Japan. Mr. Waller, while appearing on the list of the clergy of the venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, will be financially supported by the funds of our Board. We have only to add that having sailed some six weeks ago, Mr. Waller must now, with the blessing of God, be on the field of his labours.

The Board has also accepted the services of Miss J. C. Smith who expects, God willing, in two years to sail for the East. Moved by the spiritually destitute state of the Chinese in Vancouver's Island, the Board has granted \$500 to the Bishop of British Columbia towards the much needed work of their evangelization. The contributions for the last three years, \$35,740, are full of hope, and betoken a deepening interest in the cause, but owing to the loud call from the heathen world abroad, and the fact that our Church in Canada is now herself entering the field of Foreign Missions, we must entreat of you a more hearty and vigorous support, more consecration of spirit, more earnestness in prayer, remembering that while those are blessed who sow beside all waters, yet the crown, the glorious crown, for which we strive and trust, is not only for the great and illustrious, but for all those who love the appearing of our Lord.

Woman's Auxiliary Department.

"The love of Christ constraineth us."—2 Cor. v. 14.

HURON DIOCESE.

AN important drawing room meeting was held at Bishopstowe on the 26th of November, the occasion being the departure of Miss Busby for the Blood Reserve. Miss Busby is the first missionary sent out by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Huron. Her destination is Fort Macleod, where she will reside with Mr. and Mrs. Trivett, and assist them with their school for Indian girls. A large number of members was present, and the Bishop delivered a most interesting address. We append the close of it, in which in touching words he especially addressed Miss Busby. After reminding the Auxiliary that they must continue to help Miss Busby by their prayers and substantial assistance, his Lordship said to Miss Busby that our sympathy with her is real, that we all love her and are one with her. Her responsibility would be very much lightened by remembering that the Lord goes before His sheep. No difficulty should be faced without first asking the help of Christ, and experience will teach how near the Saviour is. The Israelites learned this lesson in the wilderness, but if we throw ourselves, our fears and trials on Christ His presence will be revealed to us. No night so dark that the dawn will not break, and no valley so low that Christ will not go with His servants. He has said "My grace is sufficient," and may His abiding Presence ever be felt. He is faithful who has promised and none of His words have ever fallen to the ground. After the address Miss Busby was introduced to each member by Mrs. Baldwin and the meeting closed with the Benediction. Miss Busby's stipend and all her expenses are entirely defrayed by the Auxiliary.

ALGOMA.

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Luke's Church, Sault Ste. Marie, was held in the parsonage on Dec. 2nd, 1890. There were thirteen members present.

The meeting was opened by prayer and a short address by the new clergyman, Rev. Mr. Vesey.

The report of the secretary was read and showed that a satisfactory amount of work had been done during the year. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: Hon. President, Mrs. Sullivan; President, Mrs. Vesey; Vice-President, Mrs. Burden; Secretary, Miss Wilding; Treasurer, Mrs. Reid. There were three new members elected. The report also shewed that this Branch of the Auxiliary, in a financial point of view, is in a flourishing condition, and we regret that space will not allow us to publish the statement made in it.