

ing the full means of grace! That is 19½ cents a year from each individual, or 39 cents from each adult, or 87 cents from each family; and it takes three collections in church, one or more missionary meetings and sermons, and a house-to-house collection to get it!

In January last I received a spontaneous offer, which I may characterize as a truly noble offer, from the Rev. Prof. Boys of the gift of \$500 towards the extinction of this debt, on the condition that nine others were found to contribute a like sum. I am grieved and ashamed to say that not a response has been made to this challenge, though it has been publicly announced through the platform and the press. Mr. Boys' offer remains open until the end of this month; if during the present week it is not met by the required nine, an indelible disgrace will rest upon the many wealthy laymen of our Church.

It is a heart-hardening discovery to make that the voluntary system is a delusion which is capable of being abused by a selfish nature, and that the best way of getting money for pious and holy uses is to extract it!

I am glad to be able to record that steps have been taken for a Toronto branch, diocesan and parochial, of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The movement has been initiated with much enthusiasm, and there is every reason to hope from it a great kindling of new missionary interest and a material increase in the sums collected for these two fields of the work.

The Synod of Toronto resolved to try the experiment of a Missionary Brotherhood for doing work in lonely districts. The idea is an excellent one and would be of immense practical value in this country. Years ago a similar scheme was adopted in Ontario Diocese, but it never seems to have taken practical shape. It is to be hoped that the Toronto people will be able to give such practical experiments of the plan, as will commend itself to the supporters of missions.

DEVOTIONAL meetings were held during the Synod week of the Diocese of Fredericton, in St. John's Church, St. John, by the arrangement of Rev. G. M. Armstrong, and were well attended.

THE meeting of the Nova Scotia Synod was considered one of the best ever held. It lasted for an unusually long time and stirring speeches on many important questions of the day were made. The venerable bishop of the Diocese, Dr. Binney, made the following reference in his charge: "The first Colonial See was erected and Charles Inglis was consecrated the first bishop, August 12th, 1787. Little would any one have imagined what would be the extent of that Episcopate at the end of the first century of its existence—that we should have 72 colonial and 10 missionary bishops,—

there being altogether in the home and colonial episcopate over 160 Bishops. We may indeed with thankfulness and wonder say, "What hath God wrought!" considering this is an indication of the growth of the church and the extension of Christ's kingdom; and the greater part of this increase has taken place within the latter part of the century. If there should be the same ratio of increase for the next 50 years there will be over 300 bishops. The celebration of the colonial centennial will receive due attention. The authorities of the mother church will make the best arrangements practicable for the fitting commemoration of the conclusion of the first century of the existence of the colonial episcopate, but as this is the original diocese we ought ourselves to mark the year, beginning 12th of next month and ending August 12th, 1887. How this can most fittingly be done I leave for the consideration of the synod."

It is thought that this will be accomplished by the erection of a handsome Cathedral in the city of Halifax.

The Bishop of Ontario (Dr. Lewis) referred to the fact that he was about to enter upon the 25th year of his episcopate.

The report of the Domestic and Foreign Mission Board was presented by Rev. Mr. Lewin. The contributions during the past year had amounted to \$3,019 as compared with \$2,344 for the previous year. Out of the 196 congregations in the diocese, 99 had contributed to the fund. There was much cause for thanksgiving. The formation of a Woman's Auxiliary in Ottawa last year had already been followed by thirteen other parishes. The Deanery of Carleton had been the largest contributor to the mission fund during the past year, having sent in \$1,161. This, however, had been largely due to the new parish of St. George's, which, together with the Woman's Auxiliary had contributed \$772. The following churches were quoted as shining examples in the way of contributions; St. George's, Ottawa; St. James' church, Kingston; Trinity church, Brockville; and St. James', Carleton Place.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

Nominations of members of the Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society were made as follows:—

TORONTO.—Rev. Canon Du Moulin and Rev. J. D. Cayley, with Hon. G. W. Allan and Mr. A. H. Campbell.

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FREDERICTON.—Rev. Canon Brigstocke and Rev. D. Forsyth, with Messrs. R. T. Clinch and G. Herbert Lee.