

Woman's Auxiliary Department.

"The love of Christ constraineth us."

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HURON DIOCESE.

Miss Ling, of the C. M. S. Zenana Mission, has just completed her Canadian tour, finishing with the Diocese of Huron. She visited seven places in this diocese, commencing with London, where the bishop presided at a very large meeting in Victoria Hall. She has also visited St. Thomas, Chatham, Stratford, Woodstock, Mitchell and Brantford. Much interest has been shown, and the Mission has benefitted considerably in a pecuniary point of view. It was a matter of regret that Miss Ling could only devote ten days to Huron, as she returns to England on Dec. 3rd, after visiting friends in the States.

ALGOMA DIOCESE.

The second annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, connected with St. Luke's Church, Sault Ste. Marie, was held Nov. 5th, in the parsonage. After opening the meeting with prayer the Bishop of Algoma expressed his pleasure to see so large an attendance and his hope that others would be induced to join and still further extend the usefulness of the Auxiliary. In a very interesting address the bishop dwelt upon the necessity of work for Christ, as the evidence of love to Christ, the connection being close and intimate as the branch and the vine, the tree and its fruit; work, not as a plea for acceptance with God, but a result of that acceptance: a consequence, not a cause. Christ's special claim on woman was pointed out, and the debt she owed to Him, through whose Gospel she had been elevated to the social ranks, the intellectual and religious status now enjoyed; compare her present position and advantages with that of woman in India and China, whose very existence is considered a misfortune. Woman's work has only recently been recognized and encouraged as an important element in the Church, but it is no new thing, as we gather from Woman's XVI., where a valuable record of Christian work by women is affectionately presented by the Apostle Paul; rather it is a lost art, restored and brought again into use. Associated work ensures sympathy. Union is strength. While mission work must ever be work for Christ, care and watchfulness are specially needed that the great motive power be ever "the constraining love of Christ," and all minor motives be repressed or used only as accessories; the guidance of God's Holy Spirit must be constantly sought, and its leading prayerfully followed up. The bishop explained that while the field of work undertaken

begins at home in the parish, dealing with its immediate needs, it is not intended that its charities and exertions should end there; rather is home the center from which they should radiate in other directions. The same Divine injunction that required the Apostles to begin their Gospel work at Jerusalem commanded them also "to preach the Gospel to every creature." The address was listened to with much attention, and cannot fail to encourage and cheer the members of the Association, the views enunciated bringing out so clearly the sacred and hallowed aspects of their work.

After the retirement of the bishop the business of the annual meeting was proceeded with. The following officers were nominated and unanimously chosen: Mrs. Sullivan, Honorary President; Mrs. Green, President; Mrs. H. Hamilton, Vice-President; Mrs. Campbell, Treasurer; Mrs. Wyld, Secretary. A short report was read by the retiring Secretary, Mrs. Bennetts, showing that while home work and parish claims were attended to the foreign mission field was not forgotten, a sum of \$20 having been sent to the Zenana Mission.

The Treasurer's report was exceptionally favorable, showing a balance of \$375. This includes \$100 brought over from 1888. This amount is largely due to a successful sale of ladies' work held in July. The fees of members amounted to \$50 70. Reference is made in the report to a "Girls' Guild," who met during the winter and did good work, realizing the sum of \$9.50. After the reading of the report the names of new members were taken; 8 were added to the original list of 29. Two resolutions were proposed and passed unanimously. The first was that the articles of ladies' work remaining unsold should be sent to Mrs. Robinson, in aid of a sale of work at Thessalon; the second that the sum of \$75 be sent to the Rev. R. Renison, Nepigon, whose house has lately been burned down, with all its contents of furniture, clothing, provisions, books, etc.

A letter was read from Mrs. Boomer, giving some account of her representation of Algoma at the recent Provincial Synod in Montreal, when the Woman's Auxiliary was warmly received as a valuable ally in Church work. It may be mentioned in explanation of the comparatively large sum of \$300 still unappropriated, that it is held by the Auxiliary for the purpose of aiding the erection of a new church or making additions to the present building, now too small for the growing congregation.

Books and Periodicals Dept.

The Annotated Liturgy. Containing full instructions for the proper reading of the Prayer Book. Edited by Rupert Garry, London: Hatchards, Piccadilly, 1889.

That the prayers and exhortations of the Prayer Book are often read in a dull monotonous tone, or with a rapidity of utterance which renders it impossible to catch their meaning, except for those