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DIOCESAN MOTTO:—"She hath done what she could."

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The attention of the Branches having so recently been directed by the Board to the Auxiliary requirements regarding the duty and privilege of intercessory prayer, it would seem as if the following words were especially appropriate at this time. Mrs. Bishop, the well known traveller, in speaking at the C.M.S. meeting in London last May, said,—“Six weeks ago I came straight from some of the darkest of earth's dark places—from the Empires of Corea, China and Japan, and the darkness that broods over these countries is a darkness that can be felt.” She continues,—“I desire to plead with you to-night, and would that I could make my pleadings earnest, not for money, not even for men, but for your earnest and continued prayers on behalf of those whom you have helped to send forth to the fore-front of the hottest battle which is raging on earth. It seems sometimes as if continued prayer was more difficult than the spasmodic effort of going, but it is really to the prayer of God's people that we must look for Missionary success. We see the heathen perishing and we know that they are perishing and we go about our ordinary life and our avocations as though we could not do infinitely more than we are doing to try to save them.” Mrs. Bishop continues,—“I have no connection with Missions and Missionary efforts, except the most cordial sympathy and the deepest interest. I am a traveller, and it is as a traveller that I desire to bear my testimony to the Godly and self-denying lives, the zeal and devotion of nearly all the Missionaries that I have everywhere seen.” She adds,—“This testimony from a traveller may be, I trust, of some value, and I am prepared to give it everywhere.”