

stem has one offshoot, namely the branch at Portage la Prairie which has sent in a delegate to attend the annual meeting; and to whom, in the name of the members of the Winnipeg Auxiliary, I extend a most cordial welcome. We trust other parishes may soon follow the example set by our Portage la Prairie sisters.

The question arises "How is it that our fellow-churchwomen throughout the diocese show such reluctance to join us in this missionary work?" As a rule, people are not slow to acknowledge the benefits which accrue from united efforts. It is a trite saying that 'Unity is strength.' Perhaps one reason may be that in nearly every parish and mission the members of the Church have to strain every nerve to meet their own obligations, and they are afraid to bring in any outside claims, lest their own parochial societies should suffer loss. But these fears are groundless. The only changes necessary for a Ladies' Aid Society to become a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary are: the change of name, the use of the Members' Prayer, an annual subscription from each member of ten cents to the Diocesan Treasurer, and an annual report, from the secretary of the branch to the Diocesan Secretary, of all work done or money raised by the branch during the year. Of course, when a parish has grown out of the mission stage, and is able to give help outside of itself, bales of clothing may be sent to Indian Missions, or donations of money given for missionary purposes. I believe there ought to be a branch organized in every parish and mission (where it is not impracticable) in the diocese, no matter how small it may be, and even though the parish or mission itself may receive aid from the Mission Fund. It would create a missionary spirit and keep alive interest in mission work. One of the objects of the W.A. is to diffuse missionary intelligence and to infuse missionary zeal amongst the children of the Church.

We are pleased to have with us on this occasion some of the officers of the Children's Guilds connected with our city churches. It is our earnest desire to have these Guilds affiliated with us as Junior Branches of the Auxiliary, and we would ask those in charge of the Guilds, to consider the matter, and see whether such a union could not be brought about.

The methods of working the Guilds need not be altered and each Guild would still retain the power to dispose of its own funds. The members' prayer for junior branches to be used, and an annual subscription of 5 cents are all that is required. The prosperity of the Auxiliary in the future depends very much upon the children who now belong to these Guilds.