

The Secretaries appointed by the Bishop to correspond with our W.A. are,—for Saskatchewan, Mrs. E. Matheson, of Prince Albert; and for Calgary, Mrs. Bernard, Bonnybrook, Calgary. This Diocese is the one to be prayed for in May, so that by having information regarding its needs beforehand we will know what special petitions to offer for it.

Caledonia, B.C., asks our attention this month. This Diocese was divided off in 1879, and has for its northern boundry the new Diocese of Selkirk, its neighbour on the south being New Westminster and on the east that of Athabasca; it includes Queen Charlotte Islands. The Bishop, Dr. Ridley, resides at Mettahalta, a name which recalls that wonderful conversion some little time ago when the young chief and all his braves threw off heathenism and embraced Christianity. for it was at Mettahalta that they announced their decision and rejoiced the hearts of those who had labored so hard for this very end. Several ladies are devoting themselves to work in this Diocese. Miss E. J. Stevenson in charge of the Girls' Home, Miss West and Miss Dickenson nursing the sick, and Miss Hicks, besides Mrs. Ridley and the wives of the missionaries, many of whom are true and self-denying helpmeets. For a most interesting account of the work, etc., etc., see "Handbook of North-West Missions," by Dr. J. G. Hodgins, Toronto.

India means to many of us now much more than it did before Miss Sudgen's vivid descriptions brought the suffering and degradation of its poor benighted women so clearly before us. But when we think of seven million of Buddhists and fifty-seven of Mahometans and two hundred millions of Hindoos, it seems simply appalling. However, in the last century nearly three millions have been won for Christ, and it is said "there has never been a single backward step in the progress of Christianity in that country." So let us pray for greater blessings in the future, knowing that God is fathering the work.

The Archbishop of Rupert's Land has appointed Mrs. Fortin, wife of Ven. Archdeacon Fortin, Secretary for the Diocese of Rupert's Land, to correspond with our General Officers and send us news of the work in that Diocese.

Rev. G. Holmes, of Lesser Slave Lake, sends a most interesting account of the mission. Not being Treaty Indians the children in this Home receive no grant from the Government, and the mission is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions with the exception of a grant of \$200 a year or a teacher. Owing to the scarcity of fish, which is the staple food, fewer children could be taken in though the Home will hold thirty. There is a debt of nearly \$180 still waiting to be paid off and for which Mr. Holmes is responsible. At present the girls have to sleep in the mission house as the matron has not yet gone up. This is close quarters, for the house is only 18 ft. x 26 ft. Mr. Holmes mentions an outbreak of scarlet fever among the Indians which was threatening the Home having to be turned into an hospital.