

ought always to be followed before any practical steps are taken.

iv. That this Conference earnestly commends to the consideration of the Churches of the Anglican Communion the suggestions contained in the Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions as to the relation of Missionary Bishops and Clergy to Missionary Societies.

v. That in the Foreign Mission Field of the Church's work, where signal spiritual blessings have attended the labours of Christian Missionaries not connected with the Anglican Communion, a special obligation has arisen to avoid, as far as possible without compromise of principle, whatever tends to prevent the due growth and manifestation of that "unity of the spirit," which should ever mark the Church of Christ.

### The Missionary Boxes.

In our last issue we spoke of the earnestly expressed desire of not a few among the Clergy at the recent Visitations that we should do something more for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary cause than urge its claims and take up collections twice a year, and that we should try and induce our people, all of them, to have a Missionary Box in their homes. And we informed our readers that now the Clergy could obtain, for their people these Missionary Boxes by applying to the Rev. E. A. Dunn, Bishopsthorpe, Quebec. Thus far applications have come in from North Hatley and Hereford. We hope that others will write for their share of these boxes during the coming month.

### "THIN PLACES."

"Good day, Mrs. Brown," said a pleasant voice.

"Good day, Miss Biggs, pray be seated."

"I'm right glad to see you," said Mrs. Brown, "and I hope the Minister and your mother well."

"Yes, thank you," said Miss Biggs, and they commenced a conversation on ordinary topics, Mrs. Brown doing her share so well that Miss Biggs had little else to do but listen. At last she found a loop-hole, and said:

"I am come to see you, Mrs. Brown, about your children's beha-

viour in Sunday-school. I am sorry to say that lately it has been anything but what it should be."

"Lor', Miss," broke in Mrs. Brown, "I always give them a good sound rating before they sets off, and tell them to behave proper and do what their teacher tells them, but then you see, Miss, children will be children, and you can't expect them to sit as quiet as mice."

"Lor' Miss," broke in Mrs. Brown, "I know that, but then, unfortunately, we are obliged to hold Sunday-School in the Church, and we must have reverence in God's House. I have spoken so many times to your little ones on the subject, but, alas, it is always the same, giggling, talking and eating sweets; besides this, they hardly ever know their lessons, and are seldom in time for prayers. I am very sorry to have to complain, but I know you wouldn't wish them to be so naughty."

"No, indeed, Miss, but then you know, Miss, you can't put 'old heads on young shoulders,' and after all, what they does isn't so serious, and children will be children, won't they, Miss?"

Miss Biggs was silent for a few minutes, then noticing the heap of stockings and socks on the table at which Mrs. Brown had been busy previous to Miss Biggs' entrance, she said: "Do you know, I was wondering if you mended the thin places in your socks and stockings, Mrs. Brown."

Mrs. Brown looked up in astonishment.

"Lor', Miss," she said, "I should think I does, or I should have pretty big holes in 'em next time they was washed."

"Well," said Miss Biggs, "so will it be with your little ones, if you don't mind the little faults and failings in them now, you will find, alas, when they grow up, the thin places in their characters will have developed into big holes, which perhaps you may never be able to mend."

"Ah, Miss," said Mrs. Brown, "I sees what you mean, and I knows you are right." That homely illustration was not without effect. Miss Biggs never again had to complain about the unpunctuality of the Browns, and they came to be some of the best behaved children in the Sunday-school.