



TORONTO DIOCESAN W.A.

The April Board meeting of the Toronto Diocesan W.A. was held in All Saints' schoolhouse, which has a historical interest for W.A. members, as the place in which the resolution, which resulted in the formation of the first Canadian Girls' Branch was passed. Mrs. Rae, the treasurer, reported receipts of \$14,368.39, and \$5 in war-saving stamps. The sec.-treasurer of the Dorcas department received \$746.16; of the Babies' Branch, \$17.60; and of the literature department, \$155.59; with disbursements respectively, of \$976.40, \$2.95 and \$25; 89 bales have been sent out. The Babies' Branch has 21 new members. The "Leaflet" circulation was 4,708, an increase of 162 over the corresponding period of last year. An important change contemplated is that of beginning the W.A. year on Jan-

uary 1. This will correspond with the new arrangement of the Church year recently adopted by the Synod, and save much confusion and difficulty in making out financial statements for the various parishes. The change was made three years since at St. James' Cathedral, is felt to be a great advantage, and was easily carried out. Of the E.C.D.F. for the past month (\$212.12), \$125 was given towards the building of a church at Dorion, Algoma; \$75 for paint for Hay River School; and \$12.12 to the Columbia Coast Mission. The noon-hour address on "Christ the Redeemer as Consoler," was given by Provost Macklem. He spoke of three sources of consolation: the hope of better things in the future, or in a future life; a real faith in the over-ruling Providence of God; and (best of all) a consideration of the "unplumbed

depths of the life and sacrifice of Christ," who is Consoler because He is Redeemer. Miss Deblois, who is on her first furlough from India, quoted the Indian proverb: "Whoever holds Kangra holds the Punjab," and gave an interesting account of the educational work for girls, one way by which our missionaries in Kangra seek to gain and hold Kangra, the Punjab, India, for Christ. Miss Soulsby, who has had many years' experience of teaching girls in England, gave some shrewd and valuable advice on the attitude of older women towards the young men and women who have fought and worked so splendidly during these last four years, but who "are less orthodox and less satisfied with things as they are," than their fathers and mothers used to be. She warned her hearers against the danger of relaxation of body and spirit and exhorted them to be true to the visions of their own past times, and keep their flags, confidence and serenity always flying.

THE MOTHERS' UNION.

The members of the Mothers' Union assembled in St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, on March 25th, for their annual Corporate Communion. It being also the tenth anniversary of the consecration of the Bishop of the diocese, he was the celebrant and special preacher. Reminding those present that the address last year had been on "Motherhood," the Bishop proposed to take "Childhood" for the present one as a fitting corollary. The letters of the word "Child" suggested five important points—viz.: (1) Complexity of a child's nature—"We are all fearfully and wonderfully made,"—with its many intricacies of temperament and disposition, involving the most scrupulous care on the mother's part, both physically and spiritually. (2) Indicated that "the Home is the proper factory to produce a proper child." "First let them learn to show piety at home," not at Sunday School or day school or anywhere else. The mental, moral and spiritual sides of character develop in the home and the responsibility for the standard maintained is the parents'. (3) Imitation is the law of childhood, for children copy anything they see their elders do, either in work or play, but remembering the command, "Be ye imitators of God as dear children," the solution becomes apparent. The atmosphere of home should be (4) Love, which is the fulfilling of the law, and the greatest thing in the world. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Love which guides and restrains with no harshness, invites confidence and leads to (5) Discipline, "which is the foundation of the after greatness of a child." The child who has been disciplined in a loving, Christian home has a priceless heritage. The Bishop recalled a passage from his own service of consecration ten years ago, that he urged upon all parents: "So minister discipline that you forget not mercy." Every child is a gift, a loan. God said of old: "Take this child and nurse it for me." It is therefore a talent to be developed, for which an account must be given at that last day when every mother hopes to plead: "Behold I and the children Thou hast given me."

TRINITY, OTTAWA, W.A.

At the annual meeting of Trinity Church, Ottawa, W.A., on March 26th, held at the rectory, Mrs. George S. Scantlebury was again elected president, and the other officers for the year are: Vice-president, Mrs. David Ewart; recording secretary, Miss Katie McCann; and treasurer, Mrs. R. Coleman. The delegates appointed



to attend the annual meeting of the Diocesan W.A. are Mrs. Ewart and Mrs. Hambrook, with Mrs. Gregory and Mrs. William Ide as substitutes. This organization has had a successful year of work in the missionary cause, and has met all its pledges. The Rector, Rev. George S. Scantlebury, presided, and an address dealing with Baffin's Land and Ungava Bay was delivered by Rev. E. J. Peck.

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