


to the good in the Contingency Fund of £10,000. In 1897 the Contingency Fund is exhausted, and there is a balance to the bad in the deficit carried forward of £23,000. Hence, at a casual glance it seems that after ten years of unexampled progress in our work, and agents and agencies, and consequently in our expenditure, we are worse off in our cash balance by £33,000. But during the same period we have been enabled, by means of part of a large legacy (which it was open to the Committee to use to meet current expenditure) to replace securities which had been temporarily used to the value of £20,000 and thus to save the interest in perpetuity; further, we have, during the same period, been made possessors through a generous anonymous gift, of valuable stock, worth close upon £30,000, which at the Committee's discretion may be realized upon the donor's decease, and which in the meantime produces an income of over £1,000 a year; and, lastly, while we had in 1887 a sum of £18,000 in an Extension Fund, that Fund is now merged in Appropriated Contributions, in which this year we carry forward as balances a sum of £34,500. It is very abundantly clear, therefore, that the Society, after meeting all its enhanced liabilities, is not in a worse, but is relatively in a better financial position than it was ten years ago. May we not, must we not, say to ourselves and to one another, at the remembrance of every tremulous apprehension, "O ye of little faith, wherefore did ye doubt?" And further, shall we not with these experiences hear with gladness and obey with alacrity our Divine Captain's word, "Speak unto the people, that they go forward."

ANOTHER CANADIAN MISSIONARY TO THE FOREIGN FIELD.

N the evening of Friday the 28th of May last, a valedictory meeting was held in the Synod Hall, Montreal, for the purpose of wishing God-speed to Mr. Christen Borup who is shortly to go out as a missionary to Uganda and who will be the first missionary sent to that field by the Church of England in Canada. Mr. Borup will work in connection with the C.M.S., but it is hoped will be recognized—under arrangements now in progress—as distinctly a missionary of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions of this Ecclesiastical Province. He has spent the past year in the Montreal Theological College and has there shown considerable attainments. We understand that he will go out, however, as a layman and whether subsequently he shall be ordained or not has not been determined.

A very interesting and encouraging feature

in connection with this matter is that the annual stipend (\$500) of Mr. Borup has been assumed by the St. Matthias' (Westmount, P. Q.) Branch of the Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions. This certainly affords the most convincing proof of the earnestness and life of this organization. Indeed the good works of the Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary are manifold, but this *definite* undertaking for one particular Branch presents a bright example for many others, not only in the Diocese of Montreal, but throughout the Ecclesiastical Province to follow.

The meeting in the Synod Hall was held under the auspices of the Montreal Woman's Auxiliary and the Montreal branch of the Gleaners' Union which latter organization, through Prof. Carus-Wilson, (whose energy and devotion in the cause of Missions in connection with the C.M.S. are well known), has had very much to do with securing and maintaining Mr. Borup during the term of his collegiate life. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese occupied the chair and the meeting (a very large one considering that the night was particularly unfavorable) was addressed by the Rev. Canon Dixon, rector of St. Jude's; the Rev. G. Bushell, rector of St. Matthias; the Rev. Professor Steen of the Diocesan College; Prof. Carus-Wilson, representing the Montreal C.M.S. Committee, and Dr. Davidson, Q.C., as a member of the Domestic and Foreign Missions; ten minutes being allowed each speaker. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese made the commendatory address to Mr. Borup in most feeling and impressive terms, after which he was commended to God's keeping and guidance by the silent prayer of those present and also by special prayer offered by the Rev. G. O. Troop, rector of St. Martin's. During the evening several appropriate hymns were sung and also an address was delivered by Mr. Ernest Carus-Wilson of the C.M.S. Ceylon Mission, who is at present in Canada on a visit to his brother above mentioned. The meeting throughout was interesting and ought to serve to deepen and increase the interest felt in the Foreign Mission work of the Church.

POLLOK, writing concerning the Bible says :

Most wondrous book, bright candle of the Lord,
Star of eternity ! The only star
By which the bark of man could navigate
The sea of life, and gain the coast of bliss
Securely ; only star which rose on time,
And, on its dark and troubled billows still,
As generation, drifting swiftly by,
Succeeded generation, threw a ray
Of heaven's own light, and to the hills of God,
The everlasting hills, pointing the sinner's eye.