

majority, the Upper House clearly expressed its opinion, at a fairly early stage in the proceedings, that although favorable to the principle of a General Society and General Board of Missions for the whole Church in Canada, yet that the scheme proposed and adopted at the last General Synod meeting required to be amended in certain particulars and that until such amendments were made it could not become a finality. Although this view was resisted in the Lower House and a conference with the Upper House took place in consequence, yet it finally prevailed, and the result of the whole deliberations is that the Society and the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions for this Ecclesiastical Province continues in existence and will carry on its work as hitherto, and until the scheme of the General Synod shall have been amended in the particulars referred to by the Upper House. It was freely admitted, even by those advocating the immediate merging of this Society and its Board in the scheme of the General Synod, that that scheme was by no means perfect, and that in many particulars it would be better of, if it did not actually require amendment, for example, in the provisions as to dividing the Board into three sections, Eastern, Central and Western; the composition of the Executive Committee—as large if not larger than the General Synod itself; the smallness of the Advisory committee, etc. We feel sure that the decision ultimately arrived at is that which will best tend to the true interests of missionary work, and it is hoped that the work of the Board of Missions of this Province will continue to be energetically and successfully carried on.

THE MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

Two grand missionary meetings were held in Montreal in connection with the Board of Missions the first being the regular meeting on the Thursday evening of the Provincial Synod gathering, and the second on Monday evening following, in consequence of the impossibility alike of completing the first and of accommodating the numbers of persons who desired to be present. On Thursday evening the 22nd September, nearly all of the Bishops of the province were present under the presidency of the Lord Bishop of Montreal. Addresses were given by the Bishop of Algoma, the Rev. J. G. Waller, missionary of the Society to Japan; Mrs. A. T. Twing, of the Woman's Auxiliary of the P.E. Church in the United States, and by Miss Montizambert as representing the Woman's Auxiliary. An encouraging feature of the address of the Bishop of Algoma was its hopefulness and the clear indication afforded by it of increasing

self-reliance on the part of the Diocese, evidenced by additional contributions within its own bounds for its own work. Decided progress in this respect has been made under the wise administration and persistent effort of the Bishop, but assistance will be required for some years to come, and at present at least \$2000 per annum will be needed for the Mission Fund of that Diocese besides the usual diocesan grants heretofore made. The address delivered by Mrs. Twing was full of interest, and most certain to inspire the Woman's Auxiliary to still greater efforts on behalf of missionary work; whilst Miss Montizambert's address was eminently practical and aimed chiefly to remove misconceptions as to the work of the Auxiliary, and its relation to the Board.

A portion of the choir of St. Martin's Church, under the direction of its organist, Mr. Campbell, attended in surplices, and well rendered the Litany and hymns used during the meeting, receiving the hearty thanks of the presiding Bishop.

The second meeting was held on the evening of Monday, the 19th September, in the same place, under the presidency of the Lord Bishop of Montreal, with whom several of the members of the Upper House were also present on the platform. Again the room was filled to the doors. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. J. G. Waller upon Missionary work in Japan, urging upon those present the opportunity there presented for extending the work of Christ and His Church. This was followed by an earnest eloquent address from the Rev. L. N. Tucker, M.A., of Vancouver, in which he explained the grand openings which presented themselves in the Diocese of New Westminster, especially in the Kootenay district, asking assistance for this particular branch of work to the extent at least of \$500 per annum, indicating that the expenditure which had already been made had yielded good fruit, inasmuch as some six or seven Mission stations had been opened, several of which had become self-supporting, owing to the rapid influx and increase of population in these mining districts, but that there were still a number of places in which the Church should at once enter upon her work. He also referred to the "open door" presented in that Diocese through the presence of a large number of Chinese, whose evangelization offered, he thought, the best means possible of extending the benefits of the Gospel and of Christ's Church to their native land, and he asked for this particular work a further sum of \$500 per annum for three years. He also referred to the Indian work of the Pacific coast dioceses, representing its importance, and its need of continued assistance from the Church in Eastern Canada. Altogether he made an earnest and strong appeal for a sum of \$1500. So