

DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR

The last Synod Report of the Diocese of Toronto at pages 244 to 261 furnishes authoritatively much food for thought and perhaps supplies the true key to this problem. The earnest men who presented the outline of the method of carrying on the work for the above movement laid it down that members of the Church should abandon the narrow, self-centred view heretofore taken, of spending all their moneys upon their own parish work, and determine that thenceforth for every dollar subscribed to the work of the parish a like amount shall be set apart for work outside the parish. This seemed to them to be the true basis on which to work out the great missionary problem. We should all be most thankful for the statistics so carefully prepared from the figures given by the parishes. They must therefore be as reliable as can be obtained.

PAROCHIAL AND OUTSIDE OBJECTS

I ask at present your careful perusal and your deep and prayerful consideration of two columns on page 245—the one headed, "For Parochial Objects," and the other, "For Objects Outside Parish." The first column gives us as a result \$384,533.94, and the other, \$78,551.93. We may well be amazed when we compare these figures with the dollar for dollar scheme presented as the basis of this great missionary undertaking. The above shows that our missionary enthusiasm in Toronto has only led us up to twenty cents in the dollar for the Foreign Field in place of the dollar. We should either perform our part in this great onward movement or drop out of the undertaking and leave it to others to carry on the work of the Master which He has especially commended to His followers.

REORGANIZE OUR WORK

Now that we are brought face to face with the too long neglected great command—"among all nations," and—"into all the world," should we not reorganize our work all along the lines? Take, for instance, the missionary district before referred to, where there is a Church of England population of 7,916 and an annual expenditure of \$32,361—double the amount we devote to our Canadian Diocese in China with fifteen millions of souls to be cared for—and where there is a very large work done by other religious bodies, can we refuse co-operation with them and close our ears to the crying needs of the heathen? I believe that our people are absolutely dissatisfied with the expenditure of their contributions in the overlapping work in such a home field, and long to be freed from this waste and to let their money go into new fields.

MISUSED INSPIRATION

The system of using the inspiration of the L.M.M. to procure funds for our parish and diocesan work, if persisted in, will check largely the sympathy of subscribers to this Fund, and will cause our members interested in missionary work to designate their gifts, so that they may not continue to be retained for "Jerusalem," but will be sent out into the world-wide work.