

to which she is looking forward. This qualification she undertakes to obtain at her own expense, by going through a two years' course in the city hospital at Kingston.

The responsibilities of the Society then are increasing and it is much to be desired that the members of the Church through the whole country should lend their aid by their exertions, their prayers and their offerings.

REV. E. F. WILSON AND THE SOCIETY.

In view of the increasing usefulness of this Society it is with some sorrow that we refer to the attack recently made upon it by Rev. E. F. Wilson, the founder and manager of the Sault Ste. Marie Indian Homes, and his call for the formation of another society, which he does under the heading "Wanted, a live Missionary Society." Mr. Wilson has more than once applied to our Board for assistance, and because he has not received it with the same celerity with which he asked it he has chosen to designate the whole Society as a "mere figuring institution." But there were several points in connection with Mr. Wilson's work that the Board were bound to take into consideration. To begin with, it is well known that Mr. Wilson already receives a very large amount of assistance from the Church people of Canada, several of his Indian children being supported by Sunday Schools. This fact, in view of the large amounts voted each year to the Bishop of Algoma, and of the duty incumbent upon it to assist the struggling Bishops of the great North-West, has rendered the Board cautious in dealing with Mr. Wilson's applications.

But there is a more weighty reason, and that is the one referred to lately by the General Secretary in his reply to Mr. Wilson's letter in the Church papers. Many of the members of the Board held very strong views adverse to the idea of Mr. Wilson's work being consistent with the purposes for which the Society was formed,—that is missionary purposes pure and simple, purposes evangelistic, providing means of grace and the preaching of the Word of God in destitute places, domestic and foreign. Mr. Wilson's work is largely educational and industrial, and among Indians already Christianized, and for this reason he receives large aid from Government.

We do not wish to underrate Mr. Wilson's work, but simply to let it be understood in what light some people regard it. If we mistake not Mr. Wilson at an early stage of his missionary career severed his connection with the Church Missionary Society, and has ever since been "independent," working entirely upon his own responsibility and receiving aid chiefly from private sources. Our columns have always been open to Mr. Wilson, and we have advocated his cause and given descriptions of his Homes and his work, and still are willing to do so; but we think he ought to be somewhat loyal to the Society created by the Provincial Synod and carried on with all

the force and vigor that the funds placed at its disposal will allow.

A special grant of \$500 was made to the Bishop of Algoma for the purpose of carrying on evangelistic work among the Indians of his diocese, and no doubt Mr. Wilson will receive some benefit from this.

MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

These are wanted to render assistance to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. Men we have in our bishops, clergy and laity. Women we have in our Woman's Auxiliaries, who are putting forth energies in all directions to promote the well being of the Society, and children we yet hope to have interested in it through our Sunday Schools. Arrangements for that purpose were made at the meeting of the Board of Management lately held at Kingston, and the children will no doubt hear from the Board before their Easter meeting in London next April. Our Canadian Church must become a thoroughly missionary Church and for that men, women and children are wanted.

THE CHINESE OF THE DOMINION.

Sometime ago Mr. R. V. Rogers, Q.C., now a member of our Board of Management, called attention to the fact that there were some 15,000 Chinese in British Columbia, and that nothing was being done towards their evangelization. The Board has at last been able to make a grant of \$500 to the Bishop of Columbia towards this work, having amended its constitution so as to include among foreign missions pagan races, other than aborigines of the country, the latter clearly belonging to domestic missions. Thus is the Society enlarging its usefulness.

THE MISSIONARY MEETING AT KINGSTON.

It was cheering to see the large assembly room of the massive City Hall of Kingston well filled on the occasion of the Society's missionary meeting. The Bishop of Ontario presided and the speakers (in the order of their speeches) were Rev. Dr. Mockridge (General Secretary of the Society), the Bishop of Huron and the Bishop of Algoma. The Secretary carried his hearers back to the primitive days of the Church, and studied the principles which promoted its rapid and successful growth. To account for this merely on human grounds the speaker took the five reasons given by Gibbon, and showed that they were all complimentary to Christianity, and intimated that if we at the present day were to take possession of the heathen world for Christianity it must be by undertaking and endorsing the very methods which even Gibbon, in his secular and somewhat unfriendly view of such matters, admitted were the causes which led to the subjugation of the world to the crucified one.

The Bishop of Huron gave one of his characteristic speeches full of fervor and missionary fire, every word falling on the ear like a message from one full of God's truth, and yearning for that truth to be sent to others. The bishop's illustrations were peculiarly striking, as when he spoke of the