

the Japanese language, and seems to have made himself well acquainted with the ways and habits of the people. He is the head of the Wycliffe College (Toronto) Mission in Japan.

THE fourth annual meeting of the Association of Church Helpers (Québec) was held in the Church Hall, Quebec, on Wednesday, January 16th, at 2.30 p.m. There were 64 women present. The association aims at assisting the mission fund of the diocese of Quebec, helping churches and parsonages and giving aid to clergymen, especially in the way of educating their children. The bishop of the diocese was present and spoke in high terms of the good work done by the members, a full report of which was given.

SOUTH AFRICA is daily becoming an increasingly powerful factor in modern civilization. Its future promises great things, and already it offers substantial attractions to the colonizing English race. All the elements of a great new land, fruitful and healthy, are there. In size it is nearly as large as Europe. It is agriculturally promising, and it is a district where white men can make their homes and bring up their children. Thus a new outlet seems to be offered for the ever-growing and already enormous English population. Here is a future for the Anglican Church abroad.

THERE seems to be a strong feeling in favor of the rearrangement of territory in and about the dioceses of Huron, Niagara, Algoma, and Toronto, with a view of making the dioceses more compact, and, if possible, to add one or two new dioceses. A meeting of a joint committee—a very influential one—has been held already, consisting of delegates from the different dioceses affected. It is hoped that some practical result will follow from this movement. There are many difficulties in the way, it is true, and the consummation, however devoutly to be wished, may not be speedily reached.

"THE Daughters of the King" is an organization of Churchwomen in the United States having for its twofold object prayer daily for the spread of Christ's kingdom among women, and the effort to bring within the hearing of the Gospel of Christ, "asset forth in the services of the Church," at least one woman each week. It is, in fact, the companion of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and aims at doing the same work among women as the Brotherhood does among men. It publishes an interesting monthly paper called *The Royal Cross*. The society is new, the constitution having been formed in 1893. The plan of work mapped out by these societies is most excellent. A few, almost ever so few, men and women in a parish, working in accordance with the above

two principles, would work incalculable good. The trouble with ordinary church members has been that, as a rule, they do not seem to have felt themselves responsible for a thinly attended church. The poor parson has been made to bear that responsibility alone. When men and women consider themselves agents for God and His Church during their week day and even business hours, the effect upon church attendance will be speedily manifested. A blessing on all such efforts!

SOME fault has been found with the Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society for not having made any grant last autumn to Rupert's Land. It may be well to explain that the board had on hand only \$2,650 to divide amongst Algoma and the various dioceses of the Northwest. The smallness of this amount must be accounted for chiefly by the fact that a large amount of money is sent direct to the different dioceses of the Northwest by those particularly interested in them, distribution being thus taken out of the hands of the board. It was found also that large sums of money had been collected for particular dioceses by agents specially sent here for the purpose. This was conspicuously the case with Rupert's Land. The board is always obliged to give as large a share as possible of the funds available for distribution to the diocese of Algoma. It was thought that it ought to receive at least \$1,300 of the \$2,650 at the disposal of the board. This left only \$1,350 to be divided among all the dioceses of the Northwest! And the question arose, How much have the dioceses of the Northwest already received from friends specially appealed to in eastern Canada? It was found that the case stood thus (since last Easter), taking into account, as well, the work done by the Woman's Auxiliary:

Rupert's Land	had already received	\$3,319 83
Saskatchewan and Calgary	"	2,402 40
Mackenzie River	"	1,657 01
Athabasca	"	1,778 05
Moosonee	"	219 94
Qu'Appelle	"	174 76
Selkirk	"	50 00
New Westminster	"	6 50

As some dioceses had received already such large sums of money compared with others (and the amounts collected in Huron and Toronto for Rupert's Land had not yet been reported), it was thought reasonable to distribute the small amount at the disposal of the board among the dioceses which had already received the least aid. The large amount of funds sent in appropriated gives a very unfair distribution of domestic missionary offerings, and the board sought at its last session to make the average among the Northwest missions somewhat more equitable by aiding those who had already received the smallest amount of money.