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DIOCESAN MOTTO.—“*Lo! I am with you alway.*”

Subjects for Reading and Prayer: ,Saskatchewan and Calgary. Palestine and Assyria.

Real Auxiliary weather greeted the tenth Annual meeting of the W.A., which was held in the Cathedral Schoolhouse, April 15th and 16th. Service was held the preceding night in Ch. Ch. Cathedral, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Canon Dann, Vicar of St. Paul's Cathedral, London. Holy Communion was celebrated on Wednesday morning. The meetings were, as usual, very interesting and were well attended by delegates from most of the Branches. The address of welcome to the visiting delegates was given by Mrs. Hamilton, in which she urged all to assist in carrying on the work. It was replied to by Mrs. Fennel, of Georgetown, who likened the meetings to a happy family gathering. A petition was read and a resolution carried, standing, asking the House of Bishops to allow Bishop Hamilton to remain in this Diocese. The reports of Parochial Branches were unusually interesting, among others, that of the Church of Ascension, Hamilton, being noticeable, on account of their sending out a Lady Missionary to the North West, in addition to all their other pledges. Ch. Ch., Nanticoke, was another whose report showed great progress. Excellent reports were made by the Diocesan officers, which included that of *Recording Secretary*, who reported a total membership in Senior and Junior Branches of 1,561 with 15 Life Members. *Organizing Secretary*, showing formation of 4 Junior and 2 Senior Branches. *Dorcas Secretary* reported 76 bales sent to North-West, total expenditure \$1,114.14. *Corresponding Secretary* presented an interesting report. *Treasurer* total receipts, \$2,052.33, deducting balance from last year leaves actual receipts \$1,980.74, an increase of \$61.59 over last year. *Sec.-Treas., Lit. Com.*, reported 750 subscribers to LETTER LEAFLET, receipts, \$228.43. *Sec.-Treas., Junior Branches*, reports a total membership of 690, an increase of 152 over last year. Total spent on bales, \$354.77: Total receipts \$533.18, an increase of \$168.26. The same officers were elected with the exception of the Junior Secretary, who has left the Diocese; her place has been filled by the election of Mrs. Sewell, who was introduced to the audience and welcomed standing. The President's address was universally considered one of the most comprehensive we have ever had the pleasure of listening to. In it she gave a resume of the progress made since 1889, and referred feelingly to the death of Mrs. Thomson, a Life Member, and Mrs. Ramsay, the first Editor of Niagara's portion of the