

TREASURER'S REPORT

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

For the first time since I never been your Treasurer I have to report a slightly retrograde motion. No doubt something of this is due to the prevailing depression, but I fear we cannot lay the whole of the responsibility upon the "hard times," as the greatest falling off is in our town congregations and chiefly in the largest branches.

I trust that the tide is now at its lowest ebb and that another year there will be every reason for thankful rejoicing for a bountiful supply to carry on the work God has given us to do. Freely we have received, surely we should also freely give, good measure, pressed down and running over.

Contributions from the country branches have, on the whole, increased, and some of the branches have done wonderfully well, when the number of their members is considered.

I am thankful to report that we have not failed in keeping any of our engagements. St. Paul's Industrial School in Rupertsland having been taken over by the Government we have transferred our grant for a Lady Teacher, to the School on the Sarcee Reserve; but, there having been delay in appointing a teacher, I have not yet made any payment to Mr. Stocken for that purpose.

The grant of \$50 has also been paid as usual to Mr Hinchliffe, for the Home on the Piegan Reserve.

I am glad to say that the fund for the support of our own lady Medical Missionary to Japan was, after a season of depression, again revived; and I have been enabled to send the \$150 promised, and was obliged to draw only \$18.45 from the Foreign Mission Fund to supplement the direct subscriptions to his fund.

We have in the accounts this year gifts, in varying sums, for every Diocese in the North West besides Algoma. Would it not be better if we concentrated our interest more and gave generous and substantial aid to a few Dioceses instead of trifles to all?

However I am aware many hold very different opinions on that point: but it is at least a subject worth considering.

As the result of the Sp funds to enable us to g most urgent of the many I have received \$195. O givers, but the remaining Meeting to apportion as would plead earnestly th friends and their needs, i ever inter-esting they may River was here, the Aux duals, was full of enthusia pledge ourselves to contin he inferred (and with ver forget him and his dista pleaded eloquently too, an the spot, is almost forgotte against \$147 last year.

To the Bishop of Athabas G. Rogers of Ruperts Lan which amount was collec was here. Far be it from n of those devoted Missionar strongly deprecate the so one to take up another.

The Missionary's daught cating brings her School d

She has been the speci London, with whom she l Mrs Boomer, to whom we o to her. The three years that have been, I trust, profitabl there has been nothing but disturbed the perfect harmo those three years. We wer in the selection of a girl, advantages, and exerted heri tunities.

Miss Sugden's visit to s women to exert themselves I had the pleasure of sending of England Zenana Missions times as much as we sent accounts open until the ver