

T. Valler, \$1 each; in donations of 25c., Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Pocock, Misses Bacon, M. Bacon, and R. Street; the Young Ladies' Society of St. John's Church, Strathroy, \$5; instalments of collecting books, Memorial Church, \$7; Chapter House parish, by Mrs. Zimmerman, \$15.70. Total, \$168.95.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, 20th of April, there was a large gathering of members and friends of the Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Society assembled at Bishopstowe, to meet the delegates from other branches, Woodstock, Ingersoll, Simcoe, Thorndale, St. Thomas, Tyrconnel, Sarnia, &c. A hearty cheery meeting was the result: interchange of thought, record's given of work already done, or still to be done, and the ways and means discussed of enlarging, as far as can be, the field of action of this already widely extended organization for woman's work. In allusion to the "Churchwomen's Jubilee" offering to the Widow's and Orphan's Fund of Algoma, "the acting treasurer said, 'our task, a very pleasant one, is begun with a bright promise of success. Hitherto it has been our time of seed sowing—soon will come that of the ingathering of the sheaves into our garner. Time does not permit me to read in full the encouraging letters received from all quarters, the writers of some of which are to day honoring us with their presence. We rejoice to welcome them amongst us, and we are glad of the opportunity of thanking them for their most valuable co-operation, not only in the temporary work of one Jubilee offering, but in all that concerns the wider sphere of missionary labor, to promote which our organizations are jointly engaged. May God prosper them and us, in any, and every way in which He may graciously use us.'

Since our last meeting a message, from our own quarters, has been sent to every parish in our diocese, asking the hearty co-operation of every clergyman's wife, and every branch of the Woman's Auxiliary Association, and in our own city, several collecting books are going their rounds in the hands of willing messengers; all of whom report a most kind and sympathetic welcome, whilst contributions to the amount of \$165, have been handed to myself. Amongst other valuable helps we would acknowledge gratefully that of the church and local papers. An example, which we should like to hear of others following, was set by the editor of the "London Memorial Church Parish Magazine," who by bringing the matter before his people, prepared the way for the little brown books and their mission. The "Brantford Parish Magazine" promises to do the same. Who will follow suit? We do not know what means each diocese, either Montreal, Toronto, Ontario, Niagara, or Quebec, from whom the warmest expressions of sympathy, and promises of help have come, has taken to ensure that every parish has been invited to unite heartily with us in our labor of love, but we take it for granted that no one churchwoman has been left unasked to share in our Jubilee offering. So much depends upon individual effort! It should be the aim of our organizations to clear away the thorns which often only apparently crowd the pathway of every appeal to the liberality of those amongst whom they work. Showing them how easy a thing it is, after all, to find "a way," if there only be "a will." When once we can recognize the duty and privilege of becoming systematic givers, we shall as certainly see that our charity purse has always something in it to meet its just dues, as that our housekeeping ditto has its therewithal to provide for our daily needs. To those who hold and use the "golden keys of faith and prayer," what good things for themselves and others will be denied them from the boundless Treasure House of a Father's love.

The question as to the time when all the Jubilee offerings should be gathered together into one focus, and who should be asked to act as general treasurer for the same, was discussed. On the supposition that the acting president of each diocesan branch would receive all sums collected by its own Woman's Auxiliary members, it remained only for the Bishop of Algoma to be asked whom he would appoint to act as general treasurer for the fund, and at what date the books should be finally closed. The Bishop has since been communicated with, and he was strongly in favor of an extension of time, until, at least, after the meetings of the diocesan synods. On its being suggested to him that perhaps the general secretary for the Mission Board would be the proper person, he said, that the time of that gentleman was given voluntarily, and like that of all officially connected with diocesan church work, was occupied to the very fullest extent, and that it would be unfair to add to it, especially at such a season of special pressure. There would naturally be much correspondence entailed upon the treasurer to the fund, for every sum however small, must be acknowledged, and many would probably contribute at the last moment who might not have done so through the Woman's Auxiliary. The Bishop would infinitely prefer that the gift should come into his hands as a finished and com-

plete thing direct from the hands, as certainly as it will come from the hearts of the Churchwomen of the Dominion. Due notice will be given of the date for the presentation, which will probably be that of an early day after the meeting of the several diocesan synods.

The Rev. Freeman Harding, of New Hamburg, has received from his Lordship the Bishop, the incumbency of Morpeth.

BERLIN.—Deanery of Waterloo.—Rev. S. L. Smith, incumbent of St. John's Church, St. Thomas, has been appointed incumbent of St. John's Church, Berlin.

LONDON WEST.—The London West School Board met in the school on Friday, 6th inst. The question of Scripture reading was taken up, and after a thorough discussion the Ross Bible was thrown out; and it was moved and carried the Bible be used as the best book for London West schools, and it was then decided to purchase the necessary number of Bibles.

PARKHILL.—The Rev. M. Campbell, incumbent of St. James' Church, will resign the incumbency next July. The church people of St. James' are, it has been remarked, unfortunate in their frequent change of ministers; Mr. Campbell resigning, thereby rendering the parish vacant the third time in as many years.

LISTOWEL.—On Wednesday, His Lordship, Bishop Baldwin, visited this parish and held a confirmation service in Christ Church, on Wednesday, 27th, at 10 a.m. A large congregation assembled, the church being well filled. Twenty-eight candidates were presented by the Rector, six of them being from Trowbridge, and the remainder being connected with Christ Church. The ante communion service was read by the Bishop and Rev. Mr. Turnbull, incumbent, Revds. G. Cooke, of Palmerston, and A. K. Griffin, late of Atwood, also being present. The ceremony of the "laying on of hands" was preceded by a very earnest address to the candidates by Bishop Baldwin, in the course of which the rite of confirmation was clearly explained, and the candidates were exhorted to strive to follow the Master's footsteps, being fervent in prayer and constant in the study of God's Word. The address was most impressive and its effect should be enduring. After the rite of confirmation had been administered, a celebration of the Holy Communion took place, in which the candidates and members of the congregation participated.

#### ALGOMA.

SHINGWAW.—We have started an onward and upward club at the Shingwaw Home, after the example set by the Carlisle Institution, in Pennsylvania. It bids fair to be successful. 24 Indian boys and 15 whites joined at the first meeting, and 6 more boys at the second. They have to sign their names to the following:—"God helping me, I will try to use no oaths, I will try to keep myself pure, I will try to be honest, I will try to study the Bible and to keep the Sabbath, I will try always to do my duty everywhere, I will try to be kind to all, especially those who are poorer or weaker or younger than myself, I will keep this card hanging in my bedroom and will read it every morning and pray God to help me." This admits to the first grade. At the end of three months they may enter the second grade, and at the end of a year the third, when they become full members and receive a certificate to that effect. Meetings are held weekly, and consist in recitations, speeches, debates, etc., and two individuals, one white and one Indian, are deputed to give the news of the day. The first attempt at a debate was made a few days ago, and several of the boys acquitted themselves exceedingly well, and surprised those who were present. The subject was, "Resolved, that the Indians have been better treated by the Canadian Government than by the American Government." Mr. Tinsdale, Johnny Maggrab, and John Thunder were on the affirmative side and Mr. Mitchell, David Minaminee, and Tommy Jackson on the negative. Johnny, David and Thunder made good pointed speeches, but Tommy had difficulty in finding his legs.

We are proposing to bring 20 of our boys and 10 girls to Ottawa and Montreal about the end of June, to give a public exhibition—tableaux, showing the boys at their trades, and the girls at their household duties—school-teaching, singing, a debate, etc. We throw out this Proposal at once so that there may be time to consider it, and if it is to be, we must, of course, have time for preparation.

We shall ask the Bishop to give us a free passage in his yacht to Algoma Mills. We shall ask the C. P. R. authorities to give us a free railway ride. We shall

ask the good people of Ottawa and Montreal to give us free hotel accommodation, and we shall ask the members of the Cabinet and members of Parliament to come to our meeting and judge for themselves whether or not it is worth while to spend a little money on educating and civilizing the Indians. We have just started a little occasional sheet called *Our Forest Children*. It is sent gratis to any one who will interest themselves in the Indian cause. E. F. Wilson.

#### QU'APPELLE.

FORT McLEOD.—The Rev. H. T. Browne desires to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of a box of clothing, books, papers, etc., for the Piegan Indian Mission, from the All Saints' Ladies' Auxiliary, Toronto. Also, \$5 from Thomas Trivett, Esq., of Exeter, diocese of Huron, for the Piegan Mission Building Fund.

#### FOREIGN.

The twenty eighth anniversary of the English Church Union, under the presidency of Lord Halifax, is arranged to be held on June 16, at Prince's Hall, Piccadilly, London.

Chicago.—All Saints' Mission, Chicago, organized just a year ago by the bishop of the diocese, shows a growth unparalleled by any other mission within or about the city. It is under the charge of the Rev. James Foster, who has been temporarily officiating at All Saints' and is now devoting his whole time to the mission.

It is understood that on May 22, the Sunday after Ascension Day, the speaker and members of the House of Commons will attend St. Margaret's, Westminster, their recognized church, at a Jubilee thanksgiving service. The preacher will be the Bishop of Ripon.

Australia.—Four clergymen have given notice to Canon Vance of their intention to enter for the first examination for the B. D. degree in connection with Trinity College University, Toronto, in October next.

On Easter Day the communicants at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, numbered 1,190—the majority communicating at the early celebrations. At Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, 1,140.

At the end of 1886 there were in China 889 missionaries, 1,288 native helpers, 28,119 communicants in churches, and 8,864 pupils in school. \$12,874.57 were contributed by the native Christians for religious purposes.

The Princess Maude of Wales was confirmed in the parish church at Sandringham on Maundy Thursday by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

On Easter Tuesday 300 candidates were presented for confirmation from Hawarden parish.

In fourteen years 700 Protestant chapels have been built in Madagascar, making the present number 1,200. There are 8,000 Protestant communicants, and all the churches are self supporting. The Queen recently attended the opening of two Christian churches at Ambokimanga.

#### Correspondence.

All Letters containing personal allusions will appear only the signature of the writer.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

#### ROMISH AGGRESSION.

SIR,—I have read with great satisfaction your editorial, especially remarks in two of your recent issues, on the above subject, of the existence of which we have such tangible evidence all around us. We are living in critical times, and, it is required of those who desire the perpetuation of British rule and of Protestant principles to be faithful to their professions, and to speak and act with decision and consistency. On this principle I rejoice that your utterances on these points are so plain, and unmistakably to the purpose, and, which I believe should be echoed by every man who is loyal to the Queen, (God bless her) and to Protestantism, the insidious machinations of Rome

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