

sake. We had a grand time during the Treaty payments. After the business of the day we had service in the agent's tent. It was very encouraging and cheering to see the crowds all making for this one spot, to engage in the worship of God before retiring for the night. The earnest prayers of Church men and women are asked, that this missionary work may continue in growth.

A NOTICE was inserted in the February number of the MISSION NEWS, that copies of the W. A. Triennial Report could be had from Mrs. Denne, general secretary-treasurer, 229 University Street, Montreal. Price, 10 cents. This only applied to individual members of the W. A., who might be desirous to read the report of the meeting. Diocesan secretaries have a number of the Reports sent to them for distribution among their respective branches.

THE Dorcas secretary, Miss Paterson, 48 St. George Street, Toronto, being anxious to make up the sum of \$25, "required to complete the payment for a new large cooking stove at our Blood Indian Mission school, inserted her request for donations in the Church papers, and had a most cheering response from a children's 'stove' mite box, of something over \$3.00, to pay for one of the lids of the new stove."

DIOCESE of Huron's Sixth Annual Meeting, held in London, January 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th, will ever remain a bright feature in the history of its W.A.M.A. It was well attended by the presidents of branches and delegates and honoured by the presence of our Central President, Mrs. Tilton, this being her first attendance at an Annual Meeting since her election to that important position. Welcome guests also were Mrs. Hamilton, President of the Niagara W.A., and the Hon. Winnifred Lugden, who came to plead on behalf of the women of India. The various diocesan reports showed steady progress in every branch of W.A. work, and the Bishop of Huron, in addressing the meeting, said that the W. A. had his hearty thanks for the impetus it has given to the spiritual life and work of the Diocese. The thank-offerings to be devoted to the Algoma debt, amounted to \$491.50, which with the \$400 already sent to the Diocesan treasurer, brings Huron within \$109 of the \$1,000 she *hopes, at least*, to raise for Algoma. Mrs. Boomer and Mrs. Lings, the much regretted retiring Diocesan treasurers, were presented by his Lordship, on behalf of himself, the president and officers, and the members of the London branches, with Life Memberships. The money was devoted by Mrs. Boomer to Algoma, by Mrs. Lings to the Jews. With regard to Algoma, a resolution was passed that the delegates lay before their branches the necessity of

doing what they could towards making a permanent provision for that diocese. The Report of the Education Committee showed the keen appreciation of this branch of W.A. work by those missionaries whose children are profiting by it, and the Grace church, Brantford Branch, guaranteed \$50 annually, towards the education of one of the Rev. Gilbert Cook's seven daughters, for whom Archdeacon Phair pleaded during his last visit to Eastern Canada (in connection with this matter we would add that only three days later, came the following pitiful message from Mr. Cook:—"My dear wife died January 8th, and was buried next day. I had to read the whole Burial Service myself, which was terrible, but God gave me the strength to do it. We are now poor indeed, for it is probable I shall have to take my motherless children, the youngest an infant a few days old, back to Touchwood, for my health is failing, and I dread the idea of anything further happening, and leaving an unprotected family in this place. Oh! the loss is terrible to bear, I feel quite stunned. Remember us in all your prayers"). Helpful and interesting addresses were delivered by the president and by Mrs. Tilton; Mrs. Murphy read an able paper on "Chinese Missions in B. C.," and the Hon. Miss Lugden addressed both the senior and the junior branches. Among the many resolutions passed, some of sympathy, some of thanks, was one expressing to Mrs. Baldwin the regret of the W. A. of Huron, at her contemplated absence for some months from Canada, coupled with the hope that by God's blessing she might return with restored health, and another to Mrs. Boomer expressive of the appreciation of the W.A. of Huron of her strenuous efforts on behalf of Algoma.

Books and Periodicals Dept.

(1) *The Caliphate: Its Rise and Fall.* By Sir William Muir, K.C.S.I.

(2) *The Life and Times of Joseph in the Light of Egyptian Lore* By Rev. H. G. Tompkins. Copp, Clark Co., Toronto, for the Religious Tract Society, London.

The author of the "Caliphate" has told his story well, and it is a most interesting theme. Starting from the death of Mohammed, he traces the wonderful career of Islam as it swept everything before it until checked by Charles Martel in A.D. 732, when France and perhaps Christendom itself was saved from the fate of all previous enemies, and then shows its history for over 700 years afterwards, till it finally ceased to be. It is a charming book, printed in fine large type, and is well worth procuring, especially as much is being said at the present time about the Mohammedan religion. The "Life and Times of Joseph" is a much smaller book, but it is a careful adaptation of the charming story of Joseph to the condition of Egypt as brought before us by recent discoveries. Probable traces of both Jacob and Joseph in an Egyptian record are given, and the customs of the country are shown to be exactly as pictured in the narrative as given in Genesis. It is a scholarly little book, but at the same time is written in a plain and easy style.