

years since the last Provincial Synod, have been \$81,315.08, viz: for Domestic Missions \$45,574.10 and Foreign Missions \$35,740.98.

At the opening of the present three years, in October, 1886, the Board of Management asked the Church for \$20,000 per annum for Domestic Missions and \$10,000 for Foreign Missions.

3.—OPINION OF THE BOARD AS TO THESE CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Board have to congratulate the Church in this Ecclesiastical Province on the fact that the contributions for Foreign Missions have exceeded the amount asked for by the sum of \$5,740.98, and there is little doubt that if all contributions for foreign work by the various Dioceses had been passed through the Books of the Society, the sum would not have fallen far short of \$40,000. The Board, however, regret that the contributions to Domestic Missions have fallen short of their expectations by the sum of \$14,425.90. Whilst confident that further sums have been contributed for Domestic work than these which have passed through our books, the Board can not hope that these additional sums would amount to so large a sum as \$14,425.90. The Domestic work of the Board certainly deserves a more generous support from the Church in Canada, and the failure to comply with the Board's moderate expectations can only be accounted for on the ground that the interest of the Church in this important work has not been sufficiently aroused. The Board are satisfied that this interest can only be aroused, under God, in the Church's own way, through the bishops and clergy. No paid agents employed by the Board and sent to visit every congregation would do more than stir up a temporary and evanescent interest, an enthusiasm which would probably die out almost as speedily as it was aroused. What is really needed is not a *passing* but an abiding interest, which will become part of the life, ingrained in the constitutions and habits of each member of the Church. This abiding, personal interest must begin with the bishops and clergy, and *from* them and through them extend to and infect the members of their flocks. The Appeals at Epiphany and Ascensiontide are of great value; but they produce little or no effect when read without interest, and followed by no effort to help the people to realize that their contributions are of importance not only to the Church's missionary work but far more to themselves, as at once the outcome and the active cause of a deeper personal religion.

A Woman's Auxiliary in each congregation should do much to help the clergy to extend and establish an abiding interest in missionary work in the long intervals between the Ascensiontide and Epiphany Appeals. No organization, however, will do much unless the members of it are imbued with a real, personal interest, inspiring and prompting active effort. The living *person* is needed to impart life and activity to the organization, which

will otherwise remain but a useless list of names on paper. The bishop in each Diocese, the clergyman in each parish is, by virtue of his office and position, "the Parson," the representative of the Church, whose work is missionary, whose character is missionary, whose very existence depends on union with Him who was the first Christian Missionary, sent from Heaven to save this ruined world, and who has sent her to carry on *His* work of saving the world, to final completion.

The Society, therefore, which is co-extensive with the Church in this Province, has her agent in every Diocese and in each congregation. By their persistent and invaluable efforts, the true missionary spirit cannot fail to reach and gradually to influence all our people, and they in time will find in the Society a field for usefulness. Christians and Christian congregations exist, not for their own salvation and comfort only, but for the glory of God and the promotion of the great work for which He gave His well-beloved Son—the saving of the world.

The Board would ask all to study the figures in the financial statement. So long as leading congregations in our chief cities contribute to Foreign Mission work sums like \$200 or \$150 or \$70 or even \$50 per annum, what are we to think? A warm personal interest in any enterprise or effort of this passing world would call forth from the same people ten times or even twenty times as much. Surely this Board of Management are justified in urging respectfully, yet most earnestly, upon the Bishops and upon all the clergy the duty of striving persistently to quicken and promote in all our congregations practical, personal interest in the Church's missionary work.

4.—THE FOREIGN FIELD.

The Board have had under careful consideration the true course for this Society (which is the Church of England in Canada) to pursue in entering the Foreign field, *i. e.*, in sending out and maintaining her own sons as missionaries among the heathen. The fear that was expressed by some that the withdrawal of our contributions from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the Church Missionary Society, and others, with a view to their being applied immediately by the Board in the support of a staff of clergy in the Foreign field, should be followed by the withdrawal from some of our Dioceses of valuable aid generously extended to them by these Societies, was entirely removed by the interview which the Bishops had during the Lambeth Conference with the Standing Committee of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, whose attitude will no doubt be that of all the other Societies. This venerable Society advises that we should be morally certain of \$15,000 per annum before entering the Foreign field and offers, in the meantime, to place on its list and pay out of funds contributed by the Church of England in Canada any well qualified candidates who may be presented by the Board of Manage-