

work as their own. The Woman's Auxiliary hardly needs commendation now at the hands of the Board, for it has grown to such large proportions that its importance and utility has been established beyond a doubt. An impetus was given to their work by a visit paid to the north-west and British Columbia by Mrs. Willoughby Cummings and Miss Paterson, of Toronto, who, for themselves, saw the needs of the domestic mission field, and were thus enabled to arouse some interest in it. The Board can not speak too highly of the valuable aid that the auxiliary has ever been, and continues to be, to the work of the society.

THE CANADIAN CHURCH MAGAZINE AND MISSION NEWS

under the editorship of the General Secretary, continues to hold its own and to give promise of permanence and success. For the last four years it has made its way without having to receive any aid whatever from the funds of the Society. The J. E. Bryant Co., of Toronto, who are its business managers, have shown great interest in its publication, and have submitted a plan by which the business prospects of the magazine may be materially brightened.

THE OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.


The Board desires to acknowledge the great kindness of Mr. J. J. Mason in his continued gratuitous work for the Society in acting as its Treasurer, but the increased labour in connection with the work of the Society has rendered it necessary to vote an allowance of \$300 a year to the General Secretary, who for several years gave all his work gratuitously. This, however, is all the expense incurred in carrying on the work of the Society, except unavoidable items such as postage, printing and travelling expenses of the Secretary and Treasurer.

CONCLUSION.

Finally the Board would express its conviction that the D. and F. Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada has, within itself, much power for doing a great and beneficial work, not only at home but abroad. The feeling, however, still exists that the Society is young and not yet fully developed, and while its appeals in aid of domestic and foreign missions continue to meet with a pretty general response from the various dioceses, it is evident that there are many parishes throughout the ecclesiastical province which have not yet entered cordially into its work. The Board has done its best to reach all the parishes and all the clergy, and to get them interested in its high and noble work, and if in some cases it has failed, the responsibility must rest with those who turn a deaf ear to its continual appeals. We live in an age of religious activity, and work in the missionary field is a strong characteristic of it. All religious bodies, of whatever name or denomination, are shewing unflagging interest in

missionary work; calculations are even made to shew that there are forces existing in Christianity to-day sufficient, if rightly directed, to evangelize the whole world in the present generation, or, at least, to place a missionary in every corner of it. The Mother Church of England, through its great missionary societies, is dotting the face of the globe with missionary dioceses, and has sent many of its noblest sons and daughters to distant and barbarous lands to plant the banner of the cross; the sister Church in the United States shews great activity in the same cause, particularly in its own domestic field; religious bodies outside our own communion have their missionaries in distant lands, and so, it is thought by many, the Church of England in Canada should have its share in this work which is pre-eminently the work of Christ. This is the object which the Board of Management has kept before it, and it feels encouraged by the fact that the great bulk of the clergy seem to be in sympathy with its work—and it only longs for the time when all of them will give it their cordial support and use it as, what it was designed to be, the properly constituted channel through which missionary efforts should flow. In the mother land and in the United States men of wealth are continually found giving, as only men of wealth can give, large individual sums to the missionary societies. As yet this has not been the case in Canada. The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society awaits such offerings, whether as legacies, or better still, as gifts from the living. In the reports of various missionary societies legacies form an important source of revenue. May we not hope that our own missionary society, the creation of the Church itself, will, ere long, be similarly remembered by those who wish to make some provision for the continuation of their good work on earth after they themselves have been called to rest? If this Society, which has in itself, by its very constitution, much that ought to commend itself to the hearts of Church people throughout the whole Dominion, could have the prayers and earnest wishes for success that the Board feels it ought to have, a large increase in its revenue would be the result. And may it be speedily obtained. The words attributed to Archbishop Whately can scarcely be controverted:—"If our religion is not true, we are bound to change it; if it is true, we are bound to propagate it."

THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

HE tenth meeting of the Provincial Synod was opened in Montreal on September 14th. The sermon was preached by Right Rev. Dr. Baldwin, Bishop of Huron. It was an eloquent and powerful defence of the Holy Scriptures and