

for this work. It has been deemed wise only to accept of one to begin with, though it is hoped that the sphere of their labors will soon be largely extended. St. Philip's parish, Toronto, is the one chosen at present, as its many poor streets afford a capital training ground, where mothers' meetings, sewing schools, etc., can be carried on with good effect. The lectures at the Deaconess House will be free to all who wish to attend them, and will begin very soon. Training in nursing will be given, so that a deaconess may be able to bandage and dress a wound, or tell a mother what to do in case of an accident or other emergency, where no physician is at hand, or where the case is not serious enough to need one. The true vocation of a deaconess is to try to lead men and women to Christ, and, for His sake, to help them in all the ways she can. That such trained workers, giving up their whole time, will be an invaluable help to overworked clergymen, in town and country, no one can doubt. The committee also hope that many of the deaconesses will become missionaries, both in the Northwest, where such able helpers are sadly needed, and also in the foreign fields, where the laborers are so few and the field so large. They appeal for help in finding women willing to offer themselves for this noble service, and for money, without which no work can be carried on. Each probationer is expected to pay four dollars per week during her two years of training; this, including laundry, will scarcely pay all the outlay of her board, and, of course, there will be other expenses. There may be candidates suitable in every other way, but unable to pay this sum; and a fund to draw upon for such applicants might secure valuable workers, whose services would otherwise be lost.

No subscriptions will be asked personally, and the committee will be gratified if those who are interested and anxious to help will send their gifts to the treasurer, Rev. G. A. Kuhring, Toronto, or to any member of the committee.

The work is undertaken in faith, and God has supplied each need as it has arisen. To His help the committee look in assured trust, while they deem it right to tell His people, and commend the carrying on of the work to their sympathy and aid.

Woman's Auxiliary Department.

"The love of Christ constraineth us."—II. Cor. v. 14.

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THANK-OFFERING.

By an almost unanimous vote, the Provincial Board of Management have decided to ask the members of the Woman's Auxiliary to unite in

a thank-offering for the consolidation of the Church in Canada—offerings to be given this year and next year, and sent in to the Treasurer of the Parochial Branch, who will send them to the Diocesan Treasurer after the annual meeting of the Branch. There are, in round numbers, 10,000 members of the W.A. If an average of *even* 25 cents a head was obtained each year, we would have \$5,000 by the next Triennial, when the offering will be presented. But we need not limit ourselves to that sum. Those richer in this world's goods, and having had better understanding of the value of the great work which God has permitted our Canadian Church to accomplish, would, doubtless, contribute much more than 25 cents, and thus make up for those who, though equally willing, have not the means to give more than a very small sum.

What this consolidation means has not come home to all of us yet, perhaps; but that it is a grand work, and one from which great results will follow, seems to be acknowledged on all sides. The very fact that our bishops, clergy, and prominent Churchmen have labored so long and perseveringly to bring about this consolidation should be guarantee enough for us Churchwomen that it is a thing for which to be very thankful. Our first desire should be to give full proof of our thankfulness to our Heavenly Father by denying ourselves something, that we may help on the spread of that Church of which He is the gracious Head, and in which He has enabled us to be brought to Him.

The object to which the thank-offering will be devoted has not yet been decided; but let us see to it that we have one fit to lay before our Lord, not only in being a large amount, but as coming from hearts that recognize His love and goodness in affording us the many spiritual advantages we enjoy as members of that Church, His body, whose work is the spread of the knowledge of God, and His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in all the world.

In a recent number of the *Spirit of Missions*, referring to the offering of the W. A. in the United States towards the Church Missions House, a member suggests that some who cannot give money may be able to bring some disused article of silverware which has been stored away in sideboard or bank vault, doing good to no one. Might not jewellery be offered in the same way, or valuable pictures, or bric-a-brac? "We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out."

BISHOP HILL ON MISSION WORK IN AFRICA.

THE Right Rev. Dr. J. Sidney Hill, Bishop of the Church of England in Western Equatorial Africa, wrote in a most interesting manner in