

upon their means they felt that it was an imperative duty to appeal to the older Church, saying:—"A question of supreme importance confronts us; what are we going to do with it?" The claim of the work in the North-West upon them was by no means an ordinary one. A people were springing into existence there in a day. A mighty land that would support freely 100,000,000 of people lay open to the world, and was attracting universal attention. This land was the inheritance of the Church, and their efforts to possess it must be increased in self-preservation, if for nothing else. Were there no Church statesmen in this great assembly who could break through all Diocesan trammels, and place the Church firmly in possession of this grand future? After a residence of eight years he had come to the conclusion that the North-West was inseparably bound up with the future of the Church in this Dominion. Every day members of the Eastern churches were making new homes for themselves in the West, and what was to become of them? They were lost to the East, and if not followed up they would be lost to the West as well. Then the nature of the men who were flocking in the West should be remembered. Never had he seen such true, noble, determined men as were to be found in Manitoba, and their love for the Church was deep and sincere. As an instance of this, in the town of Moose Jaw, when it was but seven months old, they banded themselves together and built a beautiful little church. There were many other instances similar to this. The Bishop had, by devoting his entire income, and depriving himself of many comforts, succeeded in founding a college and procuring its endowment. All through the country the good effects of his apostolic ministrations were apparent.

Mr. Pentreath followed Mr. Fortin, and in a speech which displayed great practical wisdom and much power, urged prompt and liberal action on the part of his hearers, saying that the condition of affairs in the North West could not be exaggerated. The immense extent of the country was calculated to bewilder people, for it was difficult to make them believe all that was said of it. The Bishop of Athabaska recently released 100,000 square miles to form a new diocese. In that diocese they had a mission 3,700 miles from Winnipeg, taking the Ven. Archdeacon Macdonald six months of continuous travel to reach it. The diocese of Saskatchewan covered 214,400 square miles, containing the densest Indian population in the world. The new diocese of Assiniboia contained 100,000 acres of the richest land of the world, into which settlers were crowding. Yet there were in all that vast country but two clergymen. From all over the prairie came cries for help. In Assiniboia itself there were a hundred places vacant. They had been told that they were exaggerating the spiritual wants of the North West, but did the fact that the Presbyterians last year devoted \$16,000, and would send out forty missionaries, look like exaggeration?

The speaker proceeded to give a description of the work and its needs, and also some efforts which the people had made to provide the ministrations of the Church for themselves and their children, alluding to the encouraging fact that in several of the Missions where a clergyman has never yet been seen, the few people had built a Rectory, hoping thereby to induce a clergyman to settle among them. The statement made by the speaker, that in the North West the Church was too busy and too anxious about her work to engage in controversy and in party strife, elicited loud applause and much favorable comment.

The Prolocutor thanked the delegates, whose cheering reports would, he was sure, stir up the loving interest of the Eastern dioceses in the great mission work of the Great North-West. He could assure them that their words had succeeded entirely in dispelling any conceivable reason why some withheld their help from this branch of the mission field.

Rev. Canon Brigstocke then moved, seconded by Rev. Dr. Lobley,—

"That this House, having heard the interesting and powerful address of the Rev. O. Fortin and Rev. E. S. W.

Pentreath, members of the delegation from the Province of Rupert's Land, expresses its warm sympathy with the arduous and difficult work before the Church in the North-West, and pledges itself to use every endeavor to further its growth and development."

Rev. Canon Ellegood, the Chairman, presented the Report of the Central Board of Domestic Missions, in which a decided increase in the funds during the past three years was announced, and the prospects stated to be encouraging for a much larger increase in the future.

The Board resolved to hold regular monthly meetings, the first which took place on October 5th, 1880, at which meeting there was read and adopted an appeal made by the Board to the Church at large explaining the formation and functions to the Board, giving detailed information as to the needs of the Church in the North-West and Algoma, and urging the necessity for prompt and energetic action. This appeal was published in the *Montreal Gazette*, was printed and circulated throughout all the Dioceses, and fifty copies were sent to the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Rupert's Land.

A request was also made to the Most Rev. the Metropolitan, asking His Lordship to suggest to all the Bishops of the Province, that a collection be made in every parish for the Domestic Missions of the Church.

The Board was able to put forth a definite statement that \$11,000 would be required annually for the purposes and work of our Domestic Missions, and that the amount might be raised, the following resolution was passed at a subsequent meeting.

"That the different dioceses be respectfully asked to obtain subscriptions at once in aid of the Domestic Missions in the North-West and Algoma, to the following amounts:—

Diocese of Montreal.....	\$2,000
" Toronto.....	2,000
" Huron.....	2,000
" Ontario.....	1,250
" Niagara.....	1,250
" Quebec.....	1,000
" Nova Scotia.....	750
" Fredericton.....	750

Returns have been received from all the dioceses, and the information obtained is presented in the following tabular statements:—

I. Amounts contributed for Domestic Missions by each diocese during the three preceding financial years, exclusive of grants to Episcopal stipend:—

Diocese of—	1881.	1882.	1883.	Total.
Nova Scotia....	\$ 377.22	\$ 383.74	\$ 220.85	\$ 981.81
Quebec.....	1,415.10	1,244.56	2,435.71	5,095.37
Toronto.....	673.31	1,847.75	2,931.77	5,453.03
Fredericton....	614.72	951.64	1,854.86	3,421.22
Montreal.....	1,057.97	1,378.49	3,730.03	6,166.49
Huron.....	1,408.07	1,753.61	1,724.91	4,886.59
Ontario.....	934.51	1,235.19	1,863.35	4,033.05
Niagara.....	985.62	1,524.50	1,848.42	4,358.54

Total.....7,466.52 10,319.48 16,610.10 34,396.10

\*The total amount given in the return from the Diocese of Huron is \$8,977.57, of which \$1,900 is the grant to the Episcopal stipend and \$2,190.98 contributed to the Sabrevois Missions—objects not included in this statement.

As a peculiar interest attaches to Algoma, the Missionary Diocese of the Canadian Church, it is gratifying to observe that the contributions have been satisfactory; indeed, during the last year a measure of earnest liberality has been called forth in this direction.

II. Towards the Mission Fund and for other purposes, exclusive of the diocesan grants to the Episcopal stipend and the Indian Homes, there was contributed during the year 1881, \$4,996.98; 1882, \$5,515.18; in 1883 \$13,366.33; total, \$23,878.49.

The amounts given by the several dioceses are appended in the following statement:—

Diocese of—	1881.	1882.	1883.	Total.
Nova Scotia....	\$ 294.02	\$ 313.16	\$ 178.84	\$ 785.02
Quebec.....	709.22	604.70	2,140.54	3,454.46
Toronto.....	651.31	809.75	2,516.93	3,977.99
Fredericton....	214.30	627.59	1,410.85	2,252.74
Montreal.....	923.19	526.32	3,424.73	4,874.24
Huron.....	562.88	411.16	484.93	1,458.97

Ontario.....	656.44	919.00	1,583.09	3,158.53
Niagara.....	985.62	1,303.50	1,627.42	3,916.54

Total.....4,996.98 5,515.18 13,366.33 23,878.49

The following table will prove interesting to our readers, showing as it does the comparative amounts contributed during the three years for the missions in Algoma, other North-West Missions and the Indian Homes:—

Missions in Algoma.....	\$23,874.49
North-West Missions.....	7,449.62
Indian Homes.....	3,067.99

\$34,396.10

Amounts contributed by the several dioceses:—

Diocese of	Algoma.	N. W.	Indian Homes.	Total
Nova Scotia....	\$ 758.02	\$ 107.21	\$ 89.58	\$ 981.81
Quebec.....	3,454.46	1,319.91	321.00	5,095.37
Toronto.....	3,977.99	1,273.27	201.77	5,453.03
Fredericton....	2,252.74	139.62	1,028.86	3,421.22
Montreal.....	4,874.24	976.23	316.07	6,166.49
Huron.....	1,458.97	3,075.39	352.23	4,886.59
Ontario.....	3,158.53	115.99	758.43	4,033.05
Niagara.....	3,916.54	442.00	before.	4,358.54

Total.....\$23,878.49 7,449.62 3,067.99 34,396.10

These figures are sufficiently interesting and important to induce the wish that such returns could be obtained with regularity and completeness. Although accurate so far as it goes, the statement can only be taken as an approximation to what has been actually contributed, many contributions having been sent direct both by parishes and individual donors.

Canon Ellegood concluded the reading of the report, by moving that the report as read be received, adopted and printed for general circulation, and that the thanks of this Synod are due and are hereby tendered to the Rev. S. Belcher for his able, elaborate and exceedingly interesting report, which had caused him a great deal of trouble to prepare. The motion was unanimously adopted.

The Bishop of Algoma after warmly eulogizing the deputation from the North West, and supporting their appeal, gave a resume of his report for the Church's Missionary Diocese of Algoma, in which he said, the amount which had been received by Algoma from all sources and all parishes had been over \$37,000. Of this a balance of \$7,209 had been transferred to his care by the executors and commissary of the late Rt. Reverend the Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto. The Algoma mission fund had had a goodly increase last year. He enumerated the sources from which it came as well as the objects to which it was devoted.

The Rev. Dr. Lobley, the Chairman, presented the Report of the Central Board of Foreign Missions. It points out its objects, and then laments that the Dioceses have neglected to support Foreign Missions to the extent they should have done, and regrets that some have not contributed the required information to the Board. The following contributions have been reported to the Board:—

Diocese of—	1881.	1882.	1883.	Total.
Nova Scotia.....	\$ 96.31	\$101.15	\$77.73	\$ 275.19
Quebec.....	410.64	295.81	391.36	1,097.81
Toronto.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montreal.....	358.59	629.33	926.16	1,914.08
Huron.....	63.95	603.86	676.77	1,344.58
Fredericton....	585.73	644.49	739.04	1,959.26
Ontario.....	19.00	9.00	104.57	132.57
Niagara—Secretary reports no collections.	.....	.....	.....	.....

1,534.22 2,383.64 2,915.53 6,743.39

The Board would take this opportunity of recommending to the various dioceses the introduction of some such system of disseminating missionary information as that which has been adopted with the happiest results in the Diocese of Toronto. That system consists in the formation of a missionary committee in each congregation to collect monthly subscriptions and to distribute to the subscribers missionary periodicals.

Dr. Lobley moved, seconded by Very Rev. Dean Baldwin, that the report be received, printed and circulated. Carried.

After some enthusiastic words from L. H. Davidson, Esq., 1 o'clock was announced, and the Synod adjourned.