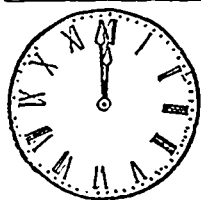


taken off. Those same people are now filling a spacious church which their hands, under Rev. A. E. Price's direction, were building earlier in the year. There is progress everywhere. Before long heathenism will have perished on the Skeena river, and in no small measure is it due, under God, to the zealous efforts of the native Christians among the non-Christians. We have more unpaid than paid preachers in the diocese.

Woman's Auxiliary Department.

"The love of Christ constraineth us."—II. Cor. v. 14.
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Remember daily the mid-day prayer for missions.

"Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost part of the earth for thy possession": Ps. ii. 8.

MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

ONE of the most successful meetings of the above Board ever held took place in Toronto, Nov. 12th, 1896. The Holy Communion was administered in Holy Trinity Church by the Rev. J. Pearson, and a sermon full of most helpful and encouraging thoughts preached by the Rev. H. P. Lowe, of St. George's Church. After the service, the members assembled in Holy Trinity schoolhouse, which had been so kindly placed at the disposal of the Board. After a hymn and prayer, the roll was called and seventeen found to be present. Great regret was felt that neither the Recording Secretary, the Treasurer, nor anyone from Montreal or Quebec was able to attend.

A hearty welcome was extended to the newly formed W. A. of Ottawa diocese.

The reports showed that there are 479 branches, of which 134 are junior. The number of members, as far as returned, is 12,756, of which 3,824 are juniors, but very many branches still fail to report their membership, and so the figures are necessarily much under the correct ones. Number of bales sent out during the past year is 590, with \$8,857.92 spent on new material and freight. Besides this, the treasurer reports \$18,099.27 contributed in money. The *Leaflet* has a circulation of \$7,225. The missionaries supported by or gone out from the W. A. now number ten, also six Bible women in foreign lands. Eleven children of missionaries are educated wholly or in part, and most grateful recognition of this part of the

work is often received. The Standing Committees on Education, *Leaflet* and Printing, Literature, Indian affairs, etc., etc., presented their reports, many valuable suggestions being offered for future guidance. Information regarding some of the Indian schools in the Northwest was given by one of the officers, and plans of work for the coming year fully discussed. The session lasted all Thursday and Friday. The Board was very hospitably entertained at luncheon on Thursday by the W. A. of Holy Trinity, and the ex-committee of Toronto diocese gave a most enjoyable social at St. Peter's schoolhouse that same evening. Mrs. Tilton delivered a most pleasing address, urging her hearers to continued and increased efforts in mission work. There was a very large gathering, and the welcome extended to the Board by the diocesan president, Mrs. Williamson, was given in her usual happy and warm-hearted way. On Friday, there being a press for time, as some had to leave that evening, the committee of the Dorcas central rooms of Toronto diocese, who had so kindly invited the Board to lunch with them, brought the luncheon to the Board instead, and business went on uninterruptedly until finished at five o'clock. The president said a few words before parting, calling attention to this being the entrance to a new decade, the W. A. having completed its tenth year in September last, and expressing her deep thankfulness that the work had been so blessed, and earnest hope that more of God's gracious gifts were in store for it in the future.

After singing the Doxology the meeting adjourned.

During the afternoon, the president of Toronto diocese presented Mrs. Tilton with a beautiful bunch of roses, thanking her at the same time for her able and impartial ruling in the chair, and repeating the warm welcome to the Board, which was much appreciated by its members, who will ever have most delighted remembrances of their kind hostesses and all connected with the meeting of 1896.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

1. Did you ever go into your garden and see a rose tree with some of its leaves blighted and withered, others drooping and pale, others green and fresh, a beauty to the tree and a help to its growth and well-being? If we take the rose-tree as a type of the Church of Christ, and the leaves as its members, we shall find types in them also. Baptized Christians dead to spiritual things, or, if not dead, so stunted, so languid in their spiritual sympathies that they exist only for themselves and contribute nothing to the growth and beauty of the tree which bears them. But do the living members, the green leaves full of sap, flowing from