

indifference, but of inability. When we think of the scattered population, and in most cases, the very inefficient help the ladies are able to procure, numbers of them doing their own work, and, already having as much in hand as can be managed properly, with regard to Church work, it is not surprising that they do not seem anxious to undertake any new work. However, it is a good thing to bring the matter before the different dioceses (in this Ecclesiastical Province), and no doubt, in the course of time, they will see their way clear to making a beginning.

Lately we received two very beautiful sets of Communion linen from the Church of the Ascension Branch, Hamilton. They have been sent to two new churches in the country, much in need of furnishings of every kind—one at Oak Lake, Rev. Charles Quinney, and the other to Russell, Rev. H. M. Drummond. We have received letters of grateful acknowledgment.

A bale of clothing has been received from the Kingston Branch of the Auxiliary, which proves most acceptable.

We cannot thank our kind eastern friends sufficiently for their deep interest in the welfare of our beloved Church in the Northwest.

CALGARY.

Mrs. Pinkham writes that she is much interested in the progress of the Woman's Auxiliary in Winnipeg (having been a member for some time before leaving that city). The Church women of Calgary have just started a branch of the Girl's Friendly Society, and are about organizing a branch of the Ministering Children's League. These are only, as yet, parochial organizations, and Calgary, small as it is, with its obligations arising from its being a self-supporting parish, has to do what it can for the diocese, and meet special claims that are from time to time brought forward. As to the Indian women, they, in most instances, cannot do any domestic work, and the most intelligent are only just beginning to make bread and butter.

QU' APPELLE.

Mrs. Boyce, of the Qu' Appelle Diocese, in a letter to the Secretary of the Rupert's Land Diocese, says:—"This diocese is as yet very young and poor, having been all along greatly handicapped by failure of crops, etc. Most of the parishes of the diocese have some parochial institution for Woman's work, being known either as a Woman's Guild or Ladies' Aid Society. We see to Church debts, building, furnishing, etc., though we have to obtain aid from other sources as well. We are just trying to arouse interest in our Indian Missions, chiefly in undertaking the patronage of a child. Perhaps by and by when our prospects are brighter, we shall have a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in this Diocese. We should now make

some effort towards the formation of a Branch, had we any assurance of some response, however feeble.

ZENANA WORK.

The secretary writes:—

Miss Ling's visit may, I trust, result in much blessing. She returned to England with a very happy impression of her stay in Canada.

It is a great matter of thankfulness that good Bishop Baldwin has consented to act as referee for the parent committee in case any of our young Canadian sisters desire to offer themselves for missionary work.

We have all been deeply interested in the visit of the first Chinese Christian lady, Mrs. Alcock, to this country. She came to plead for English Christian women to go out and teach her countrywomen. She had hoped to remain longer in England, but receiving not very good news of her husband's health she started off at a few days notice, taking with her as the first fruits of the response to her appeal, Miss Mead, a young English lady, who bravely made up her mind to leave her home on so short a notice. To avoid the Red Sea they had gone via the Canadian Pacific Railway.

I longed to be able to let some of our Canadian friends know, but there was not time, as we had only two days' notice, and besides they were not going to stop anywhere *en route*. (Mrs. Alcock passed through Canada in bond.) A party of friends took leave of our Chinese Christian sister at Easton Station in London. We gathered in the compartment of the railway carriage, while the Rev. G. Tonge, our Clerical Secretary read Ps. 121, and commended the travellers in prayer to God, after which the hymn, "May the Grace of Christ our Saviour," was sung. We all entered in a very real way into the "union in Christ Jesus," whether English, Chinese, Indian or any other nation.

Much prayer is asked that many, many more laborers may be sent forth into the great harvest fields, whether in India, China, or other parts of the earth.

Extract from a letter written by a native laborer in Calcutta:—

"Lately I have felt very sad. My mind seems ill. The longer I stay with my relations the more sad, and in a way depressed do I become. Daily when praying, comes into my mind, that not another soul in this house, kneels to the Creator and Saviour. I cannot tell how it pains me, and then I think of their last end. Truly, my heart is cast down, when I think of these, my dear relations, but I thank the dear Saviour, that His peace at this time specially is my comfort. He seems to have fired me with the desire to pray for my loved ones. I earnestly beg you not to forget my relations in your prayers, especially my father. I think from his state of health he will not live long. His mind is very restless. He is