

forming as many new branches in their parishes as they possibly can, not minding how small they may be to begin with—they will grow—even if they should be so few in number as to consist of only sufficient for the necessary number of officers: these officers will feel the necessity of having more members, and will thus strive to gain them. In the meantime, to be organized is to be in a state of preparedness, and allows enthusiasts to begin work at once.

I had the pleasure of being at the first meeting held in Canada to discuss the advisability of forming a Woman's Auxiliary in connection with missionary work of the Church of England in Canada. It was held in Ottawa, and was looked upon by many as a very visionary movement, and I assure you it was a very small gathering, indeed—not very many more than enough to fill the necessary offices for organizing.

Now look on this gathering to-day, read the leaflet of the auxiliary, and you will find that it extends far and wide over the Dominion, and is doing a great work in strengthening missions.

Once more I bid you welcome, dear fellow-workers and visitors, and we may rest assured that the motives and efforts which bring us all together to-day will not be without their reward, for "God is not unrighteous that He will forget your works and labor that proceedeth of love, which love ye have showed for His name sake, who have ministered unto the saints, and yet do minister."

Again I bid you welcome.

After her ladyship had finished her earnest address, which was enthusiastically received by the large gathering, Mrs. Fortin delivered her presidential address as follows.—

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

My Dear Friends and Fellow Workers:

As I stand before you to-day to address you for the first time at an annual meeting, since you have done me the honor to elect me your President, I crave your sympathy and kindly forbearance. It is not an easy matter to take up the work laid down by two such women as my predecessors, beloved, consecrated, and capable, both of them. The first has been transplanted to a wider sphere of usefulness in another Diocese: the other has received the home call, "Come thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." But the names of Mrs. Grisdale and Mrs. Cowley are as music in our ears, and are a sweet and hallowing memory in our Auxiliary. But, friends, as we grow older, and more experienced in Christian work, we learn more and more the inner meaning of Paul's wonderful paradox, "When I am weak, then am I strong." It is only when we feel our own utter unfitness and unworthiness to fill any position of responsibility that we can throw ourselves on the Divine upholding. Christ's strength can then be made perfect in our weakness. Let us welcome that weakness that throws us on the Divine Power!

We are anxious that our gatherings this week should be of a special character, for we now complete the 10th year of our existence as a Women's Auxiliary. A decade is a long period in the life of an individual or an organization, and we may well take a very brief review of the past. When Arch-

deacon Pinkham was superintendent of missions in this Diocese, he was the recipient of many bales and thoughtful gifts from the Women's Auxiliary of Eastern Canada, sent to aid him in his work among our scattered country missions. When he was about being consecrated to his present See, he called a number of ladies together, told us about the W. A. (it was a new tale to us then); asked us if we would form ourselves into a committee and receive and look after the distribution of these gifts from the East; in fact, he said we might consider ourselves a branch of the W. A. This we were glad to do. We wrote for instructions to the Eastern W. A., and they, thinking that we knew a great deal more than we did about the organization, only gave us very meagre information, and so we worked on in the dark for a long time. We wrote to the different country clergy with a view to finding out their needs. We were not long in discovering that they were very great, including churches, parsonages, horses, buggies, etc., etc. Of course, such wants as these we could not well supply, but we found how acceptable bales and parcels of clothing were; how they helped to carry the gospel into homes otherwise shut against it. Well, that was the day of small things. We were in reality only a distributing body, dispensing the bounty of others, adding occasionally some garments brought in by generous members. Our next step was to undertake the clothing of ten children in St. Paul's Indian Industrial School, for which we receive-

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