

THE EVANGELINE

has been at rest during the past summer, the pressure of my work along the railways, from Gravenhurst to the western extremity of the Diocese, leaving no time for the visitation of St. Joseph's or Manitoulin Island, and hence rendering the expense of refitting unnecessary. The time, however, has come, when in my judgment, she is no longer essential as she once was, to the Diocesan equipment, owing to the multiplication of railway facilities along the north shore, and also in the Parry Sound district, formerly most easily and speedily reached via the Georgian Bay. I cannot, however, part from The Evangeline without placing on record my own personal acknowledgments, as well as those of the clergy and laity, reached by her means, of the generous co-operation of the "S. P. G." in her maintenance by an appropriation for several years of £100 per annum. Without this aid the good service she has rendered to our missionary work would have been hopelessly impossible.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

still continues to evidence its active and substantial interest in your missionary Diocese without abatement or interruption, its beneficence, as hitherto, taking the form (1) of contributions of serviceable clothing, (2) of financial aid to our General and other funds, as well as to special objects in our mission stations; (3) of gifts to gladden our Church children at the happy Christmas season; and last, but not least, of co-operation in what is now known as the educational movement in behalf of our missionaries' children. The weight of our obligation to the W. A. is thus steadily accumulating year by year. We can only repay it with our earnest prayers that this invaluable handmaid of the Church, which has "bestowed much labour on us," and has proved itself "a succourer of many, and of myself also," may receive such a benediction from the great Head of the Church as will deepen the current of its own spiritual life, and make it increasingly fruitful in every good work.

With regard to the Dorcas department of the W. A.,