

England, where the society retains the original rules, there are about fifty members. Mr. Joseph Gunyon, the "Master" (of Westbourne, Emsworth, Hants) writes, "The Society is in its infancy, but we have a gradually increasing number of members, one-half of whom are clerics. The Society has been brought under some hundreds of clergy, amongst others 500 Rural Deans of 25 Dioceses. It is proposed to revive the "Systematic Giver" in connection with the CANADIAN CHURCH MAGAZINE. Next month the members of the Society will receive the accounts for the year duly audited. No application for subscriptions have been made for twelve months and money is wanted.

The Society has been at work about three years. The facts that it has brought into prominence are, 1. The causes of the meanness of our Church are the low state of personal religion, and that the clergy in England and elsewhere have not taught the people. 2. Wherever the clergy have taught systematically the duty and great blessedness of giving to God as a means of grace, the people have responded, and offerings have increased ten fold; in one poor parish a box is placed in the church and the contents presented according to the rubric, and it was found that the tithes amounted to more than the offerings. 3. It is the poor and not the rich who pay tithes, and the poor parishes are the easiest to influence.

While we Christians are quarreling as to whether the voluntary payment of the tithe is required from us or not, heathenism is gaining ground in Christendom and Mohammedanism confronts our missions to the heathen. The heathens are giving far more than Christians to their religion. Christianity is largely given over to idolatry—to the worship mammon.

Woman's Auxiliary Department.

Communications relating to this Department should be addressed Mrs. Tilton, 521 Cooper Street, Ottawa.

The Provincial Treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary has much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of \$250 from the Port Rowan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary for the Church at Gravenhurst.

It is gratifying to see that at a meeting of the Board of Home Missions of Nova Scotia Diocese held on October 19th, the following was embodied in a resolution, passed by the Board, "That where practicable a Woman's Auxiliary be inaugurated in each parish when efforts should be directed towards the object of increasing missionary stipends.

We have received this month the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions in the United States. It is a report replete with advance and deep interest.

A summary of the year's work accomplished in

forty-eight Dioceses, eleven Missionary Jurisdictions, by forty-eight Diocesan and many Parish Branches and individual members of the Auxiliary, records,—money \$97,340.35; value of boxes (numbering 2,848 sent out) \$154,362.55; total, \$251,702.90.

The Secretary writes: "Thus practically would the Auxiliary show its loyalty to the Board to which it is an Auxiliary, by circulating its publications, by seizing on all opportunities to hear from its officers and missionaries, by contributing to its treasury; to the missionaries, by supplementing the stipends of the Board with gifts which enable many to remain at their posts, and which make their work more efficient; to the bishops by working in the lines they sanction; to its members themselves by making its work woman's work, of such a kind as calls forth sympathy and devotion.

Sixteen years of united prayer and service have not been without fruit in the minds and hearts of the Church women of this land. They are coming to see more and more that not boxes only or the usual money gifts, not many meetings and much circulation of missionary intelligence will suffice to do the missionary work of the Church. Something besides is needed, personal service and means sufficient to utilize it. There are women now who have the heart and wish to enter upon such service; one desires to go to Africa, three are thinking of Japan, several of China; one writes she would work either with the Indians or negroes. With every coming year there will be more who cannot content themselves with prayers or any lesser alms than the free gift of *themselves* to the work of missions. How to meet such persons as these, the Auxiliary desires to know. What can the Board do to encourage them in this offer of their services?"

The Secretary visited twenty-four dioceses and attended eighty-three meetings during the year, and she adds, "Besides the visits within our own country, the Secretary had the pleasure of meeting the Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of England in Canada, in the early part of September last, in the city of Montreal. At that time the women of the Canadian Church were called together, and the Secretary of the Auxiliary in the United States was most cordially invited to meet with them and explain the constitution and workings of the Auxiliary there. She would now record in her own behalf and in behalf of the association she then represented, her grateful appreciation of the generous kindness and hospitality extended to her on that occasion."

THE FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

"The love of Christ constraineth us."—2 Cor. v., 14.

The Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Foreign and Domestic Missions of the Church of England in Canada beg leave to report as follows:—

President, Mrs. Medley, Fredericton; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Williams, Quebec; Mrs. Sweat-