

Ontario Diocese.

DIOCESAN MOTTO:—" *She hath done what she could.*"

Subjects for Prayer and Reading for Feb.—Columbia, B.C., & China.
The following extracts are from letters from Miss Smith to a cousin in Perth.

"If Christians at home could realize one half, yes, one hundredth part of the misery and degradation of the people in these far off eastern lands, I *know* they could not rest until they had "done what they could" to bring or send them tidings of the Saviour. I do not think I ever realized fully the love of Christ, or all that he had done for me, until I came here. When I look around and see the lives that the natives live here, and see what a hollow silly thing their "religion" is, how little in it that satisfies the heart, or brings comfort to the sorrowful, I feel what a great responsibility rests on all that profess and call themselves Christians. My work has been steadily increasing, and now that the Canadian Mission Board has allowed me funds to start dispensaries, and employ more doctors and nurses, my plans for starting work in the neglected heathen quarters have taken a practical form. It is a great satisfaction to me that the nurses are so enthusiastic and zealous in trying to enlighten their heathen country-men, and their influence among the patients is very great. They are very intelligent girls too, so that one can make companions of them. My time is very much taken up, it seems to take so much longer to do anything in Japan than at home, but I manage to devote a part of each day to study. Patients always send to me *first* when they are taken sick, I visit them with one of the nurses, leave her in charge and call in the hospital doctor who is also a Christian, my idea is to let the missionaries get a footing in the sick house. When the patients are convalescent, suitable Christian literature is read to them by the nurse, and the principles and doctrines of our religion explained; later the clergyman visits them, Bibles are given, and the listeners persuaded to come to church and hear the word expounded. So far the results of our labours, as far as man can judge, have been very gratifying.

Extracts from a letter from the wife of the Rev. A. Tansey, Somerset, Man., Diocese of Rupert's Land, to the Cor. Sec. of St. James', Kingston, W.A.

MY DEAR MRS. ROGERS.—Both Mr. Tansey and myself feel very deeply the kindness of the St. James' W.A. in sending us again such a good bale of useful articles, and for your kind and loving wishes for us and our work. Everything sent, believe me, was most acceptable, and they will all prove most useful to those receiving them; all are disposed of now. The candy, dolls, toys and cases of cups and