

of before they joined the Woman's Auxiliary. Hearing of privations and needs of those in more distant fields has roused many a woman to look nearer home and do her best to remedy what her attention would not have been called to otherwise. "If anyone had told me before I joined the W.A. that I could give as I find I can now, I would not have believed him." "Why, I never took half the interest in parish work that I do now." "If one had only been interested in this sort of thing earlier in life." "How one's sympathies now seem to expand to those in need far and near," are but a few of the like expressions one hears on all sides. Many of the clergy have cordially spoken of the good the W.A. has done in their parishes by bringing in extra-parochial objects as common ground on which all shades of thought in the Church can meet and work together, thus doing away with much parochial friction and drawing people out of the small circle hitherto bounded by their own parish only, to join hand to hand with the larger formation of the diocesan branch, whose annual meetings call together delegates from all parts of the diocese, and so on again to the provincial W.A., until they find themselves one, not only of the W.A. in such and such a parish, but of a band of between eleven and twelve thousand women working humbly for the extension of God's kingdom, "the love of Christ constraining them." Soon we hope to enlarge our vista still farther, when the General Synod of '96 has sanctioned the formation of a Dominion organization, so that we and our sister Auxiliaries in the Northwest may be one body of fellow-workers in the great cause of missions.

Before long a new year will be opening upon us, and ere the old one passes quite away let us all try and see if in the coming days we cannot live more for Christ, and show that to be a member of the W.A. means something far higher than meeting to make clothes for the Indians, good and necessary as that work is. There is missionary work awaiting us in our homes, in our parishes and dioceses, as well as in those distant parts of our own dear Canada and in foreign lands, where our hands and our purses cannot help, as well as where they can. Prayer, earnest, heartfelt speaking to God, will do more for those we are interested in than anything else, and even the poorest member can do as much in this way as the richest, so none need keep out of the Auxiliary because they cannot attend meetings or give much. The three first objects mentioned in our Diocesan Constitution are "To pray for missions, to awaken missionary zeal among the Churchwomen in the diocese, and to diffuse missionary intelligence," in all of which, while keeping quite loyally to the fields in which our parent society bids us work, we can, and most certainly should include, our own dioceses. As

far as money and work are concerned, we would advocate other channels than our W.A. when possible, but the loyal Churchwoman will take part in both efforts, for the one will stimulate the other, and has done so over and over again. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty," Prov. xi. 24.

## COREA.

The latest news from Bishop Corfe gives an account of the opening of the Woman's Hospital at Chemulpo. Unfortunately Miss Cooke, by whose skill and energy this hospital has been made possible, was taken suddenly ill, and could not be present at the ceremony. This consisted of those present, headed by the bishop, moving in procession from dispensary to hospital, and from ward to ward, the bishop blessing each part, and as he says, "Not forgetting to thank God for our benefactors, and to pray especially for Dr. Wiles, who gave us the first woman's hospital and dispensary, and for Mrs. Bishop who has given us this beautiful new building." Speaking of the Coreans the bishop says: "We have now finished just one year of Japanese occupation, and there is no European, who has resided here all this time, but will tell you that if there was hope of lifting Coreans a year ago, there is much less hope now. The stone which Japan has bound to Corea is steadily sinking her. The latest (and he ought to be the best) witness of this is Count Mouye, the Japanese minister in Corea, who has stated publicly lately that there will be no reformation for Corea until the Japanese in Corea have themselves been reformed. He has spoken of the cruelty, the greed, the deception, the selfishness, of the Japanese now in Corea, in far more outspoken language than any I have used. Nor has he exaggerated. I honor him for having had the pluck to tell the truth to his own countrymen about themselves. Telegraphic reports have brought us news of the assassination of the poor queen of Corea. How much these poor dark souls need our prayers for their enlightenment is brought vividly home to us from many sources. There is an association for prayer for Corea, whose Canadian secretaries are Rev. Heber Bullock, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Rev. A. J. Balfour, Quebec, and E. M. Wood, Esq., New Westminster. Will not our members send their names to one of these gentlemen and become one of the association whose sole requirement is daily prayer for Corea?"

## CHINA.

So many are deprecating the sending of missionaries to China just now, that we would like to give the following extracts from a letter written by Miss Hankin, a missionary of the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society,