

resolved to diminish its present liberal grants by a gradual process of decrease each year, and as most of the dioceses have no internal means of making up the deficiency, distress or loss to the Church must be the result unless the amount deducted be supplied by this older and wealthier part of Canada.

THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH.

The Board having succeeded in gaining, to a very large extent, the aid of the women of the Church through their powerful auxiliary, turned its attention to the children, and chiefly to those to be found in our Sunday Schools, and it was resolved to issue a brief appeal to them each year, at the beginning of Lent, calling upon them to aid in the good cause of missions. The first of these appeals was issued in 1891, and the second in the present year; but as a separate account was not kept for children's offerings, the success of the effort cannot be ascertained. For the future, however, a separate account of this will be kept by the different treasurers, and the children's offerings will be entered in a column specially reserved for them, so that it may be seen at a glance what the children of the Church are doing. The American Church has adopted this plan of late years with the very best results, many thousands of dollars having accrued to the Church through the Lenten offerings of the little ones.

INDIAN WORK.

A separate column also has been opened for the purpose of showing the amounts specially contributed for the Indians of this country. Chiefly through the solicitations of Rev. E. F. Wilson, whose untiring efforts in their behalf deserve every recognition, and whose contemplated withdrawal from the work, after so many years' identification with it, is to be regretted, the Board has established an Indian Committee, whose duties shall be the collection and circulation of reliable statistics and other information connected with the evangelistic and educational work among the Indians in the Dominion of Canada under the Church of England, and the submission to the Board of Management of such other methods as may seem best calculated to bring the Church's Indian work more prominently before the minds of her members, and thus secure for it a larger place in their prayers and substantial sympathies.

From the work of this committee, formed only last October, many results favourable to the Indians may in time be looked for.

THE CHINESE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The attention of the Board has also been drawn to the fact that large settlements of Chinese have been formed in different parts of British Columbia, and that some effort ought to be made towards their evangelization, and a small grant annually, as much as was felt to be available, has been voted for that purpose.

When pagans such as these settle in our midst, it is well to teach them our glorious Gospel, so that when they return to their own land—as the Chinese feel specially bound to do before they die—they may be living witnesses to their own people of Him who cannot fail to be “a light to lighten the Gentiles.” This naturally leads to the subject of

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Board has striven to give this department of evangelistic work its due prominence, for if domestic work is dear to us, because it lies at our own doors, foreign work should not be neglected because it lies outside of them.

The arrangement made with the English societies whereby Canadian missionaries may be sent direct from Canada to the foreign field, and be supported by Canadian money, reached a practical result when the Rev. J. G. Waller was sent by the Board to Japan to labour there in connection with the S.P.G. Mr. Waller has made good progress in learning the Japanese language, and in acquainting himself with the methods necessary for conducting a useful missionary work, and already some good results of his presence in Japan have been reported. Wycliffe College, Toronto, also continues to support their missionary, Rev. J. Cooper Robinson, through the medium of the D. and F. Missionary Society, and he is steadily and faithfully working for the evangelization of those Japanese with whom he may come in contact. Rev. J. McQueen Baldwin is also working at his own charges as a Canadian missionary in Japan. It may be as well in this connection to mention that Archdeacon Shaw, a Canadian, has attained to a position of power and responsibility in the Japanese Church.

MEDICAL MISSIONS.

It having been reported to the Board that a good field for medical missions was open in Japan, and an application at the same time having been received from Miss Sherlock, of Southampton, diocese of Huron, for hospital work in Japan, it was thought best to embrace the opportunity thus offered, and accordingly Miss Sherlock was appointed and sent to her post of duty. With much regret, however, the Board has to announce the early resignation of Miss Sherlock and the abandonment of her work in a surprisingly short time after she commenced it. It is probable, however, that a successor, a qualified nurse, will be found to carry on the work for which there is every opportunity in Japan.

And here the Board would acknowledge the great value of our

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

The whole of the expense connected with the outfit, journey and stipend of Miss Sherlock was borne by them, who readily, at the request of the Board, undertook this portion of missionary