

the Domestic and Foreign Mis-

ill no doubt tell us what we
ill also report the pleasant and
Bishop of Ottawa. and of Miss
nection with the Zenana Mis-
ble Archdeacon Phair and the
erence to the Indian and White
ll these gatherings were very
helpful.

ve shall deliberate to some good
on and possibilities, and espe-
into our consideration what we
e United Thank-offering which
General Secretary, Miss Mon-
order that we may express our
sing upon our common work.
matter, I should like to make

g a very great opportunity in
Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty
been far better that we should
Victoria Jubilee Fund, to express
blessings which English-speak-
ing to the beneficent reign of
thank-offering, having reference
work. But this I leave to your

r attention to the fact that the
nk-offering, to be presented next
e Provincial Board of Manage-
was not properly taken. In that
were as follows:

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s vote had been taken, the work
ber should have been set aside,
taken as between the remaining
unless any one object received at
the lowest of these three objects
ut, and a third vote should have
remaining two, so that one or the

other should have had the support of a majority of the
Board. For who shall say that by the help of the suffrages
originally given for the two objects cast out, a majority
would *not* have been given for the Calgary Endowment
Fund, or even for the Algoma Pension Fund.

This is a thing which occurs continually in ballots, and
it is a matter for deep regret that this vote was not prop-
erly taken. For, according to the method employed, if seven
delegates had voted for each of three objects and eight for
the remaining object, then eight delegates out of twenty-
nine would have secured the prize—a case shewing quite
plainly that the system adopted was defective. No doubt
we are devoting our funds to a good object, and we may
well trust that God's blessings will rest upon our work;
but I am not sure that we are obliged, without some fur-
ther vote, to go on applying all our money in this one di-
rection; and I must express my earnest hope that we shall,
as soon as possible, get into the way of exerting *all our*
powers to raise funds, not for objects of our own choosing,
but for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Board. It
would be far better, in my opinion, to give all our energies
(1) to prayer for God's blessing and (2) to the collecting of
funds; and then to send the results of our labours *unap-*
propriated to the Domestic and Foreign Mission Board, leav-
ing to that Board the very *great* responsibility of making at
its half yearly meetings, a profitable and equitable distri-
bution. This course is, I understand, being already adopt-
ed by our St. Matthew's Branch, and I hope we shall gra-
dually all get to follow the same course. I know it is often
suggested that we can collect larger sums for special objects,
but it is certainly our great duty rather to lead people to
feel an interest in the general cause, and we can do this if
we bring before them what is being done in the whole
field assisted by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary
Board.

And now, to turn to a different and more agreeable sub-
ject: It is a matter of real pleasure to me to be able to re-
port that with ease and eagerness the usual sum of \$50 has
been subscribed, and that, consequently, we are able *to-day*
to present a free life membership to Mrs. Bell Irvine, who has
done so much for the Quebec Branch of the Woman's Aux-
iliary, not merely by her exact and untiring fulfilment of
her onerous duties as Diocesan Treasurer, but by her con-
stant and burning interest in the Missionary cause. I am