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Dr. Dix alone wears a gown, that of a doctor of divinity, of heavy black silk with full sleeves.

Not only is Morning prayer said every day in St. George's church, but the Holy Communion is likewise celebrated every day at 7 o'clock a.m.

Correspondence.

All Letters containing personal allusions will appear over the signature of the writer.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

MISSIONARY CHILDREN EDUCATED.

SIR,—With your kind permission I should like, 1st to acknowledge the donations which have come my way on behalf of the first candidate, "J. R.", named for adoption as the daughter of our Huron W.A.M.A., 2nd to make a few remarks upon our Auxiliary having, thank God, adopted as one of their contemplated good works, the occasional education of the children of our Algoma and N.W. Missionaries, and lastly to invite an expression of opinion either in your columns, or at our several Board meetings, upon one or two matters which cannot fail to be of interest to all members of our Association.

I give my list first, as it now stands;—The Bishop of Huron, \$1; "In Memoriam," the late Dean Boomer, \$10; First instalment of profits of "In Earthen Vessels," H. A. B., \$15; Sale of work, H. A. B., \$2; Ditto, Mrs. Mills, \$7.10; Ditto, Mrs. F. G. Johnston, \$6.25; Mrs. Cleghorn, \$5; Mrs. Harnett, \$14.50; Miss C. Macklem, \$5; Mrs. Niven, \$2; Mrs. Buckley, \$2; Miss Meredith, \$1; Miss E. Hamilton, \$1; Mrs. Marcus Smith, (Ottawa), \$5; Friends at Wees Beach, \$1.70; Mrs. Smallman, \$10; Mrs. Innes, (Deanery, London), \$5; Mrs. John Labatt, \$10; Ven. Archdeacon Marsh, \$5; Mrs. H. Beecher, \$5; Mrs. Blim, \$1; Mrs. W. R. Meredith, \$1. Total, \$115.55.

Whilst gratefully acknowledging the above, I would like to say, that although I will promise faithfully to remit any sums not expressly marked for my own especial candidate "J. R." to the Treasurer of the diocese from which they may come, it would be better for friends of this educational movement (who will I trust be "legion") to forward their gifts to that Treasurer direct, themselves.

The interest in the success of this movement, will, God so willing it, be very widespread and far reaching, touching the hearts of Churchmen as well as Churchwomen, and perhaps appealing to the sympathies of many who have not hitherto taken any especial part in the work of our Auxiliary. There are others who might take a kindly interest at holiday time in these little adopted guests of ours, remembering them at Christmas and New Year, and including them amongst the play-fellows of their own children when school rules relax and set them free from lessons. Indeed, there are many ways in which friends within and without the ranks of our W. A. M. A. can find expression for their good will towards these little strangers within our gates.

For the information of such intending friends I would explain that according to the decision of the Board at our Huron annual meeting, it was decided to postpone taking action until the meeting of the Central Board at the Triennial in Montreal with a view of eliciting information, and devising some plan by which the work might be extended, instead of, as was proposed at its first inception, limiting its benefits to one child only. The question has been brought before the Central Board and heartily and unanimously adopted by it as work fitted for the women of the Auxiliary, and in addition to this, it has been accepted at our hands by the Board of Foreign and Domestic Missions itself, who give especial emphasis to their recognition of our willingness to undertake it.

It now only remains for us, as wisely and as speedily as we can, to carry out the details, each diocese working these out on such lines as they may seem to be best. If, my dear Auxiliary sisters, I was even for one moment in doubt as to whether the way would be made clear for us to meet what was so firmly impressed upon my own mind as a very great need indeed, one which God could grant us the power to grapple with, if He should deign to use us as His instruments; if I was depressed or anxious about results, I have learnt another beautiful lesson from the hand of the Great Teacher Himself, that His delays are not always denials.

Already, even by the bare telling of the need, and its opportunity, we may consider that four children

can be virtually provided for by the offers of help which have come to us. These offers coming so spontaneously of "mothering" our Missionaries' children, prove manifestly that their Father and ours is owning the work and will assuredly follow with His blessing those who thus literally obey as His command, "Take this child and nurse it for Me." That our dear Father in heaven acknowledges the practical, as well as the spiritual side of Christian service we are assured from the lips of St. Paul, that great Missionary Pioneer, when he says in Heb. vi. 105, "For God is not unrighteousness to forget your work and the love which ye showed towards His name, in that ye ministered to the Saints and still minister." And here I would venture an appeal to our Auxiliary workers not to forget in the fervor of their zeal for the work of foreign missions, that first and paramount duty of caring for our own Domestic Mission field. When the Saviour gave the command to "Go into the world and preach the Gospel," He added likewise "Beginning at Jerusalem." And most assuredly we have our Jerusalem, in sore need of all we can do for it, at our very doors. We need not withdraw one sympathetic thought, one kindly intention, or one single cent, pledged or intended to be pledged, to the far away fields of India, Africa, China, or Japan, but we must give of our best, freely to both. I extract the following from the Report of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions: "The Board had to congratulate the Church on the fact that the contributions for Foreign Missions had so far greatly exceeded the amount asked for by \$25,000, but on the other hand, the Board regretted the fact that the contributions for Domestic Missions had fallen off from their expectations by a sum of \$14,425.90." Facts are stubborn things we are told, but are very helpful as guides when read aright. The following "fact" is none the less instructive that is full of cheer and encouragement. It was reported at our Triennial meeting that in the three years of its existence, no less than \$58,000 in money, and money's value (clothes &c.) had been gathered and dispensed by means of our own beautiful organization, "The Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions." In the face of this, need we have any fear in adding this one item more, the occasional Education of a Missionary's Child, to the list of work which we can with God's blessing not only undertake, but assuredly accomplish "In His name."

Thirdly and lastly. Time was all too limited, and opportunity far too scant, at our Triennial meeting to permit of that interchange of thought and experience as to methods of work &c., &c., which we, who meet so rarely, and who have the good of the Auxiliary at heart, would so thoroughly have appreciated. We had crumbs whilst we hungered for a whole loaf. Such an interchange of views could but have resulted in mutual profit and possibly in a more combined and uniform action upon all the generalities of our work which I dare venture to assert would be a possible gain to us. For instance, why should not the plan of the majority, be adopted by all dioceses alike, in the simple matter of election, by nomination and ballot, on every occasion when such election is necessary? It is the nearest possible way of getting the real voice of all concerned, or the following method as recorded by one of the Diocesan Secretaries as adopted by her Board to ensure to every parochial Branch an unbiased expression of opinion on every subject discussed by the Board. The writer of this admirable report says: "Every parochial Branch appoints a lady resident in the city as its representative and after learning from her of the subjects under discussion to give voice to their wishes and to vote as they may request her to do."

Not only would the parochial Branches have a double interest in work about which they have been consulted, but how much more life and vigor would this active and recognised duty instil into the hearts and heads of the chosen representatives themselves, and oh, how it would loosen their tongues, for though it may be hard for the sterner sex to believe it of us, (some of us anyway), that is a thing much to be desired at our meetings. The same report contains the following as to their way of raising funds:—"We began by canvassing every woman in the parish, pleading the cause of the various mission funds, &c., and asking her to select such as she would wish to contribute to. Envelopes were handed to her with a number corresponding to her name upon the book. These envelopes are placed upon the plate in church monthly, and handed to the Treasurer of the W.A.M.A. by the kindness of the Churchwarden." If these few grains of gold are but the gatherings of one attentive listener at our Triennial meeting, surely some of our other members would consent to add their gleanings to the little store, not only would the Auxiliary be the better for it, but we should have a practical illustration of the teaching of Solomon the wise, that "in the multitude of counsellors there is safety."

I remain Sir, yours sincerely obliged,

H. A. BOOMER.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS VENTILATED.

SIR,—I am very glad that the subject of "Sunday Schools" is being ventilated by Dr. Carry. Thirteen years ago I became convinced that the modern Sunday School was not doing the work of the Church, but was being substituted for the Church, and secondly that many teachers were unable to impart the principles and doctrines of the Church, though zealous in their work. Perhaps the clergy are to blame for this in the pulpit. I refrain from further remark, as Dr. Carry will, no doubt, take us over the whole ground.

Yours truly, ALFRED OSBORNE.

PLEASE ANSWER.

SIR—Have clergymen a right to depart from the words of the Prayer Book when officiating in Church?

My reason for asking the question is this:—Our clergyman, in reading the "Prayer for all men," used the words "specially those whom we bear on our hearts before Thee," instead of the sentence printed in the Prayer Book in brackets. The words substituted are doubtless as good as those in the Prayer Book, but if alterations can be made at will by the officiating clergyman, who can tell what may or may not be interpolated.

An answer through your columns to my question would greatly oblige. Yours truly, J. T.

P.S.—The Rev. gentleman also in the first lesson in the Morning service, omitted an entire verse—the 8th in the chapter.

ONTARIO DIOCESAN LIBRARY.

SIR,—The clergy of the Diocese of Ontario will, I feel sure, be gratified at learning that they will soon have the advantage of a most excellent Library. The nucleus of this has for many years been in existence. In 1862-8 the University of Oxford presented standard books in sheets to the value of £500 to the Diocese, and these the Bishop had bound in England at his own expense at a cost of £100 stg. Subsequently James S. Cartwright Esq. gave many valuable books as well as a large handsome mahogany bookcase. From time to time important additions have been made by the late Bishop Wordsworth and other learned authors, friends of our Diocesan. The books were scattered about in various rooms attached to the Synod Office and were practically useless. Nearly two years ago the Bishop brought the subject before the Executive Committee and it was resolved to provide shelving in a small room where all the books might be placed together. Fortunately nothing was done, as it would probably have interfered with arrangements that have been made necessary by two recent gifts of the utmost consequence. The Bishop having decided to remove his residence to Kingston expressed his determination to add to the Diocesan Library the greater portion of his own splendid library, the collection of his lifetime, to be eventually the property of the Diocese. Meanwhile Mrs. E. P. Crawford had been collecting money from friends to purchase books to be used as a lending library for the missionary clergy in the Dioceses of Ontario and Algoma, and had a sum of nearly \$200 in hand. At the late Synod of Ontario a committee was appointed to take the whole of the Library question into consideration, and, subject to the Bishop's approval endeavour to make such rules and regulations as would facilitate the use of the books by the clergy generally. The committee met last month and soon found that the number of volumes required all the space of two rooms instead of one. The authorities of St. George's Cathedral at once acceded to the request to give a good opening from one room in the Synod Hall building to another adjoining, and both have now been completely and neatly fitted with shelving. I need not take up more space in stating the regulations approved by the Bishop and which will be shortly made known to all the clergy, as soon as the books have been duly numbered and catalogued. The committee considered a proposition from Mrs. Crawford in reference to the money in her hands and the purpose for which it was collected. They decided that