

been offered to the Indians. I will not detain you now with details of the work, as I hope to have other opportunities of speaking to you about it. I would only add that as Churchmen you would strain every nerve to send pupils to them, and support those who manage them. Other bodies see, I fear, much more clearly than we do, how important and powerful an agency they will be in the near future.

We have now only to consider the financial outlook. In our own diocese and one or two others, the policy of retrenchment has been begun by the C.M.S. It will naturally follow in time in others, but it will be sufficient for us now to confine our attention to our own and similar cases. In Rupert's Land, while the work is growing, we must expect to lose each year an additional \$600 until we are left to stand entirely alone. How are we to meet the deficiency? Self-help. (1) First, I would urge the absolute need of insisting upon a certain degree of self-help in each mission. What has been done at St. Peter's can be done in some degree in almost every mission, and I see no reason why the same method should not be pursued as in our ordinary parishes. The superintendent of missions, after consultation with the missionaries, should draw up for the approval of the financial committee a schedule of assessments upon the various missions. I believe the results would be far better than many expect, for I am convinced that Indians cannot only be taught to give, but to give with pleasure. At any rate a beginning must be made, and the sooner the better.

(2) The province itself. Next, earnest and unremitting efforts should be made to bring the work before the church in the ecclesiastical province. In every town, village, and settlement its claims should be urged by sermons, meetings, and by the free use of literature. Something has already been done, and the results have been encouraging, but it is a mere beginning. Many of our clergy and laity are quite in ignorance as to the work done and its needs; and I most earnestly plead with those who have the charge of our Indian missions to remove every reasonable excuse for ignorance. I have long felt that now as it is a matter of almost life and death with our Indian missions, we might well have a special Indian association aiming at rousing interest everywhere, and helping the Indians in every way possible. There should be in connection with it a periodical, giving full and official information about every part of the field, and with articles calculated to educate our people in right views of the Indian problem.

(3) England and Eastern Canada. Having encouraged our people to help themselves and doing our utmost ourselves, we may well expect help from outside sources. England will doubtless continue to do this through individ-

uals, for the hearts of many in the old land still beat warmly towards us. Then in Eastern Canada we have many warm friends who will not forsake us. I am hopeful that the recently appointed Indian committee of the Board of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society may prove of great assistance to us. The duties of this committee are to procure statistical and other information about Indian missions and schools throughout Canada, and to use such information as a stimulus to prayer and practical sympathy. In the United States a similar committee has done invaluable work, and I doubt not we shall see much good from the one in question. To further its work, it will be necessary for every missionary to pay the utmost attention to the rendering of full and regular statistics and information. No matter how little there is to report, let it be faithfully done. The neglect of this in the past has done serious injury to the cause. In this connection we may well add that, if the scheme for the consolidation of the Church should be carried out, the possession of these facts and figures will be an absolute need, if the Church among the Indians is to receive due recognition.

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"The love of Christ constraineth us."—II. Cor. v. 14.

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THE Washakada Home, at Elkhorn, is doing very satisfactory work. Mrs. Wilson, formerly Miss Vidal, is Montreal W.A. missionary.

THE General Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary has received the following note:

WINNIPEG, June 14th, 1893.

DEAR MADAM,—I am very happy to be able to again thank you for the assistance given to the student at St. John's, and to state that he was very successful at the spring examinations.

Yours respectfully,
JAMES LAWLER.

THE last general letter of the lamented Bishop Horden, of Moosonee, will be read with painful interest by the readers of this magazine:

"My Sick-Room," MOOSE FORT,
via Mattawa River, Canada,
January 5th, 1893.

MY DEAR CHRISTIAN FRIEND,—Another year has begun—probably the last that I shall spend in Moosonee. I had already begun to feel that it was time I relinquished the work; but God has lately shown me in the most unmistakable