

absolutely the only definite work which the Board of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society has given us—their Auxiliary—to do, and we are bound to do it. It is true other fields of labor may attract us more; or we may have more personal interest in places nearer home, or perhaps some new place, hitherto untrodden ground, may possess a charm which novelty alone can give; but still we are in honour bound not to neglect or throw over the established work which depends upon our support for its very existence, merely to gratify a whim or indulge a personal preference. The Board rely upon us, their Auxiliary, to carry out loyally any work which they may give us to do, and it ought to be our pride and pleasure to fulfil their expectations. The Board has been very considerate in allowing us to work, to a very great extent, as an independent Society; we give or withhold as we please, without any reference to the Board, and settle our plans without considering whether these plans are such as would meet with their approval. Surely when so much latitude is allowed us, the very least we can do is to take up the small amount of work which they ask us to do, and do it heartily and faithfully. It must be remembered that the Diocesan Branch, though responsible for the money for the Medical Missionary in Japan, has no funds of its own, and depends entirely upon the Parochial Branches for supplies.

The following is a letter received by the Editor, from the Secretary of the Sherbrooke Branch of the W.A.; we regret that she should have such a complaint to make against those whom the Branch has benefited. Let us hope that this is an exceptional case, for what is worth accepting is surely worth acknowledging:—

August 16th,

DEAR MRS. SMITH—It is a grievance with us that we do not receive letters from any one that we help, so we find that our interest often flags, and the question so often arises that if we sent our money ourselves, we would have answers, and we would be more interested. I adopted the plan of writing to the people themselves when we send money, and asking them to acknowledge it, but no one has done so, and we feel very