

has been organized, but with the smallest possible membership (a president and secretary-treasurer) and in simplest possible form, owing to the impossibility of securing even an annual gathering of members separated by long distances. Important questions touching the relation of the parochial W.A. to the clergyman, and the wardens, with special reference to the depositing, drawing, and general control of moneys raised, were freely discussed at our recent council, with a view to a clearer understanding, and a more uniform system of operation in the future.

I would here once more place on record my most grateful appreciation of the invaluable benefits still rendered to many of our clergy in the educational blessings secured to their children through the agency of the W.A., and also of individual Churchwomen, accompanied, as they are, by sound, systematic religious teaching. Apart altogether from the value of such a movement in supplying a sorely felt need in our clerical households, and relieving the minds of the parents of one of their heaviest burdens of anxiety, I do not hesitate to give it a foremost rank among all the objects included within the circle of the Church's benevolence, throwing every other comparatively into the shadow, because of the rich, ripe, and enduring issues enfolded in it for the future.

#### SUPERANNUATION FUND.

Next after the Mission Fund, this question of superannuation is my greatest anxiety. Three years since the fund stood at \$273.18; to-day it amounts to only \$821.18; hence is practically valueless should an emergency arise. Of God's goodness, it has not yet arisen; but the seriously broken health of one of my little band of co-Workers suggests the possibility of its occurrence at any moment, and, should it come, I am absolutely powerless to make any provision for his years of infirmity. The diocese is doing its very utmost in its own behalf, by means of an annual offertory at thanksgiving harvest services, while the clergy have bound themselves to contribute each \$5 per annum, to be deducted by the treasurer on the first day of January in each year; but the Church at large, after turning Algoma adrift one and twenty years ago, without one dollar of the invested capital which her older sister dioceses enjoy so abundantly, leaves her to gather up her permanent standing funds as best she can! Is this right? Is it just? Why should your missionary diocese be the only one of all the nine in this ecclesiastical province in which a clergyman who has spent the best years of his life in the ministry of the Church finds himself, when disabled for further active work, cast aside as an old, worn-out shoe, or a battered weapon no longer fit for service in the fight? The missionary's horse, when broken down,

finds pasture. What about the missionary himself?

E. ALGOMA.

#### DIOCESE OF CALGARY.

ST. PETER'S MISSION, PIEGAN RESERVE.

#### MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

The work has progressed very steadily in this mission during the past year. Very little has been done amongst the Indians outside our boarding school, by reason of my absence from the mission, and because it takes all the time we have to attend to our children in the school. Nevertheless, on my visits, I have always been welcomed, and listened to with seeming interest and pleasure, and some, I know, are interested in the good news.

In the boarding school we have had much sickness, which has proved very trying to our matrons, and hindered us in our work a great deal. During the year five of our children have died. The father of one of them, speaking of his little daughter, says, "She has gone to stay with Jesus." Some of our children have spoken to me very seriously many a time, and I am in hopes that some of them, at least, are "not far from the kingdom." "In due time" we shall reap. May that time be not far distant!

J. HINCHLIFFE.

#### STAFF.

Rev. J. Hinchliffe, missionary in charge, and Principal of the Homes.

Mrs. Hinchliffe.

Mr. J. A. Mason, teacher.

Miss K. B. Brown, matron.

Miss F. Mason, assistant matron.

Miss E. Palmer, kitchen maid.

Number of boarders, 31st March, 1895, 31.\*

Average number of boarders for the past twelve months, 22.

Number of baptized Christians (including children), 15.

#### WANTS.

\$770 to clear off liabilities.

Donations towards church building fund.

Friends to undertake the support of individual children.

It is a strange fact, but one said to be true, that every day in the week is, in one nation or other, a Sunday.

Monday is the Greek Sunday; Tuesday is the day of rest among the Persians; Wednesday among the Assyrians; Thursday among the Egyptians; Friday is the Sabbath with the Turks; and, of course, among the Jews, Saturday.

\*Latest returns, 23.