

liness, and where financial success ranks higher than holiness; there are churches whose ministers are idle and unworthy of respect, whose officials are office seekers, and whose members are indeed sheep without shepherds." This is not the bigoted writing of a Church newspaper, but the candid confession of a writer who is behind the scenes and knows what he is writing about.

Of the theatre services in Philadelphia, the *Church of To-Day* says:

The results of these services have been chiefly visible in the attendance. The seating capacity of the Bijou Theatre was eighteen hundred, and was ordinarily fifteen hundred. The smallest congregation seen at the opera house was about nine hundred. The largest was about eighteen hundred, though this did not represent the full attendance; for often the doors had to be closed before the beginning of the service, and numbers were turned away for lack of even standing room. In addition to this, however, incidents have been continually bringing to light other results. Persons who have drifted away from religious observances have come asking to be directed to Church relations again. Young men who passed their Sunday evenings playing cards in the saloons near by have been known to forsake their cards and attend regularly at the theatre. Those called to attend the dying in the hospitals and slums of the city have found, in some cases, that all the knowledge of religion the dying person had, had been gained at the theatre services.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(The name of Correspondent must in all cases be enclosed with letter, but will not be published unless desired. The Editor will not hold himself responsible, however, for any opinions expressed by Correspondents).

LETTER FROM MISS LING.

To the Editor of the *Church Guardian*:

Ma. EDITOR.—Some time ago you published a notice of a tour I was to make through Canada under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary, in order to represent the work of the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society. Now that my tour is more than half over, it may interest your readers to hear some account of my journey and the success with which I have met.

Landing at Halifax, on the 5th August, I at once proceeded to hold meetings in the principal towns of Nova Scotia, and from there went on to Charlottetown, P.E.I., and St. John, N.B. In the former place, the Right Rev. Bishop Courtney, who was on the platform at my meetings, summed up my remarks by a most earnest and stirring address; the latter (the city of St. John), during the ten days of my visit was so thoroughly well permeated with Missionary information, that it surely will spread into the neighboring places in the Diocese.

I arrived in Montreal just in time for the opening of the Provincial Synod, and much enjoyed the representative gathering of clergy and laity of the Church of England, which I was privileged to witness during that week. The inspiring Missionary meeting at Queen's Hall will long be a happy meeting to me.

Here also I met and had the pleasure of addressing the delegates sent to attend the Triennial meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, and hearing how all their various branches of work in the different dioceses prosper. I am now in the Diocese of Ontario, and have held 43 meetings in all up to date (Oct. 7th), and addressed between five and six thousand people.

Special Features in some places.—In addition to the public meetings in school houses drawing rooms, and addresses to Sunday-schools, in some towns I have been invited to the public schools, and though no formal collection has

been asked, the voluntary offerings of both teachers and scholars sent in afterwards, has testified to the interest awakened.

Meetings have also been held in country places, which has been the first gathering to hear about foreign missionary work, in some instances, that they have ever had in connection with the Church of England.

Results.—In addition to the money raised for the general fund of the Zenana Mission in some places, I have been asked to state special objects needing help, and in this way \$50 per annum as the support of Zenana teachers in my own station in India have been provided. A bullock cart to bring the upper class Mahomedan girls to my school at Ootacamund has been set apart from their offerings by the children of the Cathedral Sunday-school, Montreal. \$50 a year, promised by a little country parish for the support of a native female teacher at Masulipatam. The circulation of "India's Women" the organ of the C. E. Z. M. has been almost materially increased.

In almost every diocese one or more desirous to give their lives to this work of carrying the Gospel of Christ to the women of India, have been met with and recommended to send in their application through the Woman's Auxiliary to the C. E. Z. M. Committee in England.

Little children have in some instances given me their much cherished and well preserved dolls and playthings, as prizes for school children, rendered doubly valuable for the sweet unselfishness which prompted the gift. One little girl walked a distance of 4 miles, in snow and rain, to bring me two scrap-books she had made.

A boy who had heard me speak in his own village during the week, walked 2 miles to take the boat for the city, where he heard I was to address a Sunday-school the following Sunday, 2 miles from the boat to the church accosted me outside after it was over, and went with me to another Sunday-school to hear more, and walked home afterwards.

Suggestions.—While thanking the Officers of the Woman's Auxiliary, and the clergy of the various parishes, for the kind way in which they have organized meetings, if I might suggest one or two little things which would render work like this a greater success, I would like to do so.

1. Though the date fixed for the visit of the Deputation may not be always the most convenient in certain places, it would be helpful if workers would remember that, in arranging a tour through eight different dioceses it is impossible to suit everyone; and if they would try and throw themselves heartily into it and make the visit the most profitable possible under adverse circumstances, God will certainly bless their endeavor.

2. Such small details as arrangements for singing at a meeting, ensuring a good supply of hymn-books or hymn-leaflets, or perhaps practising special music for the occasion would all tend to make the meetings brighter.

3. Giving notice of the meeting in church should not be thought to be all sufficient, but where possible a band of younger workers may be enrolled in making the meeting known, or where printing is not thought advisable, in writing notes or post cards.

4. After the meeting is over help on any interest which has been excited by organizing some practical way of helping on the work. For encouraging systematic readings, amongst younger people sometimes it has been found helpful to make the Missionary periodicals the subject of an annual examination, and offer prizes for the best answers.

In conclusion, I would acknowledge the great kindness I have received from my various hosts and hostesses, in some of whose houses I have stayed for a period of a fortnight or three weeks. I know this cordial hospitality

has been accorded me for my Master's sake and deserves no thanks; but it will I know one day receive the Saviour's commend, "Inasmuch as ye have done it to one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me."

On my return to India (God willing) in January next, it will be with a very happy remembrance of my tour through Canada, and many happy friendships formed I trust for eternity.

CATHERINE F. LING.

Sir,—As some confusion may arise in the minds of those who wish to send appeals for warm clothing, Christmas presents, &c., for pool missions, allow me to state in a few words the final arrangement of this part of the work made by the Woman's Auxiliary to Missions at their Triennial meeting in Montreal, Sept. 12th. All appeals for aid should be sent to the General Secretary, Mrs. Tilton, 251 Cooper street, Ottawa, who in turn will pass them on to the various Diocesan Secretaries. If, however, appeals are received by any of the branches, they should report as soon as possible to their Diocesan Dorcas Secretary, stating at the same time whether they will entertain the appeal. This information the Dorcas Secretary will send to Mrs. Tilton, so that the latter may know that Missions are being provided for, and also that she may arrange, if possible, an equal distribution of gifts to those who are in need of them. If each Branch would report to the Diocesan Dorcas Secretary, as soon as they have decided, to what mission or missions their gifts shall be sent it would do much to help the General Secretary in her work.

EMILY CUMINGS,
Secretary Toronto Diocesan Board.

OAK LAKE HAMILTON, Oct. 25th, 1889.

DEAR SIR,—Last year you were good enough to ask your readers to help in the effort to build a church here, but I am sorry to say without any response, and we have contented ourselves with the use of the Presbyterian Church, another year, in the fond hope of being able to bear all the expense ourselves—but through partial failure of crops (through drought) we are obliged to ask our friends in the east, kindly to assist us. We have made a venture of faith, and begun the building estimated to cost \$2,500, and when finished will accommodate 200 worshippers.

To show how anxious all are to have the church, 70 loads of stones have been hauled a long distance, by voluntary labor—and besides being liberal according to their means. The ladies of our congregation are again working most energetically for another bazaar to be held about the middle of December, previous to opening the church.

Do therefore kindly ask your readers to help us either in money or goods of useful and fancy articles, for our bazaar. We should be most happy to hear of any one willing to give us the chancel window or the bell.

CHARLES QUINNEY Incumbent.

P.S.—We have nearly \$1,500 of the \$2,500.

DRUMMONDVILLE, 25th Oct. 1889.

SIR,—There is one typographical error in my letter on 'Degrees in Divinity' which I think ought to be corrected as it affects the sense, viz, for 'wanting in fidelity' read 'wanting in finality.'

Yours, E. J. HEMMING.

For further *Home Field News* see page 14.

NOTICE.—We regret to say that unless Subscribers will PROMPTLY REMIT us the AMOUNT DUE, we shall have to consider the advisability of suspending publication to allow of collection of these arrears. Will not Subscribers aid us by prompt remittance and also as requested last week, by sending in renewal order, and the name of one new Subscriber.