

them to Mrs. Rogers, the Treasurer of the Diocese, before Dec. 15th. We shall thus, we confidently hope, be able to send to those faithful workers that which will assure them of our sympathy, and materially assist them in their most pressing need.

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DIOCESAN METHODS.

Ontario Diocese is peculiar in having a divided Board; as the President, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, Leaflet Editor and Secretary for Children's Branches live in Ottawa; the 1st Vice-President, Treasurer, Dorcas Secretary, Secretary for Junior Branches live in Kingston, and the 2nd Vice-President lives in Perth. The impending division of the Diocese will change this, which is, and has always been felt a necessary evil. The Diocesan Board meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of every month in Ottawa, in St. George's Church Sunday School room, by the permission of the Rector, and reports of the proceedings are then sent to absent members, their approval being asked before important resolutions are passed. Besides the members of the Board, representatives of the Branches are present, that is, of some Branches, for it is a matter of regret that *all* have not a lady in the city to represent them, and correspond with them month by month. These meetings are opened with a hymn and the missionary Litany issued by the D. & F. Society, and the remainder of the time is spent in reading correspondence and Treasurer's report, and in receiving reports from Branches which are contained in letters from the Branch Secretaries to the city representatives. Besides this there is often special business to transact.

The annual meeting is held in different towns by invitation. Kingston, Prescott, Carleton Place, Brockville, Ottawa, Belleville, Cornwall and Perth have been the places of meeting up to the present time.

Each Archdeaconry (there are two) has an organizing Secretary, and there is a Secretary for each Rural Deanery, whose especial work it is to correspond with the clergy and arrange for the opening of new Branches. Ontario has no Literature Committee, and no doubt suffers loss on this account. The Leaflet Editor is also Secretary for Literature, and responds to appeals for reading matter.

The funds at the disposal of the Diocese for printing, etc., are obtained by assessing each Branch according to their membership. The by-law reads "at the rate of 5c. a member," but one or two of the larger Branches have generally doubled this sum, as it was not found sufficient.

The amount required for the Diocesan pledges (salary of the lady Missionary in the North-west, and Ontario's share of that of the lady Missionary in Japan) has been divided among the Branches, and is considered by them as their first charge.