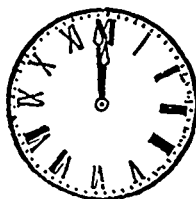


### Woman's Auxiliary Department.

"The love of Christ constraineth us."—II. Cor. v. 14.  
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Remember daily the mid-day prayer for missions.

"Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost part of the earth for thy possession": Ps. ii. 8.

### DIOCESAN.

**F**ROM this one word, which will be found in our Canadian list of subjects for this month, two lines of thought seem to stand out above the others which may be suggested by it. First, Diocesan Missions; second, Diocesan Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The unfortunate deficits in the mission funds of several of the dioceses in this ecclesiastical province is, indeed, deeply to be deplored, and calls to us churchwomen to do all in our power to lessen them during the coming year. Let us pray earnestly, give money and give time to our own parish and diocese. Let us pray for our united Church, our primate, the bishops, clergy, and congregations, that God's richest blessings may rest upon one and all, and much fruit result from their labours. If every churchwoman would take that excellent paper by Miss Osler, of Toronto, lately published in the *Church Evangelist*, called the "Lay Woman in the Parish," and ask herself, "Am I doing as much as I might do to help in our parish?" the result would be very telling, if care was taken to rectify the short-comings thus revealed. We would be the last to advocate any outside work which would interfere with *home* duties. Home is woman's true sphere, and attention to it, and those whom God has placed in it, are her unquestionable duty, and must come before all else. But there are very few women who, by a judicious arrangement of these duties, cannot find time to extend their usefulness and bring the very talents which home work has brightened, to help in some of the many organizations with which almost every parish is now equipped. It is too old a story to need repeating here of the good done to women gathered once a week at a mothers' meeting, or the improvement in the children who attend the sewing-school and other duties of a similar nature, to say nothing of the Sunday-school and Bible-classes taught with such earnest devotion by busy women, and which are leading so many souls to the Saviour. With such encouragements before them, would we not



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expect to see our Churchwomen flocking to their clergy asking to be allowed to share in this glorious privilege of doing good to others? Yes, indeed, but do we? Alas! it is to the comparatively few in almost all congregations that we must turn to find those who carry on these works of love and mercy, and who are gladly and conscientiously giving their tenth, if not more, to God and His service. If all church people would give this tithe faithfully in their own parish, as parishes make up the diocese, the lack of diocesan funds would be a thing of the past, and, moreover, our hard worked and untiring clergy would be more adequately paid than is the case at present, and much of the well-meant help which they receive now, that, however tactfully given, seems to some as but a milder form of "charity," would be unnecessary, for they would receive as their right and just due, a stipend sufficient to supply all their reasonable needs. But that, during the last few years, there has been a great awakening in all parishes we can thankfully perceive, especially among the women.

And this brings us to our second line of thought, Diocesan Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary. Unfortunately an idea has taken possession of some minds that the Woman's Auxiliary militates against diocesan interests, but, we think, we can amply prove quite the reverse. Although, as our parent society, the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society does not work for this ecclesiastical province, and so we, being only its auxiliary, and not an independent organization, cannot report to it money or bales sent to dioceses in this province, still many of our diocesan auxiliaries give largely to their own dioceses, reporting such work in separate accounts. But far more helpful than these material and direct gifts, as outcomes of the W.A., are the quiet personal influences that have incited so many to do for, and give to, their own diocese what they never thought