

book and the attendance varies from nine to fifteen.

I had the pleasure of being present at a most interesting service in connection with the work in Christ Church last Sunday evening, namely, the baptism of one of the Chinamen. There was a large congregation present and eight Chinese occupied a front seat. After the second lesson the candidate came forward, accompanied by two others who had been baptized on a former occasion, and before the whole congregation answered the questions in the baptismal service, then kneeling reverently near the font he was duly baptized.

After the Church service I accompanied Mr. Hobson to the room where the mission is held and there they were seated with their hymn books before them. They sang "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and "Stand up, stand up for Jesus," in English, and very well, considering it is a foreign language to them, and also "Jesu, lover of my soul," in Chinese. Mr. Hobson gave them an instruction through an interpreter and closed with a short prayer.

The work seems full of hope. There have now been five baptized, and many more attend the mission and the service. It is a good sign that they are not baptized in large numbers, for it is a certain guarantee that they are properly instructed before coming forward. Nor are they likely to come forward unless really in earnest, for, from a worldly point of view, they have very little to gain and a good deal to lose, for ever afterwards they are the objects of contempt and persecution from their fellow-countrymen.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

TRIENNIAL REPORT, 1892.

FOR the third time the Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada, is allowed, in the good providence of God, to make its Triennial Report to the General Board. This represents a period of nine years, and it is satisfactory to note that a certain amount of progress has characterized its work.

If we look at financial results we find that the first Triennial Report, which was in 1866, showed that the amount of money received by the Society for Domestic Missions, was \$26,507.52; the second report, 1889, the amount increased to \$45,574.10, and the present report, which is the third Triennial of the Society's existence, shows the amount to be \$65,727.57. Similarly for Foreign Missions, the amount in 1886 was \$16,453.27; in 1889, \$35,740.80, and now \$45,029.93. This makes a total Domestic

and Foreign Missions, together, of \$42,960.79 in 1886; \$81,315.08 in 1889; and now of \$110,757.50.

This indicates a steady and healthy increase in the funds of the Society, for the amounts acknowledged by the General Treasurer to-day are not far from three times as large as they were six years ago, for which there is much cause for thankfulness and encouragement.

VISIT OF MISSIONARY BISHOPS.

On looking at the work that the society has done during the last three years, the Board has only to say that every effort has been made to arouse sympathy in the missionary cause both at home and abroad. The bishops of the north and north-west were cordially invited to visit the parishes of this ecclesiastical province, with a view to arousing interest in the domestic field of missions. The invitation was responded to by the Bishops of Algoma, Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan and Calgary, with the result that the dioceses of Huron, Niagara, Toronto, Ontario and Montreal were visited by one or other of these bishops, who were able to tell the people within their bounds, from their own personal knowledge, the needs of the Church in what is still not inappropriately called the "Great Lone Land."

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Board has, as in the past, made the Diocese of Algoma its first and most important charge. Recognizing it as the one only missionary diocese belonging exclusively to this part of Canada, the Board has always gladly given as large a grant as possible to aid its work. In this it has received the willing co-operation of the different dioceses belonging to this ecclesiastical province.

But at the same time due regard has been had to the claims of the missionary dioceses of the north-west, and though the amounts sent to each diocese have not been large, still there has been a desire that no one of them should be neglected. After deducting the special amount which the Board feels bound to give to Algoma, and dividing the balance into seven or eight different grants, the sum voted to each diocese must naturally seem small. And when attention is drawn to the smallness of these amounts the true cause of it, as stated above, should be borne in mind. The aim of the Board has always been to deal with the bishops and not with individuals who may from time to time apply to it for aid, for in this way a just and equitable division is more likely to be arrived at. It is the feeling of the Board that the members of the Church in eastern Canada should arouse themselves to the importance of contributing more liberally to the scattered dioceses of the north-west. Nearly all of them are under the fostering care of the Church Missionary Society in England, and as the Society has