

CONFERENCE WITH THE W.A.

The following resolutions were adopted :

(1). That a conference be held between the Diocesan members of the Board of Management and the Diocesan members of the Woman's Auxiliary (or their Executive Committee) in each Diocese prior, if possible, to each half-yearly meeting of the Board of Management, in order that the work of the Woman's Auxiliary in each diocese may be fully understood by the representatives of such diocese on the Board of Management.

(2). That the Woman's Auxiliary be asked to continue the Committee arranged for by them at the Triennial meeting of 1895, who shall meet the Board of Management in conference at its half-yearly session, (such committee being the Provincial President and Corresponding Secretary, and the diocesan members of the Provincial Board of the W.A. of the diocese in which the meeting of the Board of Management is held).

(3). That each Diocesan Board of the W.A. be asked to secure annually at least from fifty to one hundred new subscribers to the MAGAZINE, and that it further be asked to assist the editor by furnishing him with copies of missionary letters, papers, and other items of fresh missionary news outside of what is contributed through their own four pages of the said MAGAZINE.

(4). That a conference between the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions and the Provincial W.A. be made part of the programme of each Triennial gathering.

The cordial thanks of the Board were extended to the Bishops of Huron, Quebec, Nova Scotia and Ottawa, and the Very Revs. Deans Carmichael and Partridge for their journeys and sermons in the interest of the several half-yearly appeals.

Wednesday, Sept. 21st.

The Treasurer having reported a sum of \$3200 on hand for appropriation to Domestic Missions, it was resolved that a grant of \$1600 be made to the Bishop of Algoma for work in his diocese, and that the Executive Committee be empowered to make appropriations out of the balance of the Domestic Mission Fund to the several missionary dioceses after consideration of the reports from the Bishops, and if possible to make an additional grant to Algoma so as to make up its appropriation to \$2,000. It was decided to refer the Primate's letter to the Executive Committee to be considered in connection with the appropriations.

The revision and adoption of the Epiphany Appeal and of the Children's Lenten letter were referred to the Executive Committee as also the preparation of the Ascensiontide Appeal for 1899.

The following are the proposals referred to in above abstract of Proceedings submitted for the consideration of the Woman's Auxiliary :

1. That the Woman's Auxiliary be invited to undertake to collect for the Board of Management the sum of \$15,000 per annum for Domestic Missions, to commence August 1st, 1899.

2. This being agreed to, that the Board of Management divide the amount between the dioceses assisted by the Board, in such a proportion as may be deemed best.

3. The Board having assigned a certain amount to each diocese, that the Bishops of those dioceses be informed of the amount, and that it will be for a period of three years ; and that they be requested to state in detail the various objects to which the money will be applied and the amount to each object.

4. As soon as answers have been received, the Woman's Auxiliary to be furnished with a statement, showing amount of grant made by the Board to each diocese, and the distribution made by the respective Bishops.

5. The Woman's Auxiliary will then assign to each diocese its share of the work, and the diocesan branches will assign to the parishes, etc., etc., (as is now done with the work they undertake).

6. That the contributions should be kept in a separate account in each diocesan branch of the W.A. under the head of "Work undertaken for the Board of Management."

7. That the contributions for that "work undertaken for the Board of Management" be sent direct by the diocesan branches of the W.A. to the objects for which they are intended, so as to keep the interest.

8. That the W.A. be requested to collect for the Japan missions and Miss Smith's work the sum of \$5,000 per annum for three years commencing 1st August, 1899, to be paid to the Board of Management, and to be the contribution for Foreign Missions.

Under this scheme the Woman's Auxiliary will be more of a help to the Board, the connection between the W.A. and those assisted will be kept up, and the W.A. will not be invited to become simply a collecting machine for the Board.

The Bishops of the dioceses aided will no doubt appreciate contributions towards the objects they consider most in need, in place of contributions going to other objects, such as Indian Schools, etc., etc., not as badly in want. Under the present system, whoever makes the best appeal, personal if possible, obtains the most funds ; but it does not by any means follow that the case is the most deserving.

The last triennial report of the W.A., viz., 1895, shewed \$72,210.27 as collected in the three years :—