

ONTARIO DIOCESAN W.A.

As Ontario was the first to form a W.A., so she has been the pioneer in another step in our Auxiliary history, namely, the division of one Diocesan Branch into two. A full account of Ontario's last Annual will be given in another place, but we cannot refrain from expressing the great interest with which we watched the division. Pathetic in the way of the severing of many old ties and the parting of the workers, but joyous in that we can now welcome the new Diocesan Branch of Ottawa, and to this division we may look for much growth for the future. Each Diocesan Branch will seek to augment the number of its members and Branches in friendly rivalry with its old companion. Very touching were the expressions of regret that many of the workers were meeting for the last time as W.A.'s of one Branch, bringing prominently forward the bond the Auxiliary is to the women of the Church. The hearty welcome of the Provincial Auxiliary is extended to the Ottawa Branch and the newly elected officers of both Branches.

May we be allowed to explain a slight error in the programme? Miss L. H. Montizambert never speaks at *public* meetings; confining herself entirely to those composed of women only.

We have much pleasure in inserting the following at Miss Pater-son's request—

" Looking forward to the future Christian work in Japan, we have every reason to hope that this will ere long be largely carried on by the Japanese, not only for the Evangelizing of their own country, but for the spread of the gospel in Corea, Formosa, and, may we not even hope, in China. One of the chief aims of those at present engaged in Mission work here, is to prepare both men, and women, to go forth, bearing with them the glad tidings. One of the most important means to this end, is the education of young women, to work in connection with our Missionaries as Bible teachers, for only through, and by them, can the hearts and the homes of the women of Japan be reached, and for the successful spread of Christianity, it is necessary that these should be reached. Deep in the heart of every woman lies the germ of religious life, that only requires to be nourished and trained in the right direction, to make it a fruitful vine in the Master's vineyard. Having now spent nearly two years in Japan, and knowing a little of what the Japanese women are capable of, gives me courage, through the Woman's Auxiliary, to lay my plans and appeal before the Church people of Canada, so that by their generous aid I may be enabled to establish a Bible Woman's Home in this far away Canadian Diocese of Japan. For the first year I ask only for a grant of \$200, and I learn that the Toronto W.A. has already generously promised me \$50 (fifty dollars) of the required sum, and I feel sure, that in some way, the \$150 still needed, will be donated. [Montreal and Quebec W.A.'s. have each given \$30 since the above was written.] In making this appeal,