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DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN CANADA.


The Triennial Meeting of the GENERAL BOARD OF MISSIONS will be held (D.V.) in the Convocation Hall of the Diocesan Theological College at Montreal on Friday, Sept. 16th, the business of the Provincial Synod, then in session, being suspended to allow the business connected with this Society to be transacted.

At this meeting the Triennial Report of the Board of Management will be presented for consideration and adoption: two clergymen and two laymen, nominated by each Diocesan Synod, shall be appointed members of the Board of Management for the ensuing three years; and the following officers shall be elected, viz.: a general secretary, a general treasurer, and two auditors.

The existing Board of Management will hold its final meeting in the Synod office, Montreal, on Tuesday, Sept. 13th, at 8 p.m., for the adoption of its Triennial Report and other business.

A. SPENCER, *General Secretary.*

THE TRIENNIAL MEETING.

N the 14th September now next the regular Triennial Meeting of the Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada will, according to its constitution, open in the City of Montreal; and on the third day of its session will resolve into a meeting of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and the Board of Management having made its report, the position, needs and opportunities of the Mission work of this branch of the Church will receive consideration by this its great legislative council.

We know not yet how the result of the last three years' operations of the Board, and its noble and most valuable assistant the Woman's Auxiliary, will compare with that of the preceding triennial period. We have strong hopes that notwithstanding the regrettable fact that in most, if not all the dioceses comprised in this Province, there has been a falling off in contributions towards local mission work, the report both of the Board and of its Auxiliary may disclose a decided advance in the total

amount received and dispensed by it. We are quite aware that in particular directions and as to special fields there has been in several dioceses a distinct—may we might almost say a remarkable—awakening of interest in the work of Foreign Missions, and that through the persistency and energy of some there must have been a large increase in contributions to these particular objects. We hope, however, that the result as to free and unappropriated funds entrusted to the Board may also be found equally satisfactory. We cannot help feeling that the truest and most Churchlike way of forwarding the work of the Great Head of the Church is through that Body of which He Himself is the Head, and which, at least in this Ecclesiastical Province, is represented by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, formed not by the whim or choice of individuals acting as such, however earnest or devout, but by the consentient voice of all the dioceses of this province, and of its Episcopate, clergy and laity in Synod assembled; formed—as to its foreign mission work—not for the furtherance of any particular or special diocese, society or scheme, but broad and comprehensive as the Church itself, inviting contributions without appropriation to the general work of foreign missions, to be distributed by the Church itself through its organized and authorized Board according as the information before it may show, from time to time, the needs of this or that part of the Mission Field to be. The testimony of Mr. Eugene Stock, that this D. and F. Society was as broad as the Church, whilst even the great Church Missionary Society was necessarily narrow and more limited is true and worthy of remembrance. Surely it is not too much to expect that around this Society, so broad and Churchlike, every Churchman and Churchwoman in whose heart burns the least spark of missionary zeal and love will rally, and that to it more and more from every diocese may come free and unappropriated offerings.

Then, too, it must be remembered that, whether in strict accordance with the original intention and in conformity with the constitution of the Society or not—it has undertaken definite obligations to send particular workers as Canadian Missionaries to the foreign field; it has actually embarked, to a limited degree, upon foreign mission work as the Canadian Church. These obligations must be met and