

kindly interest and help), with fear and trembling we took the step. I won't say it was in the dark, but it was in faith, and how abundantly we have been blessed our reports of to-day will show. Almost every city parish has now two active, earnest branches, a senior and a junior, manned by capable, self-denying officers. Bales are being made up constantly and sent off to meet requests; funds are voluntarily forthcoming for any special need that appeals to our sympathies; supplies and groceries are contributed and packed up; willing collectors for the Home Mission Fund are found, and a bond of union is being welded month by month between our W.A. and the country clergy that nothing can ever sever. One of our missionaries said to me the other day that he could not begin to tell me the lessons he was learning of the reality of faith, just believing that their needs would be supplied, and so they were. Ought we not to feel honored that God has used us a little as humble instruments in strengthening the faith of such men as these.

The country parishes are one by one affiliating with us, and though obliged to work for the immediate and pressing needs of their own missions, still they use our missionary prayers, pay their affiliation fees, and in many cases reach out towards their poorer brothers and sisters in more remote regions.

Our union meeting that we were so unwilling to break up continues as our monthly Diocesan Board meeting. We see familiar faces there, and from month to month welcome new ones. We feel that the interest in this work is growing and increasing. It is not a cause for self-glorification. Let us shun that insidious thought. Rather let us cultivate a spirit of humility, and though we can thank God for His blessing in the past, we must all acknowledge how far short we fall of what we might do. What infinite possibilities lie before us, and how short the time may be ere one and another of us is called to her account, or before the trumpet shall sound, and we shall all gather around the great white throne.

Some I know are here to-day seeking information with a view to establishing branches in their parishes; others are longing for fresh enthusiasm in work already going on. May none go away disappointed. May each be able to say that it has been good to be here, and return to their home refreshed and heartened by the kindly sympathy shown them by the women of the W.A.

In organizing and carrying on your meetings be very careful to do everything in a business like way. It is fatal to the success of a meeting to allow side conversations. Let anyone who has anything to say, stand and ad-

dress the chair. Do no business of importance without a vote, and make no change except by another vote. See that all minutes are carefully kept, and read, and approved, and signed. Have all funds pass through the treasurer's hands; then you can expect from her a full and clear report. Prepare a small agenda, or programme, for each meeting, following as closely as you can the order of business laid down in the Constitution. It will be easy to prepare an annual report if these simple rules are followed.

Some country branches say, What can we do for missions? First of all, you can pray as individuals and unitedly. Then we would strongly urge you at your meetings to read some missionary information. You may say this is not always easy to get, especially of an interesting nature. I would, therefore, take this opportunity of pressing upon you the great value and usefulness of the W.A. Leaflet published in Toronto. It is cheap, only 15c. a year. It is concise. It is living, current news; not a record of work done long ago, but of what is actually being done now. Extracts from letters of missionaries in all parts of the world are given, besides a monthly record of the work of each Diocese in Eastern Canada. Would that every member of the W.A. became a subscriber to it. But if you think that impossible, could not each branch take at least one copy, and have it read at the meetings? It would pay for itself a thousand times. When you read, then you are interested, and ways and means to work will soon follow. The more a missionary spirit grows within you, the more will you uphold the hands of your clergyman in his arduous and often discouraging work, and the more your hearts will go out in loving sympathy towards those in greater need than yourselves. Perhaps you could work up a missionary meeting in your locality, and, if you desired it, a delegation from the centre might be invited to go and speak to you. In many ways you would find your society would become a living force for good. You can see that the money subscribed by cards for the Home Mission Fund in your parish is faithfully collected in, and not allow the subscriptions to go by default for want of collectors willing to follow up the results of the sermons preached in the cause. Do not think that you are expected to do a great work. Remember that every little helps. As a Toronto W.A. member said, if only a parish read missionary information, made a patchwork quilt in the year, and sent it away they would receive the blessing of those who give. A dollar or two from each branch towards our Missionary Fund would soon make a considerable sum. Or you could introduce our mite boxes into the various