

the winter Canadian railways are long stretches of unbroken snow extending from vast drifts in the interior to ice-bound harbors on the coast. As a matter of fact the Canadian railway system is probably not more interrupted by snow than are the railways in the northern States, while the harbors on the east, at Halifax, St. John and elsewhere, and on the west on Queen Charlotte Sound, are open and safe to vessels of all classes every day in the year. If not a self-contained nation, Canada has too many and too great resources to render it necessary for her to become a suppliant for commercial favors. Undoubtedly it is in her interest to obtain the most intimate trade relations possible with her southern neighbor. To the people of this continent the trade of the continent is of greater importance than commerce with the other hemisphere, and hence whatever tends to promote this trade ought to be a matter of permanent consideration. The expensive and unnatural tariff wall between the United States and Canada ought to be removed; but Canadians are unwilling to admit that the benefit of such a step would be all on their side, and that if it is not taken the Dominion will disintegrate and drop piecemeal into the arms of the Republic.—*Charles H. Lugin, in "The Century."*

### Woman's Auxiliary Department.

*"The love of Christ constraineth us."*

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CAN the following clipping be true: "England has over \$1,000,000 invested in the manufacture of idols for heathen countries, and yet the Churches of that country are continually calling for more money and more missionaries to suppress idolatry." If so, let all members of the Auxiliary pray for England's deliverance from the traffic in idols.

### NIAGARA DIOCESE.

The third annual meeting of the Niagara Diocesan Branch of the Womans' Auxiliary was held in Christ Church Cathedral Schoolroom, June 17th, 1889. His Lordship the Bishop of Niagara presided. There was a good attendance and much interest shown in the various reports.

This Branch now numbers thirteen Parochial Branches, six having been formed during the past year. The following resolutions were adopted and the reports of the Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

The Corresponding Secretary read a communication from the Toronto Diocesan Board asking this Board to consider the need of electing a Provincial Dorcas Secretary, when it was resolved, "That in the opinion of this Diocesan Board it is

desirable that a general Secretary for Dorcas Mission work for the whole Province be appointed at the coming triennial meeting."

In answer to a request from the Toronto Diocesan Board that this Board join them in publishing their leaflet, the following resolution was read: "That the Niagara Diocesan Board of the Womans' Auxiliary do recommend that the CANADIAN CHURCH MAGAZINE AND MISSION NEWS, published by the Domestic and Foreign Mission Board of the Church of England in Canada be used as the medium of inter-communication between all the Branches, Parochial, Diocesan and Provincial, as likely to extend the interests of all in the efforts of all more perfectly than local or diocesan leaflets, and that the Presidents of Parochial Branches be respectfully urged to have the CANADIAN CHURCH MAGAZINE read aloud at the regular meetings of each Parochial Branch."

Then the following amendment was read and carried: "That the Niagara Branch, before adopting the Toronto "Leaflet," do ascertain from Dr. Mockridge whether he can make the MISSION NEWS meet the need supplied by the "Leaflet" by inserting in extenso the reports and letters of the Diocesan Branches and thereby multiplying the copies of the MISSION NEWS in circulation and thus reducing the cost of the magazine to each subscriber."

The Corresponding Secretary then read a letter from the Provincial Treasurer desiring this Board to send a donation towards the expenses of the Provincial Board. It was resolved, "That this Board willingly pledge themselves to pay their assessed share of the expenses of the Provincial Board as soon as notified of the amount."

The following resolutions were also passed: "That the present annual fee of \$1 for membership on the Diocesan Board be abolished, and instead thereof members of the Diocesan Board pay an annual membership fee of 10 cts."

"That the officers of this Board shall in future be elected by ballot."

"That the delegates from this Board to the triennial meeting be elected by rotation from the Parochial Boards."

"That cards of membership be issued similar to those issued by the Womans' Auxiliary of Toronto."

"That this Diocesan Board meet monthly (instead of quarterly as heretofore) on the second Thursday in each month at 3 p.m. at alternate places."

"That section No. 3 in the Constitution be amended by striking out the words 'members to be nominated by the Bishop,' and substituting for them 'two delegates elected by each Parochial Branch,' and that the following words be added to this section: 'That in the event of the Bishop's wife being unable, or declining to act as President, she shall hold the position of Honorary President, and a President shall be elected at each annual meeting.'"