

our attention" by the Board of Foreign and Domestic Missions at the Triennial meeting two years ago, and warmly and unanimously agreed to be undertaken by you at your annual meeting at which, then, as now it was my happy privilege to be present, namely, "the education of the children of the Missionaries of Algoma and the Northwest." In this matter as in so many others, you have taken the lead—where we of the younger Dioceses are clucking each of us over our one solitary chick, you have a brood! and therefore it would indeed ill become us to venture a suggestion (even if we felt so inclined) as to the particular perch, each should occupy; and, although, as the work develops it is only reasonable to suppose that it will have eventually to be carried out under some organized system—such as a Central Board to which each Diocesan Education Committee would report—even to those "individuals or branches" who may (as has been done so generously in your Diocese) undertake the full charge of children it would surely be a comfort and security to have a committee with which to share their responsibility; I am convinced that our Huron Committee was only moving in the right direction when it sought to focus the work as it were by thus seeking for it some central meeting ground under official recognition and guidance, in the interim asking each Diocese to gradually develop its own share of this branch of our work as far as possible.

Secondly as to the foundation of a "Home" which seems to have frightened everyone so terribly, believe me unless some liberal friend to missions gave or bequeathed a big sum of money for the purpose, it was certainly never contemplated to erect a building, or to establish any big central establishment into which our Missionaries' children were all bound to be received come from where they might or from whatever source provided for. No; the most we aspired to was a Home very small and humble as a beginning, but a home in its truest sense presided over by Christian women who would make it their loving service for the Master to train and care for any children entrusted to them, which Home, should be under Auxiliary supervision and amenable to the rules laid down by the Central Educational Committee. It is the nucleus of such a Home we have in London, within a stone's throw of my own door, and in constant communication with myself; and in this Home are already the daughters of two of the Missionaries of Algoma, the child more lately received, being placed there by the W.A. of the Diocese of Quebec, distance making it very desirable for our Sisters there to avail themselves of it for the little one of their adoption. Even where existing schools, colleges, or private homes are opened to these children, surely there may be times such as holidays, where it may be a comfort and convenience to know that a Home such as this under Auxiliary supervision is ready to receive them. So far and no farther did the Educational Committee of the Diocese of Huron presume to ask the co-operation of the Sister Dioceses and I must confess that it seems to me as if it would require almost an abnormal development of the bump of caution for any of the friends of the movement to be afraid to go with us as far as this.

The various homes already offered and occupied in the Diocese of Toronto, and the provision made for those other children elsewhere, in all some nine or ten since the movement for their education was first inaugurated, is surely a good and sufficient proof that the hand of our God is upon it and us, and that so long as His servants in the Mission field cry to Him to help them in this especial way, so surely will He bid us who are His servants in more humble form, do all that in us lies to meet that need of theirs so long as it exists.

By and bye the necessity may pass away (as

it probably will as the Northwest becomes more fully developed, and our clergy are brought within reach of schools such as exist in the older parts of our Dominion) but at present, and for some little time to come, it is very evident that there is work for our Auxiliary to do on behalf of the children of our Missionaries, who have spoken with no uncertain sound of the help and comfort it is to them that the work has not only been begun but has already borne such abundant fruit.

Last year the cry was 'there are so many of these children we dare not take one because we cannot take all.' Now, thanks to a better knowledge of the wants of our Missionaries obtained in so large a degree through the intelligent enquiries of Mrs. Cummings and Miss Paterson of your own Diocese, we are told there are but some 14 or 15 in all who are likely to require education. Even without trenching upon one single existing fund, without dropping one single work to which we have likewise set our hands, I claim that we women can do this too, and in doing it we may be satisfied that we are engaged in a work as truly missionary in its aims and character, and as helpful as when our fingers are busy plying the needle to supply the wherewithal to fill our boxes under our Dorcas department. We must not forget the tokens of our wonderful and manifest growth. Such an organization as ours cannot stand still, it must be planting new seeds, striking out new roots and stretching out new branches. Each year marks this growth in facts and figures, and there is nothing which can be done for God's servants in the Mission field which we women may not do, if we put forth all our powers and ask the Master to sanctify them for His service.

There is a practical side to all Missionary work which can no more be divorced or diverted from it than can the Missionary himself preach a true and wholesome and healthgiving doctrine unless his bodily needs are provided for, and his mind eased of the wear and tear of anxiety entailed in the 'serving of tables' or in providing for the children which God has given him. It is not because I do not realise and thank our Heavenly Father gratefully in that He has moved so many hearts in your Diocese to take up and give practical effect to this especial work, that I venture upon what seems somewhat too like special pleading with you who need no pleading at all, but your example means so much to others, and the measure of your expression of approval and interest is so likely to be the measure meted out to it by them, that I would ask you before any very decided or defined action is taken in regard to this branch of our already accepted auxiliary work at the Triennial, to manifest meanwhile that interest and approval fearlessly and freely whenever and wherever you can, so that be it much or be it little which may be required of us on behalf of the education of the children of our Missionaries it will be done not only heartily, freely and willingly, but without any fear that we are taking a single step beyond the actual bounds allotted to us as 'Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.' If it be God's work He will not let it fall to the ground, and if He permits us to help in promoting and fostering it let us thank Him and take heart and go forward where He leads.

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[For Diocese of Niagara see p. 11.]

#### DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON.—His Lordship the Bishop of Huron held an Ordination Service in St. James' Church, London, on Trinity Sunday. Morning prayer was said at 9.30; Communion Service and Ordination at 11 a.m. His Lordship was assisted in the service by the Very Rev. Dean Innes, Archdeacon Marsh and the Rector, Canon Davis. The Dean preached the sermon from Gal. vi. 14. Three students of Huron College

were ordained Deacons, viz.: Messrs. R. F. W. Howard, A. H. Rhodes, W. F. Brownlee.

The Deacons advanced to the Priesthood are: Revs. L. Wood, Blebheim; E. F. Whelan, Culochester; T. F. Kingsmill, Preston; E. A. Falls, Bervie; W. D. Ferman, Bensall; A. H. Cooperwaite, Lion's Head; A. Corbett, Dandalk; F. R. Ghent, Paisley; M. M. Goldberg, Oil City; H. R. Diehl, Hyde Park, and L. W. Diehl, Holmesville.

GLANWORTH.—The congregation of Christ Church have decided to build a parsonage at a cost of about \$1,000, and are now at work on its erection.

PERTH.—A Sunday school Association to be known as the Church of England Sunday school Association for the Deanery of Perth has been founded with the following officers: Hon. President, J. W. Patterson, St. Mary's; vice president, Miss Bella Hesson, Strathford; recording secretary, Mrs. Deacon, Strathford; corresponding secretary, Miss Keen, St. Mary's; registrar, Rev. A. D. Dawdney, Mitchell. The executive committee is composed of the foregoing officers. The occasion has for its object the banding together of all Church Sunday School workers in the Deanery and the holding of the annual convention for the discussion of matters relating to Sunday schools. The membership is made up of persons engaged in Sunday school work and adult members of Bible classes in connection with the Church of England in the Deanery. The first annual convention of the association will be held in St. Mary's on July 7. At the organization of the association the officers were appointed a committee to consider the advisability of holding a union picnic of all the Sunday schools in the Deanery in Queen's Park, Stratford, some time during the coming summer.

#### DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

WINNIPEG.—Holy Trinity.—Holy Trinity Church school house was crowded on the evening of 22nd May, when the esteemed rector of the Church, Ven. Archdeacon Fortin, was cordially welcomed home by his parishoners and other friends who congregated in large numbers to do him honor. The gathering was an animated one and the heartiness of the greeting evidenced the great respect with which the reverend gentleman is held, and the feeling of delight and pleasure expressed that his health had so greatly recuperated during his year's wanderings abroad must have been gratifying to him. Amongst those present besides the leading members of the congregation, including the pioneer, Mr. Andrew Strang, who for twenty-three years has worshipped in Holy Trinity, were the Rev. Canon Pentreath, Rev. Dean Grisdale, Rev. Mr. Page, Rev. Mr. Leslie, Rev. Canon Coombes, Rev. Mr. Skagen, of North Dakota, who is to labor amongst the Scandinavians in this city, and members of other congregations. Mr. Wickson, of the Merchants' Bank, Dr. Benson and others. And all, irrespective of creed, seemed to join with equal enthusiasm in the warm welcome.

When Mr. Fortin appeared on the platform shortly after 8.30, all present rose and sang 'Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow,' with more than ordinary heartiness. Then Mr. Clarke, one of the churchwardens, made a neat little introductory speech. He said that all experienced a feeling of joy at the return of their pastor. It was just a little over a year ago when a different scene occurred, when they bade him farewell. During the intervening thirteen months they had all been anxious about their beloved rector and his health. Tonight they were rejoiced to be able to welcome him home recuperated in health. Yesterday he was delighted to see Mr. Fortin step off the