

to pay this and to meet our next half yearly payment of \$50, the amount required is \$80.23—that is \$32 more than the average subscription to the fund for the last three years. It would be a good thing if the Japan Fund could be placed upon a better footing, and not depend upon the Foreign Mission Fund. This latter fund ought not to be called upon to fulfil our *pledges* but to serve as a reserve from which to draw for special objects in the Foreign Mission Field. The startling figures given in the Epiphany appeal last Sunday should ring in our ears as a perpetual reproach. It requires but little knowledge of arithmetic to understand the statement that 2½ cents per head is all that is given to Foreign Missions in the Ecclesiastical Province by our Church population, and it means this, that for every person who gives \$10 to Foreign Missions 399 give nothing—for every one who gives 25 cts., nine give nothing. Allowing that of this 399, three fourths are, for various reasons, unable to give anything, there still remain 160 who *might* do something and yet withhold their hands—these facts need no comment. I would remind you that our expense Fund is also in arrears, \$5.18. It may be helpful to give a list of the amounts required that we may make a vigorous and united effort to supply the want. For the Education Fund \$80—i.e. \$32 more than the average for the last three years. For the Japan Fund \$93, i.e. \$31 more than the average for the last three years, and for the Expense Fund enough to discharge the small debt and to meet unavoidable expenses, bearing in mind that we ought to provide before hand for the printing of reports etc. Exclusive of the printer our expenses so far this year have been \$36.06, which I cannot think any would call excessive, as it includes expenses for Annual Meeting, Provincial Assessment, Local Council of Women Assessment, also the postage for the Treasurer and four Secretaries, besides sundry other small items.

Another call upon us is for the Auxiliary Thankoffering for the consolidation of the Church in Canada. For the benefit of those to whom the meaning of the term is not quite clear, I will state what is said about this great event in our Church history by the Report for 1893 of the S.P.G. "The Church in Canada has taken a remarkable step, and one that is without precedent in our communion during the past year. It has attained organic unity in its Ecclesiastical Organization. The nine Dioceses that formed the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, the eight Dioceses that formed the Province of Rupert's Land, and the three Dioceses westward of the Rocky Mountains, which were not comprised in either Province have now been welded into one great Church, which extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific shore. The first General Synod for the whole Dominion met at Toronto in September (1893). On Tuesday 20th, the most Reverend Robert Mackray was declared Primate of all Canada, and he, as Metropolitan of the Province of Rupert's Land, and the Bishop of Ontario, as