



consideration as conscientious as though they were personally their own. Its numbers have been increased by the accession of W. H. Plummer, Esq., a well-known merchant of Sault Ste. Marie, whose well-balanced judgment and long business experience have already proved of great value.

Garden River has been vacant some time, no clergyman or catechist having offered himself that was familiar with the Ojibbewa language. Taking advantage of our emergency, the authorities of another communion have made application to the Indian Department for a grant for the erection of a large schoolhouse for the joint education of Protestant and Roman Catholic children, but our Garden River Indians have stoutly protested against any such insidious attempt to seduce them from their allegiance to the Church of "the great white mother." Meanwhile their spiritual interests have been faithfully cared for this summer by Mr. R. J. Renison, eldest son of Rural Dean Renison, a student for holy orders.

The Indian work in Manitoulin Island is still

in the experienced hands of the Rev. F. Frost, whom I have just appointed Rural Dean of that district, in recognition of his long and faithful labors. I regret to say that, as the result of upwards of twenty years of unrelenting missionary toil, his health has become seriously impaired, necessitating leave of absence for a winter or two. He has also passed through deep waters of affliction in the recent loss of his wife, who was an invaluable co-worker, and, like himself, a true friend to the Indians, who will sorely miss her helping hand, and gentle, loving sympathy in all their domestic troubles and difficulties. This great sorrow has left four children motherless, one of whom, a girl of about ten, is being cared for by the W.A. of the diocese of Huron. Some similar opening will, I trust, be found for her younger brother.

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

The current of beneficence set in motion some years ago by the formation of the Woman's Auxiliary still flows close

by the doors of our parsonages and poorer settlers' dwellings, to the great joy of the occupants. How many bales of clothing, boxes of Christmas gifts to gladden the children's hearts, and gifts of furniture for the more decent and orderly equipment of our churches, have entered the diocese during the three past years I have no means of knowing. This only I do know that to this increasing current of loving sympathy directed Algoma-wards by Churchwomen all over the province we stand indebted, not merely for much of the material comfort experienced through our long, dreary winter, but, greater blessing still, for a large measure of the heart, and hope, and courage that have cheered and sustained us in our hard hand-to-hand struggle with local difficulties and discouragements. Under the inspiration of the example set us, and as one form in which to express our gratitude, branches of the W.A. are gradually spreading over the diocese. Thirteen have been formed, while parochial societies, hitherto bearing other names, are steadily falling into line. A diocesan branch