

workers in our midst. They are in one another's way. If more would go out to foreign lands, it would drive the home workers to exercise some economy, both of men and money, in their work; it would drive them to be more united, so that so many "ministers" would not be needed. Over-cultivation sometimes is a bad thing, and there has been altogether too much of the selfish, un-Christlike spirit that no work is to be done abroad till the home lands are "thoroughly and perfectly Christianized."

GENERAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.

THE TRIENNIAL MEETING.

1. The Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada, in presenting its Fourth Triennial Report, begs to express its thankfulness to Almighty God that the evidences of improvement in the work and prospects of the society which characterized previous reports are not wanting in the one which it is their great privilege now to present.

THE FINANCES OF THE SOCIETY.

2. Taking a glance first at the financial condition of the society, we find that the present total of receipts is larger than that of any of the preceding triennial periods by \$9,036.13, or an increase each year of a little over \$3,000. The grand total of receipts for the first triennial period, ending in 1886, was \$42,960.79; that for the second period, ending 1889, was \$81,315.08; that for the third period, ending 1892, was \$111,973.77; and for the present period the amount is \$121,009.90. During the first period the total increased by \$38,354.29. During the second it increased by \$30,658.69. But as the contributions advanced to the comparatively high figure of nearly \$112,000, such a large increase as that which characterized the first and second periods could scarcely be expected to continue. At all events it did not do so: but it is satisfactory to know that the contributions did increase during the third period, now brought to a close, by a little over \$9,000.

By the financial statement which accompanies this report it will be seen that the total of \$121,009.90 is made up by the different dioceses, together with \$485.88 from miscellaneous sources, as follows:

Toronto.....	41,989.74
Huron.....	17,409.06
Montreal.....	13,578.66
Ontario.....	11,864.00
Quebec.....	11,621.96
Niagara.....	10,134.67

Nova Scotia.....	7,981.71
Fredericton.....	5,271.91
Algoma.....	672.31

It is satisfactory to know that the receipts for the past year, from August 1st, 1894, to July 31st, 1895, were within about \$890 of being as large as the offerings made during the first triennial period of the existence of the society.

3. The work of the society, however, continues to be done largely through appropriated contributions. The proportion of appropriated contributions for foreign missions to those sent to the Board unappropriated remains about the same as it has been formerly; but the appropriated amounts for domestic missions are largely on the increase as compared with previous years. Among the causes of this are the large collections made by agents from some of the Northwest dioceses, the earnest and continuous work of the Woman's Auxiliary for certain definite missions in the domestic field, and the increased appropriation of the Ascensiontide Appeal money by some of the dioceses towards the payment of the guarantees given for the stipend of the Bishop of Algoma. This large appropriation leaves but a small sum at the disposal of the Board, and reacts upon the General Fund of Algoma, as well as upon the support expected of the Board by the different dioceses of the Northwest. If some plan could be found by which the Board could have the free use of the contributions for which it appeals directly to the Church people of Canada, it would be far more satisfactory, and in keeping with the object for which the society was formed.

THE EXECUTIVE OF THE SOCIETY.

4. At the first assembling of the Board of Management, after the last triennial meeting, or meeting of the General Board, the Rev. Dr. Mockridge, who had been General Secretary of the society since 1885, resigned his position, owing to the heavy tax that the duties of the society were upon his time. The Board saw no course open to it but to accept the desire of the General Secretary to retire, the resignation to take effect in the following October, appointing at the same time a committee to consider the whole question of the executive officers of the society, and to report at the October meeting. The Board saw the necessity of this because the duties required of its officers were evidently becoming arduous, and more, indeed, than they could properly and efficiently perform. The committee appointed to consider the matter reported in favor of combining the two offices of the secretary and treasurer, and to appoint one person as the executive officer of the society, to be known as the secretary-treasurer, and to receive from the funds of the society such remuneration