

they declared on oath their belief that it was not an article of the Catholic faith, neither are they thereby required to believe that the Pope is infallible, and so sure were even other modern Romanists of the correctness of this opinion that in a controversial catechism, which was published for the instruction of Roman Catholics, and used for many years by Roman Catholics, and which was expressly licensed and approved by Archbishop Hughes of New York, and which also received the formal approbation of four Roman Catholic Bishops in Scotland so late as 1846 and 1853, we find the following question and answer :

"Q. Must not Catholics believe the Pope himself to be infallible ?

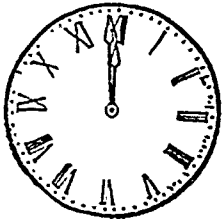
"A. *This is a Protestant invention ; it is no article of the Catholic faith.* No decision of his can bind on pain of heresy, unless it be received and enforced by the teaching body, that is, by the bishops of the Church."

(To be continued.)

### Woman's Auxiliary Department.

"The love of Christ constraineth us."—II. Cor. v. 14.

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Remember daily the mid-day prayer for missions.

"Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost part of the earth for thy possession": Ps. ii. 8.

### REPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL DORCAS SECRETARY.



HE offer of the Department of Indian Affairs to refund freight on bales sent to Indian missions during the W.A. year of 1894-5 having been accepted by the Provincial Board at the triennial meeting, your secretary communicated with the Department to that effect, also with the several diocesan Dorcas secretaries, asking them to collect the freight receipts and Dorcas lists and to forward them to her as soon as possible.

The returns were far from complete, owing in many cases to freight bills having been forwarded to missionaries or lost, but in December your secretary forwarded to Ottawa all that had been sent in, resulting in a refund of \$459.57, which amount was sent by the Department to the provincial treasurer, and later, by vote of the Board of Management, was devoted towards the Superannuation Fund of Algoma, one of the three objects decided upon at the triennial meeting.

Your secretary also communicated with the Indian Department regarding the refunding of freight for the future, and received a memorandum of conditions, a copy of the terms of which was sent to each diocesan Dorcas secretary, to be submitted by them to the several diocesan branches. The conditions were accepted by all the dioceses, and each month since last January your secretary has received freight receipts and Dorcas lists from the several dioceses, and forwarded them to the Indian Department, and on receipt of the refund has returned the proper amount to each diocesan Dorcas secretary. The total amount received up to the present time is \$1036.91, which has been returned to the several dioceses in the following proportion :

Quebec.....	\$ 69.04
Montreal.....	64.28
Ontario.....	124.94
Toronto.....	409.18
Niagara.....	120.53
Huron.....	238.12
Ottawa.....	10.82

This amount represents far more than a year's expenditure on freight by the W.A., as the Department refunded freight on all lists sent, some of which extended back to the annual meeting in 1895.

Your secretary has written to the bishops and clergy and those in charge of missions or schools in the Northwest and Algoma, enquiring as to the needs of their several missions or schools, and has endeavored to divide these needs among the several diocesan branches.

The returns from the diocesan Dorcas secretaries for the W.A. year of 1895-6 are very encouraging, showing an increase in the number of bales sent to missions in the Northwest and Algoma of seventy over the preceding year.

Briefly enumerated, the returns are as follows :

Spent on materials and freight :

Quebec 30 bales.....	\$ 675.13
Montreal 63 ".....	269.16
Ontario 69 ".....	1341.95
Toronto 196 ".....	3459.27
Niagara 96 ".....	1447.75
Huron 136 ".....	1642.75
Total 590	\$8836.01

This list does not include any bales sent to diocesan missions :

The bales were distributed as follows :

Algoma.....	128
Athabasca.....	70
British Columbia.....	1
Calgary.....	123
Mackenzie River.....	6
Moosonee.....	9