

to numbers, and the amount of work reported in the various channels through which the W.A. aims to extend its usefulness.

The President, Mrs. Tilton, was in the chair, and the other officers all in their respective places except two Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Hunter-Dunn, of Quebec, and Mrs. McLaren, of Niagara, both of whom were prevented attending. Of the three members of the Board of Management and four delegates, numbering, in all, a possible seven from each diocese, the representation was as follows: Quebec, 7; Montreal, 7; Ontario, 7; Toronto, 7; Niagara, 6; Huron, 3; making 45 out of 51 who had the right of voting.

Mrs. Sweatman, Mrs. Sullivan, Miss Murray (Fredericton), Miss Speller (England), Miss Begg (Algoma), Miss Turner, late honorary matron of the Blackfoot Home, diocese of Calgary, and Mrs. John Welsley Brown, of New York, who brought greetings from the W.A. in the United States, were accorded seats of honor.

The Lord Bishop of Algoma came to the meeting to bring a greeting and kind word of encouragement from the House of Bishops, and also from himself personally, and from the Algoma clergy.

The Triennial service for the W.A. was held in Christ Church Cathedral on Thursday, the 12th, at 9.30 a.m. The Holy Communion was administered, and the thank-offering of the W.A. for the consolidation of the Church in Canada laid in the offertory. This, with a few subsequent contributions, amounted in all to \$836.95, and was voted to the building of a hospital for our lady missionary in Japan. The Lord Bishop of Quebec preached an interesting and practical sermon.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Holden, Montreal, and replied to by Mrs. Baldwin, Huron.

The President gave an opening address, and the officers presented their reports of what had been done since the last Triennial in 1892, showing the following results:

Number of branches, 479; of which 145 are Junior branches. Members, 11,168 (very incomplete), of which 3,328 are Juniors. Bales sent out during the three years, 1,741. Money raised in the three years, \$50,155.82. Cash spent on new material and freight, \$22,084.45. The first year two dioceses did not report this expenditure at all, and in all three years full returns have not been sent in. Total cash raised and spent, as above, \$72,202.47, of which \$4,267.72 were contributed by the Juniors. Nine children of missionaries are educated wholly or in part. The missionaries supported are: Rcv. J. Hinchcliffe (\$400), at the Piegan Reserve, diocese of Calgary; Miss Symonds and Miss Haynes, at the Blackfoot Reserve; and Margaret Dartnell, at Lesser

Slave Lake, by Toronto W.A. Miss Aldridge at the Blood Reserve, and Miss Kerby, at Kenyungah, by Huron. Miss Brown, at the Piegan school, by Ontario. Mrs. Canning, at the Sarcee school, by Quebec and Niagara. Miss Smith, lady medical missionary in Japan, by all six dioceses. Miss Paterson, late General Dorcas Secretary, has been working in Japan. Miss Turner is undertaking the duties of girls' matron at the Blackfoot Home. Miss May Hoskin is doing good work at Yale, B.C., voluntarily.

Fonts, baptismal bowls, communion vessels, altar cloths, altar linen, stoles, surplices, Bibles, prayer and hymn books, bells, comforts for the sick, medicines, surgical appliances, groceries, etc., etc., and clothing of all sorts, were sent to the missionaries, and most gratefully acknowledged.

The \$150, proceeds of three provincial life memberships, was given to the Endowment Fund of the see of Calgary.

The Dean of Rupert's Land and Rev. George Rogers, from the same diocese, addressed the meeting, the former speaking also for the Bishops of Athabasca and of Mackenzie River, for both of whom he is commissary, in thanking the W.A. for their help.

The retiring officers were all re-elected, and Miss Halson was chosen as General Dorcas Secretary, and Miss Tilley as secretary for Junior work, in addition.

The meeting closed on Friday at noon with thanksgiving for many blessings, and the new board met on Saturday morning. The printed report and *Leaflet* will give further particulars.

SELKIRK.

Just in time for our Triennial came the following from our much esteemed Mrs. Bompas, wife of the heroic Bishop of Selkirk:

DEAR MRS. TILTON,—I wish very much to place myself *en rapport* with the dear lady president and with all the valiant members of the W.A. I do indeed read of your proceedings in the *Leaflet*, which is duly mailed to me from Montreal, and of which I receive all the monthly numbers in our July packet. I was so frequently brought into connection with your various branches when I was in Canada, and became so interested in the workers and the work, and so impressed with the increasing love and zeal for the cause of missions, that I long to send them a "cheer" from a rather lonely worker in the far Northwest, which cheer must be held to comprehend equal quantities of admiration, encouragement, and sympathy. The increase in your number of members is a very encouraging sign that the interest in missions is not languishing, but no less so is the *steady working*, with wider fields of operation, of the