

possible for him to encourage an organization working entirely for Domestic and Foreign Missions to the exclusion of the poorer Missions of his own Diocese, then I would most earnestly advise, that you should accept that Bishop's terms, and that there should be a Diocesan Branch formed on the lines, which he deems to be practicable. For thus you will make a beginning, and you can never tell what it may lead to in the time to come.

Already, my dear Sisters, it is a noble work which you are doing, a work producing very large assistance : first, for Domestic Missions in Algoma and the great North-West ; and secondly, for the Foreign Missionary field : for during the three years ending in 1892 I observe that you raised \$80,000, and for this year now closing, I think I am right in saying, that of the \$42,000 shewn as having been received by the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions, only \$12,000 have been raised directly by the Board, while your own work has produced no less a sum than \$30,000. Unfortunately, I am obliged to say "I think," for although at the Kingston meeting of the Committee of Domestic and Foreign Missionary Board, six months ago, some of us begged that the amount raised by the W. A. should be set forth separately, I am sorry to say: "this has not been done."

Consequently there is nothing whatever to shew in the accounts now brought before us, that the W. A. even exists—much less what it has done—all which seems to me to be a great mistake and indeed very wrong. I would urge therefore that you should beg and expect that your work shall be separately recorded, so as to shew exactly what is being done all round. Of course, it is no doubt a good thing, that your money should be massed with all other money, that is raised for the same objects, so as to shew what is being done by the Canadian Church on the whole ; but certainly there should be in the accounts of our Domestic and For-

eign Missionary Board a separate account of what is undertaken and what is performed by its W. A.

And since I am told by the energetic Central Secretary of the W. A., that it is of the highest importance, that members of the W. A. should be in direct touch with the person assisted and the objects contributed to, receiving from time to time from the various fields reports of what is being done, therefore it may be necessary, that you should yourselves continue to appropriate your funds. But, if you do, then it is evident, that, for the sake of order, distinct notice of whatever you propose to do should be sent to the Central Secretary, not merely of your own Society, the W. A., but also to the Central Secretary of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Board, and that no money and no bale even should be parted with, until you have received an acknowledgement of your letter of advice. In most cases it would be a mere formal acknowledgement, but now and then you might receive information, which would cause you to go back to your Committee and perhaps to stay your hand.

I think too, that it is possible that it would strengthen your hands, if you were to ask the Bishop of each Diocese, in which you work, to appoint an advisory Committee to consist, say, of two Clergymen and two earnest business Laymen to advise with your Committee from time to time, and I think you would do well to make it distinctly known, that in every case the Bishop of the Diocese has the power to veto any project you may have in hand ; for such action on your part, while it would not in the least practically curtail your full liberty, would be reassuring to those, who are getting to think that your action is becoming more and more separate from and independent of "the powers that be." For you can easily understand, that, if such a feeling grows to any large extent, it will prove