

A letter was also written to the Domestic and Foreign Board asking them to prepare and authorize a form of questions to be answered by our lady missionaries before they are accepted for work in the mission field. After the meeting of the Board a resolution was forwarded to your Secretary asking that a form be prepared by the W.A. and submitted to the Board at their April meeting. This was done, and a copy sent to each member of the Provincial Board of Management for approval and suggestions, and a revised form sent to the D. & F. M. S. The matter was put in the hands of a committee to report at the October meeting.

In March your Secretary had the privilege she enjoys so much of attending Huron's Annual Meeting, and was, as on previous occasions, much inspired by the enthusiasm and spirituality which always pervades the Annuals of this Diocese.

Interesting letters were received in this month from some of the Indian boys at the Calgary Industrial School, and published in the Leaflet.

On April 2nd your Secretary had very regretfully to close the W.A. office for a while and go to Brooklyn, N.Y., for nearly three months. While there a letter was received from Miss Rose, asking your Secretary to allow her name to be sent to the C.E.J.S. as successor to Mrs. Tilton in the office of General Zenana Secretary for Canada, as the latter felt obliged to resign that office. Letters from the Secretary of the Japan W.A. and from the nurses were also received, and the latter being in Japanese characters, was most kindly translated by the Rev. Mr. Tai, a native Japanese clergyman visiting then in New York.

It was a great pleasure and of much profit to your Secretary to meet the well known and much valued General Secretary of the American W.A., Miss Emery, who has always proved herself so good a friend to our younger W.A.

On April 22nd at a meeting of thirty of the Diocesan officers, representing eleven Diocesan Branches of the American W.A., held in the beautifully equipped office of the General Secretary in the Church Mission House, New York, Canada's Secretary conveyed to our American co-workers the warm and heartfelt greetings of their Canadian sisters in work for Christ. The fact that their example inspired the women of our side of the line was not forgotten nor that our Provincial President is a born citizen of the United States, though now claimed as a Canadian. The kind message from the Mother Auxiliary entrusted to your Secretary was given to our members through the medium of the *Leaflet*.

In May your Secretary was invited, in virtue of her office, to go out to Garden City to attend the Diocesan Synod Service, etc., and

lunch with Mrs. Cox, wife of the Dean, and President of the Long Island Diocesan W.A. On May 13th your Secretary had the honor of addressing the Annual Meeting of the Long Island Diocesan Branch, and again were very warm messages of good-will and co-operation given and received on behalf of the Canadian and American W.A.'s.

In June came the news from the far north as given in Mrs. Stringer's letter in July *Leaflet*. Also a most cordial invitation from Ottawa's W.A., asking the Provincial W.A. to hold their Autumn Meeting in Kingston. After much deliberation it was decided that it was not necessary to hold one at present, so the invitation was gratefully kept in reserve for future use.

July brought a letter from Miss Mulvaney, Secretary C.E.Z.M.S., appointing your Corresponding Secretary General Zenana Secretary for Canada. Also one from Miss Palgrave about our W.A.'s attending the meetings of the Woman's Section of the S.P.G while they were in England.

The sad and sudden death of Mrs. Morris, eldest daughter of the Bishop and Mrs. Pinkham, called deeply upon the sympathies of our members, and they were expressed to Mrs. Pinkham in the name of the Provincial W.A.

Sept. 23rd found your Secretary at the Quarterly Meeting of the Niagara Diocese Branch, in response to a very kind invitation to Hamilton, and on to Thorold, where the meeting was held. Always glad to be with her Niagara sisters, your Secretary was doubly so when she saw the goodly numbers in attendance and the earnestness of purpose shown—both most encouraging.

So far October's only letters worth special notice, are a kind answer from Mrs. Pinkham to the condolence mentioned before, and one from Canon Pollard (Convener of the D. & F. Committee on revising the Missionary Library now in use), saying that the corrected and enlarged edition will not be ready until the spring and asking the W.A. to send in suggestions for prayer and hymns suitable to missions. Your Secretary will gladly forward any such sent through her.

Since the middle of November, 1896, when the last report was sent in, your Corresponding Secretary has addressed the following meetings: Toronto Diocese—St. John's, St. James' Junior, St. Matthew's, St. Mary Magdalene, Mass Meeting Girls' Auxiliary, St. James' Senior, Chester, St. James' Girls, Church of the Ascension, St. George's Senior, Holy Trinity, St. Luke's, St. Mark's Girls (Parkdale). Huron Diocese Annual Meeting, New York Diocesan Meeting, Long Island Diocesan Annual, Niagara Diocesan Quarterly, held at Thorold, and Grace Church Branch, at Brant-