

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT—ANNUAL REPORT, 1891.

To the Members of the D. and F. Missionary Society.—

YOUR Board respectfully direct the attention of all to the Treasurer's statements as affording a practical indication of the interest which is being sustained amongst us in the Church's Domestic and Foreign Mission Work.

It will be in the memory of all that last year's report showed the large advance of \$7,406. This advance has not been fully maintained during the year ending July 31st last.

The total for Domestic and Foreign Missions has been \$35,622, as compared with \$37,968 last year. Total for Domestic Missions, \$21,315, as compared with \$22,777 last year. Total for Foreign Missions, \$14,306, as compared with \$15,190 last year.*

Your Board is of opinion that this falling off is in large measure attributable to the scanty harvest of the last year, which has affected contributions to the funds of nearly all our dioceses. It should be also noted that returns of some branches of our work have not been received. These would probably account for not less than \$1,500 of the diminution.

It would be well for each of our nine dioceses, and for each of our parishes, to study the statistical reports, in order to see for themselves exactly where the failure to keep up to last year's contributions is to be found.

Wherever the appeals of your Board are duly read to congregations, their annual collection for Foreign Missions at Epiphany, and for Domestic Missions at Ascensiontide, will steadily increase as their interest is quickened, and their practice of giving discovers to them their ability to give more liberally.

THE APPEAL TO THE CHILDREN OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Board is not in a position to say what contributions may have been given in response to this appeal which was sent out at the beginning of last Lent. It will require several years experience to discover the channels through which the Sunday schools apply their offerings—and to unite still in some one well directed effort, so that its effect may be real and valuable.

VISIT OF THE BISHOPS FROM THE NORTH-WEST.

Your Board desire to acknowledge the promptness with which the Bishops of Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan and Calgary, and Algoma responded to the request that they would visit some of our congregations with the view of affording them information as to the position and work of the Church in the North-West—and so quickening and enlarging their zeal in missionary work.

THE WORK OF YOUR SOCIETY IN JAPAN.

It is too soon to expect any definite report of work actually accomplished by the missionaries in Japan, now maintained by the Church of England in Canada.

The Rev. J. Cooper Robinson's stipend is provided by the Missionary Association of Wycliffe College. The Rev. J. G. Waller's stipend is paid by your Board through the S. P. G. The Rev. J. McQueen Baldwin provides for his own support.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

has, in response to the appeal of your Board, in April last, promptly provided over \$500 for the support of Miss Sherlock, who left for Japan on October 7th, after an earnest service of prayer and benediction in St. James' church, Toronto—Miss Sherlock is to serve as a nurse or Medical Missionary, under the direction of the Bishop of Japan. It is estimated that the outlay will require at least \$600 per annum. Your Board have every confidence that this sum will be provided by the Woman's Auxiliary in addition to the outfit and travelling expenses.

INDIAN WORK.

Your Board has appointed a standing sub-committee to collect information and to study the best means of bringing home to all our congregations a sense of our debt to the aboriginals of this country. We are now in enjoyment of the land which was once their undivided home. Verily we are their debtors to give them in return all the blessings and advantages of the Kingdom of God—the Heavenly Father's Home provided in and through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for all our lost fallen race in this sinful world.

THE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL HOMES.

Your Board holds a very decided opinion that the prosperity of these institutions, both in Algoma and the North-West, depends upon the responsibility for them, and the management being assumed, either by the Church in the Dioceses in which they are situated, or by individuals, whether clerical or lay, under the guidance and influence of the Church and its Bishop. The Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes owe their inception and their progress to the faithful and unsparing labours of the Rev. E. F. Wilson, whose personal devotion to the Indians is so widely known. It would be simply impossible for your Board, constituted as it is, to bring that close, continuous, personal devotion to the care of any one of these institutions which is essential to any vigorous and economical management. This can be done only by persons in the several localities who must be clothed with the responsibility and the power of action.

Your Board will spare no effort to induce all the congregations to contribute generously and steadily the funds necessary to the support of these institutions.

* The Treasurer's Report will be published next month.