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"As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and forever."—Isaiah lix. 21.

IN the Reports of the Western and Central Branch Annual Meetings, herewith presented, there is every reason for encouragement and deep gratitude to God.

This woman's work, if we are only all faithful to God and His claims upon our service, is to be a mighty lever in lifting the world to Christ. As in every case where women are enlisted, the work touches the home; and when the home is reached and influenced, we are touching and influencing the very foundations of the state. Oh, that every woman in our land would fully take in what this means! What it means not only to ourselves, and to this life or the next, but what it means to the great generations of unborn who are to people this land which we so love, and which we covet to make the best in all the earth. We of to-day are the seed-sowers for the great future. What shall we sow? The weakest, humblest follower of our Lord may have the privilege of scattering seeds, whose harvest of good may endure for all time. May God quicken us!

A CATHOLIC paper in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati differed from the Archbishop. His grace immediately required the publisher to print an apology, and to promise that such an offence should not occur again. The publisher replied that he was ill, and begged the Archbishop to deal with him gently, as the paper was his family's only means of livelihood. Archbishop Elder replied that sickness was no reason for delaying repentance; that if his family suffered, it was not the Archbishop's fault, but the publisher's; and then he dictated a form of most humble apology which he required the publisher to print the very next week on penalty of an edict forbidding the people to take the paper. The apology appeared, the poor publisher

promising in the dictated terms that he never again would allow his paper to criticise any of the acts of the bishops, whether right or wrong. Thus liberty of thought is vindicated. An example of press censorship practised nearer home is presented at Niagara Falls. There was a Catholic church picnic at the Falls. As is usual prizes were offered for running, jumping, and so forth. Among the prizes were bottles of liquor and boxes of cigars. A correspondent of the local paper criticised the gifts, declaring them out of place. On the following Sunday Father Dominique, the parish priest, publicly denounced the newspaper, and ordered that the subscribers belonging to the church should cancel their subscriptions.

As we read the above we thought where would be the "liberty of thought" we rejoice in, if Rome held sway of us? But what of our children's children? Unless we, with a free Bible, a free press, and the precious "spiritual liberty, wherewith Christ maketh His people free," unless we arouse to our duty in the Church and in the State as Protestants and as citizens, to redeem our land from the insidious grip of Romanism, may we not well fear that our descendants shall suffer the tyranny and oppression of the Pope of Rome and his legions?

AUXILIARIES are requested to send in their orders for the series of books—Treasurer's, Secretary's, and Corresponding Secretary's—published by General Board, in order that the business of our Woman's Missionary Society may be transacted throughout the work in a uniform manner. Price \$1.75.

Treasurer's Report for Quarter ending September 15th, 1889.

Western Branch	\$2,581 01
Central "	3,240 00
Eastern "	1,502 10
Nova Scotia "	1,291 64
New Brunswick and P. E. I. Branch.....	1,126 68
St. John's East, Newfoundland, "	12 10
St. John's West, "	41 00
Victoria, B.C., Branch	8 00

Fourth Quarter	\$9,802 53
Third Quarter	4,117 51

Increase	<u>\$5,685 22</u>
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BRANCH MEETINGS.

THE NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E. I. BRANCH.

THE Woman's Missionary Society held their annual meeting at Fredericton, on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th October, with about forty-five officers and delegates present, besides visiting members and outside friends. The President, Mrs. Macmichael, presided. Reports from the several Auxiliaries were presented, showing much cause for thankfulness and encouragement in the general increase of numbers, funds, interest, and effort in the work of the youngest Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society of Canada.

The Corresponding Secretary reports thirteen new Auxiliaries formed during the year, making the present number forty-one, with a membership of 1012, and 27 life members, besides 318 enrolled in eight Mission Bands. The success in P. E. Island was especially noted by the Corresponding