the privileges of helping on this grand work.

The Ladies' Association for the Promotion of Female Education in India and other heathen countries, working in connection with the S. P. G. and carrying on a labor, the vast importance of which cannot be overestimated, employ at present one hundred and forty five teachers in the education of about 4,000 girls, between 300 and 400 working parties in England contribute work and clothing in large quantities to the advancement and promotion of the objects of the society. The Missionary Leaves Association belonged originally to the more limited class of work, as the ladies who formed the nucleus of their now flourishing and valuable organization, worked privately for some years before their labors became known through the publication of "Missionary Leaves" or letters which gave a title to this society. They have worked in connection with the Church Missionary Society since the year 1885, which has materially enlarged and increased their labors, now employed in both Home and Foreign Missions.

As the value of the co-operative system of work came gradually to be understood and recognized, and the simple societies gave place to larger associations capable of being extended to embrace simultaneously works of a similar character in many localities, the higher duties of life became more clearly seen, and "servants of the Church" were as in the days of the Apostles quickly ready to become "succourers of many." The formation of sisterhoods as an important part of Home Mis sion work, followed under the direct sanction of the presiding officers of the Church, and though varied in the nature and sphere of their work, which takes a vast range, their best efforts are used to benefit the people both in body and soul. These institutions are 27 in number, divided into 125 branches, situated in different parts of Great Britain, with the exception of two in India, three in the United States of America, and two in Canada.

(To be continued.)

## TORONTO DIOCESE.

The city branches of the Woman's Auxiliary held a most successful quarterly meeting in St. James' School House, Toronto, on Wednesday, February 1st, at which there was a large attendance. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese was chairman, and several clergy also showed by their presence the interest they take in the work of the Auxiliary.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Dorcas Department, Mrs. O'Reilly, reported boxes sent out by the Church Woman's Mission Aid, and Auxiliary branches since September last, to the value of \$2,033.80. Mrs. Cummings, the Recording Secretary, stated that there were at present twenty-five branches in this Diocese, as well as four "Mission Bands," and drew attention to the fact that the

work included Diocesan, as well as Domestic and Foreign Missions.

The Treasurer's report showed \$5,32.30 received for the debt of the Diocesan Mission Fund, as well as \$327.44 for other missionary objects.

The Bishop gave a most interesting and instructive address on "Diocesan Missions," illustrating his remarks by means of a map of the Diocese. To many present it was quite a surprise to hear of missionary fields so rough and laborious so near home. Rev. R. Harrison, Rev. R. Radcliffe, of Mount Forest, and Rev. Canon DuMoulin each gave short addresses. The collection, which was for the Diocesan Mission Fund Debt, amounted to \$21.50.

## QUEBEC DIOCESE.

The following circular has been sent to the different branches of the Auxiliary in Quebec Diocese:

To the Members of the Woman's Auxiliary,—If you will allow me, I would like to suggest some thoughts about membership of this Association. I think if we fully realized the privilege it is to belong to this large body throughout the Dominion we should more readily try to bring others into the fellowship. Our object in joining this association, as you all know, is simply a wish to do something for our Blessed Saviour's sake, to spread His Gospel, and try to extend His Kingdom—and it seems to me if we explained this fact to others more fully than we do, they would more willingly join in such a noble cause, and feel it a privilege to belong to it.

We need not suppose that being a member necessarily involves active work—a few can do that, and thank God there are many such in this community, but the greatest invalid in her bed can be just as powerful a member, because she can offer her prayers for this object, and what is more powerful than prayer—especially united prayer? Let us realize that not only in Canada, but in America, where there are three times the number of members, our united voice goes up daily for the same object, and is not this thought enough to inspire us with faith to long to swell that voice? No doubt we all use our own particular prayer for this object, but it seems to me if we had our especial prayer that every member could use daily it would seem a more united effort, and it would make us feel that we were all sisters in Christ united together in Him. Of course our Church does this, and we all feel this in belonging to her, but we often want some special object to rouse us out of our lethargy. This is one means of doing Therefore my dear sisters—one and all—let us promise that before another meeting takes place each member will endeavor to enlist another member. The trifle that is paid for membership, 5 cents or 10 cents a year, is so small, that that need not be a hindrance. You know our motto, "The love of Christ constraineth us." With that