

Moving to the most remote eastern diocese, we find that Nova Scotia reported to the Provincial Synod \$77.73 as contributed for foreign missions.

It was at this juncture, viz., in the autumn of 1883, that the Provincial Synod formed the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and appointed a Board of Management to carry on its work.

This Board issued in December, 1883, its first public document, which was a masterly appeal to the members of the Church of England in Canada on behalf of missions. A new era in this respect had begun for the Canadian Church.

It may be well to recall some of the glowing words of that first appeal. "The Canadian branch of the Church," it says, "has yet to realize the main objects of its God-ordained existence, has yet to awaken to the unavoidable missionary responsibilities that rest upon it, and until it rises to face its duty, as yet undone, with a faith that fears no failure, and a love in some way worthy of the Lord who died for it, it cannot hope for growth at home or victories abroad."

It speaks of work, fairly good work, done by the Church of England in Canada for home and domestic objects, but it well adds, "This touches not even with finger's tip the startling command of the Lord Jesus to go forth beyond ourselves and take our position in the great mission field of God. Home work is our duty, our firstborn duty. Mission work beyond is our duty and privilege; and at this moment it starts up before us as the duty of the hour, which if we refuse to fulfil we can only do so in a spirit that is disloyal to God, faithless to His will, and untrue to ourselves."

With regard to the amount required, the Appeal proceeds to say, "The Board feels that it would be unfaithful to its trust if it asked the Church to send, in answer to the Epiphany and Ascension Appeals, and through direct contributions to the treasurer, a smaller sum than \$60,000 for this year's work"—this to be somewhat in the proportion of \$54,000 for domestic missions and \$6,000 for foreign work.

It may be interesting to note here the result of this urgent and explicit appeal; and for this we turn to the first report of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, published in the year 1885, and include the Fredericton amount which was not reported to the society. We are now only concerned with foreign missions. It may be said, however, that the total result, for domestic and foreign missions together, was far below the \$60,000 asked for, being only about \$15,000. Contributions, however, for foreign missions were only \$368.49 less than the \$6,000 asked for, viz., \$5,631.51.

This amount was made up by dioceses as

follows, beginning from the east and moving westward:—

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| Nova Scotia | \$ 7.00 |
| Fredericton | 743.57 |
| Quebec | 976.60 |
| Montreal | 1,318.88 |
| Ontario | 489.53 |
| Toronto | 1,114.81 |
| Niagara | 133.74 |
| Huron | 768.69 |
| Algoma | 26.86 |
| Other sources | 51.83 |

\$5,631.51

More than half of this amount, however, was appropriated by some of the dioceses to special objects in which they were interested. Quebec appropriated the whole of its amount for the S.P.G., Montreal the whole of its amount also for the S.P.G., except \$9.67. Nova Scotia, Ontario, Niagara, and Algoma sent in their contributions unappropriated, and Huron also, with the exception of \$34.69. The Diocese of Fredericton did not report its amounts this year to the Society, but the collections for the S.P.G. were doubtless taken up as usual. The appropriated amounts, it must be borne in mind, include offerings made for the conversion of the Jews.

We are now in a fair way for comparing the work done by the different dioceses for foreign missions before united action was taken in the matter by the formation of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and immediately afterwards. The result is as follows:

| | Before. | After. |
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| Nova Scotia | \$ 77.73 | \$ 7.00 |
| Fredericton | 739.04 | 743.57 |
| Quebec | 381.36 | 976.60 |
| Montreal | 926.16 | 1,318.88 |
| Ontario | 104.57 | 489.53 |
| Toronto | 130.00 | 1,114.81 |
| Niagara | | 133.74 |
| Huron | 676.77 | 768.69 |
| Algoma | | 26.86 |
| Other sources | | 51.83 |

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It may be satisfactory to know that the \$5,631.51 (the result of the first appeal) has now increased to \$15,553.93. The greater portion of this, it is true, is appropriated by the different dioceses for the furtherance of special objects; but the unappropriated money last year amounted to \$4,774.28. The \$6,000 a year asked for by the first appeal for foreign missions has been largely exceeded, but the total for all work (domestic and foreign together) has not yet reached the \$60,000 asked for, the grand total last year having been \$42,070.67.

So far, however, as figures can indicate it, the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society is telling for good upon the missionary work of the Church of England in Canada, and has exemplified by facts the wisdom of its formation.

There are some congregations throughout this ecclesiastical province that appear to take