

orial Cottage, London, Ont., Huron; Mrs. McGiverin, Hamilton, Niagara; Mrs. Sullivan, Sault Ste. Marie, Algoma. It will aid the work very much if any lady receiving *Our Mission News* and not a member of the Auxiliary, would immediately ask herself the question "What can I do?" The response will assuredly be "I know I can do something." A member of the Auxiliary in writing last month says that a hint was given by a very practical woman (a clergyman's wife) in speaking of the real difficulty, that farmers' wives have to find even the most infinitesimal coin of the realm for parish or missionary need. She said "I will tell you what I did. I would say to one 'Well, you can give me a pound of butter;' to another, 'You can spare a dozen of eggs or a chicken,' which was readily done. I would then say to the village storekeeper 'Will you buy from me so many dozen eggs given me for Church purposes?' 'Certainly,' he would say, and would often add the price of another dozen."

This method would enable many of our Church women to share what they have with others who have nothing. It is not what we do not possess that the Lord asks us to share with others, but what we do possess, whether it be little or great.

CHURCHWOMAN'S MISSION AID OF TORONTO DIOCESE.

WHERE were between sixty and seventy ladies present in the Synod Room, Toronto, on Wednesday afternoon, April 27th, the occasion being the eighth annual meeting of the above society. Among the ladies present were Mrs. Cayley, President of the Society; Mrs. J. S. McMurray, Mrs. Wyatt, Mrs. Tinning, Mrs. Chas. Thompson, Mrs. W. A. Baldwin and Miss Thorne, members of the Board of Management; Mrs. O'Reilly, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. McMurrich, Mrs. H. Thorne, Mrs. Jas. Strachan, Mrs. Lockhart, Mrs. Cartwright, Mrs. Kemp, Mrs. Robertson, Miss White, Miss Robinson, Miss Street, Miss Paterson, and many others, all active members of the Society. There were also present Mrs. Renaud, Mrs. Willoughby Cummings and Miss Maynard, President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary, with which new organization the Church-Woman's Mission Aid now works hand in hand. His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto occupied the chair, and the clergy of Toronto were represented by the Revs. J. D. Cayley, J. P. Lewis, J. Pearson, W. H. Clarke and Canon Osler. The Rev. Dr. Mockridge, of Hamilton, was also present, and the Rev. Mr. Edgelow, of Huron Diocese. The Bishop opened the meeting with prayer, and then called upon the Secretary to read the report, which showed a large increase in the work done—the number of boxes sent to missionaries since April last year amounting to 57, the value of which, together with some gifts of church furnishings, is reckoned at \$2,357.74. This has all been accom-

plished with the very small expense of \$202.14, leaving a balance in hand of \$59.27—as the total receipts have only been \$241.41 for the whole year. The society regrets that their money receipts are so small, as it obliges them to be so cautious in their expenditure, and to put aside as impossible many applications which they would like to fill. They hope during the next year to organize a plan by which the money at their disposal may be augmented. The Report goes on to speak of the relations of the Churchwoman's Mission Aid with the "Woman's Auxiliary to Missions," and claims for Toronto Diocese the honor of first organizing women's work in the Canadian Church, inasmuch as the former society was established by Miss Westmacott eight years ago; and they have now ratified an agreement with the Woman's Auxiliary by which they work together. The Board express their satisfaction that the establishment of the Woman's Auxiliary has enabled them to increase the number of their branches and members. The number of branches in connection with the older society is 26—16 being in the city of Toronto, and the remaining ten in other parts of the diocese.

The report was then adopted unanimously, and the officers of last year were elected. The Bishop expressed the regret of the Society and himself that the Bishop of Algoma was unable to be present, and also read a letter from the Rev. Mr. Brick, of Peace River, apologizing for his unavoidable absence.

Rev. Dr. Mockridge, in a few words, expressed his pleasure at finding that the society had been doing so well and so long a work greatly needed in the Church, that of gladdening poor missionaries with practical sympathy and substantial help. He was also pleased to find that the Society was promoting unity in the Church by combining all the parishes to work for the same cause. Women's work in the Church had perhaps not been enough considered in times past, but where it was well organized and perseveringly carried on, as this had been there was hardly anything it could not accomplish, and he hoped that as Toronto Diocese rightly claimed the honor of first organizing women's work in the Canadian Church, so they, by persevering in the good cause and by unity among themselves would continue to keep the first place in such missionary work as only women could undertake. After a few words from the Rev. J. D. Cayley a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Mrs. O'Reilly for her untiring and active discharge of her duties as Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. Renaud, President of the Woman's Auxiliary, then spoke a few words, expressing her hope that the two societies would work together as one, inasmuch as they were striving in the same cause and for love of the same Master. The Bishop then closed the meeting with the Benediction.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary for Toronto diocese takes place May 26th.