

In dealing with this class of missions our own missionary Diocese of Algoma has a natural and acknowledged priority. According to the representations of the Bishop of that Diocese, it would appear that the sum hitherto apportioned by this Board was utterly inadequate to meet the demands of his work, which in the end were met only through the personal solicitations of the Bishop. By such exertions the stipends of the missions to the 31st of March were secured. On the 30th of June next this fund will be again exhausted. The Board feels called upon to state this fact both strongly and clearly, knowing that on the result of this appeal depends, to a large extent, the support of the Algoma missionaries for the next twelve months.

The remaining portion of the Domestic field comprises six dioceses, namely, Rupert's Land, Saskatchewan, Qu'Appelle, Moosonee, Athabasca and Mackenzie River.

The vast extent of these several dioceses, the pagan tribes that inhabit some, and the immigrants continually pouring into others; the opening of the country, its ever increasing special needs, the poverty of the first settlers, the greatness of the harvest, the fewness of the laborers, all form so many voices loud and appealing, by which the Church in this Province is continually addressed and urged to catch the spirit, and to follow the example of the apostolic missionaries, who went out and preached everywhere the Lord working with them.

In addition to claims so numerous and so strong the attention of the Board has been called to the condition of no less than 25,000 Pagan Chinese now settled on the Pacific coast, and the appalling fact to-day confronts the Church in this Province that for the enlightenment of those 25,000 souls for whom Christ died nothing whatever has as yet been done.

Finally. By the wants of Algoma; by the multiplied calls and claims of the great North-West; by the heathen in British Columbia; by the great commission of the Son of God, and by the sacred and affecting truths that cluster around His Ascension, the Board would seek to arouse the members of the Church to a consciousness of their duty and accountability, to prayer, to self-denial, to cheerful giving, so that by the Day of Intercession and the response to this Ascensiontide Appeal that holy, happy combination, which marked a devout life in the early Christian days, may now at this time be repeated in our midst,—“Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.”

J. W. QUEBEC, Chairman.

THE MISSIONARY MEETING.

The missionary meeting in connection with the meeting of the Board was held in St. George's School Room, on Wednesday evening, April 11th, the Bishop of Montreal in the chair. Addresses

were delivered by the Venerable Archdeacon Bedford Jones and the Bishop of Huron to a large and appreciative congregation.

THE EASTER-TIDE MEETING.

The usual semi-annual meeting of the Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada was held in the Synod Hall, Montreal, on April 11th, 1888, commencing at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

There were present the Bishops of Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Huron and Niagara, the General Secretary (Rev. Dr. Mockridge), and the General Treasurer (Mr. J. J. Mason), Rev. A. A. Von Iffland and Capt Carter (Diocese of Quebec), Rev. J. D. Cayley, Rev. Canon DuMoulin, Mr. A. H. Campbell (Diocese of Toronto); Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, Rev. Canon Belcher, Dr. L. H. Davidson (Diocese of Montreal); Venerable Archdeacon Bedford Jones, Rev. E. P. Crawford, Judge Reynolds (Diocese of Ontario); Mr. Henry McLaren, (Diocese of Niagara).

The Dioceses unrepresented were Nova Scotia, Fredericton, N. B., and Algoma.

The chair was occupied by the Bishop of Quebec, Rev. E. P. Crawford acting as Assistant Secretary.

The General Secretary read the minutes of the preceding meeting held in Toronto, which were confirmed.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the Bishop of Ontario, the Bishop of Algoma, Rev. F. R. Murray, Mr. R. T. Walkem, Rev. M. M. Fothergill, Hon. G. W. Allan, Rev. Canon Brigstocke, Mr. G. Herbert Lee, Dr. T. P. Butler, Q. C., Rev. W. Shortt and Mr. E. Baynes Reed.

Letters of acceptance of nomination to membership of the Board were read from Rev. Canon Belcher, and Dr. Butler, both of the Diocese of Montreal.

A communication from Rev. G. M. Wrong, Diocese of Toronto, relative to the sending of a missionary to Japan was also read and laid over for consideration.

Letters were also read from Bishop Bompas (Mackenzie River), and Bishop Pinkham (Saskatchewan).

Several notices of motion were given to be taken up in due course.

The Ascensiontide appeal was read by Mr. Mason for Rev. Dr. Partridge, and was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Canon DuMoulin and Mr. A. H. Campbell.

A communication was read from the General Secretary asking for an apportionment sufficient to enable him to get clerical assistance in the office work connected with the society, and was left over to be taken up in due course.

The General Treasurer then read his report as follows:—