

mer. Miss Milledge, the Secretary for the W. A. receives contributions from the Eastern dioceses for distribution. She is prepared to give information as to the needs of the various missions.

Algoma Diocesan Branch. President, Mrs. Sullivan; Secretary, Mrs. Bennet. The work in this Branch goes on, but Home Missions must for some time claim the principal attention of the workers in this our missionary diocese.

A Branch has been formed at Truro, Nova Scotia, which it is hoped will be the seed of a larger growth for the Auxiliary in that diocese. Aid has been given to Algoma and the Zenana mission.

Among the incidents of general interest during the past year was the meeting on the 16th April in Ottawa, of the council of officers called together by the acting President, Mrs. Tilton. The council held its meeting on the same day as that on which the Board of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society met in Ottawa. The ladies were present at Holy Communion in St. John's Church on the morning of the 16th, beginning their business meeting afterwards at Mrs. Tilton's house. The names of those present were, Mrs. Tilton, acting President; Mrs. Baldwin, Huron, Vice-President; Mrs. A. Holden, Montreal, Vice-President; Mrs. Boomer for Algoma, Mrs. Leach, Recording Secretary. Letters were read from other officers regretting their inability to attend the meeting. Much satisfaction was expressed by those present at the opportunity thus given them for conference.

Another interesting feature of the year's work, was the visit of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Tilton to the Triennial Convention of the Woman's Auxiliary of the United States, held in New York, October, 1889. Mrs. Tilton attended as Triennial representative of the Woman's Auxiliary of Canada, having been unanimously elected to fill that position at the Triennial meeting in Montreal in September, 1889.

It has been mentioned to account for some differences which appear between the Dorcas Secretary's report and the Treasurer's, that while the Treasurer includes what is done for Diocesan Home Missions, the Dorcas Secretary in her report excludes all Home Missions, from which some misunderstanding might arise if no explanation was made.

In concluding this brief account of the work for 1889-90, may we not offer heartfelt thanksgiving for the encouragement which has been given to the Woman's Auxiliary from widely different parts of the great field of labour? May we not become "weary in well doing" but grow ever more earnestly desirous that the Master's will may be more perfectly understood and obeyed in each one of us. Respectfully submitted,

L. LEACH,

Recording Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary.

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Books and Periodicals Dept.

The Messrs. Blackie & Son, 49 and 50 Old Bailey, London, England, know how to get up a book to gladden the heart of a boy. We have before us (1) the "Missing Merchantman," by Harry Collingwood, a romance of the mercantile marine, full of interest and startling adventure; (2) "Hugh Herbert's Inheritance," by Caroline Austin, a beautiful tale abounding with tender scenes and of a good, healthy religious tone, and (3) the "Lion of St. Mark," by G. A. Henty, a tale of Venice. In this are the usual scenes of conspiracy, intrigue, and assassination, together with the gondolas, canals and lagoons peculiar to Venice, and also adventures among pirates and on the sea. Mr. Henty knows how to tell a story to suit the boys. He wastes no time but keeps close to his narrative, and must have a great many admirers among the class of humanity that he specially seeks to interest.

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, Northumberland Avenue, London, England.

We have received from this Society a packet of handsome and very cheap books for juveniles, such as: the "Child's Pictorial, 1890," 2s.; "Dawn of Day, 1890," 1s.; "The Church Catechism Illustrated," "A Message from the Sea," "Gladys," "Fair Haven," "Nursery Coach," 6d.; "Medge's Secret," 3d., and six stories (a penny each), with handsome paper covers, very suitable for distribution among children.

The Church Congress in the United States, 1890.

The full report of this congress, held in Philadelphia, is now published, and contains many valuable papers and addresses on subjects of interest to Christian people. We would note especially those on "Conditions of Church Growth in Missionary Lands," "Positive Gains in Biblical Criticism," and "Proper Care of the Newly Confirmed."

The *Cosmopolitan*, New York. If people are not well informed and interested at the present day it is certainly not for the want of handsome and well written magazines. The December issue of the *Cosmopolitan* is a charming number. The face of Mary, the mother of Jesus, in "the Passion Play at Oberammergau" is most striking, and may be considered a triumph of magazine illustration.

The *Young Canadian*, b x 1896, Montreal, an illustrated weekly magazine of patriotism for young Canadians. We are glad to hail this periodical and wish it every success. Canadians should support it. The influence that the placing of foreign literature constantly before the future men and women of this Dominion must be weakening to the principle of patriotism, which ought to grow strong in the breast from early childhood. The illustra-