

many feel at the small proportion of Christians in India, says : " If there is an amelioration of the conditions of human life where a Christian Mission is planted ; if the position of women is somewhat elevated, if the whole moral condition of life is improved, there surely is something to be thankful for, to be welcomed as a preparation for the setting up of His Kingdom." After telling his hearers of the high value he sets on the societies which exist for intercessory prayer for India, the same preacher goes on to say : " Our prayers must be accompanied by our sacrifices. I believe that really the chief difficulties now experienced in India are due, not so much to intellectual cause, as to the *tyranny of caste*. The sacrifices, social and pecuniary, which are involved in a profession of Christianity are tremendous. Converts have frequently to endure persecution and spoiling of their goods for Christ's sake, and we have to summon those in India and other missionary fields to make these sacrifices ; yes, to sacrifice themselves to Jesus, as kings in royalty of spirit ; and as priests in the offering of themselves, all they have and all they are. And, my brethren, we cannot call upon them to make that sacrifice unless we are sharing in it ourselves. Are we true to every fresh revelation of Christian truth and Christian life that comes to us ? Are we rising up to the call ? "

At the February Board meeting the Secretary was asked to express the sympathy of the Board with Mrs. Mcleod Moore, in her bereavement in the death of her mother. The members of the Board heard with pleasure that Ottawa would be honoured by a visit from Bishop and Mrs. Sillitoe on March 18th and 19th. A resolution was passed to the effect that the members of the Auxiliary should be asked to contribute towards the debt on the Mission Fund of the Diocese of Algoma, and that such contributions be gathered in at the Annual Meeting to be held (D.V.) at Kingston in June. We feel that it is unnecessary to impress this upon our readers. The claims are so great, the case so urgent, the example of the other dioceses is so inspiring, that we shall surely be able to make a special effort. No sum is mentioned, so no limit is placed to our liberality, no plans are suggested, so each branch is left to devise plans for itself, but let us see that all our members have the opportunity of responding to this appeal, which is quite different from the ordinary " special appeal," for it issues from the Board of D. and F. Missions. Let us plead Algoma's cause before God and before men, for the message has come, as it came from the law-giver of old, ' take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord.' May the response be " and the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly unto the Lord."