

the Dominion, Mrs. Foster made a point, when she said, "When we remember that the great North-Western provinces contain more than *half* the acreage of this Dominion, and are destined to be the homes of millions of immortal souls, do you need to do other than remind us of the ten thousand heathen in British Columbia, or that we should gather in and train and teach the dear children through our Juvenile auxiliaries, when we remember that a Roman Catholic Bishop once said: 'Give me the children until they are seven years of age and you may have the men and women *if you can get them.*'"

Mrs. Foster spoke in terms of the highest appreciation of the retiring corresponding secretary, Miss A. McCord, and expressed great regret at her retirement. She extended a cordial invitation to the diocesan president and officers to visit the country branches.

The report of Mrs. Everett, recording secretary, shewed an increase of seven new branches during the year—two senior and five junior—making a total of sixty-one branches, twenty of which are junior. Five new life members had been added. During the year eight regular, eight preliminary, three executive, and four special meetings had been held. Of these latter, one was a valedictory held in conjunction with the local branches of the Gleaner's Union to bid Godspeed to the Rev. K. Borup, who has gone out as a missionary to Uganda, and for whose salary St. Matthias' branch of the W.A. has made itself responsible. Another was to receive the report of the Diocesan Jubilee Thank Offering Committee, by whose efforts \$350.00 was raised and donated to "Increase the invested capital of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Diocese." At this meeting was also submitted and approved a draft of the Jubilee Address to Her Majesty, which was afterwards handsomely engrossed and forwarded through the Provincial W.A. Secretary to the proper quarter. Bishop Dart of New Westminster, Archdeacons Phair and Loft-house, and Rev. L. U. Tucker, had during the year addressed the Auxiliary on the claims of the Mission work in British Columbia, and the Dioceses of Moosonee and Rupert's Land respectively. THE CANADIAN CHURCH MAGAZINE, of which Dr. L. N. Davidson is the able editor, was recommended to the support of the W.A. as being the official organ of the Board of D. & F. Missions.

The Corresponding and Dorcas Secretary, Miss A. McCord, reported 88 bales sent out during the year to the following dioceses: Algoma 20, Athabasca 7, Calgary 8, Moosonee 5, Mackenzie River 1, Qu'Appelle 9, Rupert's Land 13, Saskatchewan 8, Montreal 17. Total 88. Cash value of new material, \$898.10. Church furnishings, embroidered Communion

linen, a silver chalice, Communion vessels, Hymnals and Prayer Books, and an organ for which Mrs. Hollis had collected the money, had been sent out from the Church of the Advent, St. John the Evangelist and other donors. The organ had gone direct from Mrs. Hollis. The exact total of articles sent out could not be given, as a few returns had yet to be made, but approximately it might be stated as 1,409. The L.H.U. Society, of which Mrs. Hutton is president, pays for the education of the daughter of a Missionary at Durham Ladies' College and passes the amount through our (W.A.) books.

Mrs. Dawson, diocesan treasurer, reported the receipts for the year \$2,859.76, disbursements, \$2,844.47.

The following Dioceses had been assisted: Athabasca, Algoma, Saskatchewan, Mackenzie River, Selkirk, Rupert's Land, Moosonee, New Westminster, Montreal; and in the Foreign Field: Zenana Missions, Indian Scholarships, Japan, Jews, Lepers, Uganda, and C.M.S. to the Heathen.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, with the following result:

President, (nominated by the Bishop) Mrs. A. Holden; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Everett; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. Lennox Mills; Dorcas Secretary, Miss A. McCord; Leaflet Editor, Mrs. Henry J. Evans; Secretary of Junior Branches, Mrs. Branden; Executive Committee, (nominated by the Bishop) Mesdames Carmichael, Evans, Lindsay, Norton, Cole, Hollis, Hutton, Mills, Pennell, Ross, and Miss Moffatt; Delegates to Triennial, Mesdames Holden, Evans, Everett, Dawson, Lindsay, Stevens (Waterloo), Miss A. McCord, and Miss L. Mudge; Substitutes, Mesdames A. Carus-Wilson, Lloyd, Pennell, and Foster (Knowlton).

The large amount of unfinished business made it necessary to prolong the convention into the fourth day. Mrs. Stevens, Waterloo, contributed a valuable and thoughtful paper on, "How to Increase Interest in a Country Branch," the key-note of which was enthusiasm and faith, united with individual effort; and Mrs. Mitchell, St. Armand, a very trenchant disquisition, "How can we induce men to take more interest in Missions?"

The discussion which this evoked threatened at one time to merge into the dangerous question of Woman's Rights, when it was pointed out that all the great missionary societies of the Church originated with, and were still carried on in the main by men, and that in almost every parish there were men, often overworked and weary, who gave the time from needed rest to perform the duties of church wardens or Sunday school teachers, besides practically providing the wherewithal