

and serve to develop the latent interest which only wants the right word in the right place to come to the surface. I have had a good many answers to the cards I sent to each Branch asking what work they would undertake, but not all I could wish. Some of the Branches are only now beginning, and from others I shall doubtless hear later. Six Branches will work for the Blackfoot Home and Hospital; several will help in sending gifts to Christmas trees, rag carpets and warm quilts, those treasures in the missionaries' homes, are being finished up in time for the cold weather. All Saints' Peterboro, is being re-organized into a working Branch. A few Branches will take up pledges, and we trust more will follow. Representatives are asked for by several Branches out of town, as these feel that in no other way can they be brought into touch with the Diocesan Board, and in many cases the monthly letter is of as much service as a Board Meeting to us in town. The Junior Secretary is glad to hear at all times from the Branches, and trusts that the proud position of reporting at the Triennial that Toronto Diocese leads the way may ever be maintained by them. M. FORSYTH GRANT, *Dio. Sec.*

## MONTREAL.

DIOCESAN MOTTO :—" *Go work to-day in my Vineyard.*"

SELF DENIAL WEEK is fast approaching; how many of us will remember it until it is a thing of the past, and with a sort of conscience-smitten feeling, we say to ourselves, "Oh dear, it has gone again and I have nothing to show for it!" It is quite natural that to many workers in the vineyard it seems impossible to give one penny more than they do, and in some instances this may truly be the case; but, on the other hand, there are amongst us, very many who by self denial could increase, were it ever so little, their offerings to the Lord. If we give only of our surplus what we do not need and of which we never feel the loss, we miss the re-actionary blessing upon our own spirits. Moreover, we believe, and that firmly, that in some mysterious way, God blesses in the using money given from the heart and only made possible to give by a prayerful setting aside of our own wills and desires. Believe me, dear sisters, the pennies pruned from your own needs are, in God's eyes, of more value than the hundreds given because it is the correct thing to be philanthropic. Remember