

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL TREASURER OF  
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It would perhaps be too much to expect that the rapid advance which has hitherto been the distinguishing mark of the W.A. should be maintained year after year without any check, and yet it was with a feeling of keen disappointment that the discovery was made that the sum total from the six Dioceses was slightly under last year's record ; but the responsibility for this does not rest equally upon all, for some of the Dioceses (to their honor be it said) have, this year, exceeded any of their previous efforts. One has given an unusually large amount to Home Missions thus lessening the Domestic and Foreign work very materially, only one has fallen short without any apparent reason. It appears to me to be a duty to draw your attention to two resolutions which were carried at the Triennial Meeting and have since been almost entirely ignored. The first and (from the Treasurer's point of view) most important, relates to the form of accounts. It was resolved that those Dioceses which work for Home Missions should present an entirely separate account of both receipts and expenditure (for Home Missions) as a sort of supplement to the Domestic and Foreign account. The neglect of this rule complicates the task of condensing the account for the Provincial W.A. more than any one, who has not tried it, can imagine. The other resolution of which no practical notice whatever has been taken, is the one referring to the Annual Reports of the different Dioceses. These were to be of uniform size in order that they might be bound in one volume. The question naturally arises in one's mind "of what use is the Provincial W.A. and why attend the Triennial Meetings if the decisions arrived at by that body are systematically set aside and neglected by the various Diocesan Branches?" It does not seem unreasonable to expect that Diocesan officers will take the trouble to acquaint themselves thoroughly with the action of the Provincial and then loyally carry out the decisions. The Church Children's Missionary Guild of St. Luke's Cathedral, Halifax, under the fostering care of Mrs. Crawford, who for several years was such an energetic and deeply interested member of the W.A. in Ontario and Niagara, have sent, at different times, \$23 to be forwarded to Miss Jennie Smith, Japan, Zenana Missions, and St. Barnabas' Home, Sarcee Reserve. It is to be hoped that this is but the beginning of a still greater activity and that it may lead to the revival of the Woman's Auxiliary in that Diocese. In presenting the account of money which has actually passed through my hands or the vouchers for it, I would like to say a word of explanation. There appears a large balance and unless the account is carefully looked into it may mislead you into thinking that this balance is at the disposal of the meeting and this would be most unfortunate.