

millions one hundred thousand children, while the Boards have only one million five hundred thousand. In other words, your own National Church, by her voluntary contributions, by her magnificent liberality, by her earnestness, zeal and patriotism, in spite of every obstacle, hindrance and attack, is still educating, at no cost to the State, except the open grants which they, in common with every other school, may earn, more than half of the children of the working classes in England and Wales.

Such is a very brief outline of the social work of the Church which is supposed to be doing nothing. But it is not new; it has been carried on with equal spirit through the whole of this century.—*Family Churchman*.

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL W. A. M. A.—The fifth annual meeting of the Montreal branch of the Women's Auxiliary was opened on the morning of the 26th February by a service in Christ Church Cathedral, at which His Lordship Bishop Bond delivered a most interesting address. The service was followed by the administration of the Holy Communion to sixty communicants.

After the service an adjournment was made to the Synod hall where the business sessions were opened, His Lordship Bishop Bond presiding. The meeting was opened with prayer, after which the roll was called by Miss McCord; the absence of the country delegates being notable and greatly regretted.

The President then delivered an interesting and practical address, after which the reading of branch reports was taken up.

Mrs. Denne read the report of the Cathedral branch. It showed that a great deal had been accomplished during the past year, money having been raised for both Domestic and Foreign Missions. A large quantity of clothing had also been made and distributed to the Indian Home, while the meetings had been rendered very interesting by several well written papers contributed by members of the branch. The Treasurer's report was submitted by Mrs. Goddard.

St. George's branch, only organized a few months ago, submitted a very interesting report, showing that its few months of life had been productive of much good work, especially in the Home Mission field. One of the most interesting features of its work is that performed in the General Hospital, where a library has been furnished for female patients. The Zenana missions had also received substantial support from this branch.

The reports from St. Martin's, Trinity, St. Matthias and Grace gave evidence of much good work done. In Trinity special attention had been paid to the children's department of the work. St. John the Evangelist has a most flourishing branch, which has done grand work for the Northwest missions, while St. Stephen's had distinguished itself in the field of Domestic and Educational missions. The meeting then adjourned for lunch.

At the afternoon session the reading of reports from branches was continued, the reports of the country branches being taken. The following branches reported, each and everyone showing that good work had been accomplished:—Aylmer, Clarenceville, Dunham, Shawville, Grenville, Hallerton, Havelock, Sorel, West Farnham, Huntingdon, St. Johns and Waterloo.

A very pleasant "At Home" was held at 5 o'clock in the lower hall of the Synod house, which was very prettily decorated for the occasion.—*Gazette*.

The meetings of the Association which were held on Friday were equally successful with those of the preceding day; especially the public meeting in the evening at which Mrs.

Willoughby Cummings and the Rev. E. Wilson, of Shingwauk Home, delivered addresses.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese presided and introduced the speakers. Mr. Cummings' address was particularly attractive, owing to its simple and unassuming character and the very interesting account which she gave of the visit of herself and Miss Patterson to the Indian Stations in the Northwest; and also of her impressions of Mission work in the Dioceses on the Pacific Coast. Amongst others she spoke in warm terms of the noble self denying work of the Bishop of Qu'Appelle, and also highly commended the work of the Sisterhood in British Columbia. The information given by Mrs. Cummings in such an interesting manner, as to the work of The Church amongst the Indians of the Northwest will prove of great benefit to the various branches of the Association, and must also have the effect of awakening much greater interest in the Mission work of the Church in Canada.

Mr. Wilson referred specially to his own work at Sault Ste. Marie, and made announcement of various promises given him by the Government of assistance; which will become effective when the sums placed in the estimates have been passed by Parliament.

The ladies of the Association are to be congratulated not alone upon the success of the meeting, but also upon the improved appearance which they gave to the Synod Hall, a by no means attractive room, by the decorations and plants which they had arranged for the meeting. Texts were hung around the walls, the platform and a portion of the main floor were carpeted; the pillars were draped with flags, lessening somewhat the bare and chilling appearance which the room ordinarily presents.

It is to be wished that a committee of ladies to act as an auxiliary to the Executive Committee of the Diocese might be appointed permanently, so that the room might be kept clean and attractive.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

PRESCOTT.—There was a large meeting in St. John's Chapel, Prescott, on the evening of St. Matthias Day, to receive Mrs. Cummings, a deputation of the Woman's Auxiliary. That lady, in company with Miss Patterson of Toronto, had been sent to the North West to visit and report upon the missions of the Church of England in that vast territory, for the information and satisfaction of the Auxiliary. Among other places Mrs. Cummings has visited Prescott, since her return and there gave an account of their journey of 7700 miles, and the state and progress of the missions throughout what was once the Great Lone Land. For nearly two hours this gifted lady held the congregation enchained under the spell of her plain and unadorned eloquence. As she passed from point to point and from mission to mission, she offered not only suggestions for improvement, but also gentle yet valuable criticisms. There is no doubt that this visit and address will give a great stimulus to the work and progress of the Prescott Branch or the Woman's Auxiliary.

The Rector of the parish, the Rev. W. Lewin, occupied the chair at this very interesting meeting.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

ORILLIA.—The service of song, 'Kardoo,' held in St. James' Schoolroom on Monday evening passed off most successfully. The room was well filled in spite of the disagreeable and blustery weather, and the programme rendered most admirably. All the choruses were good, but the triumphant ring of Miss Haverdala's 'Tell it out among the Heathen' was perhaps most appreciated, and elicited a burst of involuntary applause, which was promptly checked by the chairman, as the building is still used as a church. The first solo, 'Come unto Him,'

from the Messiah, needs no comment, as the beautiful harmonies are so well known. It was sung by Miss O. Stewart with much feeling. Mrs. Horner's 'Tied' was very sweet and thrilling, and came in most appropriately. Mr. Metcalfe's solo, by Mozart, was very well sung, and Mr. Smitheringale sang 'Who will take care of Me?' with much sweetness of expression. Mr. Greene read the pathetic story of 'Kardoo' in a way that could not fail to touch many a heart, and we trust that the simple unvarnished tale of what poor widows in India are suffering now may bear fruit in rousing those who have never realised their crying need of a pure Gospel, and fill them with zeal in helping the cause of Zenana missions. While the collection was being taken up, instrumental music was given by Mr. Cochrane and Mr. Cochrane and Mr. Quinn, accompanied by Mr. Deeks.—*Orillia Gazette*.

Miss Stewart has received \$5 from the Infant class of St. James' Sunday school, for the Orillia Oct.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

LAMBETH.—The annual Missionary meeting was held in Christ Church, on Friday evening, the 20th. There was a great downpour of rain, but for all the attendance was good. His Lordship the Bishop of Huron was present and gave a stirring, practical address on the duty of supporting the Church's Mission Fund. Rev. Rural Dean Smith was also present and addressed the meeting.

LONDON.—The usual change of pulpits, preceeding the annual Missionary meetings, in the city, took place on Sunday, the 22nd. No clergyman occupied his own pulpit that day, but the great subject of Missions, Home, Domestic and Foreign, was brought before the several congregations by those appointed to preach.

The Missionary meetings are being held this and next week, but unfortunately the election is attracting such interest as to interfere with all other work. His Lordship the Bishop attends each meeting and gives an address. The Rev. Mr. Barman of the Diocese of Rupert's Land is here representing the claims of the Northwest, and giving most interesting information of the work among the Indians and his own Industrial School.

A meeting of the Churchworkers' Association of the Diocese has been called by his Lordship the Bishop for April 12th, in the Chapter House, London.

CHATHAM.—A most cheering prospect is before the Trinity Church congregation, North Chatham. Never before in its history were things so hopeful. The Rector, Rev. A. Murphy, seems to be the right man in the right place, and has thrown great energy into the building up of the Church.

THE REVS. Prof Guillemont and G. B. Sage, B. D., assisted at the service at St. Ann's Chapel, Hellebuth College, on Ash-Wednesday a.m. Mr. Sage preached an excellent sermon on the text, St. Matt. v. 8.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

WINNIPEG —All Saints.—The Churchwardens Messrs. Tupper and Elder have issued a circular to the parishioners congratulating them upon the fact that the Church has been placed in a financial position which the most sanguine did not think possible two years ago.

At that time the liabilities were \$18 155.64; to-day the total indebtedness is only \$9,850.00. So that in the short period of two years the almost herculean task, for a comparatively small congregation, of paying off \$6 305 of our liabilities has been accomplished; \$2,302 of this amount was raised by the strenuous exertions of the Rector in England; \$3,470 was paid by the bond givers, and the balance, with the ex-