

scribers. From the small beginning the W.A. has grown, until the life members' fees alone have brought in \$34,000 for missionary purposes. Prizes for answers to "Questions on Missionary Subjects" were awarded to the senior branches. 1st prize, St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto, and Orillia, (equal); 2nd prize, Church of the Ascension, Toronto. At the Thursday evening session, Mrs. Plumptre gave an excellent address on "The Modern Missionary Outlook." Announcement was made of the disposal of the various funds. The life members' fees, amounting to \$1,125, were divided as follows:—\$565 to the Girls' School, Diocese Honan, China; \$290 to the parsonage at Stewart, Diocese Caledonia; \$270 to Emmanuel College, Diocese Saskatchewan. The interest on the Century Fund, amounting to \$238, was given to the church at Grande Prairie, Diocese of Athabasca. The interest on the E. M. Williamson Memorial Fund, amounting to \$224, was given to the hospital at Rock Bay, Diocese of Columbia. The 25th Anniversary Thank-offering, amounting to about \$1,600, after deducting \$200 for a special purpose, was divided as follows:—\$230 to Emmanuel College, Saskatchewan, which, with the \$270 given from the life members' fees, will make up the \$500 asked for to build a room in the college. The balance will be devoted to building a hostel at Athabasca Landing for the accommodation of missionaries travelling through that part of the country. On Friday morning, the balances on hand were disposed of. The treasurer's balance amounting to \$340.36, was divided; \$50 to church at Ichinomia, Japan, (for furnishings); \$100 to Miss Slade, Fort Vermilion, Athabasca; \$100 to church at Matsumoto, Japan; \$90.36 to Mr. De Lom, Haliburton, for lantern and slides. The Extra-Cent-a-Day Fund for April, amounting to \$122.46, was given to the Arctic Mission to buy a stove and a lantern and slides. The balances in junior department were divided, \$39.22 being given to Bishop White, for the relief of famine children in Honan, China, and \$22.78 to Lytton Hospital, to buy a wheel chair. The receipts in the Babies' Branch, amounting to \$170, were divided as follows:—\$20 for support of child in Bird's Nest Home, China; \$40 for support of boy in school at Lesser Slave Lake; \$30 to Miss Strickland, India, for work among children; \$30 for orphanage in Honan, China; \$50 for Shingwauk Home, Algoma. On Friday afternoon several missionaries gave short addresses. Mr. Braughton, who leaves shortly to take Mr. Flemming's place in the Arctic Mission, told very interestingly of his former experiences in the Arctic. Other speakers were: Miss Harris, Cairo, Egypt; Miss Louie Thomas, South America; Miss Bennett, Lesser Slave Lake; Mrs. Patterson Hall, president, General Board. Other general officers who spoke were, Miss Bogart, corresponding secretary; Miss Halson, Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, Miss Cartwright, secretary-treasurer of literature, spoke with deep appreciation of the work done in the literature department, by the late Mrs. Davidson. Mrs. Leather, president of the W.A. in Niagara Diocese, brought greetings from her Diocesan Board. The election of the new officers for the coming year took place, and resulted as follows:—Hon. president, Mrs. Sweeny; hon. vice-president, Mrs. Plumptre; president, Miss Cartwright; 1st vice-president, Mrs. W. Cummings; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Reeve; corresponding secretary, Miss E. F. Jones; recording secretary, Miss N. Campbell; treasurer, Mrs. George Webster; convener Junior Department, Mrs. Forsyth Grant; secretary-treasurer, Junior Department, Miss M. Middleton; treasurer, Extra-Cent-a-Day Fund, Mrs. Bigwood; convener Dorcas Committee, Mrs. Banks; secretary-treasurer Dorcas Committee, Mrs. W. Clarke; convener Literature Committee, Mrs. Langton; secretary-treasurer Literature Committee, Miss A. Lea; secretary-treasurer P. M. Collections, Mrs. Philip Dykes; secretary-treasurer Babies' Branch, Mrs. Plews. A very earnest devotional address was given by Miss Cartwright, the newly-elected president, on the text, "Them that are far off, and them that are nigh." At the close of the afternoon meeting, Mrs. Sweeny, on behalf of the members of the W.A. in Toronto Diocese, presented Miss Tilley with an illuminated address, and a purse of gold. Miss Tilley replied with words of appreciation for the loyalty and support of her fellow-workers in the cause of missions. A public missionary thanksgiving service was held in St. James' Cathedral on Friday evening. The service was fully choral, and the preacher, the Rev. Canon Gould, gave a very impressive address, from the text, "Write the vision, and make it plain upon stone, that he may run, that readeth it." The final meeting of the convention was the annual gathering of Junior Branches on

Saturday afternoon. An excellent programme of dialogues was given by children from several city branches; Miss Barker, a missionary from Moosonee, gave a very interesting address; and the certificates and W.A. badges were presented. The collection at this meeting amounting to \$39.01, was devoted to buying an organ for the church at Shaftsbury, Peace River District.

NIAGARA.

Hamilton.—In consequence of the election of a Bishop taking place on the 2nd of May, it was decided to hold the monthly meeting of the Diocesan W.A. on the 26th April in St. Luke's Church. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 10 a.m., the business meeting being held in the Sunday school at 10.45. The rector being present, read the opening prayers. His address was on "The Scope of the Work." He spoke from three texts, viz.: "Launch out into the deep" and "At Thy word I let down into the deep," and "Blessed are they who sow beside all waters." These texts are chosen because so many of the people our Lord addressed lived beside the water and would know what poor results came from fishing in shallow water, where the fish were small and not as plentiful as in the deep. "Launch out into the deep," was given at the beginning of His ministry and the last one was given after His resurrection. These are ventures of faith; if the towns will not accept, go further afield, be bold and venturesome; follow the example of business men and risk a little. We all hear a great deal of the need of missionary work at home, but still we must venture into the foreign field, "launch out into the deep," better fish in deep waters take greater risk, the reward will be greater. Mrs. Burns then read some selections from a review of Anglican missions throughout the world. Our own North-West Indians, when converted and not thrown in contact with a degraded class of white people, make good Christians. 200 miles north of Quebec there are a tribe of Indians, most of whom are devoted members of the Church of England; they meet yearly at this spot and bring in the result of their winter hunting; the missionary is always ready to receive them, and while in camp they meet daily for religious instruction, they each bring one skin as their offering to the support of the church. On one occasion a boy who had only caught one animal during the winter refused to sell the skin, although it was most valuable, saying, "No, this is all I have and I must offer it to God." These Indians while away from their church have daily prayer and a portion of Scriptures read to them in their own tongue. In Central Africa, where Bishop Hannington was murdered, Bishop Tucker now knows of 65,000 baptized Christians, and Bishop Hannington's son had the happiness of baptizing the son of one of his father's murderers. In Japan there are 50,000 Christians; in India thousands have shown themselves ready to accept the Word of God. Of the Chinese a Bishop says, once convince them of the truth of the Gospel and nothing will turn them from their faith in Jesus Christ. This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our Faith. The recording secretary read last month's report, which was confirmed. Two new life members have been added to our ranks during the past month, Miss Jemima Bale, directress of the cathedral juniors, and Mrs. Henderson, of the Ascension Branch. Dorcas secretary reported a bales sent off during the past month, expenditure on the same, \$152.81; church

furnishings, \$15.90. Literature committee report 22 new subscribers for the Leaflet; all books now out from the missionary library must be at once returned. Missionary Sunday school meeting will be held at St. Catharines, beginning June 27th; it is hoped many will attend; for further information apply to Miss Slater, corresponding secretary, Jackson St. W., Hamilton. Extra-Cent-a-Day Fund has a balance on hand of \$70. Babies' branch report 295 members. The secretary is anxious for five more to make up 300 before the annual meeting in June. Treasurer reported receipts of \$230.85; expenditure, \$150. Letters of sympathy with the diocese on the loss of their Bishop were read from Toronto, Rupert's Land, and Ontario dioceses. A letter from Miss Henderson was read, who wants a teacher and kitchen help that will not be too extravagant. Thanks from Shelbrooke, Sask., for the organ sent them. A resolution was moved to ask "That an isolated room or house be provided in Indian schools for sick children." It was also moved that the name of General Board of Management, be changed to Dominion Board, as conveying more fully the idea it is intended to convey. These two motions were to be forwarded to the general provincial secretary. Several branches, in reply to a question from the president, said the Thankoffering receipts were most encouraging. The meeting closed with the Doxology.

RUPERT'S LAND.

Winnipeg.—Holy Trinity.—This branch of the W.A. held its annual meeting on the 25th ult. in the schoolroom, when the Ven. Archdeacon Fortin took the chair. In a brief introductory speech he referred to the important part played by women's societies in Church life, and spoke in particular of the inspiration the W.A. of Holy Trinity was to its church. Lady Schultz followed with an address in a similar vein, assuring the auxiliary of her continued interest and sympathy. Mrs. Boswell, the president, gave a review of the year's work, Mrs. M. M. Nesbitt, in the secretary's report, covering it in detail. Mrs. Nesbitt characterized the year as the most successful in the auxiliary's history. Increased responsibilities have been fully met, and the membership reached 102. Four bales of goods have been sent out and one Indian boy outfitted. The receipts for the year were \$278, and the expenditure \$237. Of the latter amount \$100 went to the organizing secretary, \$50 to the Dynevor hospital, \$25 to the parsonage fund, \$25 to the foreign mission fund. The officers elect are: Patroness, Lady Schultz; honorary president, Mrs. Fortin; honorary vice-president, Mrs. A. Strang; president, Mrs. Boswell; first vice-president, Mrs. Jeffery; second vice-president, Mrs. J. R. Bunn; secretary, M. M. Nesbitt; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. F. J. Brimer; treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Macnab; buyers, Mrs. S. A. Erskine and Mrs. Harris; superintendent of work, Mrs. Gannon; cutters, Mesdames MacWatt, Dagg, Beairisto and Erskine; leaflet secretary, Mrs. Inglis; mite box secretary, Mrs. M. Miller; delegates to diocesan meeting, Mesdames Nesbitt, Monkhouse, and Mooney. On motion of Mrs. Fortin, Mrs. T. Gilroy and Mrs. C. H. Cordingley were made honorary members of the auxiliary, in recognition of their services in the interests of the society.

Morden.—At a meeting held in this place lately, representatives from the various branches of the W.A., in the rural deanery of Pembina came together to organize a deanery W.A. Mrs. Fortin, the diocesan president, and Miss Millidge, the organizing secretary, were also present. Mrs. Piggott, president of the Morden W.A., presided over the meetings, and Mrs. Speechly, Pilot Mound, was elected secretary. Mrs. Garrett, Morden, gave an address of welcome to the delegates, to which Mrs. Armstrong, Manitou, replied. Interesting papers were read by Mrs. Fortin on "Pledges," Mrs. Kerby on "Indian Missions," Mrs. Rowe on "The Objects and Duties of a W.A.," Mrs. Jardine on "Direct Giving," Mrs. Strong on "China," Mrs. Spencer on "W.A. Work," Mrs. Speechly on "Our Responsibilities," Miss Millidge on her experiences. At the social on the Wednesday evening two lectures were given, with lantern illustrations by Mrs. Fortin on "Honan," and by Miss Millidge on "China." On the Thursday afternoon a deanery report in tabulated form was presented by a committee and unanimously adopted by the meeting. A farewell session was held on Thursday evening and on Friday morning the delegates returned home after spending a most delightful time. The Morden W.A. are greatly to be congratulated on the success of this first deanery meeting.

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