

advancing years, or multiplying infirmities have nothing to expect, there being no "Superannuation Fund." The Indian work, carried on by means of Church, School and Industrial agencies, planted side by side, claims larger and more liberal recognition than it has yet received.

In the diocese of Qu'Appelle there are fourteen priests and six deacons, as against ten priests and five deacons for the preceding year, but the field, like others, is sadly undermanned. The number of baptisms, confirmations, Sunday school children and communicants steadily increases, but a still larger harvest could be gathered, were the ground more adequately tilled. Local resources are being developed as rapidly as circumstances will admit, the contributions for the maintenance of the clergy being 34 per cent. in advance of any previous maximum, while those for other purposes have almost doubled. Funds are administered with most rigorous economy, the clergy exhibiting a most praiseworthy spirit of self-sacrifice, but much more liberal assistance is needed from Eastern Canada.

Over and above the dioceses already referred to, those of Moosonee, Athabasca, and McKenzie River demand our warmest sympathies and most generous support, isolated as their bishops and clergy are from the outer world, and called to endure much "hardness, as good soldiers of Jesus Christ."

Summing up, then, the financial need of the vast home field for which the Canadian Church is bound to hold herself largely responsible, we are called upon to provide for the current year, on the lowest calculation, the sum of \$30,000. Less will not suffice. Let not the amount alarm us. It is easily within the measure of the Church's ability. Let but the Divine Spirit quicken her to action, and her treasury will be full to overflowing. Her own honour, her gratitude for abounding spiritual privilege, the debt she owes to the men who are spending and being spent for Christ, in these far-stretching wilds, "in labours more abundant, in journeyings oft, in weariness and painfulness—the needs of her children scattered abroad, "as sheep having no shepherd"—above all, the glory of her ascended Head—all these unite to emphasize the solemn obligation lying on her, not only to strengthen her stakes by maintaining existing dioceses and missions in full efficiency, but also to lengthen her cords by widening out the area of her missionary operations to the largest possible dimensions. Why should we any longer hear the sad tale of churches closed, Sunday schools scattered, children unbaptized, mourners uncomfortable, the sick and the dying deprived of the consolations of the Gospel, our brethren in the faith left wholly uncared for, and, with their children, silently, but steadily, drifting away to other communions, to be lost irrecoverably to the Church of their forefathers? "These

things ought not so to be." They are a reproach to the Church, which urgently needs to be "rolled away."

Brethren of the Clergy, we beseech you, as pastors of Christ's sheep, shew yourselves "examples to the flock" in all holy zeal for the Church's missionary enterprise. Preach missionary sermons. Scatter missionary intelligence. Enlist the interest and energy of the children. Summon the godly women of the parish to this holy war. Be not afraid it will interfere with home claims. "Have faith in God," for of congregations no less than individuals does the divine maxim hold good, "There is that that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."


Brethren of the Laity, we entreat you to discharge *your* duty, as you will hereafter wish that you had dealt with it, when standing before the judgment seat. Christ's vows are upon you. It is His claims we set before you. He asserts and asks you to acknowledge His right of ownership over all you are, and all you possess. Your sons are "an heritage of the Lord." Is there no Samuel among them whom you are willing to consecrate to the ministry of Christ's Church, saying, with Hannah, "I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life?" Your substance, be it much or little, is a sacred trust. See to it that you discharge your stewardship faithfully, giving precedence to Christ and His Church over every other to whom you are debtors, and hallowing all by laying the first fruits at his feet. He asks it of you as His due, not to be held with impunity, and as your privilege, not to be forfeited without heavy loss. Obedience to His will is the sum of all loyal Christian allegiance. "If ye love me, keep my commandments." "Whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

Woman's Auxiliary Department.

"The love of Christ constraineth us."—2 Cor. v. 14.

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DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

RS. TILTON received the following letter from Miss Milledge, of Winnipeg, Secretary of the Rupert's Land Diocesan Branch:—

"The Auxiliary have asked me to write to the different branches in Eastern Canada, pleading for help in the matter of church