

REPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, 1889-90.

(Concluded.)

Toronto Diocesan Branch held its fourth annual meeting in St. James' School House, Toronto, April 30, May 1 and 2, 1890. The Secretary reports fifty-one adult branches, being an increase in the year of fifteen, and seventeen children's branches, against four at the last annual meeting, being an increase of thirteen in the year. There is now a total number of sixty-eight branches in the diocese. The *Monthly Leaflet*, published in Toronto, has been enlarged by the addition of sixteen pages, edited and maintained by the W. A.'s of the Dioceses of Niagara, Ontario, Huron and Quebec, each diocese paying its proportion of the expenses.

Three special appeals have been responded to during the year. One from the Bishop of Algoma, for \$200 to support a catechist in the northerly part of his diocese. This sum was provided. A second appeal came from Rev. Mr. Tims for \$350, to support a small home for Indian girls; the larger part of this second sum was promised. The third was a request from the Bishop of Toronto for a necessary outfit for a Lay Reader costing \$150; this sum has also been provided. At the beginning of last summer, the Toronto W. A. sent a deputation consisting of Miss Paterson, the Dorcas Secretary, and Mrs. Cummings, Diocesan Secretary, to visit as many missions as they had time for between Toronto and the Pacific coast. These ladies seem to have made a very successful trip, and to have brought back much valuable information. They visited the Indian Homes in Algoma, the Rev. Mr. Burman's Home at St. Paul, the Elkhorn Homes, the Blackfoot Reserve in Qu'Appelle diocese, as well as many other points of interest too numerous to mention in the short space allotted to a report. They were absent about twelve weeks.

TORONTO.—Hon. President, Mrs. Sweatman; Acting President, Mrs. Williamson; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. DuMoulin; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Cartwright; Secretary, Mrs. Willoughby Cummings; Treasurer, Miss Holland; Superintendents of Junior Branches, Mrs. Forsyth Grant, Mrs. Francis; Convener of Dorcas Department, Mrs. Cayley; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss L. Paterson; Committee, Mrs. Catto, Mrs. McL. Howard, Mrs. Sydere, Mrs. C. Thompson, Mrs. T. Thorne, Miss Thorne; Superintendents of Sewing, Mrs. Tinning, Mrs. Wyatt; Literature Committee, Mrs. G. Hodgins, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Roberts; Secretary, Mrs. Helliwell; Treasurer, Mrs. McNab; Assistant Secretary, Miss G. Roberts; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. W. Boyd

The Niagara Diocesan Branch held its fourth annual meeting in Hamilton on the 10th of June, 1890. The Secretary reports eleven new Branches formed in the year, five of which were children's Branches. This Diocese has now a total of

twenty-five Branches. The work of the education of the children of Missionaries has been taken up and the daughter of a Missionary of Athabasca is to arrive and be cared for in the autumn. Much interest seems to have been manifested in Zenana Missions. Contributions were also sent to the Bishop of Madras, to Japan and other places. Algoma has had the largest share of the funds devoted to Domestic Missions and much good work has been done in the way of sending boxes and bales of clothing to Missions needing them in Algoma, Rupert's Land and other points in the North-West.

NIAGARA DIOCESAN BRANCH.—President, Mrs. Hamilton; Vice-President, the Presidents of each Parochial Branch; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Stuart; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. McLaren; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Martin; Organizing Secretaries, Mrs. McGiverin, Mrs. Gregory, Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. Crawford; Editor of *Leaflet*, Mrs. Ramsey; Secretary-Treasurer, Literature Department, Mrs. Stiff

The Huron Diocesan Branch held the last annual meeting on the 4th and 5th of March, 1890. The Secretary reports sixty-one Branches this year in addition to the Diocesan Board. There are also a number of Junior Branches; a Christmas Letter Mission and a Hospital Bible Flower Mission are special lines of work in Huron. The Auxiliary hope to send a Lady Missionary, (Miss Chambers) to Fort McLeod. She is now studying medicine and nursing in Toronto, preparatory to leaving for her distant field of labour. The Committee on Literature has been extremely useful. A Bible and Prayer Union is held weekly in connection with the Auxiliary. An educational department has also been formed. Four special meetings have been held during the year to hear addresses from Miss Campbell Lady Missionary from China, Rev. Mr. Bourne from Calgary, Miss Ling of the Church of England Zenana Mission, and Rev. Mr. Burman. The Dorcas work has gone on with great activity, and a very large number of boxes have been sent out to Algoma and many points in the North-West, while home claims have not been forgotten.

HURON DIOCESAN BRANCH.—President, Mrs. Baldwin; Vice-Presidents, the wives of the Clergy and Presidents of Parochial Branches; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Whitehead; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Eliza Manigault, 857 Wellington Street, London; Treasurer, Mrs. Sings; Literature Committee, Mrs. Tilley, Miss Cross; Zenana Branch, Secretary, Miss Von Brockdorf; Bible Hospital Flower Mission, President, Mrs. Whitehead; Secretary, Miss Ada Pope; Treasurer, Miss Whitehead; Monthly Leaflet Committee, Diocesan editress and convener, Mrs. Boomer; Educational Committee, Convener, Mrs. Boomer; Members, Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Hyman, Mrs. Merton Shore, Mrs. Ridley, Mrs. Eakins, Mrs. Kains, Mrs. Hoyt, Mrs. McKenzie; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. Newman; Organizing Secretary, Miss Cross; Card Membership Secretary, Mrs. Complin.

Rupert's Land Diocesan Branch continues to make progress. The President received and welcomed the W.A. deputation from Toronto during their visit to the North-West last sum-