

of July; these are all payments she has to make at fixed dates, consequently should have the money in hand. Will not our Branch Treasurers, who work hard themselves, kindly remember that by waiting till the end of the year to pay the Diocesan pledges they are adding to the worry and labour of our Diocesan Treasurer, whose work is theirs multiplied by about 140, and as she closes her books on December 31st, every deferred payment means more work. Always courteous and exact in her dealings with us, Mrs. Sage assuredly merits all our consideration and anything we can do towards lightening her labours.

Mrs. Boomer, to whom we all say most heartily and lovingly "Welcome Home," desired to gratefully acknowledge the receipt of \$30 from the faithful anonymous friend, who from the first has so generously supported the work of the education of missionaries' children, and also a gift of \$5 from the Rev. W. M. Shore, for the Education Fund; also following contributions for little Sydney Pritchard: Port Burwell Juniors, \$1; Miss Beattie, \$5; Mrs. Yarker, \$1. To our *children* of the W.A. and all children who are growing up in homes where every care and comfort which could help to make and keep healthy, bright and active, are lavished on them, Mrs. Boomer specially appeals on behalf of this crippled little one, who in an isolated mission home, far from medical aid, and with scant comforts, and often scant necessities, grew to five years old, unable to stand or walk. He can do both now, but much care and watchful treatment are still needed before he can return to his mother as she dreams of seeing him—"running to meet me, well and strong." Some treat, some toy, a few candies foregone, shall these seem a *sacrifice* to our children when they realize that the little sums thus gathered together will do so much for a little lame boy? In regard to the Education Fund, once more, will not *all* our Branches give its loving help; they would, could they know all the appeals that come before the Education Committee. Weston Frost's return to school was quickly followed by sad news from home, his elder brother was killed by the accidental discharge of his gun while out shooting. The sympathy of all will go out to the bereaved family.

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May I suggest that it would be well if those meetings were prolonged