

Officers." These we can sell at 5c. a copy. We would urge every officer to procure one, and study it carefully. You will find it most helpful in forming and carrying on branches. Mrs. Rogers, our Literature Secretary, will gladly dispose of them, and also will be pleased to take the names of any who will subscribe to the leaflet.

We trust that you will all enjoy this afternoon, and that you will all come again to-morrow, punctually at 2:30, to elect officers, pass the constitution, and vote upon the missionary fund. Then, at 4:15, we hope to welcome all the juniors, and to have an hour given up specially to them, and at 5:30 we invite you all to remain and have a cup of tea, and enjoy some social intercourse with one another and our visiting friends, and also with any of the clergy who may honor us by their presence. To them especially we extend a hearty welcome.

I fear I have taken up altogether too much time, but I seemed to have so much to say to you. May God bless us all, and guide us in all our deliberations, and in the work that we may undertake in His Name.

The following reports were then read:—

THE REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY (MRS. PATTON.)

In presenting the record of the 10th year of the Churchwomen's Auxiliary to Missions in this Diocese, let us express our deep sense of thankfulness that though it began under a cloud, which for some time seemed so thick that human eyes could not penetrate it, the Rainbow was set within it, according to promise, and its close sees a bright prospect of future usefulness. The prayers sent up from the dying bed of the late president, Mrs. Cowley, have been abundantly answered. Fresh energy, deeper interest, and wider spread sympathy have been the result, so that to-day we can tell you of the formation, within the past year, of eleven new branches, eight senior and three junior, all working enthusiastically and constantly for missions, as well as for their own local objects. The W. A. is now established in 37 parishes of this diocese. Two of these are inactive at present, owing to changes and other local difficulties; several others are asking information, and anxious to form as soon as possible. To get the idea of working for missions deeply rooted in the hearts of the rising generation will prove a good foundation for the increase of senior branches, so that the work will go on, we hope, till every parish has both its junior and senior churchwomen strengthening the hands of our devoted clergy, and bringing down blessings from above, alike upon those who give, and those who receive.

During the past year there have been eight Diocesan meetings well attended, the country branches being represented by a lady resident in the city. Two executive meetings, and three special, were called to meet lady missionaries, who kindly addressed us, giving particulars of their several fields of duty. Mrs. Smalley, from China, spoke of that country, its people, its customs, etc. Miss Leslie, returning to the mission field in China, gave an interesting account of her life there, with a thrilling description of the dreadful massacre of the Rev. Robert Stewart and party, telling of

the sorrow of some of the natives, and their attachment to the martyred missionaries, throwing quite a new light upon the matter, as well as showing the marvellous result of what appeared at the time to be an overwhelming blow to the success of the mission; and Mrs. Rolston, of Dynevor Hospital, described that institution, what it has already done and is doing for the Indians of St. Peter's reserve.

The lady missionary sent by the W. A., two years ago, to assist Mrs. Young, is now the wife of a missionary in Athabasca. No one has yet been found to fill her position, nor does it appear to be necessary to do so, as Mrs. Young has her daughter, and also a sister-in-law, with her at present. Miss Macknight, who is well-known to many of us, went to keep house for the Rev. H. Robinson, of Peace River, at Bishop Young's request and expense. She has therefore become an object of interest to us, and has lately been practically remembered by the despatch of a bale of comforts unknown in that far off region. She is doing a laborious missionary work and needs encouragement.

Dynevor Hospital has also become part of our work. One branch, St. John's Junior, has undertaken to furnish a ward, and the life membership of the late dearly loved and lamented President, was given by her to this object. A few articles of church furnishing have been given by members towards new churches in distant parishes, and a horse provided for one of the clergy, who had the misfortune to lose his own during the severe weather of last January. A visit from Miss Montizambert, the General Provincial Secretary of the W. A. in Eastern Canada, during the General Synod last September, was a great incentive to the work. She addressed a large gathering in this room, giving many practical hints, and carrying her hearers forward by the force of her own vital interest in the cause of missions. Her visits to the country parishes were the means of the formation of several branches, and the W. A. gained largely, in more systematic work and added interest. We are deeply indebted to Miss Montizambert, and take this opportunity of publicly thanking her, as well as our Eastern W. A. sisters, for their continued help, and readiness to assist us by advice, and also by sending a good bale occasionally to our Central rooms. St. Jude's, Brantford, and St. Jude's, Oakville, each send one regularly every year, for which we are most grateful. We can never get too many such helps, as the missions are large, and warm clothing a necessity in this rigorous climate. We have also lately received a bale from Streetsville, Toronto Diocese.

A new feature has been the introduction of mite-boxes among a few of the branches, their contents to be specially devoted to home and foreign missions. We have heavy claims within our own Diocese, and we must not fail to make our home missions our first consideration; yet, we have deemed it right not to confine our interests and thoughts entirely to ourselves. We cannot expect to do much for outside objects, but no true missionary spirit is selfish: therefore, the mite-boxes are a beginning towards foreign work.

Badges have also been introduced to be worn at public meetings.