

of the World's Fair, whose meeting took place in May, 1893; and The World's Committee of Women Missionary Societies, which met in Chicago on the 29th and 30th Sept., for representation from our W.A. Board and contributions of papers on especial subjects. The matter having been laid before the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Board, they recommended that the invitations be courteously declined.

The Dorcas secretary's very encouraging report was as follows:

Diocese of Quebec, 35 bales, distributed thus: Diocese of Algoma 9, Rupert's Land 14, Qu'Appelle 1, Calgary 5, Saskatchewan 3, Athabasca 2, Newfoundland 1.

Diocese of Montreal, 40 bales, distributed thus: Algoma 5, Rupert's Land 7, Qu'Appelle 3, Calgary 3, Saskatchewan 3, Athabasca 1, New Westminster 1, Newfoundland 2, Montreal 15.

Neither of these dioceses reports cash expenditure for new material or freight.

Diocese of Ontario, 79 bales and parcels, distributed thus: Algoma 14, Rupert's Land 17, Qu'Appelle 2, Calgary 13, Saskatchewan 10, Moosonee 3, Athabasca 1, Ontario 19. Cash for material and freight, \$946.66.

Diocese of Huron, 93 bales distributed thus: Algoma 28, Rupert's Land 11, Qu'Appelle 2, Calgary 20, Saskatchewan 15, Athabasca 10, Mackenzie River 2, Huron 5. Cash for material and freight, \$360.01.

Diocese of Niagara, 86 bales, distributed thus: Algoma 31, Rupert's Land 14, Qu'Appelle 8, Calgary 10, Saskatchewan 8, Athabasca 11, Niagara 4. Cash for material and freight, \$747.19.

Diocese of Toronto, 200 bales, distributed thus: Algoma 78, Rupert's Land 26, Qu'Appelle 14, Calgary 32, Saskatchewan 22, Athabasca 2, New Westminster 2, Newfoundland 6, Toronto 18. Cash for material and freight, \$1619.57.

The summary of bales received by the different missionary dioceses was given in the report furnished to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Board, and will be found on page 262 of the November number.

(To be continued.)

DR. NEWNHAM, Lord Bishop of Moosonee, gives the following sketch of his difficulties and needs. Surely few can read it and not try to help him:

"The diocese of Moosonee is a purely missionary diocese—some 10,000 Indians, and probably not 300 English-speaking people, counting children. These are the employees of the Hudson Bay Company and their families. There will probably never be any settlers, or colonists, in the country. Hence the diocese can *never* be self-supporting, but must depend on the Church in Canada. It stands alone in this

respect, and appeals to that Church with stronger claims than any. It has been supported hitherto by the C.M.S. and by personal friends in England. The C.M.S. exists for the *heathen*, and hence is gradually withdrawing its support as we become Christianized. The Church in Canada has done almost nothing for us. The amount received from the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions has never reached \$300 per annum. By personal interest I obtained about \$300 from Montreal, and about \$20 from Toronto. Extent of diocese: four times Great Britain and Ireland. Number of clergy, 7; and about as many catechists. Of 10,000 we have 6,000, with about 1,000 communicants. Perhaps 2,000 are still heathen. Roman Catholics and a few Methodists make up the remaining 2,000. Our schools have been maintained all these forty or forty-five years entirely at the expense of the mission, and taught by the bishop, missionary, and Indian teachers. Nearly every Indian over fifteen years of age, coming into our mission stations yearly, can read and write. They rarely move about without their Testament, prayer book, and hymn book, translated into their own language, and a Scripture almanac, to keep track of the Sundays and festivals. They give what little they can towards the Church, but are so poor, often famished, that we have to give them more than they give us. I have at least four districts now needing *instant* occupation, for which I have neither men nor money. I can get the men if the money is provided. About \$100 or \$150 per annum *might* provide a catechist."

THE Woman's Auxiliary beg to offer their sincere congratulations to the secretary-treasurer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society on his elevation to the office of Canon of St. Alban's Cathedral, Toronto, and trust he may long be spared to enjoy this distinction.

THE Lord Bishop of Athabasca asks the sympathy and help of the W.A. in these words:

"As general secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary of Canada, I take the liberty of writing to you concerning the present and most pressing needs in my diocese. The Rev. J. G. Brick's mission at Smoky River is well worthy of support. He voluntarily resigned the grant from the Church Missionary Society, and threw himself upon the support of the Church in Canada. He is seeking to instruct the Indians how to settle down and farm instead of depending upon hunting, which, especially in his district, is becoming very precarious. He trusts thus to gather them around him, and so bring them more under stated Christian teaching. The success of more than one of our missions in the Northwest has demonstrated the soundness of work on such lines.