

their ability to add their quota of this amount to what they had already promised for Japan. Some are trying to comply with the request, but others feel it is quite impossible for them to do so, however willing.

Communication with the D. and F. Board has also been held regarding the paying over of the triennial thank-offering for land in Japan, the granting of \$200 by the Woman's Auxiliary to Miss Paterson to open a Bible training home for Japanese women, and the sending to the Northwest of four persons who had volunteered to give themselves to mission work. The assent of the Board was obtained in the two first cases, and circumstances have prevented further steps being taken in the latter.

The heartrending massacre of our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, so sudden and so cruel, called for a letter of condolence to the C.M.S., to which a kind reply was received.

In November the proposal to have a thank-offering at the triennial of 1898 was laid before the Board of Management, and it was decided that it should be for the blessings vouchsafed to the Woman's Auxiliary in its work for others, and, secondly, for the benefit derived by the members in their own spiritual life from belonging to the Woman's Auxiliary. In December the matter of bequests to the Woman's Auxiliary was laid before Messrs. Walkem & Walkem, Kingston, who had drawn up the act of incorporation for the D. and F. M. S. These gentlemen hold that the D. and F. M. S. can receive bequests *in trust* for the Woman's Auxiliary. The Board of Management having agreed that there should be a thank-offering, voting papers were sent out in January, and, resulting in a tie, a second supply was issued. The hospital in Japan was finally decided upon as the object to which it should be given. The rebate on freight, amounting to \$459.57, was voted to the supplementary fund, Algoma. With the sanction of the Secretary of the D. and F. Board an appeal was made in April, through the secular press, for means to pay the travelling expenses of Mr. Young, who was going to the Mackenzie River diocese as helper to the Rev. I. O. Stringer. A generous response of \$109.30 cheered these brave men as they set off on their dreary journey to almost utter isolation at Peel River. May's correspondence included an offer from a lady in the Ontario diocese for work in the Northwest. We regret to say that she has since found it well to withdraw her offer.

A request for membership cards from an Algoma branch about this time has happily resulted in that diocese having its own cards nicely printed in dark green. The motto chosen is "One body in Christ." In June we had the pleasure of welcoming the new diocese of Ottawa, and your secretary greatly enjoyed being present at its formation. It was a unique

sight to see. The division was so quietly and systematically arranged that we scarcely realized, at the time, how much it meant to those taking part in it. We trust both old and new branches will be largely blessed. June brought us also the sad news of the death of the Bishop of Qu'Appelle, well known to many of us. In answering our letter of condolence, Mrs. Burn says she had "so looked forward to coming East the next time the bishop came, and learning to know many of your members."

A request from the Ladies' Association of the Colonial and Continental Church Society was received in July, to form branches of the society in Canada. A reply was sent that this would hardly be compatible with the Woman's Auxiliary, but that individuals might subscribe if they wished. Also a letter of thanks from Saskatchewan diocese, which has been published in the August *Leaflet*. The death of the much loved President of the Rupert's Land Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Cowley, took place in August, and left that branch in deep sorrow. Your secretary had the privilege of attending the first meeting of the branch subsequent to their loss, and was much touched by the grief expressed on all sides.

This meeting was a very large one, called in honor of the members of our Eastern Woman's Auxiliary then in Winnipeg. Addresses were given by our honorary president, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. DuMoulin, Miss Newnham, and your Corresponding Secretary. The R. L. W. A. decided to adopt our methods of work in many ways, and have since broken up their one city branch into six, formed a regular diocesan branch, and are arranging for both a senior and a junior branch in every parish in the diocese, with city representatives, and all in thorough order.

While still in Winnipeg your secretary received notice from Mrs. Pinkham that the Calgary Woman's Auxiliary had found it necessary to dissolve. You will be glad to hear that the simple story of the work of the Woman's Auxiliary, here in the east, for the past ten years, when laid before a meeting called to be addressed by your secretary, had, with the help of the Holy Spirit, so invigorating an effect that they have not only begun afresh, but also are forming a girls' branch, with every prospect of success.

Last month was very pleasingly marked by a "thank-offering for her Canadian trip" from Miss Newnham (sister of the Bishop of Moosonee), amounting to \$25, to be given to Dynevor Indian Hospital.

You will all learn with regret that Mrs. Fortin, our faithful and most interesting secretary for Rupert's Land, wrote a few days ago saying that her doctor forbids much use of her eyes, and she has very reluctantly to resign her office. We will miss her bright letters, often