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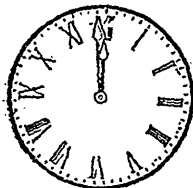
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PROVINCIAL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.
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Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.—PSALM II. 8.

Subjects for Prayer and Reading: Dec.—
Diocesan, Corean. January—Rupert's Land,
The Zenanas.

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS."

With heartfelt sincerity and love we offer this time-honored Christmas greeting to all our members, young and old. "Merry," in the old English sense, we can all be, happy and joyous indeed at the birth of that Infant Saviour who has died that we might live forever. And when we rejoice that God so loved us that He gave His only-begotten Son to die for us, must not our hearts yearn to do all in our power to send on this glorious message to others? Surely no one can be content to sit down and keep it all to themselves! What would be our state here in this Christian Canada we love so well, if in times past the English Missionary Societies had not sent us the "glad tidings?" No better than the North-west Indian, or any other heathen. Here, then, we have no impelling forces to open our hearts at Christmas time—to pray for and give to Missions, to the heathen in all lands, love to God for this great gift and love to man for sending us on the "good news" that we too may rejoice in that gift. Oh, we pray you make it a *personal* matter. Don't say to yourself, "What is the W. A. or any other Society doing for Missions?" but "What am I doing this Christmastide to help in carrying the light and comfort of the knowledge of our Infant Saviour to even *one* heathen soul?" God grant that when we put this question to ourselves not one single member of our Woman's Auxiliary will fail to add as large a share as she can to this work which God has given us to do for Him. Our Juniors, too, will they not help to tell some little heathen children what Christmas means? "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will towards men."

NOTES FROM THE TRIENNIAL.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

For some time past some of our members have been doing a very good work, either individually or through the Diocesan Literature Committee, in sending Church papers and magazines to Missionaries. Hearing in many directions how acceptable this work was to those receiving the papers, &c., arrangements were made at the Triennial for systematizing and extending this branch of the W. A. work. A Standing Committee on Literature was appointed, the Provincial Corresponding Secretary named convener, with one member from each Diocese, forming the personnel of the Committee. Now that the work has been accepted and sanctioned by the Triennial, the next thing to do is to extend it. Several Missionaries have expressed a wish for not only Church literature but also good, sound secular reading, which will keep them in touch with current events and mitigate, to some extent, the intense isolation which is so trying a part of Missionary work in the North-west and in some of our country Missions, nearer home. We all know what a rest change of thought is to an anxious or tired mind, and shall we not be doing good Missionary work if, by supplying articles on the development of the scientific world, or a dip into history or some such profitable reading, we send that weary mind back to its sacred work rested and refreshed by its contact with other minds? The system we seek now to establish is, that our members, who are willing to help in this work, should choose from the lists which will shortly be furnished the members of the Literature Committee, one or more Missionaries to whom they will undertake to post the papers or magazines direct, say as soon as the next number has come in. The old plan of sending six months or a year's collection in the bales is a mistake. It is very costly and not what the Missionaries require. The postage, when sending direct, does not come heavily on the sender, and by getting recent reading the Missionary, when he does get a holiday and returns to the larger centres, does not feel as if he had been asleep for months. This applies, of course, to both Church and secular literature. The members of the Literature Committee are: Huron—Miss Baldwin; Montreal—Miss McCord; Niagara—Mrs. Fessenden; Ontario—Miss Carrie Wichstead; Toronto—Mrs. Broughall; Quebec—Mrs. Edmund Gowans. We trust all who can will help in this branch of our work. The "Church Periodical Club" of New York, started in 1888 by one woman, Mrs. Mary Fargo, for the same purpose, now numbers its 4,793 contributors, and sends out many thousand periodicals, prayer books, hymn books, S. S. papers, and so on, yearly. We trust it will be understood that we do not wish to cripple the circulation of our Canadian publications, or deprive them of subscribers. We only want to come in where a Missionary would like something over and above what he takes himself,

or where, from want of means, he would otherwise be unable to obtain these papers or magazines unless sent him in this way.

We are extremely glad to hear from Archdeacon Tims, of Calgary, that he expects to come East early in the coming year, and hopes to address many of the W. A. Branches. If those who would like to have a visit from the Archdeacon will kindly send a line to the Provincial Corresponding Secretary, Toronto it will greatly facilitate the arrangements for Mr. Tims' tour.

The sad news of the fire at Elkhorn, which levelled the main building and girls' Home to the ground, is indeed very distressing. Fortunately no lives were lost, but the loss on the building is estimated at \$10,000, and the girls' clothing and other effects burned at \$3,000. Mrs. Vidal, matron of the girls' Home, lost everything; and there was not any insurance. Already we hear of help going from the W. A. in the way of clothing. The sufferers have our most sincere sympathy.

The Provincial Corresponding Secretary has been appointed agent for the "Ladies Home Journal," with the view of giving the percentage allowed to Missions. The subscription is one dollar a year, and on every new subscription, or renewal of an old one, 25 cts. goes to the Missions. Will our members bear this in mind? The money will be given towards the hospital for Miss Smith in Nagano, Japan, until the building is complete and furnished, when another object will be specified.

As there has never been any record in either Triennial or Diocesan reports of the fact that in 1891 a Life Membership of Ontario Diocese was presented to the President of the General Board, Mrs. Tilton, this may not be known to many of the members of the W. A. who have joined our ranks since that time. This Life Membership was a gift from the Diocesan officers of the other five Dioceses, as a token of affectionate appreciation to Mrs. Tilton, the founder of the Auxiliary, in recognition of the great benefits resulting therefrom. The money was in gold, and was handed to Mrs. Tilton in a little red silk bag (Ontario's colour) at the annual meeting of that Diocesan Auxiliary, by Mrs. Muckleston, 1st Vice Pres. of Ontario, on behalf of her absent sisters, together with an affectionate address. The money was afterwards designated by Mrs. Tilton towards Missionary work in India and China.

The following delightful account of a gala day at St. Michael's Training School for nurses in Kobe, Japan, has just reached us. This is the first-time diplomas have been given, and we can well understand how pleased Miss Smith must be that her pupils have done so well. It must be a great encouragement to her in many ways:—

KOBE, JAPAN, Oct. 24, 1895.

"On the 28th Sept. the graduating exercises of St. Michael's

Training School took place, when O Sada San and O Nami San were each presented with a diploma and a silver medal. They both passed very creditable examinations, O Sada San obtaining 91 per cent of the full marks, and O Nami San 87 per cent. As the papers were more difficult than those set for nurse's examinations in America, I was much pleased with the result. We were all determined to make the first public exercises of the School as bright as possible, and no pains were spared to make the reception rooms attractive and pretty with evergreens and floral decorations, all arranged in proper Japanese fashion. The etiquette for arranging flowers at different seasons and on different occasions must always be strictly observed, and is part of the education of every Japanese lady. I have never yet met a foreigner who could understand it! What we would consider tasteful and pretty would quite shock the aesthetic people here. There was a beautiful arch of evergreens and lilacs at the entrance gate, with the national flags crossed above it, the gift of a gardener who had been a patient at the Dispensary, and another patient who had received much kindness from the nurses last year, came to offer her services in decorating the rooms. We borrowed carpets and zabuton—floor cushions, and everything looked very nice when our guests began to arrive about 2 p.m. We were fortunate in having a fine day and over sixty were present, including two officers of the Red Cross Society (one of them sent as a representative of the Governor of the Province) and many prominent physicians in Kobe. I enclose you a programme, which lasted three hours, after which the "O-cha, honorable tea and pretty little boxes of Japanese cake and sweetmeats were handed about, and then everyone offered congratulations to the graduates who were looking very shy and pleased. The nurses are looking forward very joyfully to their removal to Nagano, where there are so few Church-workers and so much to be done. Of course, there is much to do here, but there are many Missionaries in Kobe. I think I have told you how much pleased I am with the Bible women—Miyaki San and O Kagaki San, most earnest and capable women, untiring in their efforts to win souls for Christ.

We have with us a little girl called O Tsune San, sister to our lamented nurse O Ren San. The child lived with her Aunt (a heathen who was educating her with the idea of her becoming a Priestess). During O Ren San's illness, her family were much impressed by my having a Japanese nursed in my house. So when I offered to take the little girl and educate her they willingly consented. Miss Paterson has kindly undertaken to support the child until she can earn her own living as a Bible Woman in our Canadian Mission.

We feel sure our W. A.'s are listening with great interest to the eloquent addresses of Mr. Eugene Stock and Rev. Mr. Grubb. O, that much impetus will be given to our work by their strong words.

Toronto Diocese.

Women's Auxilliary to Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign Missions.

DIOCESAN MOTTO:—" *Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.*"

At the Triennial meeting in Montreal, one item on the programme was "Diocesan Methods of Work," limited time prevented that being discussed; the Central Board feeling that many valuable suggestions could be obtained have asked that a concise statement of rules governing each Diocesan Auxilliary be printed in the LEAFLET. Will Toronto Diocesan Branches accept the suggestion of their LEAFLET Editor, and have the methods read aloud at their next monthly meeting,

TORONTO DIOCESAN METHODS.

1. *The Branches* of the W.A. in this Diocese are in three divisions, Senior; Girls' Branches or Mission Bands, composed of young girls; Junior, composed of children both girls and boys.

2. *Members of* the Senior and of the Girls' Branches pay a Membership fee of 10 cents. each to the Diocesan Board.

3. *Each of these Branches* is represented at the *Diocesan Board Meetings* by its President, or her substitute, who votes on behalf of the Branch.

4. *At the Annual Meeting* each Branch is represented by its President, or her substitute, and by two elected delegates, all three having the right to vote.

5. *Life Members* have individual votes both at Board and Annual Meetings in addition to any official or representative vote to which they may be entitled.

6. *The Superintendents* of Junior Branches, who are always Senior members, have the right to vote at Annual and Board Meetings,

7. *The Diocesan Officers* are nominated at the Annual Meeting by ballot; the names of three having the highest number of ballots for any office are written on a blackboard, and election is made from these names by a second ballot on the following day.

8. *All who are entitled to vote* are furnished before the Annual Meeting with printed certificates; on entering the room these certificates are shown to the Credential Committee, who then give the ballot papers. These are marked and deposited in the locked ballot boxes during the lunch hour, both on the nomination day and on the day of election, thus avoiding interruption to the other business of the meeting. *Each Certificate* is marked with the number of the seat allotted to the bearer, those nearest the platform being given to the Life Members, and the representatives from the country Branches.

9. *Each Branch* outside the city is represented at the *Board Meetings*, in the absence of its President, by a lady residing in the city, who votes for that Branch. She writes a full account of the meeting to the Secretary of the Country Branch she represents, which is read at their next meeting; and in all matters of importance of which notice is given that a vote will be taken at the next monthly Board meeting, she puts both sides of the question fairly before the Branch, they discuss and take a vote upon it, the result is reported to her by their Secretary, and at the next Board meeting she gives their vote without regard to her own opinion on the matter.

10. *The Board Meetings* are held monthly, in one or other of the Church schoolhouses, by invitation from the Parochial Branch. These meetings in various centres are found to be most valuable in sustaining general missionary interest in the large numbers who attend from the Branch visited, and from the other city parishes.

11. *A Devotional Meeting* is held on the day before each Board meeting, when special petitions and thanksgivings are added to the Missionary Litany and a Bible reading is given, subject and reader being appointed beforehand.

12. *Before the Annual Meeting* a list of questions is sent to each Branch, the answers to which give the report of the work done, and of the total money offerings for the year, these answers appear in the Annual report. They are also printed on separate sheets, and with the Diocesan Treasurer's report, are distributed at the Annual meeting. No Branch reports are read from the platform.

13. *A List of Branch Members* together with a corresponding number of 10 cent. fees must be sent to the Diocesan Treasurer in March of each year. She checks each list, and if correct sends to the Diocesan Secretary. These lists of names are printed in the Annual report. No person is considered a member of the Auxiliary whose fee has not been paid into the Diocesan Board.

14. *The Extra-cent-a-day* money is given by certain members as the result of personal self-denial, over and above anything else they would have given for Missions. It is paid monthly and voted at the Board meetings to one or more of the pressing appeals received.

15. *All Life Membership Fees* are paid to the Diocesan Treasurer undesignated, and the designation of the money decided upon by ballot at the Annual meeting. Four objects in Diocesan, Domestic, Foreign and Algoma Missions are named upon the ballot papers. The tendency has been to vote this money to something permanent, such as hospital, etc.

16. *A Question Drawer* and a thank-offering box are used at each Annual and semi-annual meeting.

17. *All Appeals* to the Board from Bishops or Missionaries for permanent assistance, such as salaries and other pledged Annual sums, must be submitted by the Executive to the approval of the Advisory

Board of the W.A. Their consent being given, the matter is referred to the Branches, and if a two-thirds majority of the latter votes "yea" then the appeal is taken up and becomes one of the pledges, which pledges every Branch is urged to assist in paying to the best of its ability. The members of the Advisory Board are his Lordship, the Bishop, the Diocesan members of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions as elected by the Synod, the Secretary of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions, and two members of the Diocesan Mission Board, who are appointed by the Bishop.

18. *There are three Standing Committees of the Diocesan Board—the Dorcas, the Literature, and the P.M.C. Committees.* The Dorcas Secretary-Treasurer and the members of the Dorcas Committee meet to sew in the Central Dorcas room every Friday, from October to June, and are empowered to answer appeals not taken up by the Branches, as well as those requiring immediate attention.

19. *The Literature Committee* have charge of the missionary lending library from which books can be obtained by any Branch or member in the Diocese upon payment of postage. They also have charge of the missionary tracts and short stories, and they arrange for the forwarding of magazines and other reading matter to isolated missionaries.

20. *The Parochial Missionary Collection Committee* have the oversight of all matters connected with these collections. The scheme known heretofore as the P.M.A., has been undertaken by the W.A. in this Diocese at the request of the Bishop and the Synod. These collections are monthly where practicable, but may be quarterly or yearly, and may be collected from house to house, or by means of Offertory envelopes.

21. *The Societies affiliated with our W.A.* are the Ministering Children's League and the Churchwoman's Mission to the Jews. Each Branch of the M.C.L. promising to do some definite missionary work each year. These Societies have each a representative at the Board and Annual meetings, who reports work and progress. She has a vote and of course is a member of the W.A.

22. *Members' Card and W.A. Badges* are issued by the President and Secretary. No badges can be procured in this Diocese except through them.

23. *No Money is paid* by the Diocesan Treasurer for any purpose whatever except by cheque, each cheque is initialled by the President. A receipt is given by the Treasurer for all monies received. Receipt forms are sent with cheques to be filled in and returned.

24. *In this Diocese* there are but two Vice Presidents, and these are elected at the Annual Meeting with the other officers, the one receiving the highest number of votes being the 1st Vice President for the ensuing year.

25. *The Executive Committee*, the officers of the Board, who meet from time to time as necessity arises

26. The Secretary and Treasurer appoint their own assistants who, however, not being elected, are not thereby entitled to a vote.

AUXILIARY NOTES.

The Toronto W. A. wishes to the individual members of the Woman's Auxiliary a most Holy and Happy Christmas. It trying more fully to realize the vast importance of the Saviour's birth to us, we shall become more and more earnest in our endeavor to spread abroad the Gospel message. "Unto you is born this day a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

The November Board meeting was held in St. Simon's Church schoolhouse and largely attended. The Diocesan President, Mrs. Williamson, had recovered from her recent severe illness sufficiently to permit her to appear for a few minutes at the afternoon session. Miss Symonds from the Blackfoot Home, Miss Hoskin from Yale, B.C., and Mr. Stringer from Mackenzie River Diocese, all gave short addresses.

The Toronto Diocesan President desires through the LEAFLET to express her most earnest gratitude to the members of her own W. A., to the Central Board, and others, for their many sympathetic and loving letters during her illness, and above all for the intercessions and prayers so constantly offered on her behalf.

The "Church Evangelist," Aberdeen Chambers, corner Victoria and Adelaide Sts., Toronto, offers the paper for \$1.00 per annum to members of the W. A. Under the head of the W. A. page will be found reading matter supplied by the six Auxiliaries in regular order, also by the Provincial Board and Algoma in their turn.

St. Luke's Branch W. A., Toronto, held their anniversary and thankoffering service on Nov. 6th. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. H. Baldwin, of All Saints, Toronto, from the words, "Ye are my friends," showing that, 1st—the friends of Christ should behave in their homes, and in their common dealings with the outside world, that the world might be convinced and won for Christ; 2nd—the friends of Christ should be an example to the believers; 3rd—that the friends of Christ should study to show themselves approved of God. Mr. Baldwin counselled all members of the W. A. to be living witnesses of the Truth which they sought to send to others.

Mr. Matheson writing from Onion Lake to the Colborne Branch of the W. A. says: "Your bale arrived some days before your letter. We are deeply grateful to you for the help given to us in this way. The quilts are splendid, and the boys' clothes fit nicely. The under vests were just what I needed for my own little girls. Very many thanks for each and all of the articles in the bale. More than all we value the love and sympathy shown to us in our work. May the Master abundantly bless the work done by you for Him." The Rev. Alfred Cook writes from Kutawa to the Editor-in-Chief of the LEAFLET to

say he has received from "St. James Junior Band, London South, a most delightful bale, done up in true shipping style, nothing broken or destroyed. [No name or address other than above was sent, so this is the only way in which Mr. Cook can acknowledge the bale, for which he feels most thankful.—Ed.]

The report of the W. A. of Rupert's Land has been received. It shows that the Ladies' Aid Societies throughout the country are being affiliated with the central organization in Winnipeg, and much good is expected to result from this union of "local and Missionary effort." Very sad news reaches us from Elkhorn that the Washakada Home is completely destroyed by fire, only the Boys' building standing. They lost all fuel, vegetables and clothing. The loss on building and furniture will be fully \$10,000. *No insurance.*

DORCAS NOTES.

ROOM 39, THE FORUM, YONGE ST.

Branches are working for the following places:—TORONTO, St. Ann's—Aspdin, Algoma, Trinity East—Blackfoot Home, December; St. Paul's—Rev. J. Stocken, Sarcee Reserve, December, St. Thomas—Rev. Rural Dean Harding, Apsley, December; All Saints—Blackfoot Home, December; St. Peter's—Rev. C. Holmes, Hospital, Lesser Slave Lake, December; St. Barnabas—Chester, Shingwauk Home, April; St. Margaret's—Rev. C. Lord, Apsley, November, St. Stephen's—Emsdale, Christmas, Church of Redeemer—Mr. Eccleston, Markville, Christmas; Church of Epiphany—Markville, December; PETERBOROUGH—Rev. T. H. Hartley, Young's Point, December; ISLINGTON—Rev. Rural Dean Harding, Apsley, December, INNISFIL—Rev. T. Lloyd, Huntsville, December; CANNINGTON—Mr. Weaver, Wabshaw, November; St. John's, Toronto Junction—Rev. F. Swainson, December, COLLINGWOOD—Christmas tree, Mr. Gilmore, Rosseau; Margaret Mission Band, Port Hope—Mr. Gander, South River, COBOURG—Mr. Hazelhurst, Baysville, December; Eglington—Rev. C. Lord, Apsley, December; Norwood—Shingwauk Home.

Branches have sent to the following places:—DIXIE—Mr. Anderson, Dynevor, bale; BRAMPTON (Juniors)—Blackfoot Home, two bales; ROSEMOUNT—Rev. J. Hinchliffe, Piegan, bale; COLBORNE—Mr. Matheson, Onion Lake, bale, SPRINGFIELD—Outfit for three boys, Sarcee Reserve; VAUGHAN—Sandy Lake Mission, Sask., bale; St. Mark's, Toronto Junction, Blackfoot Home, bale; St. Mark's (Juniors) with Seniors—Blackfoot Home, bale; CHURCHILL—Rev. C. Lord, Apsley, bale; BEAVERTON—Blackfoot Home, bale, BRIGHTON—Mr. Hartley, South Burleigh, bale; LAKEFIELD—Mr. Dee, Fort Pelly, two bales; SUTTON WEST—Mr. Hartland, Griswold, bale, PENETANGUISHENE—Rev. O. Owens, Qu'Appelle, bale, THORNHILL—Rev. T. J. Pritchard, Lac Seul, bale, Thornhill Juniors, with Senior—Lac Seul, TORONTO,

St. Margaret's—Rev. C. Lord, Apsley, bale; St. Philip's—Rev. D. Johnson, Temistimingué, balé.

In the last LEAFLET I spoke of Mother Hubbard shapes for dresses and pinafores I have since found that this should be for dresses only. Pinafores should be perfectly plain, being less trouble to iron. It seems late to speak of summer work, but I must mention that the members of one Branch at their opening meeting brought some articles suitable for the matron of the Home they were sending to, and in another Branch several members agreed to bring a pair of factory sheets each to their first meeting. Mr. Hardyman at the Blackfoot Home, has been appointed lay reader by the Bishop, and asked if we could send him a surplice. A lady in Cobourg has kindly undertaken to send him one, for which I know he will be very grateful. Before the next LEAFLET appears many children's hearts will have been gladdened by the toys, candies, &c, sent by our Junior Branches and others for the Christmas trees. In the appeals for these the clergymen speak strongly of the encouragement these are to the children, who often have to come such distances to Sunday school, and who have so few pleasures. Surely they speak both to those who send as well as those who receive of the great Christmas gift to us all, and of the One who spared not His own but freely gave Him up for us all. May our Christmas be the happier for kindly deeds and loving gifts to those less favored than ourselves.

FANNIE H. BANKS, Dorcas Sec. - Treas.

From Mrs. Stocken, Blackfoot Reserve, to the members of the W.A.

As I know from experience in Mission work that any details of manners and customs, etc, are always acceptable to workers at home, I make no apology for the following, which are the impressions of a new comer among the Indians. I should like to say first of all, that before my marriage last summer, I had worked for some 4½ years in Japan, and therefore heathenism is no new thing to me, but these people are degraded and steeped in superstition in a way which passes even the most superstitious of the Japanese. I am going to pre-suppose that the people to whom this letter will be read know about as much as I did, before my marriage, about the Indians. I think I had largely pictured them in feathers and paint, as almost savage, this is not quite correct. The encampment in summer time is quite picturesque from outside, the little round tents pitched about the plain at the owner's will and pleasure. Many of them are gaily adorned with figures of animals or conventional designs drawn in a sort of red paint. The 10 or 12 tent poles meet at the top where a flap of tent cloth is left hanging loose to allow the smoke to escape. Droves of horses stand grazing about, or are driven to the river at stated times in the day to be watered. The picturesqueness diminishes as you near the camp, and find bones of animals, little heaps of ashes and other filth

lying around the tents, and certainly vanishes on entering a tent. Two or three families will often crowd into one of these little places, the centre of which is occupied by a wood fire, in close proximity to which is sure to be a pot of some sort for the ever necessary tea. Arranged round the tent are what at first appeared to me like cane easels, but which I afterwards discovered to be the heads of their beds. The beds generally consist of perhaps a skin rug or two and any amount of dirty rags. There is no place for a stranger to sit, so after doubling up your body and going head first through the very small entrance, you must squat on your heels, thinking yourself fortunate if you can find a fairly clean place and are not quite blinded by the wood smoke. They are perfectly devoted to shaking hands; indeed if our old chief, who goes by the name of "Old Sun," happens to be sitting in our kitchen, and I go in three times in half an hour, I must shake hands every time or else I am ordered in peremptory tones to "come here." Poor old man, he is getting very old and is sometimes quite childish. Not long ago one of the storekeepers in Gleichen gave him a pith helmet, and just before Treaty payments this year he brought it to me to know if I could put on a bunch of something that would stand up and flap about in the wind. I found some bright red ribbon and made a beautiful bunch, but the old man requested that two ends which I had left might be cut up into narrow streamers so as to give more effect. Since then he has paid us two visits—one to ask for mits. These had all been given to the children in the Home, but we found a large pair of cloth gloves, a marvellous production in red and white, &c. These so charmed the old man that he kissed them and put them on and said he should sit indoors all day with them on admiring them. His last wish was for a warm cap, and that was quite satisfied by a bright scarlet knitted arrangement that goes into a point and is finished off with a tassel hanging over the side. They certainly do look very strange figures as they walk about wrapped up in their blankets, with perhaps a very dirty torn shirt and an old waistcoat underneath. It is unfortunate that they seem to have little or no idea of washing their person, and still less of washing their clothes; in fact if they are fortunate enough to possess a clean blanket or shirt, it is at once smeared over with some kind of red earth, I believe with the idea of keeping off evil. The women are just slaves to the men, and are treated very much like machines for hauling water or firewood, and generally making themselves useful. In winter they move into their lodges, and this year we have been trying to encourage them to keep their lodges clean and tidy by lending them some very nice Scripture pictures to hang up, for they are fond of pictures. Their religion, or so-called religion, puzzles me quite, for as far as observation goes an outsider would say they have absolutely none, yet I believe they have something which they call religion.

(Continued in January.)

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

P.M. Collections	
<i>Total amount received from each Branch.</i>	
Barrie.....	37 70
Brighton	2 30
Campbellford.....	4 45
Mimico.....	13 20
Orillia.....	29 20
Penetanguishene	6 92
Port Hope, St. John's.....	6 80
Uxbridge.....	9 95
Toronto, All Sa nts.....	36 70
" Ch. Ascension	11 80
" Ch Epiphany	38 95
" St. Barnabas.....	2 85
" Ch. Redeemer	49 10
" St. John's	17 65
" St. Luke's	83 55
" St. Margaret's.....	12 40
" St. Mark's, Parkdale	12 65
" St. Paul's	9 70
" St. Peter's.....	125 00
" St. Philip's	25 00
" St. Simon's	36 36
" Trinity Ch.....	11 90
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Diocesan Mission F. Pledge	
W.A.	
St. Mark's, West Toronto	5 00
Innisfil.....	2 50
Bailieboro	8 00
Beaverton	6 00
St. Matthew's, Toronto	
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	21 50
Diocesan W. & O. Fund.	
Beaverton	3 00
Temiscamingue.	
St. Philip's.....	6 00
Rupert's Land Mission Fund.	
Orillia.....	4 00
Qu'Appelle Mission Fund	
Southward, Peterboro.....	5 00
Mackenzie River, Miss F.	
Beaverton	2 00
Blackfoot Home.	
St. Philip's, Toronto.....	6 00
Innisfil.....	2 50
Bailieboro	5 00
Southward, Peterboro.....	5 00
Beaverton	2 00
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	20 50

Support of Child.

St. Peter's Toronto (Mrs. Harvey).....	25 00
Matron's Salary.	
Bolton	6 50
Columbus.....	3 00
St. Paul's.....	30 00
Indian Medical Mission'ry	
Uxbridge.....	1 00
Towards printing of Ann'l Reports.	
Ministering Children's League	1 00
Extra Cent-a-day Fund	52 41
Collection Monthly Meeting.....	9 10
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P.M.C. Magazines.....	2 25

EXPENDITURE.

P.M.C. Undesignated	76 79
" Diocesan	293 59
" Diocesan, Rev. J. O'Malley (St. Peter's Special.....)	125 00
" Algoma	31 47
" North-West.....	8 26
" " Rupert's Land	85
" " Rev. J. O. Striner	5 45
" " Mackenzie Riv Mission.....	6 00
" Foreign.....	50
" " Rev. S. Boyd.....	4 60
" " Japan	12 46
Diocesan W & O	5 00
Algoma Mission Fund.....	7 25
Temiscamingue.....	40 10
Marksville Church-B'ng (E.C.A.D.)	52 41
Blackfoot Home	47 02
Blackfoot Home, support of child.	25 00
Mackenzie River Mission Fund...	2 00
Qu'Appelle Mission Fund.....	5 00
Rupert's Land Mission Fund.....	4 00
Rent Central-Room.....	10 00
Secretary, Postage	5 00
Printing Dorcas Forms	5 00
Printing 1500 Member's Cards.....	6 00
50 Copies Missionary-Hymns and Prayers.....	63
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Buron Diocese.

DIOCESAN MOTTO—"Looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God."

It is the happy privilege of the December LEAFLET to bring sisterly Christmas greetings and good wishes for the coming year to all our W. A. workers through the length and breadth of Canada, and as at this blessed season we thank God for "His inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and the hope of glory," and as we count over our many blessings, may our hearts go out in ever-increasing love and sympathy to the heathen peoples sitting in darkness, to the destitute, the sick, the little children, to those "far from the Church of their fathers in a strange land," and may the thought of God's great gift to us make us eager to give such as we have to them, and may those of our sisters on whom, during the past year, the Heavenly Father has laid loving chastening find Him a very present help in trouble.

From the Petrolea Branch comes the following recognition of the loss it has sustained in the death of Mrs. Jenkins: "The Woman's Auxiliary at this, its first meeting since the lamented death of its Secretary, Mrs. Jenkins, desires to place on record its appreciation of the efficiency and devotion which Mrs. Jenkins always brought to her work in this Society. We desire also to express to Mr. Jenkins and his daughters not only how much we shall miss Mrs. Jenkins' counsel and help, but our keen sense of what this bereavement must be to them. We do not sorrow as those without hope; we know that the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, yet the sore hearts we would comfort with our human sympathy as well as our prayers that God would console them."

AUXILIARY NOTES.

Will the subscribers to the LEAFLET kindly bear in mind that *the Leaflet year commences in January*—subscriptions to be paid *in advance*. 15 cents is so small a sum that surely no W. A. member need be without her LEAFLET to link her with her W. A. sisters and the great Mission field. Will Branch Secretaries kindly inform the *pro tem* Editor of the *number of copies required for their Branches in 1896*? Our Editor, Mrs. Boomer, is very anxious that a circulation of 1700 should be reached—and exceeded.

From "beautiful Bermuda" Mrs. Boomer sends warmest greetings to her dear W. A. fellow workers. "By God's blessing," she writes, "I am much restored, and hope to be at home (though not at work).

by Christmas." Mrs. Boomer also gives expression to her keen appreciation of the many affectionate letters and messages of sympathy sent to her. It is the earnest prayer of the W. A. that her trip to Bermuda may entirely restore Mrs. Boomer to health and strength again, and fit her once more for that active work in the Master's cause which is so dear to her. The recovery of the Editor-in-chief of the LEAFLET, Mrs. Williamson, from her severe illness is a cause for thanksgiving to the gracious Heavenly Father, and to Mrs. Williamson the Huron W. A. tenders its heartfelt congratulations on her restoration to health.

Mrs H. O. Falls, Grosvenor street, London, has been appointed Zenana Secretary for the Diocese of Huron. She desires to take this opportunity of reminding the Branches that Zenana Missions are specially commended to the help of the Huron W. A., and of begging them, when apportioning their funds, to remember the fettered, dark and joyless lives of India's women, and the voiceless misery of India's child-widows. Epiphany tide, when the Canadian Church calls on her faithful children to carry on the work of manifesting Christ to the Gentiles is a fitting season for the Women of the Auxiliary to do what they can to help women whose lot is in such terrible contrast with their own. In this connection see letter from Miss Lings further on.

Will all who kindly contemplate a response to Mrs Boomer's "Churchwoman's plea for Huron College (as amended by the Bishop of the Diocese), send their contributions either direct to herself, or through Mr. McWhinney, Treasurer of the Diocese, carefully specifying that the enclosure is for *Huron College*. By a printed error on page 13 of the November LEAFLET, Mrs. Fallis is stated to have been appointed Convener of the *Executive Committee*. It should read *Educational* instead of *Executive*. As *pro tem* Convener of the Educational Committee, Mrs. Falls sends good accounts of the children under her care. Those interested in the educational work of the W. A. feel its usefulness more keenly than ever before, now that it is giving its fostering care to a sisterless child without a near relative in this country, whose mother laid down her life in the Mission cause. The Committee marks with thankfulness that interest in its work is ever increasing, and it commends these children to the prayers of the W.A.

Mrs. Boomer desires to acknowledge very gratefully the subjoined "Mother's Thankoffering" from a member of the Memorial (London) Branch of the W. A.: Huron College, \$2.50; Education Fund, \$2.50; Hospital at Omokene, \$5.

The Rev. A. Grasset-Smith sends an appeal on behalf of the Sunday Schools on the Muncey and Oneida Indian Reservations. He writes: "As Christmas is approaching we wish to give them a treat and Christmas tree, but cannot do so without the help of friends. We

have three Sunday schools with 100, 75, and 40 scholars respectively, of all ages, from grey-headed men and women down to infants in arms, as some mothers would not come unless the babies came too. Thus we have men, women, boys, girls and babies to provide for. We are always shortest of things for young men. We have been much encouraged during the past year by the good attendance at our Sunday schools and Bible classes." Mr. Smith's appeal unfortunately came too late for insertion in the November LEAFLET, and by the time that the December number is in the hands of our readers, their bales will have been packed and sent off. Still, as the Huron Branches seem always able to do yet a little more, before the new year comes in some of them may be able to gather together something for these Reservations in our own Diocese. Will they not try? The Muncey and Oneida women are fellow-workers with us in the W. A.

DIOCESAN METHODS OF WORK.

(It having been decided by the Central Board that the papers on this subject written but, from want of time, not read at the Triennial meeting, be printed in the December issue of the LEAFLET, that prepared by Mrs. Falls, Diocesan Corresponding Secretary, is now given.)

The Huron Diocesan Board of Management meets twice in the year, in March and October. The March meeting is held in London on the day previous to the annual meeting. The October meeting is held, by invitation, in one of the larger and centrally situated towns of the Diocese. The Board of Management consists of the President, Vice Presidents (who are Presidents of the Parochial Branches), a Treasurer, Recording, Corresponding and Dorcas Secretaries, together with members of the Board nominated by the Bishop and Life Members. In the event of the clergyman's wife not being President of a Parochial Branch, it is for that Branch to decide whether she, as Honorary President, or the acting President shall vote at the Board of Management and annual meetings, one President's vote *only* being allowed for each Branch.

The Board of Management meetings are conducted according to Constitution. i—Reading a portion of Scripture and prayer. ii—Roll call. iii—Minutes of last meeting. iv—Reports of officers. v—Reports of Committees. vi—Correspondence. vii—General Business. viii—Doxology.

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Management is for arranging plans of work, transacting general business, and for stirring up Missionary interest amongst those not able to attend the annual meetings. Any resolution passed at a Board meeting must be ratified by the annual, where there is a fuller representation—Parochial

Senior Branches sending *two* delegates and Junior Branches *one*. Juvenile Branches are represented by their Presidents (or substitutes) *only*.

At the annual meeting all reports are presented and adopted. The Treasurer, Recording, Corresponding and Dorcas Secretaries are *elected*. The voting is by ballot, and the other officers and all Committees are *nominated* by the President. In regard to raising of funds, *fees, collections* at Board of Management, annual and Missionary meetings, *voluntary contributions, mite-boxes* distributed among members of Parochial Branches and handed in to the Treasurer every three months, and the *extra-cent-a-day Fund* are the plans adopted. These funds are disposed of according to annual pledges, and as designated by Parochial Branches.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Management a part of an afternoon is devoted to a Missionary address to the W. A. by the Bishop, and an evening to a general Missionary meeting, when addresses by the Bishop, Missionaries, clergymen, and the rector of the parish are given. The same rule is observed at the annual meetings.

The President is *ex-officio* member of *all* Committees. The *Emergency Committee* is composed of the President, Diocesan officers, Convenors and Secretaries of Committees. It is called together at the discretion of the President for taking action upon any matter requiring immediate attention, its decision to be brought before the Board of Management and annual meeting for ratification.

The *Finance Committee* meets monthly and reports to the annual meeting.

To the *Education Committee* is referred everything connected with the children of Missionaries being educated and cared for by the Huron W. A. This Committee reports to the annual meeting.

The *Chancel Furniture Committee* undertakes to obtain means to provide; where necessary, Communion vessels, altar linen and cloths, and whatever is needed for the reverent administration of the Sacraments, for Indian Missions, and poor Mission-stations in Algoma and elsewhere.

The *Literature Committee* undertakes the purchase and circulation of Missionary publications, tracts, and books for the library.

The *Hospitality Committee* and the Resolutions Committee work in connection with the annual meeting.

The "*Letter Leaflet*" department is in charge of Mrs. Boomer, Editor and Treasurer.

The *Sunbeam Society* sends literature (books, magazines and papers) to the homes of settlers in the North-west.

The *Bible and Flower Mission* distributes Bibles, texts, and flowers in the hospitals and homes of the city.

All these Committees report to the annual meeting.

The *Bible and Prayer Union* meets, except during the summer months, weekly at Bishopstowe, Mrs. Baldwin presiding. It has been the means of much blessing, and it is the earnest desire of the President that every Parochial Branch should have its own Bible and Prayer Union. Members' cards are given to all who have paid their annual Diocesan fee.

BRANCH NOTICES.

PRINCETON.—We have just sent off a very nice bale to Rev. J. Sinclair, Cedar Lake Mission. It weighed 125 lbs., and had in it some good quilts, which were pieced at our sewing meetings, which are held once a month at the parsonage, one of the members reading aloud from some Missionary magazine or the LEAFLET while we work. We have pledged ourselves to subscribe to each of the Diocesan pledges, but hope to have more to send when the time comes. Our freight is heavy, as we remit \$2.00 per cwt. to Mr. Sinclair for freight beyond Selkirk. DURHAM.—Our Branch has not yet begun its winter's work, but there are a number of things ready for a bale soon to be sent off. WILMOT.—We have packed a large box and sack for the Rev. G. Cook, Staggsville; one of the best we have ever had. It contained good warm clothing, quilts, rag carpet, fruit and groceries. Mr. Neal, of Plattsville, gave us four warm cloaks for women and 30 caps for children. Mr. Johnson, of Jack Head, to whom we sent two barrels in August, wrote us a nice letter in reply. The Junior Branch of St. George's, Hamburg, contributed 22 yards of rag carpet and a heavy comforter to Mr. Cook's box. There is some talk in our Branch of taking a little girl to educate for a while. TYRCONNELL.—“We have sent a barrel and bale to the Rev. F. Swainson, containing 8 quilts, 3 pillows, 2 pair blankets, 8 pillow slips, 51 yds. sheeting, new material for shirts, dresses, and some suiting for boys; and filled up the cracks with stockings and socks, yarn, tea, corn starch, flannel shirts for girls, and some good second-hand articles. The cost of new material was \$21.00, and our freight was \$5.86.” Tyrconnell is the more heartily to be congratulated on good work done, that its Secretary in forwarding the above statement adds: “Two of our small band of 11 workers have been laid on beds of sickness for some weeks. May they soon be permitted to be with us again.” Does it not prove how much, by God's help and blessing a small Branch may do? LONDON SOUTH.—“We have sent a bale to the Rev. A. Cook, of Tentawa, and are preparing another, but have not decided on its destination. Mr. Cook sent us a card of thanks. We also clothed an Iroquois boy in the Shingwauk Home. We give \$60 per annum to Zenana Missions, and \$20 to Lion's Head. Our work goes on quietly. We have recently had addresses from Mrs. Baldwin, and the Rev. Cooper Robinson.” WALKERTON.—Mrs. Chancé, of Paisley, gave, at the Rectory, an interesting sketch of their Missionary life at Garden River. In it she

depicted the many hardships a Missionary's wife has to undergo. Quite a number attended the meeting. PORT BURWELL.—A senior Branch has been formed in Trinity Church Parish, with a membership of twelve, and a good prospect of more. We hope to work for the Rev. A. J. Cobb, of Algoma, during the coming year. Our Junior Branch has contributed two quilts and a dozen hoods, and assisted the Vienna Branch in making a rag carpet to be sent to the Rev. A. Allman, Algoma. BURFORD.—"This Branch resumed work in September. We are getting a bale ready for Muskoka. The monthly business meetings are to be held at the Parsonage. Several papers have been promised, and Mission news will be generally discussed. One very pleasant evening has been spent. Members bring their knitting, and light refreshments are provided by each in turn. Mr. Holmes kindly entertains the accompanying husbands and brothers in his study. SARNIA.—"We held a thanksgiving service and tea in the school house in October. Our Rector delivered a very interesting address on the words: 'Be ye not weary in well-doing, for ye shall reap in due season if ye faint not.' Between 30 and 40 members and friends were present, and the thank-offerings amounted to \$33.20."

FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

Miss Lings, of the Zenana Mission, who visited several of our Huron Branches some six years ago, writes to Mrs. Hill, of St. Thomas: "The work in Aotacamund and the neighborhood has grown very much. Our schools are filling so with children that we have to think about ways and means of enlarging them and keeping up our staff of teachers. We have pushed out into work among the curious hill-tribe called the Todas, who live on the hills round us; one of our native Christian teachers and myself having learnt their unwritten language, and translated into it two portions of God's word, written in Tamil character. No converts have been made yet, but we are sowing the seed in prayer and in faith. Our Mission work among the Mahomedans, started amid so much opposition, is steadily progressing. We have 46 children in the school, and more calls to visit and teach Mahomedan women at home than we are able to respond to. Those who know anything of this work will understand how thankful we are to have even this number of children under daily Bible instruction. We are resting on God's promise that His work shall not return unto Him void. The work that brings us most rapid returns, is that among the Tamil-speaking Hindus. Twelve children, the fruit of our day schools, have been baptized, and in two or three cases have verified, 'a little child shall lead them,' having brought their mothers, brothers and relations to Christ. We have now two heathen girls in our boarding school preparing for baptism. One is a little child of seven, whose elder sister was baptized four years ago, and now this one has been

brought to us by the mother. The other is a girl of sixteen, who has come of her own desire to be baptized. She has one brother a Christian. The mother tried hard to prevent her from following her brother's God, and was about to take her to her own native place and marry her to a heathen, when prayer on her behalf was answered in a wonderful way, and the mother's opposition broken down, and she herself brought the girl to us. There is another younger girl who the mother is keeping back, will you pray that she also may be brought in?" The Rev. C. R. Weaver, of Wabiskaw, writes to the LEAFLET: "Last week two valuable bales arrived here, but in them there was nothing to tell us who the kind donors were. Both bales contained many very valuable and useful articles, the distinguishing feature in the one being a baby's wardrobe, and in the other were several pairs of men's top boots, new. I regret very much not being able to thank the givers directly, but they will please accept my hearty thanks in this way. If the Secretary of the Branches which sent these bales will write to me, I shall be glad to give any information about this Mission that may interest them. I think that it would be a good plan if every Branch sending a bale to a Missionary would state plainly in it to what W. A. Branch he was indebted, he could properly thank his kind friends for their help." (At every annual meeting the Dorcas Secretary enjoins the Branches to put a list of contents in their bales, headed with the name of the Parochial Branch and the Diocesan Branch. Is not Mr. Weaver's letter a kind of object lesson in connection with this counsel?) Mrs. Bompas thus announces the arrival at Buxton Mission, on September 13th, of the box packed in London last April. (See May LEAFLET, page 658): "Dear Mrs. Boomer, the steamer arrived yesterday and brought us the wonderful box. The Bishop unpacked it, and we have been inspecting the contents; I need not tell with how many exclamations of surprise and admiration. Most of our mail is already on board the steamer, which will be leaving soon, so I must not dilate, but just express our grateful thanks to you and to all the kind friends who have furnished us with such a bountiful supply of good things that the very sight of them would be enough to fatten one. I hope it may all tend to make me more energetic and active in God's service. The little frocks, aprons and undergarments will be most valuable for our six mission children. The cottons, needles and pins are most acceptable; we have much making and repairing to do. The run upon stockings is so great that the knitting machine will find full occupation." Bishop Bompas writes: "The contents of the box are surprisingly suitable. The medicines, plasters, stationery, books, clothing and provisions are all suitable to our wants and those of our Indians, and the kind remembrance of us by our friends stimulates our energies and cheers our hearts. The children boarding with us have numerous wants in the way of clothing and food, and the aid sent us materially lightens our burdens. Even such a small matter as fish hooks has not

escaped some friend's thoughtfulness, and for these we are often asked. Mrs. Bompas is too tired to-night to write to the seven little girls at Thorndale Sunday School who sent the knitting machine, but will do so by the next opportunity."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

General Fund.

London Collection	\$ 5 35
Hyde Park	1 00
London, Memorial Church.....	4 50
Lucan.....	1 60
Wingham.....	1 10
Tyrconnel.....	1 10
Burwell.....	65
Sarnia	18
Milverton.....	1 00
Ingersoll.....	20

Zenana.

London, St. George's M.B....	2 00
London, St. Paul's.....	5 00
Tyrconnel.....	6 00
Ingersoll.....	2 00

Lady Missionary, N.W.

Thorndale.....	1 00
London, St. James'.....	5 00
A Friend.....	50
London, St. George's.....	1 00
London, St. Paul's.....	5 15
London, St. John Evangelist..	2 00
Stratford, St. James'.....	2 00
Strathroy, J.B.....	60
Glanworth.....	1 00
Lucan.....	5 80
Port Burwell J.B.....	5 00
Wingham.....	1 00
Glanworth J.B.....	1 00
Tyrconnel.....	5 80
Ingersoll.....	5 00

Lady Missionary, Japan.

London, St. Paul's.....	2 00
London, St. James'.....	1 00
Stratford, St. James'.....	1 50
Strathroy, J.B.....	20
London, St. John Evangelist....	3 00

Algoma.

London, St. George's M.B.....	2 00
London, St. John Evangelist..	3 00

Education.

London, St. John Evangelist..	1 00
Per Mrs. Boomer.....	2 50
Ingersoll.....	7 15

Mackenzie River.

London, St. Paul's.....	1 00
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Lion's Head.

Thorndale.....	1 00
London, St. Paul's.....	5 00

Stratford, St. James'.....	1 00
Strathroy.....	1 00
London, St. John Evangelist..	5 00
Glanworth.....	3 00
Port Rowan.....	1 00
Lucan.....	5 00
Wingham.....	1 00
Tyrconnel.....	4 60
Mitchell.....	4 00
Brantford, G. Ch.....	10 00

Kenyaugh.

London, St. Paul's.....	2 00
London, St. John Evangelist..	1 00
Stratford, St. James'.....	1 50
Strathroy.....	26
Glanworth.....	1 00
Port Rowan.....	1 00
Port Burwell, J.B.....	1 00
London, All Saints'.....	1 00
Wingham.....	1 00
Glanworth, J.B.....	50
Tyrconnel.....	1 00
Thorndale.....	1 00

Wycliffe Mission.

Stratford, St. James'.....	3 00
Glanworth.....	1 00
Brantford, G. Ch.....	5 00
Port Dover.....	3 00
Tyrconnel.....	1 75
Thorndale.....	1 00

Omoksene.

Hospital—	
Per Mrs. Boomer.....	5 00
London, St. Paul's.....	20 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Education—	
To Mrs. Falls.....	50 00
General Fund—	
Stamps, P.O.O.....	2 93
Lady Missionary, N.W.—	
Miss Aldridge.....	50 00
Rev. F. Swanson.....	31 25
Omoksene—	
Hospital.....	31 00
Algoma—	
Per Rev. C. Mockridge.....	14 00
Kenyaugh—	
To Miss Kerby.....	50 00

Montreal Diocese.

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DIOCESAN MOTTO :—"Go work to-day in my Vineyard."

DIOCESAN METHODS. (MONTREAL).

It will be seen on comparing the constitutions and August reports of the several dioceses composing the Woman's Auxiliary, that in every instance there is a permitted limit within which, while always adhering to the distinctive principles of the Association as a whole, each Diocese is at liberty to carry on its work in such a way as may best suit its particular circumstances.

Montreal does not elect its President. When, as is now the case in this Diocese, there is no Bishop's wife, the Bishop, who is himself President, *ex-officio*, appoints a lady to that office. The Bishop always attends the regular and annual meeting and presides, being assisted by the Diocesan President. The Diocesan Branch meets on the first Thursday of every month, except during the summer, at 10.30 a.m. in the library of the Synod Hall. Special meetings may be called at any time in the usual way.

In addition to the ordinary business routine, Montreal has up to this year generally had a paper read or an address given on some missionary or other appropriate subject at their monthly meetings, but this year is making a new departure and introducing verbal discussions. The subject is announced at the previous meeting and is prepared for by as many of the members as will agree to assist. One or more members outlines the theme on the day of meeting, and others take it up until gradually the discussion becomes general. It is too early yet to say that the experiment is an assured success. Of course by adhering to it exclusively we shall be depriving ourselves of some excellent monthly papers, but it may be said as an offset to this, that these will be reserved for the Annual meeting, and that they will there appeal to a much larger audience; and also that many of our members who would never consent to write or read a paper will, as we are beginning to find, contribute from the store-house of their memory, or from their personal experience or observation, a few spoken words which will perhaps elucidate some obscure point and invest the whole theme with additional interest. In Montreal voting even for the election of officers etc., is generally by show of hands. This method is open to grave objections and might well be exchanged for the ballot system. Besides the President, Secretaries, Recording, Corresponding, Dorcas, Junior Branch, the Treasurer and THE LEAFLET Editor, all of whom with the exception of the first, are elected at the Annual meeting, we have a LEAFLET Treasurer appointed by the President,

and an Executive Committee or Advising Board appointed by the Bishop. This Board may be called together at any time by the President herself or at the request of three members. We have also the usual standing Committees—Dorcas, Literature, etc. The wives of the City Clergy and Presidents of the City Branches are Vice-Presidents *ex-officio* of the Diocesan Board. Through her Literature Committee, Montreal has in operation a scheme for supplying literature, Auxiliary, Church and Missionary, to the Country Branches. She has divided the Diocese into sections, and each member of the Committee has agreed to send out to her particular section, papers, Magazines, pamphlets, etc. THE LEAFLET Editor has exclusive control of the editorial department of THE LEAFLET. Montreal's Diocesan funds come to her in the regular way, namely, from the Branches, from members or friends; as fees, pledges or donations. There is no collecting or soliciting outside of the Association or its friends. On one occasion funds were augmented by a lecture, for which tickets were sold. The Diocesan Board has no power to designate any Diocesan funds, except the Annual Members-fees, one dollar per head, or such moneys as may be sent in by the donors undesignated. The Life Members always designate their fee. The Annual Members' fees are always at the disposal of the Diocesan Board and have generally been applied to the printing and advertising expenses; for although there is an annual printing fee of 25 cents for each member and \$1 for each Branch—there is always a shortage in the returns; many Branches and members failing to pay their quota. In fact not seeming to understand that it is one of their pledges. Goods for Missions are sent direct by the Branches, or else by the Diocesan Dorcas Secretary. Contributions in money likewise are sent by the donors themselves or the Branches, or by the Diocesan Treasurer, but in every case it is expected that they be reported to the Diocesan Treasurer or in the Annual Branch Report.

NOTE—The work of the Junior Department must be considered separately. A constitution for Junior Branches has just been adopted by the Diocesan Board.—(See next page).

At the November meeting of the Diocesan Board the proposed constitution for Junior Branches of the W.A. was finally adopted. It is very simple, being modeled on that of Quebec. The objects are to define more clearly the position of the Juniors, by supplying them with one distinctive name and a few simple rules for the effectual carrying on of their work. Copies will shortly be supplied to the Branches.

The question of how the existing "Misistering Childrens' League" may be incorporated with the W.A. and their work recognized as part of that of the former was discussed at length; no satisfactory conclusion being reached, the matter was held over to December meeting.

Appeals have been read from Mille Isles, Arundel, Bristol, Upper Thorne Centre, and Valleyfield, in our own Diocese, for Christmas trees, clothing and Church furnishings, notably; Communion plate for Bristol Mission, and Communion cloth for Valleyfield; also from Mrs. Young for contributions in money and clothing for the extension of Rev. C. Weaver's work amongst the Indians in Athabasca Diocese, and from Sask. and Calgary, for Mr. Hinchcliffe and his Piegan Mission work.

A resolution of the Domestic and Foreign Missions asking the Auxiliary to pledge itself to \$400 per annum in addition to the \$800 which it already gives for the salary of Miss Smith, Lady Missionary to Japan, was laid before the Board, and evoked considerable discussion, and it was decided that Montreal is not at present in a position to undertake any more than the \$150 per annum which is her assessment for this particular object.

Mrs. C. E. Dawson was warmly welcomed as the latest addition to our Life members. This is the fourth of our Diocesan officers whose names are enrolled as Life members. Who will be the next?

Lacolle has a box nearly ready for the Mission Field. Huntingdon has just shipped its bale of warm clothing, flannels, quilts, etc., and complete outfit for one child, to the Washakada Home. Knowlton is sending its annual supply of warm clothing and funds for James Knowlton its Indian Protege; and the Sunday School will soon send its annual allowance to Rhoda, its Hindoo adopted girl at Ootacamund South India.

Piegan Reserve, October 25th. 1895. Dear Mrs. Dawson:—At last I have time to write and thank you for the bales that my wife brought with her. The articles they contained were most acceptable and useful. Will you please thank the donors for me. Miss Brown has written to Mrs. Kerr. My wife gave me to understand that both bales were from St. George's, Montreal, and I thought we had lost the bale from Point St. Charles. My wife got home safely and well. She had a most pleasant journey. Some weeks ago one of our boys was killed while working and this upset us all a great deal, but we are settling down again. I am afraid we are going to get whooping cough amongst our children, and if so we shall have a hard winter. With kind regards from Mrs. Hinchcliffe, I am sincerely yours,

J. HINCHLIFFE.

Mrs. Bompas asks for a "good man for a new mission, Hotalinza, which the Bishop is anxious to start." Most interesting work among the heathen Indians. "We are all well; thank God," she writes, "and provisions plentiful. We had eleven children last winter; rather too many for our small log house. But we pulled through and the dear small things are well and happy."

Further particulars of the terrible catastrophe at Elkhorn have just reached us. The Washakada Home for girls, and the large central or

main building, containing the school room, dining hall, kitchen, superintendants office and other apartments, together with the furniture, cooking utensils, musical instruments, the winter supply of fuel, vegetables, clothing, including Mrs. Vidal's wardrobe and belongings, are utterly destroyed, and there is not a cent of insurance even on the buildings. The loss of these latter is estimated at \$10,000, and that of the girls' clothing at \$3,000. Unless the friends of the homes, and the charitable public come forward promptly we tremble to think of the condition of the 100 children, and the adult late happy occupants of the now ruined homes.

The *Advocate*, Elkhorn, Supplement just to hand says:—"The winter is just setting in, and we can only appeal for immediate aid from friends both far and near. Clothing gone, vegetables gone, fuel gone. We look long and pray for relief from the straits in which, through an inevitable calamity, we find ourselves this day. Nothing but smouldering ruins mark the spot where stood our treasured home. To wring our hands and gaze upon the blackened scene affords but little relief. The pitiful children gather round and look to us for protection, and we in turn must sound the misfortune with impressing distinctness, that those familiar and unfamiliar with the institution may hearken to the plea of homeless children, and it is sincerely hoped that there will be a speedy and liberal response to alleviate this distress. Trusting in our Heavenly Father who doeth all things well we leave everything entirely in His keeping." To this appeal we can only add that as to the sending out of supplies, particularly of good second hand and new ready-made clothing of every sort and of bedding, there should be no stint. Already we read of severe wintry storms impending in Manitoba, and what we ask, will be the increased distress of these afflicted ones in mid-winter, if they are not sufficiently protected by warm clothing against the severity of the season. In Montreal, the City Branches began to bestir themselves as soon as tidings of the calamity were received and long before these words are read by our subscribers, a first instalment of bales will have left the central Dorcas room for Elkhorn; but more will need to follow, and acknowledging the Lord's sparing mercies to us at this blessed Christmas tide shall we not in city and country open our hearts and hands freely to our distressed brethren, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

[From Provincial page crowded out.—Ed.]

MISS SMITH'S LETTER,—We have heard of the sum voted by the W.A. toward a Hospital and I cannot tell you what an encouragement it is to the Missionaries when they see that the church people at home notice the needs of the work, and try to supply them. May God grant that the new hospital may be the means of bringing many now in heathen darkness to a knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Niagara Diocese.

DIOCESAN MOTTO.—“*Lo! I am with you alway.*”

Subjects for Reading and Prayer: Diocesan, Corea.

DIOCESAN BOARD MEETING.

This Board meets once a month in different parishes in the morning, preceded by an informal meeting of the officers a few days before where matters to be brought up are discussed. Once a quarter an all-day meeting is held (preferably in another town) at which lunch is served by the Local Branch. All meetings open with the Litany of Intercession, the members' prayer being said in unison at 12 o'clock. The various officers read their reports, including letters to Cor. Sec. of Missionaries or others, and any business is transacted. At the quarterly meetings it is usual to have an address by a returned Missionary. Where this is impracticable, some one is expected to prepare a paper on a missionary subject, or lead in a discussion on the best methods of work.

BRANCH NOTES.

DUNNVILLE.—St. Paul's resumed work on October 1st. With the assistance of several ladies of the parish they are working for a sale to take place before Christmas, proceeds to be used for parish work. At New Year's they intend working again for a Missionary. Mr. J. Johnson has written acknowledging bales sent him in July. He and his family are now in Winnipeg where he is to remain during the winter at the College. On opening the bales in that City he took out the things marked for himself and Mrs. J., the remainder was to be forwarded to Jack Head. Mr. Murdoch Johnson, formerly of Blade River is taking his place at Gordon Mission, Jack Head.

DORCAS SECRETARY'S REPORT.

FERGUS (St. James')—Bale to Rev. Chown, Algoma, total expense \$3.75. OAKVILLE (St. James')—To various missions Dio. Rupert's Land, bale expenses \$52.36. ANGASTER (St. John's)—Bale to Rev. J. Hinchcliffe, Piegan Home, expenses \$5.85. NIAGARA ON THE LAKE, (St. Mark's)—3 bales to Rev. G. Bruce, Manitoba, expenses \$33.44. QUEENSTON (St. Saviour's)—To All Hallows School, Yale, B.C., clothing for Amy Paul, expenses \$7.40. Totals for November, 6 bales, 136 new garments, 184 second-hand, 18 quilts, 4 sheets, 8 pillow cases, 4 towels, 136 Miscellaneous articles, 16½ yards rag carpet, 48 of new. Total cash for new material, groceries and freight \$102.78.

JANE SUTHERLAND.

From Rev. Alfred Cook, Kutawa, Assa, to Mrs. A. Brown, Niagara Falls, giving an account of an open air lunch to the Indians with contents of bale sent by N.F. He says:—"It is the first of the kind we have tried so were uncertain as to whether we would succeed or not. However, Mr. Cook set to work and boiled an ordinary iron kettle of meat, rice, sweetened and mixed with apples to the amount of half a boiler, also a basket, as large as an ordinary tub, of bread and some currant cake. All this we took in a buckboard to the Indian Camp; arriving there the first thing to do was to tell the chief what we were about to give them. Shall I say he objected? No, he did not even object to our ordering the women to boil water for tea, which they speedily having done, three tin pails were full of the coveted liquid. Then we collected all we could find of men, women and children and seated them on the grass in a circle. We took no dishes ourselves, but while inviting them requested them to bring cups, plates, etc. It was somewhat amusing to see the variety that was turned out, and how they were used. One had, perhaps, only a tin pot, another a knife and tin plate, each ready for however many courses there may be. The supply of dishes being limited, many were obliged to hold the bread and meat while one shared rice in his tin pan with the other who reserved his cup or pot for the inevitable tea. With no spoons, when the rice came many had to extemporize bread or wooden spoons and even thin broad knives, while others pressed by necessity and without the faculty of invention, strove to drink it out of the vessel before them. During this they were a most happy crowd, as each plate or cup was emptied it was refilled, till all seemed to be satisfied. They then arose and returned to their tents, but not without being given something to carry home with them. A few days after this we invited another Reserve, under my charge, with the intention of giving the same treat, but the majority were out of camp, so we gave what we had to the few there, and also a sufficient amount for the following day. To see how glad they all were in receiving what was given, was sufficient recompense to us who made the food up, and I think would have been to you all who furnished the material if you had been permitted to see them."

Extract of letters to Dorcas Secretary, from Rev. D. D. McDonald Thunderchild's Reserve, Battleford:—"I have been stationed here 5 years. So far God has greatly blessed our work. When I first came heathenism and idolatry were rampant, but now the Indians are beginning to see that they are sadly in need of a Saviour, and a great many have been brought to Christ. I have four Indian Reserves and one white settlement to attend to. There are about 600 Indians in my district.

From Mr. Ley King, Shingwauk Home:

"Never since the Homes were first founded have we been so much in need of assistance as we are to-day. We have between 60 and 70

boys at present (average 12 years of age). Our most pressing needs are clothing of every description, especially flannel shirts, under vests, or jerseys, drawers, socks and stockings, mitts, toques and bedding, viz., quilts, blankets, etc."

From Mr. D. W. Wood, Rainy River, to Mrs. Hagar, Secretary, Grimsby Branch, after acknowledging receipt of barrel of clothing, says:—

"Were it not that I have had much experience amongst the Indians in other fields I should be disheartened in my work. That experience has taught me that the conversion of these people belongeth to God. What appears to be a change of heart is often superficial." He deprecates the evil habits of the white man in his neighborhood and says, "After the Indians had received their treaty money persons came and sold them whiskey, which caused all the evil dispositions to appear, fighting, bloodshed and injury. In mostly every instance they bought only a portion of the whiskey and took the remainder, knowing that the smuggler was not justified in selling it, for which act they could be condemned, yet it leads them to lightly estimate the evil of pilfering, from which annoyance I often suffer."

From Rev. J. Hinchliffe, Piegan Reserve, to Miss Bate, St. George's Branch, St. Catharines:—

Speaking of the bale sent he says, "It reached our mission safely and I cannot tell you how very pleased we all are with it. We have just admitted 2 new boys, and the shirts just fitted them. We gave them outfits from your bale. I thank you more especially for the nice new boots. We cannot make boots yet, and they are very expensive in Macleod, I can assure you I was delighted to see them. Dresses, night-dresses, petticoats, stockings, pieces of material and slate pencils—all will be very useful. Will you please give my best thanks to the members of St. George's W.A. for the splendid little bale (there was not a single useless article in it) and also for the P.O.O. to cover the cost of freight."

From Rev. W. G. White, Whitefish Lake, to Juniors of All Saints' through Mrs. Lemon.

"Will you thank the members of the Junior Branch for their bale of most useful articles. The quilt and sofa cushion are about the nicest things I have received this year. The youngsters will be delighted with the toys at Christmas. Unfortunately the bugles got squashed but I think I can mend them. The bags will be much appreciated, also the scrap books. Travelling here is rather different to what it is in Hamilton. In summer we get about on horseback. I ride my horse 'Rex.' and hire others from the Indians to freight my goods. In winter I travel with my dog-train—they are called Corbear, Tip, Coolie and Berm. When I am travelling I give them a fish and a half each day and sometimes two fish, and when they are doing nothing one fish or a fish and a half each day. These dogs will draw from 200 to 400 lbs.

on the sleigh quite easily and go from 20 to 40 miles a day according to the weather. Most of the people here can read and write the Cree Syllabic characters a little, but as we have no Bibles printed in the Wood Cree, which is spoken here it is more difficult for them to understand God's plan for saving men from their sins, than it is for you and I who can read our Bibles at any time. Last winter I was telling them through an interpreter about Elijah's obedience to God and of the way in which he was cared for at Cheritti. The next day the interpreter who is trying to lead an upright life, told me one of the men who was at the service had asked him to repeat the address to him afterwards, because he said he had never heard that sort of preaching before that. God would give a man everything that was good for him if he would only obey Him and do His will. So you see we get encouragements to go on and sow the seed, and I hope you my kind young friends don't forget to pray for the Indians and the Missionary at White Fish Lake.

DIOCESAN TREASURER'S STATEMENT

From Oct. 17th to Nov. 14th, 1895.

RECEIPTS.		Tax on fees	
Offerory at Quarterly meeting held in Georgetown	\$ 3 65	St. Paul's, Port Robinson.....	1 00
Collection at afternoon meeting in Georgetown	6 35	St. John's, Stamford.....	70
For Peigan Home.		Algoma Missions.	
Mrs. Stewart.....	1 00	Christ Church, Niagara Falls	2 10
Miss Gaviller.....	1 00	Life Membership Fees.	
Sec.-Treas. Lit. Com.....	7 00	Mrs. Stewart.....	1 50
Miss's Daughters' Fund.		Rupert's Land Miss Fund	
Ascension, Hamilton.....	50 00	St. John's, Cayuga.....	2 00
Christ Church, Niagara Falls	5 00	<u>\$135 94</u>	
Cathedral, Hamilton	6 25	EXPENDITURE	
St. John's, Stamford	2 00	Oct 17—By travelling Expenses of visitors to Quarterly Meeting.....	\$ 6 50
St. John's, Thorold.....	5 00	Oct 25—By J. Ennis & Co. for printing 200 Forms for Junior Branch.....	3 00
Japan Med. Miss. Fund.		Oct 25—Postage Stamps and Postal Cards.....	2 40
Cathedral, (H).....	2 25	Nov 7—By Miss Ley, St. John's Ladies' College, Winnipeg for the education of Missionary's daughter	200 00
A Life Member.....	52	Nov 7—By Rev. Dr. Mockridge, for Peigan Home.....	25 00
St. John's, Stamford.....	2 00	Miss Lugden's Hospital India.....	12 50
St. Andrew's, Grimsby.....	4 37	Rupert's Land Mission Fund	2 00
Lady Missionaries' Fund.		<u>\$251 40</u>	
Cathedral, (H).....	4 05		
St. John's, Stamford.....	7 00		
Expense Acct.			
A member of W.A. towards visitor's expenses.....	5 00		
Sec.-Treas. Lit. Com. sale ..	5		
Miss Lugden's Hosp., India			
From a Life Member.....	12 50		
Extra cent-a-day Fund.			
A Life Member.....	3 65		

Ontario Diocese.

DIOCESAN MOTTO:—"She hath done what she could."

Subjects for Prayer and Reading for December: Diocesan and Corea.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and others at the Washakada Home, and pray that warm friends may be raised up in this the hour of need.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the November Board meeting, the following special appeal was printed and circulated in the Diocese, together with small envelopes to be used, in case the church offertory was made the channel of what we hope may be a generous response. If by any chance any Branch or individual may have been overlooked, it will not be too late to send an offering direct to the Treasurer—Mrs. Rogers, 148 Barrie St., Kingston.

FROM THE ONTARIO BOARD TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY IN THE DIOCESE.

DEAR FELLOW-WORKERS,—An urgent appeal has been made by the Bishops of Saskatchewan and Calgary to us, through the General Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary, for help for the Piegan Home. He says; "Our Missionaries there are feeling very discouraged, and it looks as though the school will have to be closed soon, if we cannot get financial aid. We want \$1,100, in addition to our present receipts. I fear the disappointment in having to wait for financial aid, which never comes, will not only result in the resignation of Mr. Hinchliffe, but in the closing of the school, and perhaps the Mission. Do help us at once if you can. We must bear in mind, too, that this Mission is wholly dependent on the Canadian Church, not being assisted by any of the English Societies, as other Missions are."

Miss Brown, our faithful lady Missionary, also writes that they are almost discouraged. Overwork—the depressing influence of so much illness and so many deaths—such small results yet to be seen of the spiritual sowing—disappointment at not having received more help from England—(mainly because Mr. Hinchliffe was not under the auspices of an English Society), all these are sufficient to discourage the stoutest heart. We beg that you will make a special effort to respond to this appeal. We must not, of course, interfere with what is already pledged, but we ask you to prayerfully consider whether you cannot give a little more in this emergency. Your Treasurer
(), will receive your contributions, and forward

them to Mrs. Rogers, the Treasurer of the Diocese, before Dec. 15th. We shall thus, we confidently hope, be able to send to those faithful workers that which will assure them of our sympathy, and materially assist them in their most pressing need.

November, 1895.

DIOCESAN METHODS.

Ontario Diocese is peculiar in having a divided Board; as the President, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, Leaflet Editor and Secretary for Children's Branches live in Ottawa; the 1st Vice-President, Treasurer, Dorcas Secretary, Secretary for Junior Branches live in Kingston, and the 2nd Vice-President lives in Perth. The impending division of the Diocese will change this, which is, and has always been felt a necessary evil. The Diocesan Board meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of every month in Ottawa, in St. George's Church Sunday School room, by the permission of the Rector, and reports of the proceedings are then sent to absent members, their approval being asked before important resolutions are passed. Besides the members of the Board, representatives of the Branches are present, that is, of some Branches, for it is a matter of regret that *all* have not a lady in the city to represent them, and correspond with them month by month. — These meetings are opened with a hymn and the missionary Litany issued by the D. & F. Society, and the remainder of the time is spent in reading correspondence and Treasurer's report, and in receiving reports from Branches which are contained in letters from the Branch Secretaries to the city representatives. Besides this there is often special business to transact.

The annual meeting is held in different towns by invitation. Kingston, Prescott, Carleton Place, Brockville, Ottawa, Belleville, Cornwall and Perth have been the places of meeting up to the present time.

Each Archdeaconry (there are two) has an organizing Secretary, and there is a Secretary for each Rural Deanery, whose especial work it is to correspond with the clergy and arrange for the opening of new Branches. Ontario has no Literature Committee, and no doubt suffers loss on this account. The Leaflet Editor is also Secretary for Literature, and responds to appeals for reading matter.

The funds at the disposal of the Diocese for printing, etc., are obtained by assessing each Branch according to their membership. The by-law reads "at the rate of 5c. a member," but one or two of the larger Branches have generally doubled this sum, as it was not found sufficient.

The amount required for the Diocesan pledges (salary of the lady Missionary in the North-west, and Ontario's share of that of the lady Missionary in Japan) has been divided among the Branches, and is considered by them as their first charge.

REPORTS FROM BRANCHES.

ARCHVILLE.—The W. A. members here are at work filling an order, and have not yet begun work on the winter's bale. They are grieved to hear that Mrs. Tansey has lost her six months' old baby. ADOLPHUSTOWN.—The promised Branch has been organized with the full consent of the rector. We hope for further particulars next month. CORNWALL.—Is hard at work preparing Abby's outfit. The W. A. is undertaking to collect for the Diocesan Mission Fund. Each meeting in this parish ends sociably with tea and light refreshments. BILLINGS BRIDGE.—Has organized for its winter's work. Seven members were present. BALDERSON.—Has now thirteen members, and the Branch is getting along nicely. Mrs. John Butler, of Harper, is the Cor. Sec. PERTH.—Has sent a bale to Rev. A. Cook, Kuttawa. Besides the regular meetings, quilting bees are held at the members' houses. WALES.—Oct. 15th. This being the day on which our bales were packed, a very pleasant time was spent by all members present. One bale, valued at \$89.62, and cash to the amount of \$1.00 was forwarded to Rev. J. Sanders. The smaller one, containing an outfit for a boy and valued at \$33.03, was sent to the Rev. J. Hinchliffe, Piegan Reserve. The work of our Branch is steadily increasing. Truly our Auxiliary brings a blessing on our parish, making us the warmer friends for being co-workers.

DORCAS LIST.

CATERAQUI.—Sent to West Selkirk, Rev. J. G. Anderson, one bale, cost material, \$18.89; freight, \$2.69. New garments, 25 second-hand, two quilts, cake and toys.

MORRISBURG.—Sent to the same place a bale, cost material, \$17.15; freight, \$2.00. Contents, four new, ten second-hand garments, six quilts, sheets and pillow-cases.

WALES.—Sent to the Piegan Reserve one bale, cost material, \$33.03; freight, \$3.45, with 30 new garments, five quilts, sheets, towels, groceries.

CORNWALL.—To the same place one bale, cost material, \$26.50; freight, \$3.45, with 28 new and 15 second-hand garments, a quilt, 22 pillow cases, one pair blankets, six towels.

The J. W. A. spent on material, \$3.97; one quilt, dolls, work bags, yarn, groceries, pictures, etc.

PAKENHAM.—Sent to Biscotasing, Dio. Moosonee, one bale, cost material, \$14.00; freight, 68c., with 80 new garments, seven second-hand, three quilts, books, needles, pins, soap, etc.

WALES.—To the same a bale, cost material, \$89.62; freight, \$3.12, containing 60 new garments, 97 second-hand, 23 yds. carpet, 15 quilts,

14 pairs pillow-cases, combs, flannel, thread, needles, pins, groceries, etc.

TRENTON.—Sent to Kuttawa (Rev. A. Cook), Diocese Qu'Appelle, one bale, cost material, \$27.75; freight, \$3.30; new garments, 90; second-hand, 42; two quilts, flannelette, bed ticking, medicine.

KEMPVILLE.—To the same one bale, cost material, \$22.45; freight, \$4.00; new garments, 37; second-hand, 89; six quilts, one sheet, three pillow-slips, games, etc.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.—	RECEIPTS.	
Pembroke W. A., Church Building Fund, Somerset,		
Diocese Rupert's Land.....	\$10	50
Wales W. A., for Rev. J. Sanders, Biscotasing,		
Diocese Moosonee.....	10	00
Brockville, St Paul's W. A., Lady Missionary,		
North-west.....	10	00
Prescott W.A.....	10	00
FOREIGN MISSIONS.—		\$40 50
St. Paul's, Brockville, W. A., for Lady Missionary		
in Japan.....		8 00
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT.—		
Merrickville W. A.....	1	00
Diocesan Members from Sydney, Cape Breton..	1	00
		2 00
Interest on sums deposited for Thankoffering for		
the consolidation of the Church of England in		
Canada.....		1 48
		\$51 98

EXPENDITURE.

Paid to Ont. Sec. Board of D. & F.M.....	24	50
Paid to Treas. Provincial W. A., amount of Thankoffering		
for consolidation of Church of England in Canada from		
Ont. Diocese.....	178	30
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DIOCESAN MOTTO:—"Ye have done it unto Me."

A quarterly meeting of the Quebec Diocesan Auxiliary was held in the Cathedral Church Hall at 2.30 p.m., Oct. 23rd, 41 members present. Mrs. Hunter Dunn presided. The meeting opened with a hymn and prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the Treasurer, Dorcas and Literary Secretaries' reports read. After routine work Miss Edith Carter read a most interesting and clear report of the last Triennial Meeting held in Montreal. The members testified their appreciation and thanks. Mrs. Hunter Dunn then read the sermon preached by the Lord Bishop of Quebec at the Special Triennial service. It is kind, wise and highly practical, and its good suggestions will be most useful in times of doubt and indecision. Several appeals were read by the Cor. Sec., but as the Treasurer reported "No Funds," no response could be made at present. Letters were read from Mr. H. W. Gibbon Stocken, informing the Secretary of his removal from the Sarcee Reserve to St. John's Mission, Black-foot Reserve. The Rev. Stanley Y. Stocken is carrying on the work on the Sarcee Reserve, and to him all communications relating to the work are to be addressed; Miss Mulvaney, Central Secretary of the Church of England Zenana Society, regarding the appointment of a representative of the society in the Diocese of Quebec. Mrs. E. Joly de Lobiniere has been acting as such for some time. She is, however, unable to accept the office of Zenana Secretary for Quebec Diocese, and Mrs. Irvine has kindly consented to be appointed to the position; D. D. Macdonald, Thunder Child's Reserve, thanking the Levis Branch for a valuable and most acceptable bale of goods, being exactly what they needed, also saying that the Indians seem to really value the kindness shown to them by the Auxiliary. Mr. Macdonald says: "If it was not for the kind assistance given to us by the W. A., our lot would be a hard one indeed;" Faith Fenton, Editor of *The Home Journal*, Toronto, asking the Auxiliary to contribute information of its work to her paper. Mrs. E. Joly de Lobiniere kindly undertook the work. The Editor of *The Church Evangelist* writes asking for a contribution of one page two weeks following from each Diocese twice a year. Quebec was to have November and March. Miss Burstall undertook the work for November. It was suggested that the Parochial Branches might be kept more in touch with the Diocesan Branch if they held their meetings *after* the Diocesan quarterlies, as soon as convenient. In this way they would receive and be able to discuss the matters brought up at the Diocesan meetings, and be able to send their replies through their representatives before the next quarterly, and a gain at least two months would be made in deciding important questions which affect the well-being of the whole Auxiliary.

And here I wish to say that the Editress greatly desires *if possible* to send the Branch reports to the publisher, as the Secretary of each Branch sends them. To make this *possible* the reports must be as concise as may be, giving a full account of the work done, &c. We must remember that each word has to be paid for. Write on one side only on quarter sheets of ordinary foolscap. A Diocesan meeting will be held on the 20th to receive Miss Tilly, who has kindly consented to instruct the Auxiliary in her "Parliamentary Drill." Mrs. Tilton has also promised to address the meeting, and Miss Tilly the Juniors. The following was carried, all the members standing:—Resolved: 'That the members of the Woman's Auxiliary wish to place on record their sense of the deep loss the Auxiliary has sustained by the death of Miss Forsyth, one of the most faithful and devoted of their workers; and that copies of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Forsyth and Mrs. Burstall.' The Branch reports were then read and the meeting adjourned.

REPORTS OF THE BRANCHES.

ACTONVALE.—Owing to absence of members during the summer, no meetings were held from July until October. Our annual meeting was held Oct. 1st, and the officers re-elected with the exception of the Secretary. Miss Wurtele was elected for that office. We are few in number, but work earnestly. Our meetings are well attended.

BLACKLAKE.—Nearly all the members have adopted the "Two cents a month contribution." A parcel of magazines have been received, also five copies of the Annual Report of the W. A. CAMPBELL'S CORNER, INVERNESS.—Our meetings have been held every month at Mrs. Tenearre's with the usual attendance. Since the annual meeting we have sent to the Treasurer \$1.00 towards the salary of Miss Jennie Smith, Japan, and \$1.00 towards the education of Miss Willemar. Our monthly subscription is now 5c. instead of 10c., and we have thus gained some new members.

CATHEDRAL.—The usual weekly sewing meetings were resumed last week with a very fair attendance and several new members. During the summer several useful donations were received—a quilt and some knitted garments, &c. A letter of thanks was received from Rev. J. K. Matheson for a bale of clothing sent him to Onion Lake. We hope to have another bale ready by the end of this month. This Branch has suffered a severe loss by the death of Miss Eleanor Stuart, who was for years one of our best workers, Oct. 23rd.

COOKSHIRE.—Our meetings are regular and very well attended. We hope to meet regularly during the coming winter months. Please send me a few particulars as to what takes place at the Diocesan quarterly meeting. (The work for the Sunday School is Church Helpers' work, not Auxiliary.—ED.)

LENNOXVILLE.—This Branch of the W. A. resumed its monthly meetings in September. At the June meeting Mrs. Ready, our Treasurer, read a most interesting original paper on the life and work of Bishop Smithies, of

Zanzabar. In August a letter was received from the principal of the Shingwauk Home, asking permission to apply our subscription for the support of an Indian girl towards their general maintenance fund, as they have no girls under their charge at present, pending the re-building of the Wawonosh Home. His request was not acceded to. It was resolved that our subscription should be discontinued until the re-establishment of the Home for girls. LEVIS.—The monthly meetings have been held regularly during the summer. On the 27th May a missionary meeting under the auspices of the W. A. was held in the church. Interesting addresses on mission work were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Hepburn and Rev. J. M. Thompson. The offerings amounted to \$1.39. Mission bags given in, \$8.61. In May a parcel was sent to Uffington, Ont., for the Rev. Mr. Allman's sale (not Auxiliary work). A letter of thanks from him was received by Mrs. Wurtele. On May 30th a barrel of clothing was sent to the Rev. D. D. McDonald, Thunder Child's Reserve. The sum of \$10 was voted to the Rev. D. D. McDonald to aid in the erection of his church. On September 6th a grateful letter of thanks for safe arrival of the barrel was received from Mr. McDonald. MARBLETON.—This Branch of the W. A. was formed March 14th. 1895; Mrs. Weary, President. Owing to her removal we have none at present. We are preparing a bale to be sent to the Sarcee Reserve. Meetings have been held regularly during the summer. When the bale is sent our few members will take a rest. All our material has been given, our money is saved to pay freight. ST. MATTHEWS.—Since our annual meeting, two barrels have been sent to Mrs. Grisdale for the missionaries in the Diocese of Rupert's Land—one in June containing men's clothing almost new; the other barrel contained the work done at the evening Dorcas meetings last winter, consisting mostly of children's dresses. In answer to an appeal received by the W. A., after the annual meeting, from Mrs. Taylor, Cumberland House, Moose Lake, Saskatchewan, asking for clothing for an Indian girl whom she had taken to help her with her children, a member of our Branch kindly sent out a complete outfit of summer and winter clothing. Our morning Dorcas meetings will be resumed this week, when we hope to take up our work with renewed vigour. A letter has been received from Mrs. Scott, wife of Rev. Malcolm Scott, Fort Vermilion, Diocese of Arthabaska. ST. MICHAEL'S.—The members of this Branch having decided to hold their quarterly meetings immediately *after* instead of *before* the Diocesan quarterlies, no meeting has been held since the annual. It is hoped this plan may bring the Diocesan and Parochial Branches into closer touch, and give greater interest to the Parochial meetings. The Dorcas meetings are held once a week. Work began Oct. 7th. Before closing for the summer on June 24th a barrel was sent to Rev. Owen Owens, Touchwood Hills, which arrived safely, and was gladly welcomed. The Dorcas Society held their annual meeting on Oct. 14th, when it was

decided that the Dorcas officers should, for the future, be elected at the annual meeting of the Auxiliary. Before the routine work began the President read the following:—"Dear Sisters, one thought is in all our minds to-day; it is of her whom God, in His inscrutable wisdom and love, has taken from us to higher and holier work for Him. We shall never see her dear face among us here on earth, but her spirit will be with us, and may we try to be as eager and earnest in doing good as she ever was. I need not tell you of her work. You all know that she was ever foremost in all good works, never sparing herself. I need not speak of our loss; it is too great and too keenly felt for us to be able to forget it, nor may I, nor can I say more of our deep sorrowing, most of all, that we shall see her face no more on earth. God doeth all things well. Our hearts are filled with sorrow for ourselves, and for those who are near and dear to her. May God comfort them, and help us all to follow the example of his good and faithful servant, whom He hath called home, her task here finished." PESPEBIAC.—Only two work meetings have been held since the last quarterly meeting. A special meeting of this Branch was held in the Church Hall, Paspébiac, July 11th, to welcome Mrs. Dunn. Addresses were given by his Lordship and Mrs. Dunn. It is with much regret we record the death of one of our first members—Mrs. Murray, after a long and painful illness. One new member has joined; they now number sixteen, ST. PETER'S.—The working meetings were resumed in September, and are being held regularly. At the next meeting we hope to pack the work of the past year, and send to the Home on the Sarcee Reserve, as usual. In June many of our members were supplied with material for work during the vacation months. A circular letter, signed by the Diocesan President, was received by our Branch in June. After being discussed it was decided that for the present it was impossible for our Branch to respond to the appeals. The Literary Secretary writes, asking that missionary magazines, etc., be sent to the various missions. Three of our members agreed to do so. We regret the loss of two members of our Branch owing to removal from the city. RICHMOND AND MELBOURNE.—Our Branch met on the last Monday in September, and packed a large bale of very acceptable clothing, including five warm quilts and many useful articles, which was forwarded same day to Rev. Mr. Frost, Manitouslin. SHERBROOKE.—Since last report in March we have held five meetings. March—money collected for Miss M. Fitzambert's Life Membership; April—meeting resolved to send \$12 for the Unification Thankoffering Fund; May—\$35 sent to Mr. Hinchliffe; July—extra 2c. a month resolution introduced. The Gold Cross of Life Membership was presented to Mrs. Robins, one of the three ladies who organized the first Woman's Missionary Union of the Anglican Church in the Province of Quebec, 17 years ago, Sept. 2. It was decided to pay 25c. annually on Sept. 2, in answer to the extra 2c. a month resolution.

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