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Toronto Diocese.

DIOCESAN MOTTO,—“*Whosoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might*”

Subjects for Reading and Prayer. February—Columbia, North China. March—Athabasca, North Africa.

The members of the W. A. are earnestly requested to remember in their prayers the new Bishop of Columbia, B.C., that he may have grace and wisdom to carry on the difficult work committed to his charge. Also the urgent need for renewed missionary effort in that Diocese, among white settlers, Indians, and especially among the Chinese, whose numbers are so rapidly increasing, and whose spiritual state is indeed the blackness of heathen darkness.

AUXILIARY NOTES.

A large number of W. A. members were in the school house of Holy Trinity Church after the close of the Board meeting on Friday 20th, and heard with much joy the announcement that the amount needed for Algoma's debt had been raised, the news came through the telephone, and official enquiry showed that the amount named was the *debt*, not the sums as yet paid in towards its liquidation. As a reporter had come in at the time the unfortunate error has been given the widest publicity, and no counter statement has been accorded the same. We most deeply deplore the almost irreparable mistake, and trust that the Woman's Auxiliary will not allow itself to be “discouraged under difficulties,” but go forward in “faith and hope,” endeavoring by every means in its power to create such an interest in the Missionary Diocese of Algoma as may induce our Churchmen to contribute more liberally in the future to its support than they have in the past. The assured income of Algoma is \$5,271. There are 26 clergy and lay readers at an average salary of \$450 per annum, with other necessary expenses amounting to about \$14,000 per annum. It will not require a skilled arithmetician to see with

income of \$5,271, and expenditure of \$14,000, that if the various dioceses fail to support their missionary diocese there must pile up a deficit, year by year. How heavy a burden has been borne by Algoma's Bishop, his recent illness proves, and work undertaken in Algoma by the clergy is of a more self-denying and missionary character than that of many in foreign fields. The Board meeting in Holy Trinity schoolhouse, on the 20th January, will be remembered with deep gratitude to Him through whom alone we can succeed. Nearly every member of the Board was present, and a large number of visitors, therefore 200 and more women made a large gathering.

It was the first occasion on which Mrs. Tilton, General President, had been with us since the day, nearly seven years ago, when she visited Toronto to organize Auxiliary work in this Diocese, and the growth and progress as manifested in the reports at the meeting were most satisfactory to her, the two addresses given by Mrs. Tilton were enjoyed by all her hearers.

A special freewill offering was made by this meeting for Mr. Gillchurch, at Treherne, Man., and the "Extra-cent-a-day Fund," voted to the purchase of a stove for the Mission school on the Blood Reserve. Mr. Swainson writes :

"One thing most especially needed is a new stove, we have the same old one as at the Blackfoot Reserve, not only too small (No. 3), but worn out, there is a large crack right across the oven, the front and fire grate are quite worn away, and three legs are broken. This stove has to cook, bake, etc., for over 20 people, it takes three to four hours to bake a loaf of bread and it comes out like a stone. . . . A new stove here would cost \$75.00, and I do not like to get it on credit."

No wonder the votes went for the stove, and the \$47 of the "Extra-cent-a-Day" was made up by friends to \$50. There is a strong hope that a good stove may be sent from Toronto to this Mission for \$65.

The question of consolidating all the money raised (outside of ordinary parochial collections) into one fund and guaranteeing to the Diocesan Mission Board the sum of \$1,200 annually, (instead of the salary of a travelling mission-

ary and other funds) was also discussed, and carried, subject to the approval of the Advisory Board. Parochial Secretaries are reminded that in March the members' fees, accompanied by a corresponding list of members' names, clearly written on one side of the paper, and in the same order as they are printed in last Annual Report, must be sent to the Diocesan Treasurer. A careful and prompt attention to this duty on the part of parochial officers would be a very great assistance to both Diocesan Secretary and Treasurer.

Hon. Miss Winifred Sugden will not be able to commence her tour in this Diocese until the first or second week in March, when she will be able to visit almost every Branch.

The third Annual Convention of W. A. Branches in the Deanery of West York was held in King, on Thursday, January 19, and was very largely attended by deputations from Woodbridge, Bolton, Loyd town, Vaughan, Aurora, Holland Landing, Oakridges, Richmond Hill, Thornhill, and Kettleby, numbering nearly 70 women. The Diocesan President and Secretary were also present and gave addresses. The clergy of the Deanery held their usual Deanery meeting at the same time, and during the afternoon gave "five minute" missionary addresses. Such gatherings are most helpful to all who attend them. The hospitality of the King hostesses was unbounded.

From the Blackfoot Home Mr. Tims writes: "Miss Garlick has especially endeared herself to the little girls who are her particular care. Miss Symonds plays the organ for all the services, including the Sunday service in Gleichen for the white settlers. There are 33 children in the "Home," and more could be taken were there sufficient funds. The Christmas treats supplied by the various branches were much appreciated."

All Saints' Branch has done nobly in their collections for Algoma's debt, handing in \$201.00.

Colborne sent 50 cents each member with many kind and cheering words.

The Auxiliary Badge may be procured from Mr. Ellis, Jeweller, King Street, only on a written order from Mrs. A. E. Williamson, 83 Wellesley Street; Mrs. Cummings, 44 Dewson Street; or Miss Pater-son, 48 St. George Street. The badge is intended for junior as well as senior W.A. members.

Uxbridge.—On Jan. 12th, twenty members of this branch accepted the invitation of Mrs. Carswell, the president, to spend a social evening at her house. Mrs. Carswell gave an excellent address on the workings of the W.A. as a whole, and as regards the Uxbridge Branch, followed by a paper on Algoma by Miss Harrison. Envelopes for

Algoma were distributed, to be placed on the Offertory the following Sunday—the result, nearly \$16.00. This seems, perhaps, small, but if greater interest is, as we hope, awakened, we confidently look for greater results in another emergency. Last week we began the plan at our meetings of working in chapters, four in each; this plan seems to please every one. Two new subscribers to the LEAFLET.—M. E. HARRISON, Sec.

Attention of the W. A. Members is directed to the Schools and Colleges advertising in our LEAFLET. The Misses Jopling, 148 Bloor St. East, Toronto, have this month taken the only vacant space on the outside page. Their house possesses exceptional advantages for boarders. The Toronto Editor will be happy to furnish information to parents and guardians residing at a distance regarding schools and colleges whose advertisements appear on the cover of the LEAFLET. Readers are also asked not to forget, in the many pressing needs of the day, the prior claim of God's ancient people; "To the Jew first" is a command not to be disregarded by Christian people who "study their Bible."

DORCAS NOTES.

Room 30, The Forum, corner Yonge and Gerrard streets—Gifts of good second-hand clothing for men are much needed at our Central Room. Branches are working for the following missions:

St. Luke's—Part outfit for a boy in Gordon School, to be forwarded in May. St. George's—Rev. C. Owens, April. Cobourg—Rev. Mr. Hooper, Manitoba, April. St. John's, Port Hope—S. and W. Homes, Algoma, April. Orillia—Rupert's Land school, May.

The following boxes have been forwarded:

All Saints'—Blackfoot Home, one bale, Central Room two parcels. Barrie, "Willing Workers,"—North Bay, bale. St. Simon's—Essonville, two bales. Etobicoke—Apsley, bale. Church of Redeemer—Essonville, three bales. Marksville, bale. "Busy Workers," toys. St. Bartholemew—Russell, Manitoba, bale. Shanty Bay—Aspdin, one bale. St. Paul's—Rev. J. W. Tims, one bale. Holy Trinity—Central Room, two parcels. St. Mark's, Toronto Junction—Central Room, one parcel. "Bnsy Bees," Central, parcel, toys. St. Luke's—Aspdin, one bale. Collingwood—Emsdale, one bale. Fort a la Corne. one bale. St. Matthews—"Busy Gleaners," Central Rooms, toys, etc. St. Margaret's Jr.—Central Rooms, toys, books. St. Mary Magdalene—Central Room, toys. St. George's—Ilfracombe, Christmas tree; Port Carling, bales. Richmond Hill—Central Room, second-hand clothing. Holy Trinity—Rev. A. J. Young, bale. Clergymen Toronto Diocese, bale, Central Room, parcel. St. James' Cathedral "Girls' Guild,"—Apsley, bale. St. John's, Port Hope—Emsdale, bale. Church of Ascension—Manitoulin Island, 48 Christmas gifts. St. George's—Central, parcel. Central Room—Uffington, box. Maple Island, box; Ufford, box; Burk's Falls, box.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

Miss Tilley and Mrs. F. Grant, Superintendents.

The "Busy Workers" of the Church of the Redeemer have found their meetings this season most pleasant, being held at the President's house, and being well attended. One bale, prepared by the Seniors, containing toys and clothing, was sent to Essonville, and one outfit sent to an Indian girl in Middlechurch Industrial School, each bale valued at about \$18 (for freight purposes). Our missionary boxes contained \$2 70, half goes to Bishop Reeve, half to Rev. Heber Hamilton, Japan. We hold our meetings fortnightly, and at each some missionary subject is discussed, or an essay read and talked over, the sewing being done at Home. We voted \$5.00 towards the Algoma debt. We hope our interest may keep up the rest of the season and that we may do better work next year.—SARAH SMITH, Sec.-Treas

The Barrie Junior Branch held a very successful entertainment before Christmas, in the form of a concert and supper, by which they realized \$40.00. They are sewing very diligently for North Bay, and a boy at the Gordon School. . . . The new Alliston Branch are making a grand beginning, and have purchased a number of copies of the Missionary Hymnal. We will be very glad to have them more generally used. . . . With the old year we have lost the Lloydtown Juniors who have disbanded. . . . The All Saints' Branch, Toronto, are not alive at present, but we hope they will revive. . . . Can we not, both superintendents and members of the Junior Branches, endeavour during the coming year to work more faithfully, that our numbers may increase and our interest be deepened.

LEAFLET SUBSCRIPTIONS—JANUARY.

Cambellford, 30c. Deer Park, 90c. York Mills, \$3.00. Central Room, \$1.35. St. Paul, per Mrs. Geddes, \$1.50, per Miss Watson, 60c. S. Peter, \$7.95. S. Matthias, \$2.10. S. Mary Magdalen, \$3.15, S. Simon, \$7.55. Miss Wallis, 15c. Cobourg, \$9.30. Church of the Epiphany, \$1.50. Stayner, \$1.50. All Saints, \$15.00

The LEAFLET subscriptions, thanks to our many energetic secretaries, are coming in well. Those who take the LEAFLET could save their local secretary much trouble and worry by sending her their 15c. early in November. Forgetfulness of others is a snare we should all strive against.

Branch Secretaries, or any one sending letters, etc., which they wish to appear in the LEAFLET, would confer a great favour upon the Editor if they would write *plainly* upon *one* side of the paper only.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

DIOCESAN—

Mission Fund,	
All Saints', Toronto.....	\$11 00
St. Stephen's, Toronto	1 20
Ch. of Epiphany, Parkdale.	13 90
Sale of handkerchief	2 00
Travelling Missionary,	
York Mills	5 00

ALGOMA—

Mission Fund,	
Sale of gold chain.....	5 00
St. James' Cathedral	20 00
All Saints', Toronto.....	1 95
Mission Fund Debt,	
Donation, Mrs. Allan Mac-	
dougall.....	1 00
Ch. of Redeemer, Toronto.	6 75
Donation, Mrs. Spooner,	
Port Hope	50
Anonymous, per Mrs. Wil-	
liamson.....	40 00
Trinity Church, Toronto ...	13 50
St. Stephen's, Toronto	11 00
St. Stephen's, Toronto, M.	
C. L.	11 50
Ch. of Redeemer, Toronto,	
Juniors	5 00
Sutton West	8 85
St. Mark's, W. T. Junction.	2 50
St. Paul's, Uxbridge.....	16 00
St. John's, Pt. Hope, M.C.L.	25 00
Brooklyn	2 25
Proceeds of Miss. Invalld	
chair, per Mrs. Moffatt ...	5 00
Colborne	13 00
Donation, Mrs. Edw. Blake.	10 00
All Saints', Toronto.....	201 45
St. Bartholomew's, Toronto.	4 00
Donation, Miss Lynch, Dub-	
lin, Ireland	9 72
Superannuation Fund,	
Donation, Mrs. Shortiss.....	6 00
Temiscamingue,	
St. James' Cath., Toronto ...	25 00
St. Stephen's, Toronto	75
DOMESTIC—	
St. Stephen's	1 00
NORTH-WEST—	
Rupert's Land Hospital,	
Donation, Mrs. Austin, per	
Mrs. Williamson	5 00
Rev. Geo. Gill, Treherne, Man.	
Special Collection at Month-	
ly Meeting	22 00

Calgary, Sarcee House,	
Donations, per Miss Pater-	
son	5 00
Blood Reserve, Girl's Home,	
Donation, per Miss Paterson	20 00
Donation towards purchase	
of stove.....	2 57
Blackfoot House,	
Ch. of Epiphany, Parkdale...	13 90
York Mills	6 00
Matron's Salary,	
All Saints', Toronto.....	8 85
St. Stephen's, Toronto	90
Mackenzie River,	
Ch. of Redeemer Juniors.....	70
St. Stephen's, Toronto, per	
Mrs. Robertson	27 75
St. Thomas, Toronto	5 10
Ch. of Redeemer, Toronto...	4 80
Holy Trinity, Bishop Strac-	
han's School	50 50
VICTORIA, B.C.—	
Chinese School,	
Sale of jewellery, per Mrs.	
Williamson	25 00
Sale of brooch, per Mrs.	
Williamson	10 00
Sale of button, per Mrs. Wil-	
liamson.....	1 00
FOREIGN—	
S. P. G.,	
All Saints', Toronto.....	1 80
Japan Bible woman, per Rev.	
J. G. Waller,	
St. Margaret's, Toronto.....	12 00
Japan, Rev. J. C. Robinson,	
Ch. of Epiphany, Parkdale.	13 90
Japan, Rev. H. Hamilton,	
Ch. of Redeemer Juniors ...	70
LIFE MEMBERS—	
Mrs. Chas. Paterson, Port	
Hope	25 00
Mrs. Catto	25 00
Rent Central Rooms,	
St. Mark's Parkdale.....	3 00
Extra-Cent-a-Day Fund.....	47 43
Collection at Monthly Meeting.	11 38
Interest on Deposit Account ...	11 95

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EXPENDITURE.			
Diocesan Mission Fund.....	\$26 10	Mackenzie River Mission Fund.	89 65
Diocesan Mission Fund Debt...	315 74	Rev. J. C. Robinson, per Wy-	
ALGOMA—		cliffe College	13 90
Mission Fund.....	44 45	Rev. H. Hamilton.....	95
Mission Fund Debt	683 02	Japan Bible Woman, per Rev.	
Bishop's Expenses	3 00	C. Shortt	24 00
Temiscamingue.....	26 75	Blood Reserve, towards stove...	50 00
Superannuation Fund.....	6 00	Rev. Geo. Gill, Treherne, Man.	22 00
Rupert's Land Mission Fund ...	100 00	Rent Central Rooms	10 00
Rupert's Land Hospital.....	109 00	Secretary, postage and sundry	
Sarcee House.....	5 00	expenses	10 00
Blood Reserve	20 00		
			\$1,559 54

The following, from the Rev. Leonard Dawson, Touchwood Hills, Kutawa P. O., Ass., will be read with interest: "The bale from Sutton West arrived on the 12th after the usual difficulties of a winter trip from the C.P.R. here, some 80 miles. The contents are simply splendid, and are already a great help to the poor Indians. The quilts are going rapidly. One I gave yesterday to an Indian dying of consumption. The vests are particularly welcome. In fact I do not know what is not of use. My rule is to give to the aged, sick, and the children, and make the able-bodied Indians work or bring something useful for what they get. This encourages thrift and makes the garments better appreciated. Evangelistic work progresses well, as we obtain a fair hearing results will follow presently. Thank your Branch for their practical help and sympathy."

Mrs. Dawson writes: "To-day Mr. Dawson visited Poor Man's Reserve, where there is a blind boy 10 years old. The boy had on only a little vest, and of several sickly children, one was running about absolutely naked. This is an exceptionally thriftless family, for their 'give-away dances' they sometimes give all they possess. We will clothe these children from your stores.

"Returning from Day Star's school this week, a blinding snow-storm came on and if my husband had not known many little landmarks, and walked by the horse all the eight miles, we must have stayed out all night, the snow is so deep this year it is terrible for the poor horses.

"My little girl was three in July. She is so pleased with the petticoats. The coverlet is so pretty; indeed it was very kind of you to think so of us. The socks are beauties; we have to wear so many at a time to keep us warm."

Very encouraging letters are received from our Diocesan Travelling Missionary, the Rev. Henry Bourne. He went 20 miles in one direction to find two old men he had been told of, and found a blind father of 80, and crippled son of 50 years, in a state of extreme poverty and rags. The contents of the bales sent him from our W. A. Branches

helped him to improve the latter state of affairs, and as he says "everything sent has been so good, and in every way suitable to the needs of the people among whom I visit." Mrs. Bourne is stronger and, as usual, hard at work. The three North-West children are well, and the little Haliburton boy better than he has been." From Maple Island Mr. Markham writes Miss Patterson: "The box of toys, etc., arrived giving so much joy. We had our tea on the 29th at Donchurch. ~~The children (34) were presented with their gifts.~~ You can imagine their delight, especially as many had never before received any present. The local paper has a report, and you will receive a copy. Our Sunday school is our only remaining religious service. We have had no visit from a clergyman for 12 months, and only four times in the year before. This makes us sadly downcast, but we pray for better times. We send the grateful thanks of the Donchurch E. C. Sunday School. The poor children have so little to brighten their lives that the Christmas tree will be a bright spot for many a day. I will do my best to distribute the clothing fairly, and close with earnest wishes for God's blessing upon the W. A. work"

Dr. Mockridge sent the following, January 20th:—

DEAR MRS. WILLIAMSON,—Will you please bring before the ladies to-day the importance of doing all they can in their several branches for *The Canadian Church Magazine and Mission News*, and also for *The Juvenile*? The latter may be had at \$8.00 per annum for a hundred copies, and at that rate for any number over fifty. The Magazine may be had without cover at the club rate of 40c. a year each, instead of a dollar, its usual price. Almost any congregation could get up a club at this rate, and would it not be a useful piece of missionary work for some member of the Auxiliary in each branch to get up a club of that kind? They are doing it in Holy Trinity. Sincerely yours,
CHAS. H. MOCKRIDGE.

The Rev. A. J. Reid writing from Nelson, B. C., says: "Please thank St. Luke's Willing Workers, and others for the splendid collection of articles sent for our sale, we realized no less than \$180. We could have sold no end of small toys at 25c. We hope to have another sale in July to pay off the \$200 debt yet remaining on our little church. I have just returned from a nine days trip over the roughest country I ever traversed. My journey was chiefly on foot, but becoming quite footsore I had to ride an Indian pony. I was nine hours going 20 miles at one part so you can imagine the trail. I understand the Ontario Dioceses are to have a visit early in 1893 from Bishop and Mrs. Stillitoe. You will all be charmed with both."

All P.O. Orders, LEAFLET subscriptions or donations, please make payable to *Ellen M. Williamson*.

Huron Diocese.

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

Again, and only in the second month of what otherwise our Huron Auxiliary might gratefully claim as its "glad New Year," do the tokens of mourning dim the brightness of our pages. From Windsor comes the following sad notice: "All Saint's Church has lately lost one of its dear members, *Mrs. R. A. Reynolds*. She had been our vice-president from the first, and nothing but home duties ever kept her from her post, where she always brought strength, zeal and brightness to cheer us in our labours. It will be hard to face our winter work without her, and as a dear loving Christian friend we mourn her." The Memorial Church, London, has lost one of its most beloved young workers, in *Miss Alice Wright*, the secretary of the M. C. L. and Juvenile W. A., and the teacher of the large infant class in the Sunday School. Barely 21 years of age, in the midst of her loving labours, and after but a very short illness, the sweet message came to her, "Daughter, arise, He calleth thee," and she arose and followed Him. Her empty place it will be hard to fill, but she has left behind a bright record of an unselfish devoted life which cannot fail to be long held in loving remembrance. And within three days of our Annual Meeting, during which such sympathetic mention was made of kindly intentions towards the now bereaved family of the Rev. Gilbert Cook, of Stagville, (Minnesota), the following letter reaches us, penned by the sorrowing father: "I little thought when last I wrote of the great sorrow in store for us. My dear wife died on January 10th, after great suffering. We buried her next day, and I had to read the whole service myself. It was terrible, but God gave me the strength to do it. I had to give my baby boy only a few hours old into the care of an Indian woman. We are now poor indeed, for it is probable I shall have to take my motherless girls back to Touchwood, where we left a house standing without a tenant, as my health is failing, I dread the idea of anything further happening, and the possibility of my having to leave an unprotected family here. I feel quite lost. I seem to feel it more and more every day. Please remember me, all of you, in your prayers, and let all friends know how heavy the hand of God lies upon us at present." Some further details which have reached us of Mrs. Cook's illness show that her sufferings must have been terrible with no medical or proper assistance in her hour of need. It is a pitiful story

of another life, a woman's life, laid down in the cause of Missions, which startles us into a painful realization of the intense suffering our devoted missionaries and their wives are called upon to endure.

Your editor is indebted to Miss Weir, of Brantford, for the following accurate notes of our late Annual Meeting :

The sixth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Huron, held in London, January 16, 17, 18, and 19. The Board of Management, attended by the presidents of branches, met at Cronyn Hall on Monday evening, and after devotional exercises the following business was transacted: A notice of motion, by Mrs. Boomer, relative to the need of a permanent provision for Algoma, also one by Mrs. Lanfesty, suggesting that instead of the roll being called, each person should place her name and that of her branch, in a box at the door, thus saving valuable time. The minutes of the October Board of Management meeting were read and confirmed. Mrs. Baldwin thanked Mrs. Boomer, who had represented her at that meeting, and expressed her satisfaction that this experiment of having Board Meetings out of London had proved so successful. In this connection followed a notice of motion from Mrs. Mackenzie, of Grace Church, that this year's semi-annual gathering be held in Brantford, (to this later on a resolution of acceptance was heartily carried). The Corresponding Secretary read several communications relative to Huron's lady missionary, the power to make final arrangements in regard to whom being left in the hands of the President and Emergency Committee for the formation of which committee the proposed additional clause to the Diocesan Constitution made provision. This was embodied in the report of the committee for its revision, which report was submitted by Mrs. Finkle to the Board, adopted, and on its further recommendation to the annual, unanimously carried. Further letters, including one direct from Mentone, from the Bishop of Algoma, and correspondence relative to the children of Rev. Gilbert Cook, etc., etc., followed, and a letter was read from Mr. Complin urging the absolute necessity for prompt action in the matter of some definite method of meeting outlay for printing and necessary expenses, inevitably entailed by its very growth, upon the Huron W. A. This led to a brisk discussion upon membership fees, it being allowed that the five-cent fee did not meet these requirements. The subject was left for the Annual Meeting to decide upon. Specimens of badges and new membership cards for juniors were handed round and discussed.

On Tuesday, the 17th, there was a Choral Litany Service and Holy Communion at St Paul's Cathedral, very largely attended. The Bishop preached an impressive sermon upon Eph. 1. 3, 4, 5. Emphasizing especially the words " as He hath chosen us in Him, before the found-

ation of the world " After a bounteous luncheon had been gracefully served to the members in Cronyn Hall, the first Session of the Annual Meeting was opened by devotional reading and prayer at 2.30 p.m., Mrs. Baldwin presiding. She introduced Mrs. Tilton as "not only the President, but as the originator of the Canadian Auxiliary, and extended to her, on behalf of the Huron Branch, a most hearty welcome; a welcome which had long been awaiting her in Huron. Mrs. Murphy, of Chatham, read a most admirable and interesting paper on "Chinese Missions in British Columbia," which, by request, will be printed later on. Mrs. Boomer read greetings from the Quebec, Montreal and Toronto Branches of the W. A., and a special message from Mrs. Miller (now in England), telling of her continued and deep interest in our work. At this juncture the Bishop arrived, and in cordial terms addressed the meeting. His Lordship said that "the W. A. does much for the spiritual life in the Diocese. Women, willing and able to work, should be provided with work. The Auxiliary is still only in its infancy, and new avenues of usefulness are continually opening up before it. Our missionary motto should be, 'expect great things from God, and do great things for God.' Pray for a blessing on your service for others. The Church to-day is too apt to forget the value of intercessory prayer. Pray every day for some special portion of Christ's vineyard." The Bishop then, on behalf of himself, the presidents, Diocesan officers and members of London Branches, presented a life membership to Mrs. Boomer, and also to Mrs. Lings. Both ladies expressed their grateful appreciation of the honour done them, and devoted the money, Mrs. Boomer to Algoma, Mrs. Lings to the Jews. His Lordship then retired and Mrs. Boomer read many interesting letters responding to her appeal for Algoma, amongst them one coming from an anonymous friend to Algoma, in the Magdalen Islands, another from Portland, Maine, one from Boston, Mass., from one who says: "I am a member of the Canadian W. A., and *intend to remain one*," and one from an old member of the Grace Church, Brantford, W. A., now working in the cause of the Chinese in British Columbia, one also from Miss Mellish, enclosing two contributions, one to Algoma, "the other," she says, "is for the Education Fund. . . Since being here (as a lady assistant in Mr. Burman's Indian School), and meeting many of God's servants who have left *all* to carry out His commands, my mind has quite changed, and instead of thinking, as I used to do, that the Education Fund could not be classed as missionary work at all, I realize now that it is a very essential part indeed." A fuller extract from her very interesting letter will appear in the LEAFLET shortly. Mrs. Hamilton, President of the Niagara W. A., now arrived and received a respectful and hearty welcome. She said she personally brought Niagara's greetings to Huron, which greetings were heartily reciprocated. The meeting was now thrown open for social intercourse for half an hour, whilst the junior branches assembled to hear Miss

Sugden's most interesting address. The children listened with deep attention while she told them of the cruelties to which the little brown baby girls were exposed in India, and how the little white girls and boys of happy Canada could all do something to alleviate their lot. Whilst the collection was being taken up Miss Sugden recited some hymns in Hindustani, after which Mrs. Chance, of Tyrconnell, sang with much sweetness and pathos, two beautiful hymns in the Indian dialect. The meeting closed with the doxology and benediction.

After devotional exercises Wednesday morning's session commenced with minutes of the meeting of the Board of Management and business accruing therefrom. . . . The arrangement for a representative of Junior Branches upon the Central Board was left in the hands of the president.

The Recording Secretary then read her report: "We have now 79 senior branches with a membership of 1509, and 44 junior branches with a membership of 957. Of the senior branches 12 contributed to Zenanas, 13 to E. F., 20 to L. M. Japan, 32 to L. M. North-West, and 34 to Lion's Head, 9 branches report Bible and prayer unions, and 38 'a decided increase in missionary zeal.'"

The Junior Branches have worked well. They sent out 27 bales, besides assisting in those sent by the seniors, and report \$55 collected in missionary boxes, over \$345 from all sources. The St. Thomas Earnest Workers subscribe annually \$60 for Indian girl at Omohsene, St. James' L S Mission Band \$15 to Zenanas, three London Junior Branches \$15 to North-West L. M., and other three \$45 to Algoma. The branches generally do not use library nor subscribe for missionary periodicals as they should.

The report of the Dorcas Secretary followed: 76 branches have reported 109 bales, packages, etc., being sent to 36 missions, besides complaints having come of expense of freight, one branch having paid \$12, another \$10, and so on, (Port Dover paid \$19) the secretary recommended that bales going to the Diocese of Saskatchewan be sent as "settler's effects," which will decrease the expense. 'She also called attention to printed forms I and II, copies of which have been sent to all branches, Form I, to be filled in and sent to her, as soon as the branch has decided for what mission it intended to work, (which decision should also be taken promptly); Form II to be filled in and sent to her when the bale is shipped. Mention was then made of many grateful letters received, especially one from the wife of a missionary in a distant home in the North-West, who writes, "at family prayers my husband always remembers the W. A."—so that we have the assurance that while we are working for them, we are also receiving help from them.

The reports of the Corresponding and Card Membership Secretaries followed, the latter stating that 333 cards were taken during the past year, but that still very many members must be without their cards. All should have them and use daily the prayer inscribed upon it. The address of the President was received with rapt attention. She reminded the meeting that the reason of their being assembled earlier than usual this year was mainly owing to the necessity having arisen for her own coming absence for a while from her post as president, and partly to the fact that Miss Sugden's visit at this time afforded an opportunity for all to hear her plead on behalf of India's down trodden, suffering women. "Should not the attitude of each member present be that of one listening for the call of the Lord Jesus to personal service? May our prayer be, "Lord help me to serve Thee better, and to consecrate my heart and life to Thy service." Loving mention was made of those missing since last year, four gone to their rest, others detained by illness. The bright example of those gone before should stimulate to renewed earnestness in the cause of missions. Mrs. Baldwin also spoke of the increasing responsibility of her position as Diocesan President, calling it "no light thing to preside over an organization numbering 118 branches." She reminded the women of the Auxiliary "that the time is short, the emissaries of Satan all about us, seeking to lead our young people astray, so all must be up and doing, taking for their motto in the coming year, "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life." "And here," said our president, "I would expressly thank our acting corresponding secretary, who so kindly and cheerfully occupied the post when our energetic corresponding secretary, Mrs. Newman, found at the beginning of the year that she must leave London for Toronto. In grateful remembrance of all Mrs. Newman's earnest work as our Dorcas Secretary, and then as Corresponding Secretary, we pray that God may abundantly bless her in her new sphere of work.

After a feeling expression of regret at losing our valued Diocesan Treasurer, Mrs. Baldwin expressed her earnest hope that the Holy Spirit might guide the meeting in the election of officers, and reminded those present of the secret of success, expressed in our Diocesan motto, *Looking, hastening*—looking for the coming of an absent *Friend*; hastening, not as drones, but by earnest, toiling hastening the coming of that absent One, of the time when we may hear the tramp of the distant footsteps gathering home. Let nothing done by us delay the approach of those footsteps. The responsibilities of individuals must be answered by each one by herself." The president's address will be sent to the branches in the annual report, and it would be well that these reports should be read at the next following business meeting of every branch. At the conclusion the roll was called, and the meeting proceeded to elect the officers for the coming year, who all went in by

acclamation: Recording-secretary, Miss Labatt; corresponding-secretary, Mrs. Falls; treasurer, Mrs. Lemplin; Dorcas secretary, Miss Marsh. It was moved by Mrs. Richardson, seconded by the whole house, that the expression of the regret of the whole W. A. at her withdrawal from office and departure from London be tendered to Mrs. Lings. Mrs. Complin's letter, announcing deficit in general expense fund, was then read, and suggestions made for meeting it. Moved by Mrs. Kains, seconded by Mrs. Hoyt, "that the branches be assessed ten cents per member instead of five cents," and that the branch treasurers collect this fee, remitting it promptly to the Diocesan Treasurer.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon, again provided by the hospitable London ladies in the Cronyn Hall. Punctually at half-past two work was resumed. The reports of Organizing Secretary, Literature, Sunbeam, LEAFLET Flower Mission, and Cent-a-day Secretaries were read, all reporting good work done, and the need of increase in membership and contributions. The report of education committee followed, showing that the balance in hand for the year was \$243.50, which included the sum allotted at the last annual to be used at the discretion of the committee for the benefit of Mr. Cook's children. Most satisfactory reports from the Misses Penney and from her school teacher were given of the progress and conduct of Huron's little daughter, with grateful testimonies from her father, and another Algoma missionary, expressing their high appreciation of the benefit conferred upon them by this branch of the Auxiliary work, and their thanks for the tender care bestowed upon their daughters by the Misses Penney. After the adoption of this report, Mrs. Wilkes, delegate from Grace Church, rose and stated that their branch was prepared to guarantee the annual sum of \$50 towards the education of one of Mr Cook's children, should the committee see its way to supplement the same. Mrs. Chance, of Tyrconnell, immediately rose to propose a vote of thanks for the liberal offer made by this branch.

The Treasurer's report was next submitted, copies of it being circulated throughout the hall. The President reminded the branches of the immense labour entailed upon the Diocesan Treasurer now that the W.A. had become so large an organization. It is earnestly hoped that the branches will do their utmost to lighten the labours of their newly-appointed officer, by forwarding their reports and remittances as promptly as possible. After the resolutions of the Board of Management had been ratified, the matter of a Diocesan fee for junior branches was discussed, ending in the decision that junior branches should pay a yearly fee per member of five cents, from which fee juvenile members should be exempt.

Mrs. Finkle's abridged report of the triennial meeting was listened to with much interest, and then followed "words of gold" from the lips

of the President of the Canadian W. A. Amongst these was an expression of her hope and belief that all the Ecclesiastical provinces, including Newfoundland and Bermuda, would ere long come into confederation, and that the members of the Auxiliary would all work to that end. Wherever there is a parish or a mission there is place for a branch of the Auxiliary. One woman reported to her Annual Meeting, "we send four dollars, wishing we could send more, but we have met every week, three or four of us, for prayer for missions." Was not weekly prayer better than thousands of dollars out of full pockets without prayer? The first commencement of the Auxiliary was in 1885. The Board of Missions was assembled in Ottawa, and a large missionary meeting was addressed in eloquent terms by the Bishops of the various Dioceses. It occurred then to a worker how grand a thing it would be if the women of Canada could be banded together and used for missionary work. A meeting of ladies was called, and letters sent to every bishop and bishop's wife, asking their co-operation. After many preliminaries, and meetings with the Board of Missions, a Constitution was drawn up, and the W. A. became a recognized organization. One Diocese joined after another, and to-day it numbers some 10,000 members. The work, all laid ready to our hand by God, has been eagerly taken up. The children are being trained to the work, and will come naturally to it without encountering any of the difficulties that met the first committee of the W. A. But while the W. A. is a real thing it is not an independent organization, it is "auxiliary" to the Board of Missions, bound to be loyal to that board, and womanly in every thought and deed. Mrs. Tilton concluded with a few words of wise counsel to those present, especially the younger workers, "Let the work be the brightness of your life. As yet your path has been comparatively smooth, there has been very little testing work, but it may come in the future. Remember, then, that Satan is a conquered power. You have the blessing of the Lord that maketh rich—go forward, then, till Christ comes."

After Mrs. Tilton had resumed her seat the basket containing the "Algoma Thanksgiving offering," into which gifts had been pouring all day long, was brought to the President for her to open and announce the amounts within the envelopes, with their messages, many of them being beautifully chosen texts inscribed upon them. The table being rather small, a lady present undertook to hold those opened, on her knees, till all were ready, but before long she was glad to throw the accumulated envelopes into a mission quilt spread out upon the ground. To the disappointment of the meeting it was impossible to announce the exact total before its close, but all joined heartily in singing a doxology of praise and gratitude to Almighty God for moving so many hearts to respond to the plea for aid to Algoma in its hour of need. At the evening's public missionary meeting the Bishop was enabled to

make the joyful announcement "that the thanksgiving offerings for Algoma from the Auxiliary now amounted to \$876.73, which sum has since reached \$891, and they hoped ere long to make the contributions towards the debt an even \$1,000.

There are several of the branches still to hear from, some in fulfilment of promises already made, others which will doubtless send both promise and fulfilment together. After all have been received a clear statement of each branch contribution, which it will kindly accept as a receipt for the same, with, perhaps some interesting items connected with this special effort of our Huron W.A., will appear in the next issue of the LEAFLET.

The Bishopstowe drawing-rooms were filled to overflowing on Thursday morning for the Bible and prayer meeting, followed by the unfinished business which closed the session. The Bishop's earnest pressing home of the lesson contained in Zech. iii, will not readily be forgotten. . . . Amongst the resolutions carried was one requesting the representatives to lay before their branches the obligation resting upon them to send a yearly contribution to Algoma's Mission Fund, to avoid a recurrence of such a crisis as the present, and thus to spare its Bishop a continuance of the mental strain which had so nearly produced results so disastrous to Algoma. After the settling of some other details, and passing resolutions of thanks in some cases of sympathy in others, Mrs. Tilton spoke a few farewell words of counsel and encouragement, expressing herself delighted with all she had seen and heard, and with the steady progress and unanimity of purpose which marked each branch of our work. She prayed that the spirit of the Lord and His blessing might continue to rest upon the efforts of the Huron Auxiliary.

After a unanimous and heartfelt expression of sympathy with our beloved President in the illness which necessitates her temporary absence, and a prayer that God's blessing may rest upon the means used for her perfect restoration to health, was closed one of the gladdest and happiest W. A. Annual Meetings ever held in our diocese.

EDITORIAL.

Will the readers of the LEAFLET kindly forgive their editor for the omission of Messages from the Branches, and Missionary Letters? And will they wait patiently for them in our next issue? It was felt that as there were so many branches not represented, they would like to hear, as far as the limit of our pages permits, what transpired at our meetings. In the coming "Echoes" they shall have many further little details, and our dear new young branches shall be told how heartily they were welcomed, and how thoroughly were appreciated the manifestations already given of their sturdy growth so soon after taking root upon the parent tree.

Montreal Diocese.

DIOCESAN MOTTO:—“*Go work to-day in my Vineyard.*”

We hope subscribers may receive their LEAFLET before the Annual Meeting, February 16th and 17th, and that all, who possibly can, will make it a point of honour to attend.

Pending some final arrangements, the complete programme cannot, at the date of sending in our “copy,” be given, but we may state that the opening service will be held as usual in the Cathedral, and that it will include a Celebration of the Holy Communion and an address by the Bishop. All the business meetings, the daily lunch for members, the public missionary meeting and the closing “At Home” will be held in the Synod Hall, 75 University Street, which Rev. Canon Empson has kindly placed at the Auxiliary’s disposal. Hospitality will be gladly provided for our sister delegates from the country, and for representatives from parishes wishing to form branches and to learn all about the working of the Auxiliary, if they will kindly send in their names beforehand, to Mrs. Houghton, 44 Lorne Avenue, Montreal. The beautiful little Auxiliary badges, a tiny Winchester cross of silver (gold for life members), bearing the Auxiliary Motto: “The love of Christ constraineth us,” and the letters W.A., will be for sale, as doubtless many members will wish to purchase them. The price is 35 cents for silver, and \$1.75 for gold. A little heavier one in silver is 50 cents, and they can be had as brooches or pins.

Mrs. Wilson (*nee* Vidal) the Montreal Auxiliary’s lady teacher at the Washakada Home, is now on a visit to this part of the Dominion, in the interests of the Indian work in which she and her husband (son and successor of Rev. E. Wilson), are still faithfully working, and we bespeak for her a hearty and generous welcome and support. She will address the Auxiliary at the annual meeting, and plead the cause so near her heart. This is all that we need say at present, as our members will have an opportunity of hearing the story from

herself. May God's Holy Spirit be with us to guide, sanctify and direct, so that all we do or say may be to His glory, and the extension and good of His Church.

The Montreal Auxiliary year, just about to close, has been one in which the mission care for which our Society exists, has been very prominently brought before us by visiting representatives from various points in the Home, Domestic and Foreign fields, with the result, we are thankful to say, of an enlarged knowledge of, and interest in the diverse and far-scattered portions of the world's great harvest ground, and also increased financial support. Athabasca, Mackenzie River, Selkirk (thank God for this), Moosonee, Qu'Appelle and Rupert's Land, Japan and the Zenana mission work, has each come in for its share of our contributions and our sympathy. And in our own Diocese an educational institution, which our Bishop has pronounced "a decidedly missionary work," has, for the first time, been assisted by the Auxiliary. Thank God it is so—thank God for every dollar and every cent given for the spread of the knowledge of the Gospel of the Son of God, through His appointed channel of instruction—the Church which He has purchased to Himself with His own most precious Blood. Far be it from us to wish to divert one dollar or one cent from any one of these deserving objects.

Like the Church, the Auxiliary is as the "great sheet" of the apostle's vision, wherein are represented "all manner" of members, and each one of us is at liberty to choose for herself according to her convictions, the particular channel into which her offerings shall flow. But, friends and sister workers of the Montreal Auxiliary, where in the list of our year's results comes in Algoma? What more than in the past have we done for her, our own ecclesiastical child, to whose honourable maintenance we are morally and spiritually pledged, as sacredly, I hold, as to that of our own Diocese in which we live. Alas, when we hear our monthly statements, our hearts sink within us and we hang our heads with shame, and forbear to publish to our outside fellow-workers the pitiably inadequate total of

our Algoma dole. O, friends, this should not be. If there is one Diocese in the whole of our missionary eleven that ought not to suffer through neglect, it is Algoma. And yet that it has done so, we read in the Bishop's own pathetic words.

"I will not disguise it from you that the anxieties arising from this cause," (the deficit in the General Mission Fund) "have been one of the primary causes of my recent collapse." And again "I am physically and mentally disabled from lifting a finger at present towards its removal." And now in his "helplessness" he appeals to the whole Canadian church, and to us of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Friends, shall this appeal be in vain as far as we in Montreal are concerned? Other Dioceses are responding to the call. Toronto and Huron are taking prompt and vigorous action, and Niagara, Ontario and Quebec will not be left behind. It will not relieve us from our responsibility that they in their generous enthusiasm might perhaps without our aid raise the whole amount of \$4,000 required to place the General Mission Fund of Algoma in a solvent state.

At the January meeting of the Diocesan Board a letter was read suggesting that each member of the Woman's Auxiliary who could should give 50c. to this object. Some of course, could only give smaller sums, and the Branches proportionately. But much or little, let each give *something*. If this were done by the ten thousand members of the general Auxiliary the burden would be lifted from the heart of Algoma's excited and suffering Bishop; and who can say how far the mental relief would hasten the physical restoration.

Christmas has passed, and we cannot, as was proposed by one loving member, send our united offering as a gift at that holy season; but Easter will still afford us a fitting opportunity of crowning our Lenten self-denial with a gift that would surely be accepted of Him who as at that time burst for us the bonds of death and the grave. We lay this matter before every member and every Branch of the Montreal Auxiliary. Easter falls early this year—April 2nd. Do, dear friends, take up the work heartily and at once, and let it be a general effort. Let the very poorest give her five cents, her ten cents, nay, her penny. It will surely be accepted of God if offered in the right spirit, for His glory, and the relief of the necessities of our brethren. I often think that there are occasions when a very small sum appearing amid more imposing entries represents perhaps a degree of spiritual attainment of which careless people little dream. For it does require courage for us to be willing—for the encouragement of others who are as poor as ourselves—and that none may be omitted—to see our apparently pitifully insignificant 25 cents staring us in the face side by side with the dollars and tens of dollars of our more financially favored fellow-workers. Yet God will not despise our "small things" if they are really offered as unto Him.

St. Martin's reports two boxes of clothing sent to families of clergymen in the Diocese, a parcel of clothing to the Day Nursery (city) and a box for a Christmas tree to Burk's Falls, Ontario, Algoma Diocese. The whole contributed by the Ladies' Aid, St. Monica's Guild and M. C. L. respectively. Côte St. Antoine Branch sent at Christmas two bales (valued for information of workers at \$65). One to Bristol P. Q., the other to Denham. Grenville has sent a bale weighing 150 pounds to Mr. Swainson of the Blood Reserve.

In reply to a question from the Secretary of this Branch, we would say that the C. P. R. does not make a reduction on Missionary goods, except in extreme cases; such as the destruction of a district by fire, etc., and the Government rebate on goods sent to Treaty Indians is so hedged about with restrictions as to be practically useless.

Mrs. Seymour, of All Saints' Branch, reports \$15 collected for Rev. Mr. Brick for personal use in his family.

LETTER FROM MISS SHERLOCK.

JAPAN, August 27, 1892.

DEAR MRS. EVANS,—There has been much difficulty and many disheartening delays in settling upon some feasible plan of work. Any medical work involves more or less expense for which I had no means, and there seems to be no end to the "waiting times." I came to Kobe in May to try to meet the desire of some of the native Christians to have their women instructed in nursing. A training school for nurses in fact. Now to organize and carry on a training school would at the first glance seem to be all plain sailing, especially as the Hospital authorities are anxious to have trained nursing in the hospital, and promise, indeed offer every facility and assistance in their power, but when it comes to doing anything practical they can one and all find excellent reasons for not appearing in connection with a Christian Institution. A native Christian holding any desirable public office is almost sure to find himself displaced sooner or later, not that there is any open persecution; theoretically Christianity is on the same footing as any other 'philosophy,' welcome to whatever foothold it can gain for itself; the authorities will not dismiss a man because he is a Christian; but practically, it is much easier to excite an animus against a Christian office holder than it would be if he were otherwise. The Buddhist priests look after these matters, and can always find some tool to work up the case, while they themselves keep out of sight. Under these circumstances it is very difficult to make any headway; with all fair and easy seeming on the surface, the under current is strong against us and the results very disheartening. However, we can always struggle on in faith, never doubting that whatever is God's will in this matter must sooner or later be accomplished.

(To be continued.)

Niagara Diocese

MOTTO :—“ *Lo I am with you alway.*”

The monthly Board meeting, held in the Church of the Ascension S. School room had among its numbers the untiring President of the Central Board, Mrs. Tilton. She has a charming manner and her address was full of encouragement and most helpful to all who were privileged to hear it. Mrs. Tilton touched on the subjects of uniform prayer, daily noon prayer, the badge, and the desire of the D. and F. Mission Board that the *Church Mission News* and *Juvenile Missionary Paper* should have our help in their dissemination. She said we should not lose sight of the fact that we are a Woman's Auxiliary—so, always womanly, always remembering we are the servants of the Mission Board. Mrs. Hamilton, on introducing Mrs. Tilton, kindly invited the members of the W. A. to call on her in the afternoon at Bishophurst.

Mrs. Hamilton gave a report of the contributions to Algoma Fund—\$161.67 have been contributed.

Mrs. Roper writes your editor: “May I ask if you would kindly insert a few lines in the next LEAFLET to thank my 42 subscribers in Caledonia for their very kind assistance towards the Algoma Fund. Having no Auxiliary here I feel their kindness greatly.”

All will be glad to know the latest news from the Bishop of Algoma is most assuring.

On the occasion of the Bishop of New Westminster's presence in February it was decided to hold a drawing-room meeting on the 17th, at Mrs. H. McLaren's, when the Bishop would give an address, also to hold a public missionary meeting during his stay, under the auspices of the W. A.

An appeal came to the Church children of Canada through the provincial secretary, from the Church of England Chinese Mission School, Victoria, B.C., as follows: “Dear children, We are permitted by the Bishop and your Rector to write a letter about a large number of Chinese children who live in China

town; that is, a part of the the city where the Chinese live, and whom we earnestly want to come into our Mission Schools, but we have no room for them of our own or for any other of our Chinese scholars except a small hired one. So these children for whom Christ died are growing up without any knowledge of Jesus. Will you not, dear children, help us to have a small school house, where these may be trained as heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven? If every child above 10 years gave 25 cents, those under, 10 cents, the sum required (\$1,000) for this would soon be made up. Be sure the Lord will bless your gifts to the heathen children in Victoria." All moneys should be sent for "Chinese Children's Home," to J. Gallatly, Esq., Manager Bank of Montreal, B.C.

Many will have rejoiced in reading in the Montreal *Star* of January 12: "At Madras, recently, a Hindu widow was married, in the presence of over a hundred and fifty Hindu gentlemen." So at last the wall is crumbling. At this, its least sign, let us thank God, work on with thankful hearts and renewed energy for our sisters in India.

Our president was asked to convey our kindly greetings to Huron on the occasion of its annual meeting.

A resolution of sympathy with Miss Patterson, in the loss of her mother, was passed. At the December meeting a resolution, moved by Mrs. Stuart, expressed the deep regret of the W. A. at the loss the Grimsby Branch sustained in the death of Miss Read. And all will grieve with Mrs. Ker, president of St. George's W. A., St. Catherine's, at the sorrow which has befallen her in the removal from earth of her dear little daughter.

Rev. A. Cobb writes Miss Pafford, Niagara-on-the-Lake :

January 6, 1893.

Dear Madam,—Your kind letter of Dec. 19, reached me safely. I should have acknowledged it earlier but for pressure of business preparatory to my marriage on Jan. 4. The box arrived on Tuesday last. I cannot properly express my gratitude for this kindness. All the goods sent for my own service made and fit me so well, while in use I shall constantly be reminded of the donors. The surplice I look upon as the chief of all the gifts, because of its closer connection with

Church work, and as all the rest pleases very much. Although the figs came too late for Christmas Day, still we enjoyed them on our return from Rosseau after our union. It was very kind and thoughtful of you to think of me in such a manner, affording us such a treat. Kindly convey my thanks to all the ladies of your W. A. Trusting that the New Year may bring to all bright and happy prospects.

Yours sincerely,
ARTHUR COBB.

From Miss Ridley, corresponding-secretary, C. C. Cathedral W.A., we have the following letter from Rev. E. W. Inkster :

Red Pheasant, Battleford P. O., Dec. 1892.

" I have postponed writing until now in hopes that some of the freighting teams might bring the barrel and bale from Saskatoon, when your letter reached me, all transport teams had left for the last trip of the season. Alas! for some of the poor fellows, winter has fairly set in, and the snow lies almost two feet deep on the level. I think it quite certain the goods so kindly sent will have to remain for the winter at Saskatoon, as it is out of the question to get them by stage at 10 cents a lb I need hardly say how I regret this, knowing our week-day and Sabbath scholars will be badly off for clothing."

THE DORCAS SECRETARY'S REPORT.

St. Thomas Branch, Hamilton, sent three bales to Rev. J. Hines, Devon County. *St. John's* W. A., Elora. one bale to Rev. F. Frost, Algoma. *St. Thomas*, St. Catherines, one box, one bale, Rev. A. J. Young, Algoma. *St. Barnabas*, St. Catherines, three barrels to Rev. H. C. Lowe, Aspdin. *Ascension Church*, Hamilton, sent to Rev. A. Bonny, Nanticoke, Ont., a silver plated Communion set, a Baptismal font, and a box of 78 S. S. books, as a nucleus for a library, two large kaleidoscopes for prizes for his S. S. They also sent Rev. Archdeacon Phair for distribution six pieces of Communion linen, one silver Communion set, also a plated chalice, and articles of clothing. The children's branch contributed to a Christmas-tree and sent a bale to the mission of Jacob Head, Lake Winnipeg, also three boxes of toys and books to the Rev. J. G. Anderson, St. Peter's Church, Dymoor, Man., and \$5 to the Rupert's Land Indian School, for Mr. Deardon, who requires \$50 for college fees, to complete his studies for the ministry.

Miss Milledge, Winnipeg, sent a card of thanks in acknow-

ledgment of a beautiful pocket font for the Rev. C. W. Houghton, which the Ascension Church had sent him through their W. A.

Niagara-on-the-Lake sent one bale to Rev. A. Cobb. *Christ Church, Niagara Falls*, sent one bale to Rev. L. Dawson, Qu'Appelle. The ladies of this Auxiliary last month presented the president of their branch, Mrs. Houston, with a handsome cabinet and chair, "as a slight token of our personal regard, and our loving appreciation of your untiring efforts in behalf of the Auxiliary." The presentation was made by Mrs. A. Brown, the energetic secretary-treasurer of the branch.

Mrs. Tilton has ordered 1,000 badges for the whole W. A. They are very pretty, indeed, and when we think how many pins and ribbons we buy during the year, 35 cents will not seem very much for this sign of a common united sisterhood. Their purchase is not obligatory, though we think when they are seen all will admire and want them; the text grows so upon you. At first the faint markings attract your attention, and then, as you study more closely, the text of all texts unfolds itself to you. I don't think we should like to miss the text from our badge. Let the demand for this 1,000 be so urgent that we shall be able to get another large number for half that price, such a demand ensuring and so cheapening the sale.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FROM NOV. TO JAN.

RECEIPTS—All Saint's tax on members' fees, \$1.65; All Saint's Rupert's L.S.F., \$6.00, All Saint's, Hamilton, S.J.F., \$10, Mrs. Roper, Caledonia, Newfoundland Church B. Fund, \$5; Niagara-on-the-Lake R.L.T.F., \$5; collection monthly branch meeting, \$4.10; St. George's, St. Catharine's, M.D.F., \$10; Niagara Falls, tax on members' fees, \$1; Miss Shipland, Waterdown, Algoma, \$1. St. Barnabas, St. Catharines, S.J.F., \$10; St. John's, Elora, Algoma Missions, \$18.84; Niagara Falls R.L.T.F., \$5; Thorold, Miss Baxter, L.M.F., \$3; collection monthly branch meeting, \$3.80; All Saint's, R.L.T.F., \$3.80; All Saints', S.J.F., \$2; Cathedral, Hamilton, R.L.T.F., \$4.90; Cathedral, tax on fees, \$3.95.

EXPENDITURE—Bishop of Newfoundland, by Mrs. Shipland's donation, \$5 07; Algoma Missions, by J. J. Mason, \$1; by St. John's Branch, Elora, \$18.84; bill for 1,000 post cards, \$10.

Ontario Diocese.

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

Subject for Prayer and Reading. February—Columbia and China,
March—Athabaska and Africa.

Some of our diocesan readers having asked that we should give them information concerning the subjects for prayer and reading a month in advance, we are going to try, for the present at least, to fall in with their wishes. Of Athabaska we have heard very little of late, and it is some time since its Bishop or any of its clergy have been itinerant among us. Africa, on the contrary, is before the world at the present time more than any other part of the globe. The proposed withdrawal of the British protection from Uganda has been one of the burning questions of the day, involving, as the authorities on the subject assured us it would, the massacre of our missionaries and their converts; and we are thankful the intention has been abandoned. The death of the venerated Bishop Crowther, our first native Bishop, and the troubles with the native clergy, have brought the Christians of eastern Africa before us. Egypt is almost a European colony, and the history of the native Coptic Church and the efforts of some of our missionary teachers to educate and raise the adherents of this ancient Church, are deeply interesting. In Central Africa, and in the south, the Church is advancing with rapid strides. Two new dioceses have been added this autumn, Nyassaland and Lebombo, and a Coadjutor Bishop is shortly to be appointed in Capetown. Bishop Smythie's visit to England has kindled much enthusiasm for the missions of Central Africa, the practical outcome of which is that during the few months of his stay in the Mother country, his appeal for an endowment for a sub-division of his diocese has been more than answered, and on St. Thomas' Day he had the happiness of seeing the Rev. Wilfred Hornby consecrated Bishop of Nyassaland, he himself to be known for the future as Bishop of Zanzibar. From Capetown comes a

most interesting account of the Ordination of the first Kaffir Deacon, trained and presented by the Rev. Edward Osborne, of the St. John Evangelist Mission. Africa, with our 17 Bishops and our intrepid missionaries, with its millions of natives without any trace of religious belief, with its trying climate, its problem of the slave traffic never entirely extinguished, and cropping up continually, this Africa, so full of discouragement demands from us many and heartfelt prayers.

At the Ontario Board Meeting, held in January, several letters of inquiry were read as to Miss Sugden's movements, to all of which the same answer was given—that, owing to Miss Sugden's engagement at New York, and her promise to be in London at the annual meeting, very few of her appointments in Ontario could be kept, and nothing is definitely known as to the date of her return. . . . Mrs Sargent, of Bancroft, hopes to form a girls' branch in that place. . . . An inquiry was received from the Educational Committee as to what share Ontario takes in educational work—none, we fear. . . . An explanatory letter was received from the General Secretary with regard to the appeal for help from the Chinese Mission, British Columbia, issued by Mrs. Lipscombe (mentioned in the *Canadian Church Magazine*, for Dec., 1892) it was found that the appeal had already been sanctioned by the D. & F. Board, and it was requested that any money subscribed for that purpose should be sent to the new Bishop of Columbia.

Perth writes; "We have now completed our main work for the year, having 103 members, I think a larger number than any other church in the diocese, except the principal ones in Kingston and Ottawa. The other day we sent our subscription to the Algoma Fund, \$13.00, to which our Junior Guild added \$5.00. Through Lent our members will again have their weekly meetings for work. Last year they were so successful, making enough clothing to fill a bale weighing 100 lbs., and collecting \$13.00. What is most gratifying is the spirit of missionary work that is being gradually aroused in our midst."

Pembroke has suffered a severe loss in the death of Mrs. G. H. Shaw, who has acted as secretary-treasurer for the W.A. until the last few months.

St. George's, Ottawa has opened a branch of the C. C. M. G. with Mrs. Blain, 133 Slater Street, as superintendent.

So much is said in these days, so much is written, that, unless the speaker is able to present the subjects in a remarkable manner, the effect upon the listener or reader is fleeting. We claim that Miss Sugden, although she would be the last

person to wish to be spoken of as remarkable, does present the subject upon which she speaks in such a way that the impression is not easily effaced from one's mind. After hearing an address from her, the women and children of India become painful realities, and one realizes in some degree the debt of gratitude we women owe to God for the privilege of having been born in a Christian country. Miss Sugden is making this tour in the interests of the general work of the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society, but when there is time for a second address, she tells of the terrible need of medical work in India. She has been working in the Nuddea district, Bengal, where there are nearly 3,000 towns and villages, but only one medical mission. The consequence is that from 30 to 40 per cent. of the natives die when ill for want of proper medical help, and many die from tetanus, from the cruel way they are treated under the name of medical help. Her stories of the simplicity of the village people, of the mistakes they make in following out the simplest treatment, make one incline for both laughter and tears. Miss Sugden already has a dispensary in one village, where there are 500 native Christians living in one quarter by themselves, but her great desire is to have a hospital built, where a few of these poor people can be treated. It is estimated that the cost of each bed will be only \$20 a year. Most of the patients so far have been very poor, and in other cases the husband refuses to pay for medicine for his wife, as he thinks she is not worth it, while, if it was his cow, it would be a different thing. We hope that by the time Miss Sugden returns to England, the C. E. Z. F. will have a decided increase to its funds, and that the interest aroused by her addresses may result in much prayer for those suffering millions.

The Treasurer has lately received a letter from our devoted missionary in the North-West, Miss Brown, in which she says :

"Please convey my sincere thanks to the members of the W. A. for continuing to send my salary, and for the interest they are taking in this mission house, and in our little band of workers in particular."

Our readers will be interested in hearing that the staff of the Mission House was increased by the advent of a baby boy on December 19th, and very anxious for the young mother when they hear that

"The dining room in the Mission House is still in a fearful state, from my seat at the table I can turn round and see out of doors between the boards just at my back. All the floors are in the same state, full of cracks that let so much cold in that it will not be safe for Mrs. Hinchliffe to come down-stairs for a long time."

DOORAS REPORT.

St. George's Cathedral, Kingston—Sent a box of Christmas gifts to Mattawa, containing about 30 articles, cards and candy.

St. Paul's, Brockville—One bale containing 64 new and 14 second-hand garments, also 25 yards white cotton, tea, soap, pins, needles, fish-hooks, etc., to Archdeacon Phair, Winnipeg Diocese, Rupert's Land.

Belleville F. W. A.—One box containing 32 garments and gifts from St. John's, 24 from St. Thomas', and 35 from the C. C. M. G. of St. Thomas' Branch sent to Archdeacon Phair for distribution. A grateful letter has been received from him. ANNIE MUCKLESTON,

Dorcas Sec.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.—DECEMBER, 1892.

RECEIPTS.

Merrickville	\$ 2 00
St. James', Kingston	1 00
St. Thomas', Belleville	15 00
Ottawa.....	37 00
Newboro'	12 00
Picton	5 00
Portsmouth	3 00
St. Paul's, Brockville.....	6 00
St. James', Kingston	1 50
Camden East	4 00
Kemptville	8 50
Pembroke	2 00
Perth	25 00
Perth J. W. A.	5 00

EXPENDITURE.

Ontario Treasurer, D. and F. Missions	\$127 00
Sent to Miss Brown, teacher at St. Peter's Mission Diocese Calgary	\$ 29 00
On account to Hope & Co., printers, Ottawa	75 00
	29 00

ALICE L. ROGERS, *Treas., Ont. W.A.*

\$133 00

Quebec Diocese.

MOTTO:—"Ye have done it unto Me."

AUXILIARY NOTES.

A quarterly meeting of the Quebec Diocesan Branch was held on Friday, January 20. Between 60 and 70 members were present. At the request of Mrs. Hunter-Dunn, Mrs. Von Iffland presided. The various reports were very satisfactory, showing growth in every way. Five new branches have been formed in the last six months, our increase hitherto has been three a year. Those not mentioned in the LEAFLET before are Drummondville and Magog, both promise to be flourishing branches, and we extend a hearty welcome to them. At Drummondville, Mrs. Scott is president; Mrs. J. Watkins, vice-president; Miss E. Hemmings, secretary; Miss McDougall, treasurer; and they have already 14 members. At Magog Mrs. La Frenaye is president; Miss Tombs, vice-president; Mrs. Whitehead, secretary and Miss Sweeny, treasurer. The Diocesan Secretary visited both these places to explain the working of the W. A., and speaks highly of the warmth and zeal with which the work is being taken up. She also had the privilege of meeting her co-workers of the Sherbrooke Branch—one ever forward in good works. The Treasurer reported that a little over \$200 still remained in hand after paying all expenses connected with the altar vessels sent to the Diocese of Mackenzie River; so it was decided to send two smaller sets to the other Churches in that same Diocese, also as memorials of our late beloved Bishop Williams. All three pieces to be silver. The acting president having made a touching statement of Algoma's needs, it was resolved to establish an "Algoma Relief Fund," to which all members are invited to contribute, by sending something, however small, to the Diocesan Treasurer. No canvas of the branches is to be made, all contributions to be purely voluntary. The meeting had the pleasure of sending a small token of their sympathy to Rev. A. Young, of North Bay. The samples of life membership certificates were shown, and the wording of the title not meeting with the approval of the members, alterations were adopted, but the main features will be the same as the certificate used by the Dioceses of Toronto, Montreal and Huron. The design is in pink and gold, on a white card.

The question of the badges was postponed until further information is received from the Central Board concerning the size, price, etc., etc. Members residing in Quebec who wish to become subscribers to the *Church Magazine and Mission News* (the organ of the D. and F. Missionary Society), were asked to send in their names to Miss L.

H. Montizambert. If fifty or more subscribe the magazine can be had for 32 cents a year.

Great regret was expressed at the removal of Mrs. Lloyd from our Richmond and Melbourne Branch. We can ill afford to lose so able and willing a worker as she has proved herself to be while President of that branch—which office she has held for several years. Our loss is Montreal's gain, and no doubt they will soon learn to appreciate her as highly as we do. The Secretary of the Cathedral Branch was asked to convey the sympathy of the meeting to Mrs. Edwin Jones, vice-president of that branch, in her long-continued illness. We trust she will soon be restored to health. Reports were read from all the branches except four. The Bishop of New Westminster and Mrs. Sillitoe are expected in Quebec shortly. They will be the guests of the Lord Bishop and Mrs. Hunter-Dunn.

AMONG THE BRANCHES.

Cathedral. Two large bales of clothing have been sent away since November 1st, 1892, one to the Rev. A. Cooke, Fort Alexandria, Winnipeg; one to Mrs. Pinkham, for distribution as she thinks best. Great regret is felt at the absence of the vice-president, Mrs. Edwin Jones, who has been too ill to attend any meetings since September.

Bourg Louis. The sub-branch has passed a resolution of welcome to Miss Sugden, if she can address a meeting there. Meetings are held regularly.

Cookshire has held three meetings since the last Diocesan meeting. Six new members have joined this branch, and fifteen members have decided to adopt the W. A. badge.

Drummondville. The first meeting was held in the Rectory on Jan. 12. The Rector presided, and it was decided to organize a branch of the W. A. The president and officers were elected, and seven members enrolled. The meeting was addressed by Miss Montizambert, who had kindly come from Quebec for that purpose. On January 16th a regular monthly meeting was held and seven new members joined. There are ten subscribers to the LEAFLET.

Inverness, Campbell's Corner. One new member has joined the St. Stephen's Branch during the last quarter, and one more subscriber found for the LEAFLET. The meetings have not been well attended owing to the severity of the weather.

Upper Ireland. The interest in Missionary work is growing. At the last meeting, in December, it was decided not to adopt the W. A. badge.

Levis. Meetings are held regularly, and work done at home. At one the Lord Bishop kindly presided and gave a most interesting address. The Rev. T. W. Fyles and the Rev. L. La Riviere, also addressed

the meeting. The proceeds amounted to \$12.58. On December 23rd \$5 was sent to the Bishop of Algoma (for missionary purposes), \$5 to the S. P. G., and \$5 to the S. P. C. K. Letters of thanks for clothing have been received from Archdeacon Mackay, Mr. C. T. Demarais, and Mr. Ker. A member has sent \$1 to Mrs. Williamson to be spent in LEAFLETS for distribution.

Lennoxville. The usual monthly meetings are held, and 17 members have decided to take badges. The Junior Branch meets regularly once a week.

Magog. A branch was organized on January 4th, 1893, and officers were elected. "Another meeting was called for Monday, January 16, at which we had the pleasure of listening to Miss Montizambert, who, although her time was limited, gave us a very clear insight into the missionary work carried on by the W.A."

Richmond and Melbourne. This branch records with regret the departure of two most valued members, one its president, Mrs. Lloyd. Mrs. Hepburn has been elected president, and Mrs. Aylmer, vice-president.

Riviere du Loup. The members meet weekly and work for Newfoundland. On November 23rd a barrel of clothing was forwarded to the Rev. Mr. Antle, of Greenspond. Eight members wish to adopt the W. A. badge. Miss Clara has been elected secretary. \$2 was subscribed towards the Bishop of Algoma's Fund, and 85 cents towards the altar set.

Sherbrooke. Mrs. Thornlock, the president, has been made a life-member, the first in the Diocese. At different meetings the President gave an account of the Triennial meeting, and Mrs. Robins of the the conference held in Richmond. At Canon Thornloe's suggestion the members of the W.A. have decided to form a "Lay-helpers Association." 15 badges were ordered. The monthly subscription amounted to \$23.40. \$40 was sent to the Bishop of Algoma's Fund, \$25 for certificate, \$25 to the Rev. M. Stocken, \$10 to the Magdalen Islands. This branch wishes to mention that of the \$40 sent to the Bishop \$25. was contributed by a gentleman.

St George's. The meetings have not been well attended lately, but the members hope to have a parcel ready to send off in June.

St. Matthew's. A barrel and box have been sent to the Rev. W.A. Burman for Indian children in St. Paul's Industrial School, Rupert's Land. Two barrels have been sent to Mrs. GUSDale for distribution among the missionaries of Rupert's Land. Letters of thanks have arrived from both, and also one from the Rev. J. W. Tims. In November the Bishop addressed a meeting which was largely attended.

St. Michael's. The quarterly meeting was held January 17, and Mrs. Von Iffland was requested to read her paper written for the Richmond Conference. The Treasurer received a contribution bag contain-

ing 75 cents. A barrel of clothing will soon be ready. The Junior Branch wishes to thank the Corresponding Diocesan Secretary for booklets received at Christmas. It has received \$1.33 from the children of St. Michael's school.

St. Peter's. One new member has joined. Working meetings are held as usual, and in November two barrels were filled with clothing, books, cards, etc., and sent to the Rev. H. Stocken, Calgary.

St. Sylvester. Work began again in November, and a bale of clothes is being prepared for the Rev. George Stokes, Black River

Trinity. Meetings held regularly since October 4, and well attended. There is an increase in members. In November a barrel and case full of clothing, dolls, tea, etc., were forwarded to the Rev. J. W. McLeod, Gore Bay. A contribution of fancy articles for Mr. Young's Christmas tree was sent to Miss Montizambert, the Junior Branch giving three and a half dozen bags of candy.

Windsor Mills. Monthly meetings have been regular and all the members have worked at home so as to send off a bale before Christmas. (A letter of acknowledgment from the Rev. J. Hinchliffe will be given next month.) This branch will continue to provide an outfit for the child mentioned by Mr. Hinchliffe.

MIDDLECHURCH.

DEAR MISS MONTIZAMBERT,—You must think me decidedly ungrateful to delay answering your most kind letter for so long, but I trust you make some allowance for my tardiness, remembering how my time is continually occupied. Doubtless you will have read in the *Gleaner* of our sweet Rachel's death, it was indeed a happy release for her. She was taken to her mother's tent (such a wretched, filthy place) a week or two before her death, but it being within a mile or so of the school we were able to visit her often, and how glad she always was to see us, asking for Bible-reading and prayer, even though her pagan relatives objected. Since Rachel's death, though, the mother seems wonderfully softened, and I trust will soon be won over to Christianity. She can not, of course, understand much of any of our service, and yet she attended last Sunday, perhaps she went because it was the place Rachel loved to be. The girls and I afterwards took some flowers to the grave, and there we found the poor creature seated, silently weeping. How my heart ached for her, and I longed to be able to give help and comfort. I tried my utmost, using one of our girls as interpreter. A little time before Rachel passed away, her old grandmother was wailing out "poor, poor girl," and she said, "Don't call me poor, I am rich," and the last words from her lips were "Jesus—Jesus." Financially the school is in a bad state, and I believe Mr. Burman will be obliged to take a trip east shortly in the interest of the school, so it is altogether likely you will see him. I remain, very sincerely yours,

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