

Technical and Bibliographic Notes / Notes techniques et bibliographiques

The Institute has attempted to obtain the best original copy available for filming. Features of this copy which may be bibliographically unique, which may alter any of the images in the reproduction, or which may significantly change the usual method of filming, are checked below

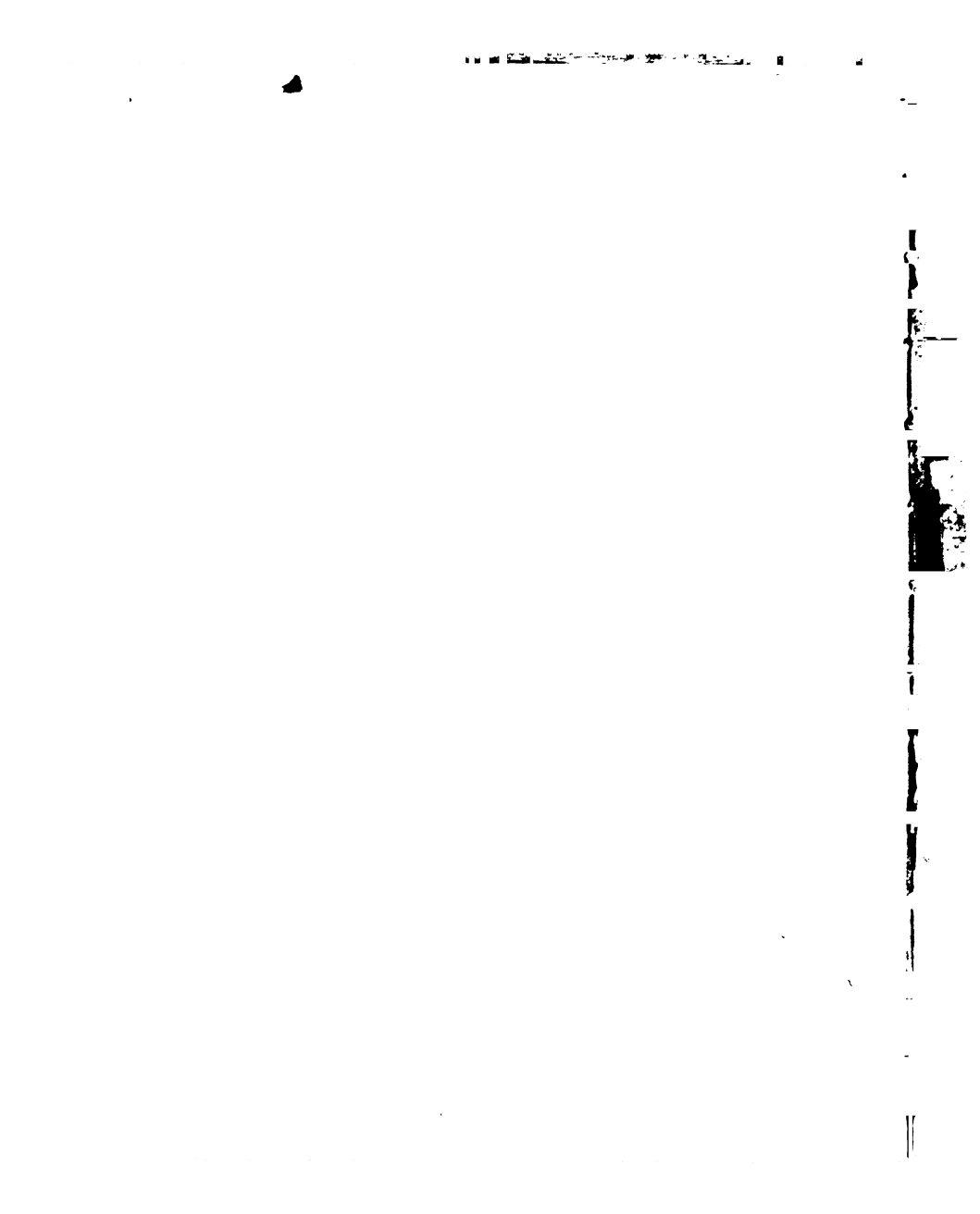
L'Institut a microfilmé le meilleur exemplaire qu'il lui a été possible de se procurer. Les détails de cet exemplaire qui sont peut-être uniques du point de vue bibliographique, qui peuvent modifier une image reproduite, ou qui peuvent exiger une modification dans la méthode normale de filmage sont indiqués ci-dessous.

- Coloured covers/
Couverture de couleur
- Covers damaged/
Couverture endommagée
- Covers restored and/or laminated/
Couverture restaurée et/ou pelliculée
- Cover title missing/
Le titre de couverture manque
- Coloured maps/
Cartes géographiques en couleur
- Coloured ink (i.e. other than blue or black)/
Encre de couleur (i.e. autre que bleue ou noire)
- Coloured plates and/or illustrations/
Planches et/ou illustrations en couleur
- Bound with other material/
Relié avec d'autres documents
- Tight binding may cause shadows or distortion along interior margin/
La reliure serrée peut causer de l'ombre ou de la distorsion le long de la marge intérieure
- Blank leaves added during restoration may appear within the text. Whenever possible, these have been omitted from filming/
Il se peut que certaines pages blanches ajoutées lors d'une restauration apparaissent dans le texte, mais, lorsque cela était possible, ces pages n'ont pas été filmées.
- Additional comments:/
Commentaires supplémentaires:

- Coloured pages/
Pages de couleur
- Pages damaged/
Pages endommagées
- Pages restored and/or laminated/
Pages restaurées et/ou pelliculées
- Pages discoloured, stained or foxed/
Pages décolorées, tachetées ou piquées
- Pages detached/
Pages détachées
- Showthrough/
Transparence
- Quality of print varies/
Qualité inégale de l'impression
- Continuous pagination/
Pagination continue
- Includes index(es)/
Comprend un (des) index
- Title on header taken from:/
Le titre de l'en-tête provient:
- Title page of issue/
Page de titre de la livraison
- Caption of issue/
Titre de départ de la livraison
- Masthead/
Générique (périodiques) de la livraison

This item is filmed at the reduction ratio checked below/
Ce document est filmé au taux de réduction indiqué ci-dessous.

10X	14X	18X	22X	26X	30X
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12X	16X	20X	24X	28X	32X



"The Love of Christ constraineth us."—2 Cor., 5, 14.

REPORT

OF THE MEETINGS HELD IN MONTREAL, SEPT 9TH AND 10TH, 1886.

CALLED BY THE

PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE

WHICH WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE

BOARD OF MISSIONS

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ORGANIZING A

Woman's Auxiliary

TO THE

BOARD OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC MISSIONS

OF THE

CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN CANADA.

Montreal:

PRINTED BY JOHN LOVELL & SON.

1886.

BX5607

1886

"The Love of Christ constraineth us."—2 Cor , 5, 14.

REPORT

OF THE MEETINGS HELD IN MONTREAL, SEPT. 9TH AND 10TH, 1886,

CALLED BY THE

PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE

WHICH WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE

BOARD OF MISSIONS

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ORGANIZING A

Woman's Auxiliary

TO THE

BOARD OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC MISSIONS

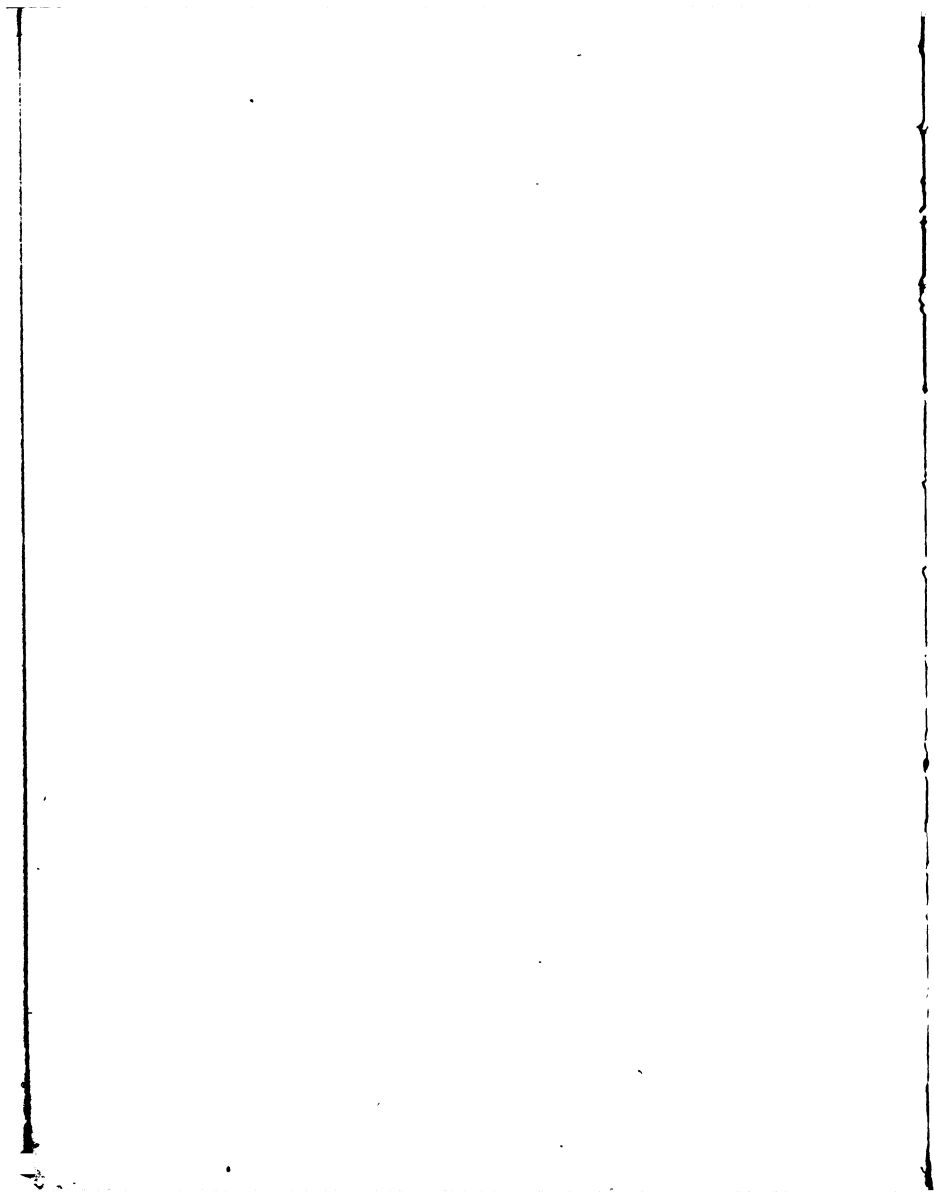
OF THE

CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN CANADA.

~~~~~  
**Montreal :**

PRINTED BY JOHN LOVELL & SON.

1886.



## FIRST DAY.

---

REPORT OF MEETINGS HELD SEPTEMBER 9TH AND 10TH,

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ORGANIZING A

*Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Foreign and  
Domestic Missions.*

---

In the September number of "OUR MISSION NEWS" will be found a notice issued by the "PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE," which was authorized by the BOARD OF MISSIONS TO FORM A WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD. This notice invited all Church Women desirous of joining in the movement to attend meetings, to be held on the 9th and 10th of September, at the time of the session of the Provincial Synod.

By the kindness of Dr. Henderson and the House Committee of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, the Lecture room of the College was placed at the disposal of the ladies, who held their opening meeting on the morning of September 9th.

Among the ladies present was to be seen Miss Emery, Secretary to the Woman's Auxiliary of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, and Editress of the "Spirit of Missions," who most kindly came on from New York to give the Canadian Society the benefit of her experience.

*Present :*

Mrs. Williams, wife of the Lord Bishop of Quebec, presiding.

*Delegates from Quebec Diocese :*

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Mrs. Thorneloe, | Mrs. Macpherson, |
| " Irvine,       | Miss Hamilton,   |
| " Forsyth,      | " Houseman.      |

*Delegates from Ontario Diocese :*

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Mrs. Tilton,    | Miss Yeilding,  |
| " Pollard,      | " Gildersleeve. |
| " Grant Powell, | " Macaulay.     |

*Delegate from Niagara Diocese :*

Mrs. Gregory.

*Representing Toronto and Algoma Dioceses :*

Mrs. Renaud.

*Representing Huron Diocese :*

Mrs. Baldwin, wife of the Lord Bishop,      Mrs. Tilley.

*Representing Fredericton Diocese :*

Miss Murray.

*Representing Nova Scotia Diocese :*

Mrs. Kaulbach.



*Representing Montreal Diocese:*

Mrs. Henderson, President Diocesan Association.

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Mrs. Leach,       | Mrs. C. Bryant, |
| “ Norton,         | “ A. Holden,    |
| “ R. Lindsay,     | “ H. Holden,    |
| “ Stone,          | “ A. Henderson, |
| “ David Lindsay,  | “ M. H. Gault,  |
| “ H. J. Evans,    | Miss Newnham,   |
| “ O’Grady,        | “ Mackay,       |
| “ Torrance,       | Mrs. Godard,    |
| “ Macdonnell,     | “ W. S. Baker,  |
| “ W. J. Buchanan, | Miss Moffatt,   |

With 66 other Montreal ladies.

The first business transacted was a resolution moved by Mrs. POLLARD, seconded by Mrs. HENDERSON:

That Mrs. Williams be elected president of these meetings, and that she now take the chair.—*Carried unanimously.*

It was moved by Mrs. NORTON, seconded by Mrs. TILTON:

That Mrs. Houghton and Mrs. Gregory be appointed secretaries for this meeting.—*Carried.*

Moved by Mrs. GRANT POWELL, and seconded by Mrs. A. HOLDEN:

That Miss Gildersleeve be appointed treasurer for these meetings.—*Carried.*

The newly appointed officers having taken their seats on the platform, Mrs. Williams read prayers, and the Hymn “The Church’s one foundation” was sung.

The following address of welcome was then read by Mrs. HENDERSON, President of the Montreal Diocesan Association :—

As President of the Church Women's Association of the Diocese of Montreal, and on behalf of its members and many ladies in this city, it is my pleasing duty to give a cordial welcome to the ladies from a distance, who have come amongst us to do us good, to stir us up to a more active sense of our duty in the Mission cause at home and abroad.

I would especially tender our thanks and welcome to Miss Emery, of N. Y., for her kindness in coming to represent the Mission work done by the women of the Sister Church in the U.S. That work is known to all who take an interest in the history of our Churches' missions. To the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States belongs the honor of being the first branch of our own communion to send out women as missionaries to the foreign field. Her women have also labored amongst the Chinese and Indians in the West, the colored people in the South, and have taken the Gospel from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

If this were the proper place to do so I could give the names and histories of many of those devoted laborers, who spent their lives in distant lands, in Greece, in Palestine, in China, and Japan.

We feel satisfaction to have representatives from Toronto, of whose works for missions we read so often.

From Huron, who are up and doing for the Master's cause ; from Quebec, whence the spark that kindled our own feeble mission life emanated.

From Niagara, which diocese is distinguished for its vigorous church life. The representative from Fredericton, who is actively employed in trying to interest others in that noble work, the missions to the Zenanas.

And last, though not least, our dear friends in the Mission cause of the Diocese of Ontario, to whom is due our presence here to-day ; for it was they who began this movement.

We welcome you all, and thank you for coming. Your advent is not premature, for we need to be inspired with a desire to emulate those who have been enabled to do more for missions than we have done ; nevertheless, there are Church women in this city whose fingers are daily employed with mission work, and who send up unceasing prayer to the throne of Grace for those who " Sit in darkness and the shadow of death."

Those are women who, while they remember the heathen in their prayers and their alms, do not forget their duties in the home, in the parish and the diocese.

Their hearts with ours will beat in unison with this great movement, in which woman has an honored place, and can perform her Master's work in a quiet and womanly manner.

Surely, there need be no difference of opinion ; all can do something, all can make themselves acquainted with the necessity for united and prompt action in the work of Domestic and Foreign Missions.

All must work, if they believe that to each individual is given our blessed Lord's command " to preach the Gospel to every creature ;" and if they further believe the incompleteness of the church till the " fulness of the Gentiles shall come."

This movement will grow and accomplish the object it has in view, if its branches exist not by mere *toleration*, but by the love, zeal and fostering care of each individual member, each Parish and each Diocese.

Before I close let me bespeak the kind indulgence of our friends from a distance, if our arrangements are not all that could be desired. The making out of a programme and providing of hospitality was carried out under much difficulty.

1. Because, when the official notice came that we should be honored by the visit of the delegation of ladies from other Dioceses, most of our members had left town, and many, I am sorry to say, are still away.

2. Because those most interested and anxious to have everything properly arranged were also absent.

3. The difficulties of communication were felt, and it is under this head will come our want of another and more commodious place of meeting than this one. I would like to add, also, that our own Bishop gave his hearty approval of a committee being formed for reception and hospitality; but as he was also absent on his Episcopal tour he could not do more in the matter.

The response to the address of welcome was given by Mrs. Tilley, of London, as follows :—

I have been requested to reply in the name of the delegates and visitors to the very kind and cordial address of welcome that has just been read. The hearts and homes of the Church women of Montreal have been opened to welcome their sisters from abroad; and while we thank you most earnestly for your loving regard and warm hospitality, we rejoice in recognizing that we are drawn to one another by that highest of all bonds, the love of Christ and the desire to spread His Gospel.

The Church of England in Canada has heretofore been doing a small portion of what she *should* do for the cause of Foreign Missions, and we hail with delight the formation of a Woman's Auxiliary to centralize and stimulate missionary work in the different Dioceses, and to lead us to greater efforts in carrying out the dear Lord's last command, ere He withdrew from the earthly vision of His disciples, and ascended to the glory of His Father's House.

One of the objects of this Woman's Auxiliary, as stated in its Constitution, is "to unite previously existing societies."

Let us, for a moment, look at the advantage of this. It is said "in union is strength," and in being unitedly represented all the work done for Foreign, Domestic and Home Missions, even in the smallest and

poorest parish, is brought forward and recognized; and from the earnest women of our Church throughout Canada being brought together, a new impetus, a quickened zeal and an enlarged field of work will be the result. The delegates from the different Parishes or Dioceses will go back to their homes with new views, gathered from meeting with other earnest workers, as to the best manner of helping forward the cause of Missions.

One of the difficulties to be met with in urging the claims of Foreign Missions is to eradicate from people's minds the idea that it will interfere with home work. It is well persistently to put before them the Saviour's plain command, "*Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.*" If the Church of that day, consisting of a small number, was not staggered by the apparent impossibility of obeying their Lord, but after waiting to be endowed with power from on high (the gift of the Holy Ghost), went forth in faith to tell far and near of salvation through Jesus Christ, shall we, of to-day, having reaped the benefit of their obedience, fail in *our* duty and grieve the Lord who bought us at such tremendous cost, by giving but a small portion to feed hungry souls at home, and do little or nothing for the heathen masses who are perishing in ignorance of the "*One Name* whereby men can be saved?"

We have but to obey the Lord's command, and in obeying Him we shall see more and more clearly how wonderfully He can work when His children go forth in faith. Not only will home work be well done, but probably better supported than before; and to each individual there will be a quickening of her soul that will cause her to realize the truth of Scripture when it says: "He that watereth shall himself be watered."

I could wish one especial thought indelibly engraven upon our hearts, in order to quicken us to the utmost, and that is, our apathy as Christians is retarding the coming of the Lord. Dear Christian women, shall we not rise up and shake off the lethargy that enfeebles us, and if we ourselves have received the Light let us go forth as light bearers; and, at the cost of *means* and *ease*, endeavor to spread to the ends of the earth "the everlasting Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Some may say they have

no money. Does the Lord use *only* gold and silver? What about prayer? If you have no money to give, then pray, make it definite Prayer; take some especial mission or missionary and pray for it or him, then *watch* for an answer; if you do, the Lord will surely shew you that He accepts the offering you make, and will pour out an especial blessing.

Another way of helping our missionary work is to read about it. We cannot be interested in anything of which we are in ignorance; but let any one take missionary periodicals and read them faithfully, praying the Lord to bless their reading and open their eyes to see, and very soon they will be convinced of the vast obligation they are under to send the blessed Gospel to heathen lands. Try and interest your neighbors and get them to take Missionary papers; many of them are so cheap as to be within the reach of all.

If we have means let us give to the utmost; if the gold and silver are not at our disposal, let us read and pray, and the Lord will pour out such a blessing there shall not be room enough to receive it.

May the Holy Spirit be poured out upon us this day, and inspire us with a burning desire to do the utmost to carry out our Lord's last command: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

At the conclusion of Mrs. Tilley's address the Hymn "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" was sung.

It was moved by MRS. TILTON, and seconded by MRS. BRAKENRIDGE:

That the local reception Committee form a Committee on Credentials, to ascertain and report what Dioceses, Parishes, and Branches are represented.—*Carried.*

These ladies were Mrs. Norton, Mrs. A. Henderson, Mrs. A. Holden, Mrs. W. Buchanan, Mrs. Leach, Miss Coffin, Mrs. Henderson, Miss Newnham.

It was moved by MRS. HENDERSON, and seconded by MRS. W. BUCHANAN :

That Mrs. Irvine, Mrs. Grant Powell, Mrs. Renaud, Miss Murray, Mrs. Tilley, Mrs. Gregory and Mrs. Norton be appointed a Committee on Resolutions, with power to add to their number.—*Carried.*

The following report of the Provisional Committee, containing a history of the movement from its inception to the present time, was given by the Secretary. Mrs. Tilton :

#### REPORT OF PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE.

The Provisional Committee, authorized by the "Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions," begs to present at this, the first general assembly of Church Women in this Ecclesiastical Province, a report of the Committee's procedure, in its endeavor to prepare the way for the organization of the "Women's Auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada."

Should this report commend the movement to your sympathy and confidence, it will remain with you to take the necessary steps to organize for "The Church of England in Canada," a society which will be broad enough to embrace the Missionary work of all Church Women, and unite in harmonized effort all who love the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth, and who, with willing hearts and hands, are ready to aid the Domestic and Foreign Missions of this Church.

On the 16th April, 1885, the Board of Missions was in session in Ottawa, the Lord Bishop of Ontario presiding, when a deputation of ladies waited upon them, and one of their number addressed the Board as follows:—

"MY LORD, REVEREND FATHERS IN CHRIST, AND MEMBERS OF THE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN BOARD OF MISSIONS.

"We come before you as a small deputation of Church Women of Ottawa, to ask your consideration of woman's work, in connection with your Board.

“ There are in the Church to-day Marys who have chosen the better part ; there are the restless serving Marthas, who only want the opportunity to do something for Jesus ; the Magdalens, who tell the story of our blessed Lord's resurrection ; the Phœbes, who convey messages of love and Christian greeting ; the Tryphenas and Tryphosas, Dorcases, who are never weary in well doing ; Priscillas, who are occupied in shewing the way of the Lord more perfectly ; yes, in the Church of Canada—from Victoria to Sydney—there are women longing to labor more abundantly, to consecrate all their talents to the Lord's work. And, knowing this, we ask that as the Apostles of old recognized the women of their day, as laborers with them, you, our beloved Fathers in Christ, may recognize the women of the Church of Canada, and give your hearty and earnest consent that there should be established, in connection with your Board, a Woman's Auxiliary. That you will consider before separating the best and most practical method of work, in every way facilitating the formation of branch Auxiliaries in the different Dioceses and Parishes.

“ We are assured that the women of the Church of England are prepared to accept whatever plan your Board may consider the wisest, for the promotion of Missionary effort, and the advancement of our Master's Kingdom.

“ We are very faithfully, and in the love of Christ,

Your co-workers,

FANNY M. FORREST,    HARRIET MUCKLESTON,  
ANNIE M. POLLARD,    GERALDINE STEWART,  
JESSIE BELL,            ANNIE MATHESON,  
ROBERTA E. TILTON.”

After a few words of encouragement and sympathy from the Chairman the ladies withdrew, assured that the Board would give the subject its earnest consideration.

On the morning of April 17th, the deputation was requested to meet a Sub-Committee of the Board, consisting of The Lord Bishops of



Ontario and Toronto, the Venerable Archdeacon of Kingston, Rev. J. D. Cayley, and the Honorable Thomas White ; at which meeting the following resolution, adopted by the Board, was conveyed to the ladies :

Moved by the Venerable Archdeacon of Kingston, seconded by the Lord Bishop of Algoma :

That the Board has received with unfeigned gratitude to God, the deputation of ladies, initiating the formation of a Woman's Auxiliary Association. Most heartily the Board wishes this important movement Godspeed, and will welcome the co-operation of all our Christian Sisters in the Church, of this Ecclesiastical Province, in carrying out the noble object of our Missionary Society ; and

That the following be a sub-Committee to confer with the ladies who have addressed the Board, and to take such preliminary steps as may be deemed advisable for the promotion of the object in view :

The Lord Bishops of Ontario and Toronto, Reverend J. D. Cayley, Honorable Thomas White, and the mover.—*Carried.*

After an interchange of thought on the work of an Auxiliary to the Board, and the more than probable results of such an organization, a Resolution, as follows, was adopted by the Sub-Committee :—

Moved by the Venerable Archdeacon of Kingston, seconded by Reverend J. D. Cayley :—

That the deputation of ladies who met the Board yesterday, and those who have met the Sub-Committee to-day, be a " Provisional Committee," to prepare for a general meeting of the Church women of Ottawa, to be held Tuesday, April 21st, and that these ladies use every influence to secure the co-operation of as many others in the Ecclesiastical Province as possible.—*Carried.*

The " Provisional Committee " was further requested to report to the Board at its next session.

The first meeting of the " Provisional Committee " was held in Ottawa, April 17th, at which meeting Mrs. Pollard was chosen to preside, and Mrs. Tilton to act as Secretary. The Committee has held fif-

teen sessions for the purpose of considering the large and interesting correspondence, and arranging the work to be done from month to month.

At the request of the Lord Bishop of Ontario, a meeting of the Church women of Ottawa was held on Tuesday, April 21st, at St. John's Church schoolroom; the Rev. H. Pollard in the Chair. The desirability of uniting the Church women of Canada as a Mission Auxiliary, together with the aim and proposed plan of work, was laid before this meeting. The Rev. H. Pollard and J. D. Cayley spoke most favorably and encouragingly on the subject. This meeting taking the initiative, the Committee had great pleasure in organizing the first branch of the Auxiliary in Canada. The late lamented Mrs. Lewis was elected President, and Lady Tilley, Vice-President, of the Ottawa Branch. Through the kindness of Miss Emery (General Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States), the Committee received reports and very valuable information relating to Auxiliary work, and drew up a plan of organization and constitutions for the Ecclesiastical Province, together with others for Diocesan and Parochial work. All were submitted to the Lord Bishop of Ontario, who approved of the plan as sufficiently practicable as a basis of work.

Nearly seven hundred copies of the Constitution were sent during the month of May to the Bishops and Clergy of the several Dioceses. The response to the circular accompanying the Constitutions was not all that could have been desired; but letters of encouragement and approval were received promptly from the Lord Bishop of Algoma, the Venerable Archdeacon of Kingston, Chairman of the Mission Board, Ontario Diocese; and Dr. Mockridge, General Secretary of the Domestic and Foreign Mission Board. The plan of a Woman's Auxiliary was presented to the Synod of Toronto and Ontario, in June, 1885; the Synod Journals publishing the action taken.

At a meeting of the "Provincial Committee," in September of last year, the Secretary was requested to forward communication to the Lord Bishop who had not responded to the Circular.

(Circular.)

SEPTEMBER 10th, 1885.

" HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP OF

" MY LORD :

" At a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Committee, held yesterday afternoon, at St. John's Church Rectory, I was requested by the Committee to write your Lordship, enquiring if you received in May last a Circular with proposed Constitutions.

" The Committee is now desirous, before sending in a report to the Domestic and Foreign Mission Board, meeting in Montreal next month, to learn the opinion of our different Bishops as to the possibility of forming Auxiliaries in their respective Dioceses.

" The Ontario Diocese is at work ; a Diocesan Committee, appointed by the Lord Bishop, had communicated with all the Clergy and received very encouraging replies. Already Parochial Branches have been formed.

" As soon as there are a sufficient number formed, a regular " Diocesan Branch " will be organized. The Diocesan Committee at present working with that special object in view.

" Should your Lordship decide upon appointing a committee of women to work up the Auxiliary in your Diocese, I shall have great pleasure in affording any desired information with reference thereto, or by any means at my command to facilitate what we hope may indeed prove a valued instrument, in uniting our Church women in the work of Missions."

Replies were received from His Lordship the Metropolitan, and the Bishops of Quebec, Montreal, Huron and Niagara, most of which were very encouraging. Reports, from time to time, have been received of the action taken in the different Dioceses, showing much progress ; and it will be your privilege at this meeting to learn, through the Diocesan Secretaries, what has actually been accomplished so far.

In accordance with the request of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions, a report from the " Provisional Committee " was submitted to the Board in October last,

The following resolution, adopted by the Board, was communicated to the Committee :—

Moved by the SECRETARY ; seconded by Mr. WALKEM :

That this Board has heard with pleasure of the formation of a Woman's Auxiliary Society in connection with the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada, and highly recommend that the ladies of Ottawa, who have so vigorously commenced the work, do proceed with it on the full and hearty authorization of the Board itself.—*Carried.*

The following extract from the Report of the Board will not be amiss in this report :

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY COMMITTEES.

“ Your Board have great satisfaction in announcing that, before they could, in justice to the matters claiming attention immediately after their organization, consider how their work might be aided by auxiliary committees, they received offers from some devout women, to co-operate with them in whatever way might be indicated to them. The honor of this movement is due to the women of the Churches of the city of Ottawa.

“ Already a Constitution has been drafted under the sanction of a Committee of your Board, for the organization of a Woman's Auxiliary Committee in each Parish, acting through a similar Committee for each Diocese, and this again combining with the committees from all the Dioceses in a Woman's Auxiliary for the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada.

“ The organization under this Constitution may not in all cases be carried out in all its details and fullness, but its form will indicate how the women in each Parish and Diocese may organize, so as to co-operate most effectually with your Board. Already it has shewn the promise of practical results in the funds which have reached the General Treasurer, since the accounts of the year were closed,

“Your Board would respectfully and earnestly invite the Clergy to aid in the formation of a Woman’s Auxiliary Committee in each of their congregations, either under the Constitution which has been prepared for their use, or in any more simple form which may recommend itself to them. The great object is to interest all, and to unite all in some effort proportionate to their numerical and financial strength, in the great work of missions. The Missionary Magazines of the Church can, through these Auxiliary Committees, be introduced into every home, and acquaintance with the work and extension of the Church—the Kingdom of God—made a part of the family life in every home.

“Your Board, recognizing the opportunity which the form of Auxiliary Committees affords of carrying the Church’s missionary efforts into every home, through the untiring and enthusiastic efforts of women, feel that they cannot urge too strongly upon the Clergy the importance of using their position and influence to promote the formation of a Woman’s Auxiliary Committee in each congregation.”

At the January meeting of “Provisional Committee,” it was resolved: That the names of Mrs. Medley, of the Diocese of Fredericton; Mrs. Lewis, Ontario; Mrs. Williams, Quebec; Mrs. Binney, Nova Scotia; Mrs. Sullivan, Algoma; Mrs. Sweetman, Toronto; Mrs. Baldwin, Huron; and Mrs. Hamilton, Niagara, be added to the Provisional Committee; that the Secretary be requested to forward a copy of the resolution to the different ladies whose names were embodied in it.

Acknowledgments were received from each of these ladies.

The Dioceses of Niagara, Quebec and Ontario have organized Diocesan Branches. Algoma and Toronto have taken the initiatory steps, having their separate Diocesan Committees; Nova Scotia, Montreal, Toronto, Huron and Fredericton Dioceses have their Woman’s Missionary Aid Associations all actively engaged in either Diocesan, Domestic or Foreign work, each in its sphere doing effectual service; but the “Provisional Committee” feels that hearty co-operation

on the same lines would accomplish more surely and effectually the work each desires to do.

In July last, the Committee were called upon to part with one of their earnest members, Mrs. Lewis, the wife of the Lord Bishop of Ontario, and they desire to place upon record their sorrowful realization of the loss sustained by her death. Associating herself with the work in her own Diocese, she ever evinced the greatest interest in the extension of "The Woman's Auxiliary."

It will be one of your privileges, during these two days, to listen to Miss Emery, General Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary in the United States.

In the midst of many urgent demands upon her time and strength, she has consented to be with us; and the Committee are assured that her words and experience will do much to strengthen your hands for Mission work in Canada.

The Committee, upon the recommendation of the Secretary to the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions, decided to call this meeting in order to fully complete the organization contemplated, and in committing the deliberations and results to the God of Missions, the "Provisional Committee" earnestly prays that in accordance with God's blessed will, the laborers in our Mission fields may be many, and the harvest abundant; that we all as Church women will realize our membership "one of another," and as workers with Jesus be found ready for the battle of the Lord, and prove, by united efforts in the cause of Missions, that we are hastening the day when

"Jesus shall reign where 'ere the sun  
Does his successive journeys run.  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more."

On behalf of "Provisional Committee,"

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERTA E. TILTON,

*Secretary.*

It was moved by Mrs. NORTON, and seconded by Mrs. GAULT:

That the thanks of the meeting be offered to Mrs. Tilton for her interesting report.—*Carried.*

A note having been received from Dr. Mockridge, inviting the ladies to be present at the reception by the Synod of the Delegates from the Convention of the American Episcopal Church, the Doxology was sung and the meeting adjourned.

2 30 P. M.

The adjourned meeting opened with the Hymn 448: "Blest be the tie that binds," and prayer.

The President invited any lady present who wished for information to ask any question she might desire to have answered.

Mrs. NORTON asked "if money or work could be sent by Parochial Treasurer direct to its destination, and simply reported to the Diocesan Treasurer."

The PRESIDENT stated that a report of such sums or donations to the Diocesan Treasurer was all that was necessary.

The reports of the different Dioceses being next in order, Miss Murray of Fredericton gave a sketch of work done in St. John.

She stated that the Home calls were very numerous, made more so by the disastrous fire they had recently suffered from; but that ladies' societies for mission work had been started in connection with St. Paul's and Trinity Church.

She also mentioned several charitable societies, and one of young girls interested in the Zenana Missions, established by a lady in memory of her daughter, and called after her, the "Julia Kerr" Mission. This Society supports a Bible woman in India, at a cost of from \$70 to \$80. Miss Murray also spoke of the expected visit of Mrs. Greaves to Canada, and concluded with an appeal to all to work for Christ.

A letter was also read from Mrs. Medley, wife of the Metropolitan :

Mrs. Williams read the Report of the Quebec Branch. It had been organized in connection with the W. A. in February, 1886, and Parochial Associations started in all the Parishes, five in number, in the city ; and by the 14th of May, four were working in the Diocese, namely, Sherbrooke, Lennoxville, Wind-or Mills and Cookshire. The Treasurer's Report showed an increase in the contributions of a most promising character, and from the zeal and activity shewn in the committee and among the members, still better results were hoped for.

ONTARIO REPORT BY MISS YEILDING, READ BY MRS. GRANT  
POWELL.

This Diocese, the birth-place of the Woman's Auxiliary, has a most encouraging report to give. A fully organized Diocesan Branch, with fifteen parishes at work, and the returns in missionary boxes and money large in proportion. The Society has since its Annual Meeting experienced a sad loss in the death of its beloved President, Mrs. Lewis, whose active sympathy and effort on its behalf had been an important factor in its success.

MONTREAL.

Mrs. Henderson, the President of the Diocesan Woman's Missionary Association, gave the report of work in this Diocese. It was not yet formally incorporated with the Auxiliary, but had a Diocesan Society,



with five Parishes assisting it in the town and four in the country. It had held a most successful meeting for the Bishop of Algoma, and had sent several boxes to the North-West. A great deal of interest was being aroused in the city and country, which would no doubt bear rich fruit in the future. The Bishop took a most hearty interest in the work, and was most anxious to meet the wishes of its promoters; and the Society would doubtless be made a Branch of the Auxiliary when time had been given to mature arrangements.

#### HURON.

Mrs. Tilley gave a summary of work in this Diocese. There were flourishing and active societies organized in all the leading Parishes, and a great deal was being done, the interest every day increasing. No action had as yet been taken to amalgamate with the Auxiliary, but when that Society was fully organized, and its rules and basis of work understood, there was every hope that co-operation would follow.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

A letter was read from Mrs. Binney, wife of the Bishop of that Diocese. It expressed sympathy with the movement and the hope of joining it in the future.

#### ALGOMA.

Mrs. Renaud, Mrs. Sullivan's mother, gave a short address, expressing on behalf of her daughter and the Bishop gratitude to the women of Canada for what had been done by them for Algoma, and giving incidents to shew how great and pressing the need was, both among the Indians and white settlers in the Diocese, expressing the hope that this movement would give an impetus to missionary zeal and advance the cause greatly.

#### TORONTO.

In the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Thorne her report was read by Mrs. Renaud. It gave an account of the Parkdale Women's Missionary Association which had joined the Auxiliary. The summer months being unfavorable for organization, nothing more had been done; but in autumn further steps would be taken; in the meantime mission work was going on.

## NIAGARA REPORT.

Sent in by Miss Bellhouse, and read by Mrs. Gregory, shewed that work had been going on for some time with good results; but only four Parishes had as yet come into the Auxiliary which, however, had been so lately organized as hardly to give time for greater results. It was hoped that when the Association met in the autumn more Parochial Branches would be formed.

The Diocesan Reports concluded, an offertory was taken up, while the 191st Hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers" was being sung.

Mrs. GREGORY read a paper on early mission work in the North West, which received a cordial vote of thanks, and the first day's session was brought to a close with the Doxology.

---

## SECOND DAY.

---

SEPT. 10TH, 1886.

The second day's session opened with the usual exercises. The report of the Committee on Credentials, giving the names of the delegates and representatives present, was read and passed.

Mrs. TILTON spoke on the representative character of the meeting, and asked whether the ladies present, as representative women, considered the province ripe for the formation of a Woman's Auxiliary.

It was moved by Mrs. TILTON, and seconded by Mrs. TILLEY :

That it is the opinion of this meeting, consisting of representative women of the Church of England in Canada, that the Ecclesiastical Province is ready for the formation of this Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Foreign and Domestic Missions of the Church in Canada.—  
*Carried unanimously.*

The Constitution framed by the Provisional Committee, as a basis on which to begin the work, was now brought before the meeting, carefully remodelled, and each clause voted upon until it stood as follows :—

### CONSTITUTION.

(As amended September 10, 1886.)

1. This Association shall be called "The Woman's Auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada."

2. The objects of this Association shall be : By means of united and systematic efforts, to diffuse missionary intelligence, and increase missionary activity among women of the Church ; to unite previously existing societies in one interest ; and to endeavor to organize Diocesan and Parochial branches of the Auxiliary throughout Canada.

3. All women of the Church who shall contribute to the funds of the Auxiliary annually, either through a Diocesan or Parochial branch, or as individual Church women, shall be considered members of this Association.

4. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, and a Treasurer.

5. The wife of the Metropolitan shall be President ; and the Presidents of the Diocesan branches Vice-Presidents of this Association.

6. The Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurer shall be elected at the general meeting of the Auxiliary.

7. A General Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary shall be held once in three years, at the time of the Provincial Synod.

8. A special meeting of the Auxiliary may be called at any time, at the request of two-thirds of the officers of the Association.

9. This Constitution may be amended at a regular meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. Notice in writing having been given to the Corresponding Secretary six months before such meeting.

---

BY LAWS.

1. Wives of Missionary Bishops shall represent the Auxiliary, as officers thereof, in their respective Diocesan Missions.

2. The Recording-Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Association, and prepare and submit to the general meeting a triennial report.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to the correspondence with the branches of the Society, and to her application may be made for information connected with the work of the Auxiliary.

4. The Treasurer shall receive and keep account of all money collected at the General Meeting, shall receive and transmit any contributions sent through her to the Board of Missions, shall receive annual statements from the Diocesan Treasurers, and shall submit a statement of the whole to the General Meeting.

5. All Diocesan and Parochial Associations shall have the privilege of designating the fields of work to which they wish their contributions applied.

6. Diocesan branches shall be required to make annual reports to the Woman's Auxiliary, and send two delegates to the general meeting.

---

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- |                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Prayer.                  | 5. Reports of Committees. |
| 2. Calling of Roll.         | 6. Correspondence.        |
| 3. Minutes of last meeting. | 7. General Business.      |
| 4. Reports of Officers:     | 8. Doxology.              |
- 

The work of remodelling the Constitution was interrupted by an event of the most gratifying nature. It was the advent of a large and most influential deputation from the Provincial Synod, bearing the greetings and cordial recognition of that body to the ladies assembled, and to the newly organized Association, which it was intended thus to recognize and strengthen. It was led by their Lordships Bishops Sullivan of Algoma and Hamilton of Niagara. Among the large number of clergymen and laymen present were noticed :

Archdeacon Lauder, Archdeacon Jones, Rev. Canon Brigstodra, Rev. Dr. Murray, Rev. Dr. Stone, Rev. Messrs. Cayley, Pollard, Jones, Crawford, Ellegood; Hon. Mr. Lynch, Messrs. Stephenson, Frith, Baynes, Reed, Walkem and Campbell.

The BISHOP OF ALGOMA addressed the meeting, saying :

That he desired to extend the fullest recognition and heartiest greetings of the Provincial Synod to the Woman's Auxiliary. He could not express the pleasure that this movement, bringing the Women of the Province into systematised active co-operation with the Board of Missions, had given to the Synod. On his own behalf, and that of his brother Missionaries, he must say that the fact of so numerous a body of co-workers, thinking of praying and working for and with them, would strengthen both hearts and hands. He congratulated the Auxiliary on having the hearty recognition and approval of the authorities of the Church; and said they must go on with confidence now that they had the whole Canadian Church at their back. In these days woman's work must necessarily come more and more to the front. Inspired scriptures place on record the fact of its recognition in the early days of the Church, but in later times it fell into disuse. The Church of Rome owed much of her power and influence to the soothing kindness and gentle sympathy of the "Sisters," who carried comfort and help into the homes of the needy and suffering. And now the Church of England was waking up to the sense of what she had lost, by failing to recognize the value and importance of woman's work, and in the future it was destined to play an important part. He was glad to see that the Auxiliary had formed a connecting link with that of the Sister Church in the United States, by bringing here to speak at their meeting Miss Emery, Secretary to the American Auxiliary. He thought that the effect of her counsel would be to give point and directness to their deliberations, and the smoothness and perfection of sympathy and loving kindness to their work. He should have much pleasure in hearing her address.

The Bishop of Niagara regretted that his duties at the Synod would prevent his staying for Miss Emery's address, and he hoped he might be excused if he slipped away.

MISS EMERY now addressed the meeting, she said :

“ The system here is more elaborate than ours ; and so different, that it is difficult to find many points where they touch. The Central Board in the United States has but one officer, myself, one of the Diocesan Presidents being made Chairman of the meetings for the time. The plan of having more has some advantages ; but after trial of both the simpler method was preferred. At the same time some of the Diocesan branches have large boards, one has only one officer, much beloved ; another has twenty, working well, holding meetings every month, with from five to 120 delegates from different Parishes.

“ It is necessary to conduct the meetings in a business-like way ; the President having the order of business before her, and adhering to it, keeping discussion to the point without digression, knowing what is to be done, and doing it ; giving so many minutes to Foreign and so many to Domestic Missions. Always try and employ those who seem to be interested ; if the offices are filled there might be a paper to read or special work to be done. Never let your officers be figure heads. If they have nothing to do they will be irregular and unsatisfactory. Every year the Missionary Bishop should be written to for the names of Clergymen who require boxes to eke out salaries insufficient for the wants of their families or Parishes. Without this precaution help by boxes is apt to be spasmodic, one mission getting too much while another gets none ; it is also necessary, in order to keep up the interest, to have constant communication with the points to which effort is being directed. The want of means was one which all missionary effort had in common. It was often difficult to raise sufficient funds to pay the missionaries, who suffered great privations in consequence. Staying in the house of one I noticed a letter, addressed to an absent daughter, lying about for two or three days. I remarked upon its being

left, and was told that it was not convenient to post it just then. In other words there was no money for stamps. This year the appropriation for the salaries of Clergymen in that Diocese has been cut down ; so there will be no letter written, for the paper and envelope will cost too much. This is a case for the Woman's Auxiliary. If the Board of Management cuts down salaries, they come in with boxes of clothes and stores of all kinds, and sometimes send a boy or girl to school. One of those who spoke at the meeting last night referred to the liberality of the poor in England, who gave so much in proportion to their means to missions and to each other. Thomas Hood somewhere says : " When plenty gives to poverty it is human, but when poverty gives to want it is divine ; " and it was wonderful and beautiful to see how often that noble charity was exercised both towards their Church and one another, and how truly many felt it a privilege to help on the cause of missions. In view of this it was well to appeal to the working classes, and not pass them by ; though the individual contribution might be small, still the numbers would swell the sum, and their mites should be appreciated as representing great self-denial. In conclusion, I would say the fewer rules and the more elastic the better for the working of a society such as this. The great thing is the consecration by each individual of time, money and self to the service of Christ. It will deepen the feeling of what life is given for, and the more truly our work is in harmony with the divine ideal of love to our fellow-creatures, the more sure may we feel that our Heavenly Father will accept it and crown it with an eternal blessing."

Miss Emery's address, concluded and the Delegates from the Synod having left, the Rev. E. F. WILSON brought two Indian lads to present to the ladies, bright intelligent boys, who sang in English and Indian very sweetly, each a verse of a hymn. Mr. Wilson laid the needs of his Indian homes before the meeting in a short address, and then left.



The election of officers for the ensuing three years was the next business transacted ; they were : Mrs. TILTON, of Ottawa, Corresponding Secretary ; Mrs. HOUGHTON, of Montreal, Recording Secretary ; and Mrs. GREGORY, of Hamilton, Treasurer.

Then followed Hymn 282, " O, Lord of Heaven."

The Committee on Resolutions then submitted the following resolutions of condolence and thanks, which were passed unanimously :

I.

That the ladies attending the meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary desire to express their deep sorrow at the loss the Association has sustained in the death of Mrs. Lewis, President of the Woman's Auxiliary, for the Diocese of Ontario.

II.

That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered Mrs. Henderson, President of the Diocesan Woman's Missionary Association of Montreal, for the great care with which all the preparations have been made for holding the meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary ; also to those who have so bountifully provided an excellent luncheon to the ladies attending the meetings.

III.

That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to Dr. Henderson and the House Committee of the Diocesan Theological College, for the use of the Lecture room, in which the meetings were held.

IV.

That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered the railway authorities, for their kindness in reducing fares ; thus enabling many ladies to attend the session who could not otherwise have done so.

## V.

That a warm and hearty vote of thanks be offered to Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Pollard, and the other members of the Provisional Committee, who have so ably inaugurated and carried forward the work of the Woman's Auxiliary.

## VI.

That a hearty and cordial vote of thanks be offered to Miss Emery, for her kind attendance at these meetings, and for her admirable address, and the valuable information she has given us.

## VII.

That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered Mrs. Houghton and Mrs. Gregory, for their kindness in affording the Auxiliary their services as Secretaries to these meetings.

## VIII.

That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered Mrs. Williams for so kindly and ably presiding at these meetings.

MRS. WILLIAMS then read the following short closing address :

MY DEAR SISTERS IN CHRIST,

I could not venture to speak to you, so I have written a few thoughts I would like to say. I am sure you have all felt, for I have felt, what a privilege it has been to us all to have been here these last two days.

It must have sunk deep into our hearts—at least I hope it has—that our object in coming to these meetings is to extend Christ's kingdom upon earth—we all try to do this, I am sure—in our lives, in our gifts and in many other ways; but I am sure we shall all go away from these meetings with a full intention of doing more, praying more, working more, shewing more self-sacrifice, that is the thing to do. To deny ourselves many of our pleasures and luxuries in order to do something for Christ, to try and make others do this, to interest others

in this work. That is to me the hardest work of all, and I wish I could have had some hints from any one here how to do this; but I believe prayer is the strongest power, for it is grace that will accomplish this.

Thank you very much for your kind expression of thanks. I wish you could have had a more able chairman, for I have felt my inability all the time to properly fill the post.

Before we part I wish, and I am sure you all do so, to express our thankfulness to Mrs. Tilton for her initiation of the Woman's Auxiliary in Canada, as well as for the zeal and ability with which she has fostered its growth.

In your name, and in my own, we will rise to return to Mrs. Tilton our most grateful thanks.

It was fitting that the person who had conceived and carried out the idea of this movement should close its first regular meeting. Mrs. Tilton did this, in well chosen and touching words, with the motto for the coming year for the climax: "The love of Christ constraineth us."

The Doxology was sung, and the meeting broke up.

---