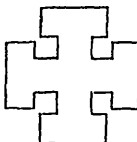


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MEMBERS' PRAYER.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who in the days of Thy flesh didst vouchsafe to accept the services of faithful women, we beseech Thee to grant Thy Blessing upon our endeavours to aid and encourage Missionaries. Put into our hearts the things that we should do and say to promote Thy glory, and further the object we have in hand. Grant that we may never be discouraged under difficulties, but go forward in faith and hope,—looking unto Thee. Have pity on those who know Thee not, on those who are far from the Church of their fathers in a strange land. Visit them with Thy Salvation. Hasten, we pray Thee, Thy Kingdom, that all may come to the knowledge of the truth. Hear and answer us O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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REMEMBER AT NOON TO PRAY FOR MISSIONS.

Subjects for Prayer and Reading: November—Algoma, South America and Mexico. December—Diocesan, Corea.

PROVINCIAL.

LESSER SLAVE LAKE

My last report of the work to the W.A. was written under a dark cloud of discouragement owing to the adverse results of the treaty. It did seem for a time that the Lord had hid His face and satan had triumphed. The hard labour of 14 years, and all the money spent in connection with it, seemed to be in vain. Troubles seemed to come like the grasshoppers upon the land of Egypt, threatening to destroy all the previous prospects of a spiritual harvest. The "enemy" did indeed come in like a "flood" and threatened to sweep away both our church and school, but the Lord, according to His faithful promise, lifted up a standard against him. It was a time of real testing, both for ourselves and the church. We have passed through the fire, but only the dross has been lost, the gold remains and is better than ever because of the purifying process it has passed through. For the grace and fortitude that supported us through it all, we feel that we owe much to our friends of the W.A. and others in England for their earnest prayers, but above all, to Him who says, "when thou passest through the fire, I will be with thee." Both strength and courage might have failed had it not been for the many "Aarons and Hurs" who strengthen our hands by their intercessions. Now we ask all those who have thus supported us to join us in our song of praise and thanksgiving, for not only has the dark cloud which shadowed our church passed away, but the light of God's countenance shines upon us brighter than ever. Our school is the only part still in darkness, owing to the uncertainty of any adequate means of support; but in any other respect, the prospects are much brighter than last year. The White Fish Lakers, who, last year, were afraid to trust us with their children, suspecting that we were in league with the Govern-

ment, and that the treaty was only a device to rob them of their land and children, are now coming to offer their children. Their confidence has been regained; so there is every prospect of a crowded Home, even with our increased accommodation, and withal, a very heavy responsibility of filling all the little mouths. I wish that each Branch working for us, could, by a special effort, even if they had to send less clothing, help us to bear the burden of this responsibility by undertaking to support a child in the Home at the cost of \$35 a year. As our new boys' Home is almost complete, we shall have ample accommodation for 40 children, and we would like to take in that number. If we could follow the example of the Salvation Army and have a self-denial week, the \$45 would, with the exception of very poor Branches, be forthcoming. It is a blessed work; only yesterday a poor woman from White Fish Lake, whose little son was in the Home for two winters and who died two years ago, told me that she could not feel unhappy or fret about his death. "He died so happy and seemed to know that he was going to heaven." It was so encouraging to hear of this bright testimony from this particular boy, since we regarded him as one of the dullest boys who ever entered the Home. I think it will rejoice the hearts and strengthen the hands of all who are interested in the Lord's work at Lesser Slave Lake, to hear that, since the advent of 1900, 34 natives have been publicly received into the Church, and become communicants, at least the adult portion. And when the Bishop was here in June, last, 29 were confirmed and afterwards partook of the Lord's Supper. Our Church members now number 112, as compared with one 13 years ago. We trust that each may be found a "living stone" in God's great Temple. In honour of the Bishop and Mrs. Young's visit, we had a School and Church treat. Both parents and children partook of a good tea in the open air. Mrs. Holmes' organ was carried out to aid the children in singing their little songs, which they had been most creditably taught by Mrs. Holmes and Mr. C. D. White for the occasion. The Bishop and Mrs. Young were much pleased with one patriotic song, called, "The flag we love," the elder boys carried each one a small "Union Jack." The tea, of course, was the part of the programme most appreciated by the natives. The tea was followed by games, including an old man's football match, which

caused great amusement, as they proved such poor marksmen, kicking the air and each other much more frequently than the ball. The burden of arranging the games fell on Mr. C. D. White, who threw into it all his English enthusiasm. Tea was prepared by Mrs. Holmes, Miss Durnall and Miss Sharp. After the games the programme closed with presentation of prizes to the school children. Through the kindness of Mr. White, especially, nearly every child received a prize; we should be grateful of such things in the bales. On the occasion of Mr. C. D. White and Miss Sharp's wedding, both parents and children were given another treat. The marriage ceremony took place in our little church on July 16th, and was performed by the Rev. W. G. White, brother of the bridegroom, and myself. Our two little girls, Mabel and Edith, and also Miss Estella White acted as the bride's maids, Mrs. W. G. White was also present; this makes the second missionary wedding in St. Peter's Church. A few days previous to this event, we had the pleasure of welcoming another worker, Miss Millen, from Hamilton, whose mother is a member of the W.A. She is very rapidly adapting herself to the country, its people and their language. But for the gloom that sickness and death have cast over some of the members of our Church, this has been a very happy and prosperous summer. Our old enemy, la grippe, paid us another of its most unwelcome visits, taking another and more fatal form, pneumonia. At one time we had no less than four patients suffering from this disease within our enclosure, two of them, father and son, died within 24 hours of each other, and were buried at the same time, and both in the same grave. It was a very sad time for all, but especially for the poor wife and mother; another son is quite an invalid, being paralyzed on one side, resulting from la grippe. Several children and young people among the Roman Catholics were carried off about the same time. The demand upon our stock of medicine was very great; but thanks to the W.A. and other friends in England, we were quite prepared. Our medicines have gained such a wide reputation that even the Roman Catholics rely upon us almost entirely in their physical troubles, and not a few have been led to take a further step and trust us with their spiritual welfare. To the medicines and God's blessing upon our ministrations, we owe much for the success that has attended our efforts.

Some days our kitchen presents the appearance of a doctor's dispensary. Our new Boys' Home, which stands as a wing of the old Home, is now almost ready for occupation. It is really bigger than the original building, and altogether it looks a very imposing edifice. We hope to be in our new Mission House about the end of next month. Will our dear friends pray that both these buildings may be a spiritual nursery.

Yours sincerely,

GEO. HOLMES.

Athabasca Landing, via Edmonton, Alton, N. W. T.,

September 25th, 1900.

The Rev. G. Holmes has asked me to kindly confirm his letter of September 11th. I regret to say that the action of the Government in allowing the people at Lesser Slave Lake the alternative of Scrip or Treaty, and the fact that the majority have chosen Scrip, places the finances of our Indian Boarding School in a very precarious position. The Government limit their grant to the children of Treaty parents, and make no provision whatever for Scrip children. Unfortunately our White Fish Lake Indians to whom the Government will, I understand, only allot Treaty, hesitated till too late while the Commissioner was at Lesser Slave Lake. They expressed their determination to meet the Commissioner during his visit to Wapuskaw in August. The high water and the consequent almost impassable state of the country, hindered their doing so. They will, therefore, not get Treaty till next year. The school receives children from there as well as from Slave Lake, and on this account we shall get no help for their maintenance. I trust under these circumstances the W.A. of Canada will, with their usual kindness and consideration, come to our assistance as requested by Rev. G. Holmes. I am thankful to say that I have borne the fatigue of the extended journey necessary in visiting our missions in Athabasca without any actual break-down, though lacking my usual strength and endurance. Mrs. Young accompanied me and is always a welcome guest at the missions. We both suffered from influenza, but recovered before reaching Chipewyan on our return journey. I trust the Auxiliary is meeting with much encouragement in its work this year. With earnest prayers for its success, I remain, yours, etc.,

RICHARD ATHABASCA.

Mrs. Paterson Hall, of Montreal, having received the majority of the votes of the Provincial Board of Management for the election of a Provincial Corresponding Secretary has been duly elected to the office and takes up the work from November 1st. Her address is 16 St. Luke's Street, Montreal. We would extend to Mrs. Hall a very cordial welcome to this honoured position and wish her every success and blessing in her work for the Master.

Letters from our Missionaries—Domestic.

QUEBEC. Letter from Rev. E. Thomas, Fort Alexander, to Mrs. E.

A. Bouillon, Sec. Paspebiac Branch, W.A., August 3rd, 1900.

"Dear Madam,—I have just received your letter of July 16th, asking about a bale sent to us in October last. I am so sorry to have had you waiting all this time for an acknowledgement. I did receive the bale, but I thought that I had addressed you a letter some time ago to say we have had the bale, and were so glad to get such nice clothes and the quilts. We have had a picnic this summer, and had a good time, and of course we had all sorts of games, such as foot races for old women, and a prize for the best runner. I wished some of you ladies were present to see the good time we had. I gave away some of the things you sent us then, and I can assure you they were received with gladness. I find that these gatherings do a lot of good to the Indian, they teach him to be sociable and neighbourly, create friendship, show them that Christianity is 'love one another.' These gatherings, I think, will do a great deal to show the Indian not to be distant and selfish. You will be glad to know we are getting along as well as can be reasonably expected. Our Indians are doing well, always improving themselves, although poor, they seem to be happy. I have at present with me the Rev. J. Johnston, of Rainy River, visiting us. We were both raised in St. Peter's Indian settlement, they used to call it. We are both Indians. He being out on a short holiday took advantage to visit me. He took service for me last Sunday, while I went to Black River, one of our stations along the lake. I am hardly ever at home in the summer, so you will not wonder why I do not write oftener. I am starting again shortly, away 200 miles in a sail boat, to visit some out-stations as a missionary. I do hope, when you get my letter, you will think of me in your prayers

to God that He will bless the work among these poor Indians. You will also be glad to hear that myself and family are all well. Wishing you the same blessing; trusting that you may be spared to continue long in your good work, and may God of His great mercy bless and keep you all."

TORONTO. From Rev. M. Williams, Gordon Indian School, Dio. Qu'Appelle, to St. Mary Magdalene W.A., Toronto.

"Your bale came safely on July 19th; everything for the boy and girl were so nice and good; also the other articles for the school, and the carpet. Will you kindly thank the girls for the two nice quilts, both Mrs. Williams and myself admire them very much; the pieces will also be of use. Would your Branch like a photograph of the children and school? if so, I will forward one. We are 75 or 80 miles from a railway, so the photographer charged \$9 a dozen for them. The children we have are very good and doing nicely in their work, also improving morally and religiously. Please give Mrs. Williams' and my own warm thanks to the members for their many useful gifts."

Letter from Julia Brass, Gordon School, to St. Mark's, Parkdale, Girls' Auxiliary.

"I take the pleasure of writing to you to tell you that I thank you very much for the clothing you sent me. I received them all safely and sound, and the Bible and the other one are such splendid ones; I was very glad to get them. This is a very nice school; our master is very kind to us and the children all have good clothing and lots to eat. There's two of my sisters in school with me, they are younger than I. We went home for our holidays this summer, and we had a very nice time and enjoyed ourselves. We are having very nice weather out here at present, and the garden looks very nice this year also. I think I must close my letter now with my best love to you I shall never forget you for the kindness you've done to me. I am your loving friend.—JULIA BRASS."

From Margaret Durnell, Lesser Slave Lake, Athabasca.

"Our new building is completed, making our Home as large again as it was, and ourselves more comfortable. The girls are quite separated from the boys except at meal times and at school. The school-room is large with dormitory over for the boys and master,

Mr. and Mrs. White in charge, the latter will now take the care of the boys' clothing, to my great relief. The new house for Mr. and Mrs. Holmes is going up, and will be completed before winter sets in, we hope. I met Mr. and Mrs. Lucas in Edmonton on my recent visit. Please say to the members of the W.A. how grateful I feel for the kind increase in my salary, I ask their prayers that I may daily be made more fit for the Master's use, and serve Him more truly."

MONTREAL. From Rev. A. deB. Owen, St. Paul's Mission, Macleod, to Mrs. Mallinson, Grenville.

"Your barrel came to hand a few days ago and found us in a great state of hurry. First we took our boys to Macleod to play a foot-ball match, and then we had to get ready for the first marriage of school children. We won the match, but, unfortunately, we had to leave one of our boys in the hospital with a broken leg. He will, however, soon be well and home again. The wedding was a grand success. Willie Scraping-White was once a boy here who went to Calgary Industrial School and is now here as a worker. He is one of the best lads and, I hope, a Christian. Nellie, one of our girls, will, I hope, do well. They have met with encouragements and discouragements from various Indians, but have made up their minds to stay here; we have provided them with a three roomed cottage. I hope this will prove a way to help some to do well after leaving the schools. Your bale was most acceptable. We can never stop asking for children's clothing, especially boys. Oh, the dear boys; they are so fond of finding their way through their clothes."

Extracts from Miss Drew, Dynevor Hospital, to Miss McCord.

"Most grateful thanks for lovely bale, so nicely packed, well chosen, and acceptable. The groceries supplied a present need. The pictures supply a long felt want. They will help in our hospital services, and also in our Sunday School work. Miss Jackson, governess at the school, boards at the hospital, and is so interested in the Sunday School. Only last week she said how much she needed a set of pictures. Is it not beautiful how our God supplies His children's needs. One does praise Him for His promise, 'thy God shall supply all you need.' Again and again do we prove the truth of this in our work here. Our work amongst the many children who come to the hospital for treatment is very interesting. It is such a

privilege to lead the dear lambs to the Good Shepherd, and to know many of them will return as little missionaries to their own homes. A very nice lad was here for many weeks and, we believe, fully decided for Jesus; he has gone more than 100 miles away and we just pray that he may become a bright witness for the Master. A dear little girl, Mary, went home to witness for a little while and then was gathered to the fold. Her home was so wretched, but she loved me to sing and pray with her. There are many others and older people, also. One young fellow died saying 'I am trusting Jesus.' Another left praying for a blessing on the hospital. You have the privilege of sharing in this joy, as you are fellow-workers with us by your prayers and gifts. It is so beautiful to know we are all members of one another, and each necessary to make a complete whole. With renewed thanks, etc."

Extracts from Miss Jackson, Dynevor Hospital, to Miss McCord.

"Thank you very much for the beautiful deer skin. Tell the kind lady how grateful we are. It so encourages us that God has put it into the heart of His servant to help us. Material of any kind is a great help as we have no fees and have to buy it all. It cost \$66 last year, but we hope to do much better. We have about \$25 worth of aprons, skirts, etc., ready for our sale at treaty time. We always do much better with moose and deer skin, it is their own work and they like it so much better. One object is to build a tower to the Church and paint it inside, if possible. To give you an idea of the price of deer skin, after this skin is dressed, which will be done by a member, it will be worth \$2.50 per pound. We ask your prayers for our success next year as it will be our second."

Extracts from Rev. Geo. Holmes, Lesser Slave Lake, to Rev. F. H. Graham, Trinity Church.

"For the \$5 towards freight on bale and the most acceptable contents of bale, will you kindly convey to all who contributed most sincere thanks. To the Guild of St. Agnes we send our best thanks. We think the great amount of good work that they have been able to get through in one season is an indication of great warmth and zeal in the missionary cause. I am thankful to report steady progress in the work. Since the advent of 1900, 34 natives have been admitted to the Church. In June we had the joy of presenting nine for Con-

firmation, who afterwards partook of the Lord's Supper. There seems to be throughout this end of the Diocese an earnest spirit of enquiry. Will you ask your members to pray that the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit may develop a real and deep spiritual change in the lives of these poor people. It seems as though God had been manifesting His power in a very special manner for one encouragement after all we experienced to discourage us last year. Our new school is now near completion and we hope, D.V., to commence teaching in it next week. We shall have ample accommodation for 40 children, but unless we have means in proportion I am not sure it will be quite consistent to venture supporting that number. Our Government grant is \$60 per capita for 20 children, which may be withdrawn at any time. I wish a special effort could be made toward the support of some children in this Home at a cost of \$35 per head. It is this kind of dependable support we so much need. I have four or five hundred dollars sent one year and nothing the next two or three is not at all satisfactory. After the completion of our new building we shall not have a cent to our credit. The prospects were never more hopeful than now, and the Indians never so willing to appreciate their spiritual privileges before. Both Mrs. Holmes and the children are enjoying good health, but we have had a great deal of sickness, both in and out of the mission, since spring, principally la grippe, which took the fatal form of pneumonia. Attending and ministering to these poor people for weeks nearly broke down my own health. I certainly believe God's special providence is over us in such a case, it would be hardly possible otherwise not to contract the contagious diseases. One case was that of a young man a Roman Catholic, given up by the doctor; he begged me to take him as a patient, saying, 'If I live I will never pray anywhere but with you.' I did not like to interfere, but after a second earnest entreaty, did so. He was a skeleton, apparently in the last stage of consumption. He is now so much better he drives about alone; even the white people call it a miracle. To God be all the glory!"

ONTARIO. To Mrs. Grout, from Rev. E. H. Bassing, Kutawa, Assa.,
January 23rd.

"You will be glad to hear that the bale has arrived safely. The articles sent will prove most useful for my Indians. The quilts,

especially, were most welcome, they were just what I required; almost every day I have applications for a quilt. The Indians possess little in the way of bed covering, so that a good, warm quilt is more than welcome. All the articles have been given out and are greatly appreciated. One of the quilts I sent to a poor, old man who has been sick for a number of years; he was very thankful for it, but, sad to say, he did not long enjoy the benefit of it, but passed away two days ago. The two dolls I have given to two little white girls who live near by. Santa Claus had not been to see them at Christmas, to their great sorrow; however, the dolls made up for Santa's neglect. I was very please with the nice quilt which I have kept for my very own use. The cushion supplies a long felt want for the back of my chair. What can I say about the splendid roll of carpet? Surely the fairies must have taken a peep into my house and found out my needs. Do please convey my most grateful thanks to all the kind friends who contributed to the bale."

NIAGARA. Extracts from Miss Eva Young's letters from Athabasca Landing, to Mrs. Wade, Church of Ascension, Hamilton, June, 1900.

"Life has been a scramble of work and bustle ever since we came, the eve of Ascension Day. My brother and Mrs. Young, together, with Miss White left again by boat for Lesser Slave Lake. Miss Scott is here with me and Mr. Coy takes charge of the Sunday services. We had a very rough journey out from Edmonton; the track is in a terrible state in some places, simply a succession of mud-holes, generally deep enough to cover the hubs with mud or water. The wagon stuck fast twice in one of these; once we had to unload, and then with four horses even it was difficult to extricate it. Mrs. Young and I were in a buck-board behind. Mrs. Young drove all the way. Our whipple-tree broke four times as our horse with leaps and jumps dragged our vehicle out of a nasty mud-hole. Happily he stood quite quiet until help came to us from the wagon in front. This place is growing quite rapidly. We are hoping shortly to enlarge and weather-board our little Church; it will soon be too small for the congregation." August 2nd, 1900—Athabasca Landing. "The last month has been such a busy time. I have had visitors here nearly the whole time, twice over seven at a time, three for nearly a week,

and five of the last party of seven for a week all but one night, and last of all Miss Durtnall and Miss Millen whom, of course, you know. You can imagine what a scramble it has been to get through the work in the few days interval between each set of visitors, washing, ironing (for these I had a woman, of course), house-cleaning, including covering the walls with alabaster down stairs, jam making, have more than occupied my time. The weather has been very warm, the thermometer often standing at 80 to 84 degrees during the day, and the nights, alas, have been made frightful by fighting, screaming, swearing, owing to the immense amount of whiskey lately imported to the Landing. We have no constable here, now, and nothing can be done to stop this terrible drinking, chiefly amongst the Catholics. Next Sunday we shall have the services here, I think, as the church floor has just been painted and will hardly be dry, as the weather has suddenly turned wet and cold. We are trying very hard to get our little Mission Church into order before the winter comes. One of the things we urgently need is a hanging lamp; I wonder whether any kind friends in Hamilton would contribute to this. A regular weekly post is to be established here after October 1st, so there will be no difficulty after that date in sending out parcels to us by parcel post. The bale from the Juniors of the W.A. has just arrived, or rather, we have just unpacked it. I must write and thank our very kind friends for all they have sent us. Did I tell you how pleased I was with the soap received in the first bale with my things? As for my sheets they are perfectly delightful, I revel in their softness and size, too; by far the nicest I have had for years. We are turning into vegetarians, potatoes just coming into season, also peas (such a treat); we do not seem to care for anything else but bread and butter and berries, raspberries and blueberries, which are very abundant."

Extract of letter from Mrs. Holmes, Lesser Slave Lake, to Editor.

"Our new Boys' Home will be completed to-morrow, September 11th. It looks so nice, is a frame building, the only one at present in the Mission, all the others are made of logs and mud. We trust to take in 40 children this winter. It seems a great responsibility, but His grace is sufficient. I trust many of the Lord's people will be led to help us more financially. We do feel so grateful for all the clothing we have received this year. The work is the Lord's, not ours, and he can send the means for to carry it on."

OTTAWA. From Archdeacon Tims, to Mrs. Eager, Morrisburg.

"Your bale is one of the best we have ever received, and included the things we were most in need of. The quilts, sheets, trousers, dress-goods and groceries were hailed with delight by the matron of the Home, whilst the white linen for the Church is what we have long needed and I am very grateful for it. As I wrote to you, I do not wear colored stoles, so the set you so kindly sent will not be of any use to me, but if I may do so I will hand them over to one of our clergy who would like to have them. Our work here is going on nicely. We had an adult baptism yesterday, which makes the fourth this year. We have 16 pupils in our boarding school, most of whom have been baptized. There are now 31 baptized Christians among the Sarcee Indians belonging to us."

FOREIGN.

HURON. Under date of August 22nd, Miss Kirkby wrote from Hong Kong, to the Huron W.A.

"Thank God, our Province of Fuh Kien has been wonderfully quiet, owing, in a great measure, to the prompt manner in which the native officials have put down and punished anything savouring of lawlessness or anti-foreign feeling. However, this was not known in England, so our Committee in London cabled that we were to leave at once for Hong Kong or Japan. Before replying, our Clerical Secretary, Mr. Lloyd, called us together to see what we wished to do, and of course we asked him to say that the country was quiet, and we did not wish to leave. We lived in hope for two or three days, praying that God would guide the Committee's decision, but they could not modify their orders, and we had to go, by degrees, so as not to alarm the native Christians. The sufferings of our fellow-missionaries in the interior, as they tried to make their escape, were awful: ladies and children bound and stoned, and driven, many of the latter, to death; while others, after receiving injuries, walked in the burning sun for 20 days, and only reached a place of safety to die. There are several hundred of the China Inland Missionaries still on their way to the coast; some of the stations are three or four month's journey inland. I know I do not need to ask your prayers at this time, but there are three definite requests I would like you to make: 1. That the native pastors and catechists may be drawn into a closer walk

with God. 2. That the Christians may trust and not be afraid now, and in the hour of trial, and find rest and peace in the knowledge and love of their Saviour. 3. That we may soon go back to our work and in the meantime be learning much at the feet of the Lord Jesus."

Diocesan Branch Notes and News.

[QUEBEC]. DIOCESAN MOTTO:—"Ye have done it unto Me."

The October Quarterly Diocesan Meeting is to be held on Wednesday, October 24th. The Editor is always sorry that the meetings cannot be held earlier in the month so that a report of the work done at the meeting could be sent to the LEAFLET for the next issue, as at present the report of the October Quarterly Meeting will not appear in the LEAFLET until December. It could possibly be sent if one of the Secretaries would send it direct to the Editor-in-chief. The Editor does not know what business is to be brought before the meeting. The Editor sincerely thanks Mrs. Bouillon for a letter from a Missionary.

[TORONTO]. DIOCESAN MOTTO:—"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

With this month our LEAFLET enters upon its thirteenth year. Will Toronto subscribers show their affection for this "child of our hearts," by the present of a few new advertisements, more subscribers, and prompt payment of the LEAFLET subscription (15 cts.), which is due this month. Above all, earnestly pray that God will abundantly bless the reading of the letters from our Missionaries scattered far and wide over our own and foreign lands.

The October Board Meeting was held by kind invitation of St. Simon's Branch in their Schoolhouse. As usual at this meeting there was a large attendance, and we welcomed many friends—Mrs. Edward Blake, our Life Member; Mrs. Whittaker, from Mackenzie River Dio.; Miss Trent, from Nagano, Japan; also members from Branches outside Toronto. The reports as read, were spoken on for a short time by each Diocesan officer. We were very sorry that owing to enforced absence, the reports of our E.-C.-A.-Day Treasurer and the Junior Secretary could not be spoken of by them in person. The noon hour prayer and address were very kindly taken by Rev. Prof.

Cody, who showed to us from the miracle of healing the blind man, how our lives should more closely follow the blessed Lord in His sacrifice and personal effort, for even the bodily welfare of those in need. At our Board Meeting, in September, a resolution expressive of deep sympathy with Mrs. Cayley in her long illness, was sent to her, and very much valued. How sad it was for us in October to realize that this had been our last earthly message. By our next Board meeting Paradise was entered by one whose whole life was a daily record of unselfish love.

On the 10th of October there passed from her earthly home a true and devoted friend to Missions. Mrs. Cayley was intimately connected with the first organization for woman's mission work, the "Church Woman's Mission Aid," continuing in the same work as Convener of the Dorcas Department of the Woman's Auxiliary for many years; was made a Life Member in 1898—"A true and faithful woman," can we who loved her say more. The Diocesan Board felt very grateful that they were privileged to show their loving respect by sending an Auxiliary Badge of flowers, and by as many as possible attending the service in St. George's Church. The Parochial Branch of St. George's Parish have lost indeed a faithful friend and President. To her family and parish, our deep sympathy is earnestly tendered.

All Saints' W.A., Whitby, has suffered greatly by the death of three members. Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Hunt joined at the formation of the Branch; the former was one of the oldest residents (1840), and from the first Church service to the last, was rarely, health permitting, absent from her place in Church; the end came suddenly August 21st. Mrs. Hunt was also one of the first members and a most active worker, regular at Church and all parish gatherings; she entered into rest August 23rd. Mrs. Draper took a deep interest in all work of the W.A., by reason of her eyesight she was unable to work, but never for one moment seemed to forget she was a servant of the Lord, ready to speak for her Master at all times; September 9th she was called to her great reward.

St. Luke's W.A., Ashburnham, had the great pleasure of presenting their greatly beloved President, Mrs. Peck, with a Life Membership and gold Badge, last month; we trust this valuable worker may shortly be restored to health.

QUARTERLY REPORT JUNIOR W.A.

Encouraging letters have been received from Rev. Mr. Kingstone of Penetanguishene, saying he hoped to establish a second Branch in St. James' Parish ; from Millbrook that a Branch of sixteen members had been formed at Cavan ; Havelock asked for a maintenance box for the Blackfoot Hospital, they also hope to help with a girl in the Wawanosh Home; from Shanty that possibly a Mission Band might soon be established there. All Saints, Whitby, has re organized, and will work for some special Mission. St. Matthias', Toronto, asks to join in clothing a Wawanosh girl. These letters have been replied to with all possible information. A Senior Branch gave a sewing machine, the slight repairs needed were paid for by "unappropriated" money sent in by children, and freight was saved by packing it up with material and clothing and sending it as luggage by a friend going to the coast. The arrival of the machine and accessories has been most gratefully acknowledged by Mrs. Donaldson.

Representatives are wanted for four Branches, and your Secretary most earnestly asks that each representative will remember that her Branch depends greatly upon the monthly letter; the regularly telling the children of the Church, of her claims upon them, and how their work may ever increase and widen, is a matter of vast importance. When working for any parish need, they can then be shown how it is their duty to aid others to enjoy the blessings given to them.

Regular attendance at the Board Meeting (10.30 a m., 2nd Thursday in the month), by the representatives or their substitutes, is most necessary, otherwise how can they properly fulfil their responsibility to the children who look for their letter, or consult with the Junior Diocesan Secretary and Treasurer, who are most glad at any time to give any needed help or advice. Annual reports were sent in September, with pages marked at the Junior report. Christmas preparations are beginning, and the Junior Secretary will be glad to hear of those willing to help in making the season one of especial gladness and joy to the Missionary and little ones in his charge.

M. FORSYTH GRANT, Jr. Sec.

THE FAMINE ORPHANS OF INDIA.

We all rejoice to hear of better prospects for India, but now must not forget the 500,000 orphans left homeless, "The famine's pathetic

legacy to Christendom," as it has been termed. Fifteen dollars a year will provide home and education for one child; some may feel inclined to come forward and save one of these, but there are many who may not feel able to do this alone, and in such cases groups of friends, fifteen members of Auxiliary Branches, or some Sunday School, could, by joining hands, become a sort of parent to such a child, boy or girl may be chosen, and you may be placed in direct communication with the little one, hearing every three months of its progress. Those who do not care to do this may contribute even the smallest sum to the India Orphan Work in general. It is a wonderful opportunity (saving these orphans), the greatest Missionary opportunity of the century, and if we embrace it, ten times more will be accomplished for the cause of Christ through these very orphans within the next ten years than has been accomplished during the entire nineteenth century. Dr. Lewis Klopsch, who has just returned from a tour of inspection in India, is enthusiastic in his praise of the magnificent work now being carried on by Christian Missionaries among the orphans of the 1897 famine; the most hopeful, most promising, most glorious work he has ever witnessed. This orphans' work he says is the hope of the nation, and as a result of it India will be brought to accept Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the world. This great army of helpless little children—the saddest of all sights to American eyes—now stands mutely appealing to God's people to save them from the fate of their parents. Fatherless, motherless, are they now to be left to die because there are not in the whole Christian world, any to say in the spirit of Christ, "*We will take up the burden of the orphans?*" We appeal to you and to all who love the Master and His work, to help us now save the orphans of India; let us clothe, feed, shelter, instruct them, and thus win the blessing that descends upon all who show compassion to the fatherless and motherless. Five cents for each working day will save a famine child, an immortal soul.

Contributions towards this work for orphans in India may be sent to Mrs. Webster, 225 Crawford St., Toronto, Dio. Treasurer W.A., or to Miss Caroline Macklem, Rosedale, Toronto, authorized Agent for India Famine Fund, W.A.

The Rev. C. H. Gill, C.M.S. Secretary, Allahabad, India, sends his warmest thanks in Christ's Name to *all* who have sent subscriptions, and if they could read the report of the work done among the Chils at Gujerat, they would indeed feel thankful that they had been allowed to help save some of these poor starving creatures. One of the most serious drawbacks to the work of relief has been the breaking down of several of the workers. Still others have come forward and the work of mercy goes on.

Dr. A. H. Browne, of the C.M.S. Amritsas Medical Mission, writes on the 6th of August: "Without the C.M.S. Mission relief, I do not see how our 6,400 persons could possibly be living now, for in this country is nothing but desolation and destitution. If more helpers had arrived earlier on the scene and more liberal monetary support had been forthcoming, we could have extended our relief centres and doubtless many now dead would have been saved. About three or four times a day I go round about the jungle near our Mission compound to see if any corpses are to be met with. Two mornings ago ten were picked up, lying in one place or another under the trees, and six were taken out of my little Hospital; the same afternoon while I was feeding the Hospital patients three died before my eyes, and four more during the afternoon died outside. My little hospital too, grieves me to the heart; a little shed, bought from a native, with a tile roof, three sides partially closed with bamboo matting covered with a layer of mud to lessen the draughts, and one side is quite open. The place is large enough for about twelve or thirteen adults, and I rarely have less than seventy in it, although of these perhaps thirty are children." He concludes his letter by stating some wants: Food expenses about 16,000 to 18,000 rupees per month. clothing for about 3,000 persons, blankets for about 4,000 to 4,500, seed grain, and some others.

Please address contributions to Miss Caroline Macklem, Sylvan Towers, Rosedale, Toronto.

[MONTREAL] DIOCESAN MOTTO—"Go work to-day in my vineyard."

The usual Monthly Meeting, the first of the season, was held in the Synod Hall, when it was announced that in future this meeting would be called at 10.30 instead of 11 o'clock, as it is found impossible

to attend to the necessary business within the limited space of one hour. The Devotional will, as always, precede the general meeting, in fact, one will merge directly into the other, both being held in the same room.

It was with great regret that the ladies received the announcement of Mrs. Mills' resignation, to which the following resolution will testify :—

Moved by Mrs. Troop, seconded by Mrs. Crawford that " whereas the election of the Venerable Archdeacon Mills to the high and responsible office of Bishop-Coadjutor of the Diocese of Ontario, necessitates the departure of Mrs. Mills to this new sphere of Christian service, the members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Montreal do, therefore, desire unitedly to give expression to their mingled joy and sorrow at what has, in the wise providence of God, come to pass. They rejoice in the honor conferred upon the Archdeacon, and offer them warm congratulations upon his elevation to the Episcopate. At the same time they are deeply and sorrowfully conscious of their own great loss in being deprived of the faithful and efficient services hitherto rendered to the Woman's Auxiliary of this Diocese by Mrs. Mills, whose kindly presence and winning ways will be sorely missed. They beg to assure Mrs. Mills of their constant and affectionate remembrance, and they earnestly pray that her new home and work may be radiant with the abiding sunshine of the blessing of Almighty God."—Carried. The President then appointed Mrs. I. G. Baylis Corresponding Secretary until next Annual Meeting, which position we feel sure she will most ably fill.

It gives us much pleasure to welcome Mrs. W. H. Hutton as a Life Member of the W.A. Mrs. Hutton has been identified with the Diocesan Auxiliary from its earliest days, and has ever entered most heartily into all efforts for the extension of missionary work among our N. W. Indians as well as in the foreign field, especially India and Japan.

Mrs. Holden, Secretary Zenana Missions, reports that she has received the sum of \$278.51 towards the India Famine Fund. This amount has been sent through Mr. R. G. Macdonald, Secretary Zenana Missions, London, England, to missionaries in India who reside in the famine district. Miss Daenble and Miss Chuckerbutty

upon receipt of the money have written most gratefully thanking all who have so thoughtfully considered and assisted the need and distress of their sisters in India.

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

The eighth Semi-annual Meeting of the Board of Management of the Huron Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in Brantford on October 3rd and 4th. The general Missionary Meeting was held in Grace Church on the evening of Wednesday, October 3rd, and was addressed by the Lord Bishop of Huron, and by the Rev. A. Owen, Missionary-in-charge of the Blood Reserve, Diocese of Calgary, the Reserve assigned specially to the Huron W.A., which maintains a lady-Missionary, Miss Wells, there. Bishop Baldwin spoke on the condition of missions now and at the commencement of the 19th century, and Mr. Owen gave some account of the work among the Blood Indians, and the many difficulties which confront our missionaries there; their seemingly almost hopeless struggle with sin and darkness, and immorality; their difficulties increased by harassing financial considerations. Alluding to the hard work and bare lives of our missionaries, Mr. Owen said they did not covet, they did not want, the comforts and luxuries of homes in our civilized centres; but they did need, and how bitterly, some of the money lavished on these luxuries. We may object to being told "plain truths," but we can hardly fail to recognize the fact that the missionary who pleads, and pleads in vain, for means to pay a trained nurse to work among the neglected, destitute sick and dying; for furnishings for a hospital, for means to make the great bare draughty building where he and his family and his staff live and labour fairly comfortable, and who is told in answer to these appeals, "we are doing all we can—there are so many calls"—cannot but feel, as he goes in and out among "the people down east," that the cost of only a few of our luxuries and pleasures would be to him the means of supplying all needs, and carrying on God's work as it should be done.

On Thursday morning at 9 a.m. there was a celebration of Holy Communion in Grace Church, after which the business session was held in the school-house, Mrs. Boomer presiding. After the reading of the 72nd Psalm and prayer, a letter from the Diocesan President

was read, in which she expressed her regret that illness prevented her from being present, and her earnest wish that a very special blessing might rest on those assembled. Following resolution was moved by Mrs. Mackenzie, Pres. Grace Church Branch, and carried, standing: "That this meeting desires to express to its honored President its appreciation of her kind words of greeting, and its regret that she is unable to be present; especially would the Brantford Branches record their disappointment that, for the second time, the Semi-annual Meeting here has to be held without her. That she may be speedily restored to health and strength is the earnest wish of all present."

The roll was then called, unfortunately the attendance was much smaller than might reasonably have been expected. There were present: from London, Mesdames Boomer, Sage, Complin, Smith, Jewell, Watkin, Chance; Misses Burgess, Gower, Baldwin, Kingsmill and Moore. Burford, Mrs. J. Brethour. Galt, Mesdames Ridley, Tylor; Miss Colby: Norwich, Mrs. Wright. Owen Sound, Mrs. Ardill. Oshwehen, Mrs. Strong. Port Dover, Miss Battersby. Stratford, Mrs. McLellan. St. Thomas, Mrs. Graham. Wilmot, Mrs. Ward. Brantford (Grace Church), Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Wilkes; (St. Jude's), Miss Weir, Mrs. Morrison. The business arising out of the minutes of the Annual was the matter of the salary of Huron's Lady Missionary to China. The Diocesan Treasurer had written, as instructed by the Annual Meeting, to Mr. Hibbert for further details as to the sum actually required, and had received an answer from another officer of the C.E. Z.M.S. which was not sufficiently explicit; it was, therefore, moved and carried that this matter be laid over to the Annual Meeting of 1901; that the Diocesan Treasurer, in the interval, come to a clear understanding with the Zenana Missions Society, and that, for the present, the salary be paid as hitherto. The minutes of the meetings of the Emergency Committee were then read, specially with reference to the deliberations of the Committee appointed at the Annual to consider Mrs. Ardill's (Owen Sound) resolution *re* delegates expenses. As this is a matter requiring full consideration, and, though it has been before two Annual Meetings, is not fully understood by our Branches, it will not be discussed here, as Mrs. Ardill will, herself, bring the matter

before them in the pages of the LEAFLET. Mrs. Boomer then spoke of the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Board of Management recently held at Kingston (see October LEAFLET, pages 361-3). Unfortunately Huron Diocesan Branch was not represented, but sent the following resolution: "The attention of the W. A. has been repeatedly drawn to the immorality to be met with on the Indian Reserves, especially those which have come in contact with so-called civilization. It seems that among the younger and unmarried women on many Reserves, purity is an almost unknown virtue. Much of the gross state of immorality is traced by the almost universal testimonies of Protestant Missionaries, Government Agents and Inspectors, etc., to the annual dances and feasts, and the W. A. is of opinion that the Government should be urged, in the interests of morality, to put a stop to such dances." The report of the Committee appointed at the Annual Meeting to consider the appointment of a Lady Missionary for the Grand River Reserve was presented by the Diocesan Treasurer, who stated that she, as representing the King's Daughters, and the Diocesan Dorcas Secretary as representing the Huron W. A., had just returned from the Reserve, where they had stayed at the house of the Rev. J. L. Strong, and been given ample opportunity of making themselves acquainted with the needs and the work, and they were fully convinced that it is advisable that Miss Kerby's successor should be appointed without further delay. The Committee has, as yet, no suitable person in view, nor is there at present any suitable lodging for a Lady Missionary. Mr. Strong had stated that, though withholding its grant of \$100 toward the salary, the New England Company were desirous to have a Lady Missionary on the Reserve, and would renew the grant as soon as the appointment was made, and application had been made to it to add two rooms to St. Paul's parsonage for her accommodation. The King's Daughters, Mrs. Sage added, were willing to continue their grant of \$100. In the meantime Mrs. Strong was giving three days in the week to carrying on the work of the Lady Missionary, and the W. A. grant of \$100 was being paid over to her. It was moved and carried that this report be accepted, the final settlement of this matter being laid over till the Annual Meeting of 1901. The Treasurer's statement was not altogether satisfactory; the deficit in last year's Diocesan Mission Fund

pledge had been made up, but there was nothing in hand to meet the quarter's salary now due of the Lady Missionary North West, and the General Fund was very low, necessitating an urgent appeal to those Branches which had not sent in their contributions to this Diocesan pledge, nor their members' fees, to kindly do so as early as possible. Following resolutions of sympathy were carried, standing: With Mrs. Moorehouse, and Mrs. Delahooke, and Miss Hatchett (formerly Dio. Rec. Sec.), on the sad bereavements they have sustained; with Mrs. Falls, Dio. Cor. Sec., and Mrs. Robinson, Walkerton, absent owing to illness in their families, and with Mrs. Weir, Brantford, unable to be present on account of her recent severe illness. To Mrs. Edmund Baldwin a resolution was sent expressing to her the regret of the Huron W.A. that she has resigned the post of Provincial Cor. Sec., which she has so well filled for so long.

At 2 p.m. his Lordship the Bishop gave a Bible Reading on the Church of Laodicea (Rev. iii. 14-22) in which he dwelt forcibly on the sin and un wisdom of luke-warmness. Luke-warmness, he said, was the ruin alike of the Church, the State, and the Home, of men's business and of their lives, and he urged upon his hearers the duty of being thoroughly, actively in earnest, working in faith and patience. At the close of this address, his Lordship, on behalf of the Branches outside London, presented Mrs. Jewell with a Life Membership, in token of their appreciation of her untiring goodness to their delegates to the Annual Meetings. The meeting, which was largely attended, was then addressed by the Rev. A. Owen, who said he had been accused of being very "discouraging" on the evening before; but the work, under many aspects, was discouraging and very difficult; it was right that those who helped should know the exact state of the case; they knew and believed, as firmly as he did, that the discouragements and difficulties are put in our path that we may, with God's help and in patience of faith, overcome them. Speaking of some of these difficulties he emphasized the bitter need of Government intervention in the matter of the sun dances and feasts above alluded to, stating it to be his conviction that the money now expended by the Government and the Church on the enlightenment, civilization, and Christianization of the Indians, is largely thrown away, while, contrary to law, these dances are allowed to continue; for it is next to

impossible for any Indian to live a decent, let alone a Christian, life while surrounded by such practices. It has been urged that Government hesitates to have recourse to decided measures from fear of "trouble with the Indians;" but to those on the spot, who understand the Indians, and know the situation, there is no fear at all in this way; and many of the Indians while too cowardly to resist their friends and tribal traditions unaided, would be glad of such prohibition. Only this year one man came to him and said, "For God's sake do not let my girls out of the home till the sun dance is over." Mr. Owen gave generous praise to all members of his staff—five persons in all, where formerly there were eleven—and emphatically pronounced our Lady Missionary to be the right woman in the right place; whereas our former Lady Missionary taught the girls only, Miss Wells teaches the boys also. The pressing needs of the mission are money for painting the wooden buildings, for a furnace and a wagon, for ceiling and plastering the school-room, and for new airtight window frames. The great need of a nurse and her salary is well known, also the need of furniture and appliances for the hospital, all there is in it at present is two cots, one given some years ago by the President of the Petrolea Branch in memory of a little daughter in Paradise, and the other sent last year by St. Jude's, Brantford, Branch. To the Branches about to pack bales for Omoksene, Mr. Owen appealed for games, out-door and in-door; if they could lay hands on a football, new or discarded cricket and croquet sets, these would be very welcome. Mrs. Sage then moved and Miss Battersby seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Brantford ladies for their kind hospitality.

At 8 p.m., an informal gathering was held in Grace Church school-house. Mrs. Boomer spoke of the recent work of the Committee for the education of missionaries' children. As stated in the Annual Report, Mabel Gander returned home a year ago, having received her second certificate, and being in a position to help herself by teaching; Ethel Frost has also returned home, and has been appointed to the charge of the Indian School at Garden River. The Committee has assumed the charge of another child, one of the many children of the Rev. A. Allman, Algoma, who came to London ready to pass her entrance and is eager to learn and get on. She is a

younger sister of Ethel Allman, formerly Quebec's missionary daughter, placed by the Quebec Committee with the London children under the care of the Huron Committee; Ethel is now working in her father's mission. Annabella Taylor is still with the kind friend who opened her home to her, and an offer has been made of a home for another child, the generosity of a member of the Grace Church, Brantford, Branch, and of an anonymous friend in the Lower Province puts the Huron Committee in a position to provide for a second child. At the meeting of the Provincial Board it was shown that twelve daughters and sons of missionaries are at present being educated by the Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. Boomer pleaded for help for Sydney Pritchard, his parents are being communicated with, with a view to making definite plans for his future, but in the meantime there is nothing in hand to meet the expenses of his board, etc. The subject of Deanery W.A. co-operation was discussed and strongly urged; Huron Deanery is about to adopt it. At the close of the meeting two very satisfactory statements were made, the first by the Diocesan Treasurer to the effect that the collections amounted to \$16.93, the largest sum ever accruing to the General Fund from a Semi-Annual Meeting; and the second by Mrs. Boomer to the effect that Mrs. Jewell wished to devote her Life Membership to the providing of two fully equipped cots for the Omoksene Hospital. St. Jude's, Brantford, Branch, has promised to send a second cot in the course of next year. After an interval for refreshments and friendly conversation, the benediction pronounced by the Rector brought the Semi-annual to a close.

ECHOES FROM THE SEMI-ANNUAL.

With regard to the statement of the Diocesan Treasurer that the General Fund was "very low," and that there was nothing in hand to meet the quarter's salary due to the Lady Missionary at Omoksene, it may be well to remind our Branches that some years ago following rules were laid down for their guidance, and for doing what could be done to lighten the labours of our Diocesan Treasurer. Will not all Presidents and Treasurers make a fresh note of them?

1. The Diocesan fees should be collected at the first meeting in the new year and forwarded, as early as may be, to the Diocesan Treasurer that she may have money in hand to meet the many

expenses entailed on the General Fund by the Annual Meeting, printing reports, etc. This year, in particular, she told us she had been unable to pay the printer in full, quite a sum was still owing to him; and in addition to promptly collecting and forwarding the Diocesan fees, will not our Branch Treasurers, each of whom has money worries as well as the Diocesan Treasurer, though on a much smaller scale, be very exact in collecting these Diocesan fees from each member, making sure that the number of fees paid in corresponds with the number of names on the roll.

2. That the four Diocesan pledges be paid by the Branches by July; these have to be paid out by the Diocesan Treasurer every three months, and it is evident that she cannot do this if contributions to these pledges are only paid in at the end of the year. At every Semi-Annual it is the same thing, the quarter's salary due to the Lady Missionary at Omoksene due, but no money in hand to meet it. The money is guaranteed and will come in later, but in the meantime there is no resource for the Diocesan Treasurer: the payment has to be delayed, and at Omoksene they can ill brook such delay. In this connection it may be well to remind our Branches of the final clause of the report of the Committee on Resolutions *re* pledges (see annual report, page 10; May LEAFLET, page 238). "Your Committee would recommend to the Branches that, whenever possible, something should be sent in, undesignated, to the Treasurer at the end of the year to enable her to meet deficiencies.

Owing to the attendance at the Semi-annual being so small, your acting-Editor has thought that a full account of the proceedings might be acceptable to the Branches not represented; but by giving up so much space to it, she is compelled to defer the publication of many interesting letters and Branch notes till next month.

Will those Branches and members which have not yet paid their subscriptions to the LEAFLET kindly bear in mind that the acting-Editor has to balance her accounts for printing, etc., early in December.

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

The Board Meeting was held as usual in St. George's Hall on October 8th. The Corresponding Secretary read a reply to the resolution of welcome sent to Archdeacon and Mrs. Mills; also two

appeals from the Cor Sec., Prov. W.A. The first was from the Rev. J. E. Kimberley, Rounthwaite, Dio. Rupert's Land. The Church people of Wawanessa have erected a church costing \$1,700; they are anxious to put in sittings, but cannot do so at present, so ask for a little aid. They require about \$50 to defray the cost of material. The second appeal was from Mr. Hutchinson, Missionary at Kinosota, Manitoba, stating the Mission-house is terribly out of repair, a portion of it has fallen down and the kitchen part could not be used last winter on account of its condition. \$175 will be required to put it in order. \$10 was voted from the Extra-cent-a-day Fund in response to this appeal. Miss Lewin reports that a Branch of the J.W.A. was formed at Kemptville on October 5th. The meeting was held in the vestry of the beautiful church, and many of the girls in the parish were present. The Rector opened with prayer and spoke of the great privilege granted to us in being allowed to help in the evangelization of the world, and also of the vastness of the work to be accomplished. Mrs. Emery presided and gave the girls some practical advice as to the duties of members of the J.W.A. Miss Lewin read the paper on Junior work, prepared by two of the St. Thomas', Belleville, Juniors for the Annual Meeting and also went over the Junior constitution. It was decided to form a Branch and the officers were elected by ballot, Mrs. Emery nominating two names for each office. The following girls were chosen: Superintendent, Miss McNabb; Vice-Presidents, Miss Blamon and Miss Chambers; Sec., Miss Helen Jones; Treas., Miss Lena McNabb. We pray that great blessing may rest upon this Branch and on the good work they have begun. The Trenton Juniors report an increase in numbers and have sent for mite boxes and more member's cards. The Literature Committee have sold a number of copies of "Excuses and how to meet them." Newboro reports seven meetings since the summer vacation, with an average attendance of ten members. They have held a "quilting bee" and have eleven quilts ready for the Christmas sale, and are also preparing a large carpet and a number of articles of clothing. The members all work at home and make dresses for women and girls, and boys' shirts, and all seem to become more interested as time goes on. Elgin Branch holds regular meetings and some who cannot attend them work at home. About ten quilts, as

well as a number of smaller articles, are ready, and the usual amount of rag-carpet will be forthcoming. This Branch celebrated its first Anniversary by a meeting, followed by "Afternoon tea" at Mrs. Durgavel's house. Bellamys—The Sec. writes: "We have resumed work and have a quantity of material on hand and several quilts; we hope to send off a bale soon." A report was read of the Prov. Board Meeting which was held in Kingston, on September 25th. It was called in consequence of the resignation of the Cor. Sec., Mrs. Baldwin, and great regret was expressed that she felt it necessary to give up the work she has performed so efficiently for nine years. During the visit of the Provincial Board a very interesting and well attended Missionary Meeting was held in St. George's Hall, presided over by the Dean. Mr. Rogers gave the opening address, which contained much useful information regarding Mission work in general; then Mrs. Willoughby Cummings gave a bright account of her experiences in the Indian Missions in the West. Miss Jennie Smith told us of her work in far Japan, and of the blessing which has rested on her labors there; and Mrs. Tilton spoke with all her well-known power and charm. The closing address was by the ven. Archdeacon Mills, our Bishop elect, and all who heard it felt their hearts stirred and warmed by the beauty and earnestness of his appeal to a fuller and more entire consecration to the service of God. He dwelt upon the verse, "There is still much land to be possessed," and pointed out the fields unoccupied for God, not only in those distant heathen lands, but in Ontario, in our own towns and villages, and above all in our own hearts. He reminded us that very soon, it may be, our Lord will come, and the joy of that blessed Second Advent, when we shall be "Caught up" to be with Him forever, will make the toils of life and all its sacrifices seem as nothing in comparison. Therefore let us labour in faith, and hope, and patience, "'till He come." The Prov. Board appointed a committee to arrange for a tour of the parishes in this Diocese by Miss Jennie Smith, our Missionary from Japan, so that all may have an opportunity of hearing about her work and seeing the beautiful lantern slides which she has brought with her. She began her deputation work in Ontario by speaking at the Conference at Bath, on October 2nd; she then visited Deseronto, Adolphus-town, Picton, Elgin, Newboro', Brockville, Kingston, Portsmouth and

Belleville, addressing large audiences in every place, who were deeply interested in all she told them of Japan, its beautiful scenery, its manners and customs, but above all in the accounts she gave of conversions and baptisms in the stations where she worked. We trust that her earnest words may have aroused fresh interest in Missionary work, and that we may all give practical proof of this by increased subscriptions to the Missions in Japan. It is hoped that all our Branches will try, if possible, to arrange that Miss Smith shall visit their parishes. She will not be able to fulfil any further engagements in this Diocese for some months, but we look for another visit during her furlough, and by writing to Miss Daly, 384 Brock Street, Kingston, information can be obtained regarding her future plans.

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

The Sec. of St. John's Branch, South Cayuga, has sent the following:—

“Entered into rest on August 3rd, Mrs. James W. Crawford, of Dunn. The St. John's Branch of the W. A. of S. Cayuga, of which Mrs. Crawford was an enthusiastic member, desires to place on record their warm appreciation of her untiring efforts to promote the well being of the Branch by her loving service. The Society which is but an infant, being organized less than a year, feels that it has lost a kind energetic member who will be sadly missed.”

BOARD MEETING.

The usual Monthly Meeting of the Board was held in St. Mark's Church. It was preceded by a celebration of the Holy Communion, by the Rev. Canon Sutherland, assisted by Rev. Walter DuMoulin. A number of appeals were before the Board for consideration. One from Stagsville for repairs to the Mission Buildings, which are very much out of repair; one from Roundthwait for help (\$50), to seat the church at Wawanesa, and one from Rev. Mr. Holmes, Lesser Slave Lake, which latter was not confirmed by the Bishop and could not therefore be considered. It was decided to vote \$10 to the appeal from Roundthwait, which was made up partly from the E.-C.-A.-D. Fund, and partly from the collection for the day. The action of the officers in giving \$25 to Miss Ridgeway for expenses to Prince Albert,

was confirmed. A most interesting letter from Arch. MacKay, to Prov. Dor. Sec., was read, also a report of the meeting of the Provincial Board held in September. The noon Bible Reading was taken by Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. DuMoulin not being well enough and was from the Epistle for the day, showing in what spirit all Christian work should be done. It was announced that Miss Smith, Japan, will, D.V., be in the Diocese during December, when it is hoped many of the Branches will have the pleasure of hearing her. She will be present at the Dec. Quarterly Meeting, which will be held either the first or second Thursday in the month. It has been decided to have both a morning and an afternoon session. It is earnestly hoped the delegates from the out of town Branches will make an effort to be present. It is likely a lunch will be provided.

[OTTAWA]. DIOCESAN MOTTO:—"God is love."

IROQUOIS—Meetings were held regularly through the summer months with a good attendance and an increased interest in the work. We are busy at our fifth quilt and are sending our carpet to the weaver. Missed our LEAFLET last month, also our report, but trust you all have enjoyed a well earned rest. NEWINGTON reports a business meeting held Oct. 3rd, at which it was decided to send a Christmas bale to Rosseau Mission. ARCHVILLE—Since the Annual, this Branch has held regular monthly meetings for prayer and business. The offering (\$3 50), at the June meeting was voted to the India Famire Fund. The July meeting took the form of a picnic at "Rockcliffe," about forty were present, among whom was the Rector. The offering, amounting to \$3.55, was voted towards the support of a Zenana child. The Branch decided at its last monthly to become a subscriber to the E-C-A-D. Fund." OTTAWA (St. John's J. W.A.)—Began winter's work on Oct. 3rd. The appeal, *re.* the Font for Rev. Mr. Aborn, is being favorably considered. Grace Church Branch of the W.A. suspended its meetings during the summer for the first time since organized. The first meeting this season was held on the last Friday in Sept., when a Committee was appointed to purchase materials and cut out garments for the bale. Dorcas meetings will be held weekly at the home of the President.

The Sec. of Literature would remind the Branches that the Library is still in existence. It is a matter of sincere regret that so little interest is taken in this department of the work. Our number of contributors to the E.-G.-A.-D. Fund is slowly increasing; sixteen envelopes are now taken in the Diocese, but we would like to distribute a great many more. The Treas. of the Fund will be glad to hear of new contributors.

The Diocesan Treas. would like to remind the Branches that amounts for which they are assessed are the first obligations for them to consider; *i.e.*, the Lady Missionaries in the North West and Japan, St. Mary's Training Home, and the new object—the Chinese in the Diocese of New Westminster; for the reason that the Board has assumed the responsibility and should have the hearty co-operation of the Branches. Will each Branch kindly make an extra effort to send in the sum assigned them by the Board, thereby saving a great deal of anxiety for those whose duty it is to have the money ready at the stated intervals during the year.

We are indebted to Miss Edith Butler, of Arnprior, for the following interesting report of the Renfrew Deanery Conference.—“The Annual Meeting of the W.A. Branches in the Deanery of Renfrew was held in Pakenham, on Tuesday, Oct. 9th; the members in attendance being five from Antrim, five from Arnprior, three from Renfrew, and fourteen from Pakenham. After the address of welcome by Mrs. Bliss, the Deanery Secretary, the meeting was opened by prayer and the Missionary Litany. Miss Greene, the Organizing Sec. gave a most interesting address on Missionary work; she spoke of the needs of the Children's Hospital in Ottawa, and the different Branches all promised to help by sending gifts of farm produce and other things necessary; she also told of the good work being done by the members of the J. W.A., and the great help it is to them to have started their Missionary work so young. The Renfrew Juniors are to be especially praised for having undertaken the education of a Zenana child. We are indebted to Huron Diocese for an excellent paper on Deanery Co-operation, and read by Miss Greene. The Deanery Sec. having resigned her office, Mrs. Shyles of Arnprior was elected for the ensuing year. The offertory, amounting to \$2.55 was voted to the Peigan Mission, to help defray the expenses of a new waggon. Votes of thanks

were tendered to Mrs Bliss for the efficient manner in which she had arranged the meeting, and to Miss Greene for her kind and helpful address.

Dorcas Reports.

[TORONTO.] Central Work Room, 563 Yonge Street.

Branches have promised for the following places: Toronto, St. Thomas' and St. Luke's G. A.—Wawanosh Home; St. Simon's—Essonville and Kinmount; St. Mary Magdalene—Kinmount and Gordon School; St. Alban's G. A.—Rev. Canon Harding, Apsley; St. George's St. Stephen's G. A., and St. Lukes—Gordon School; St. John's, Toronto Junction—Dynevor Hospital; Church of Redeemer—Manitowaning; St. Paul's G. A.—Haliburton; St. Stephen's—Baysville and Fort a la Corne; St. Peter's—Blackfoot Hospital, Athabasca Landing, Dynevor, Dynevor Hospital, Opuskang and Fort a la Corne; St. John's, Kinisota Lakefield, York Mills, Holland Landing and Uxbridge G. A.—Shingwauk Home; Chester—Whitefish Lake; Brampton—Peace Kiver; Norway—Sarcee Home; St. John's, Peterborough—Lytton Hospital; Campbellford—Gordon School; Bradford, Lac Seul and Scarboro—Long Sault; All Saint's, Whitby—Devon; Cohlsons—Manitowaning; Barrie—Schrieber; Collingwood—Haileybury; Margaret Mission Band, Port Hope—South River; All Saints' and Trinity East, Toronto—Blackfoot Home; Ashburnham Juniors—Uffington; Eglinton M. C. L.—Outfit, Blackfoot Home.

It is hoped that the Branches will make a special effort and send their bales so that they may reach their destination in good time for Christmas; and for Christmas trees let the clergyman know before hand what he may expect and from what Branch, as it is very hard to tell the children they are to have a tree until he knows where the gifts are coming from.

FANNIE H. BANKS, *Dorcas Sec.*

[MONTREAL]. The Dorcas Secretary reports the following articles sent: A sleeping-bag and two pairs blankets to the Rev. T. B. Holland, from the Diocesan Board; a surplice to Campbells Bay, Dio. Montreal, from St. George's Branch; A large Bible to Glen Church, Dio. Montreal, from Diocesan Board; a bell to Wawanesa, Dio. Rupert's Land, from Mrs. Hutton, Montréal W. A.; a deer skin

to Miss Jackson, Rupert's Land W. A., from Mrs. Harkom, Melbourne, P. Q.; three new Medical Books to Dynevor Indian Hospital, from Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Montreal W. A. ANNIE McCORD, *Dorcas Sec.*

[HURON]. Following bales reported: Woodstock, New St., Paul's—3 to Moose Lake; London, St. James' Girls—1 to White Fish Lake; Preston—2 to Lesser Slave Lake; Woodstock, New St. Paul's Daughters of the King—1 to Emmanuel College; London, Christ Church—2 to Cedar Lake; Brant Deanery—3 to Mrs. Bompas; Windsor—1 to Omoksene; London, St. James'—1 to Cedar Lake School.

[ONTARIO]. Merrickville—Bale to Kutawa, Gordon's Schools, Diocese Qu'Appelle. Merrickville has at last heard of the bale sent last year to Little Pines Reserve, it had been received last November, and was much appreciated and acknowledged, but the letter must have gone astray. Eight weeks since the Sec. sent a card and got this answer. ANNIE MUCKLESTON, *Dor. Sec.*

[NIAGARA]. Ascension, Hamilton—1 bale to White Fish Lake, 1 bale to Sturgeon Falls; St. Mark's, Hamilton—2 bales Peace River, and 1 parcel to Le Pas; Grimsby—1 bale to Little Forks; Stamford—1 bale to Lac Seul; Dunnville—2 bales to Jack's Head; South Cayuga—1 bale to Lesser Slave Lake.

Since our last meeting in June, 9 bales have been sent to Missions, and 1 parcel containing a surplice and cassock for Mr. Lamb, to Mr. Hines, Le Pas Mission; on these, exclusive of freight, has been expended \$203.13. This includes the cost of 5 dresses sent to the Sarcee Home, in a parcel from S. Mark's Juniors, one dress being contributed by each of the following Senior Branches: The Ascension, St. Mark's, All Saints', St. Thomas', and Holy Trinity, Barton.

JANE SUTHERLAND, *Dorcas Sec.*

[OTTAWA]. Bales have been forwarded to the following places: Balderson, Shingwauk Home; St. Barnabas', Dynevor; St. John's J. W. A., Crane River; March, Frenchman's Head; St. George's J. W. A., Frenchman's Head; Hawkesbury, Fort a la Corne.

CAROLINE F. GREENE, *Dor. Sec.*

Treasurers' Statements.

TORONTO—From 20th of August, to 20th of September, 1900.

RECEIPTS.	
Bolton	\$ 6 50
C'ester	6 60
Columbus	3 00
York Mills	6 00
St Alban's Cath. Toronto	5 00
All Saints'	10 30
St. Cyprian's, "	1 40
St. James' Cath. "	5 00
St John's, Norway.....	2 80
St Luke's, Toront.....	36 85
St. Stephen's (Mrs. Worts), Tor....	15 00
St. Thomas' (Mrs. Loundes) " ...	1 00
All Saints' G. A., Toronto.....	11 00
St. Stephens' G.A. "	2 00
Donations—Miss Macklem	10 00
" Per	11 00
" Collected by Mrs. Mac- lean Howard	40 00

Sundries—E.-C.-A.-Day Fund ... 67 89
Coll. Monthly Meeting 9 91

\$260 25

EXPENDITURE.	
Haliburton Parsonage, L. M. Fees	\$325 25
Interest on \$325.00, 5 months.....	4 06
Bishop Sullivan Memorial Sus- tentation Fund	25 00
Moosonee Mission Fund	10 00
Dynevor Hosp. (Windmill)	48 56
Domestic Missions	10 00
Miss Thomas, S. America.....	3 00
Rent Italian Church (October)...	5 00
Mission. "	1 00
Rent Central Rooms (October)...	8 00

\$439 87

EDITH WEBSTER, *Treas.*

MONTREAL—From September 4th, to October 4th, 1900.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance in Bank as per State- ment	\$229 61
Cash in hand.....	86
Japan Medical Missionary	3 00
" St. Mary's Bible Home ...	2 50
Saskatchewan, Miss Shaw.....	3 00
" Miss Phillips	2 50
N. Westminster, Chinese in B.C.	3 00
Educational, Weston Frost	1 00
Life Mem. Pledge to Scholarship	2 00
Members' fees for 1900.....	2 00
Printing	1 00
Extra-cent-a-day Fund	31
Zenana Missions.....	3 00
India Famine Fund	8 00
South Africa, Mutata, Kaffaria.	15 00
Freight on Mackenzie River bale	2 00
Diocesan, Rev. R. C. Brewer.....	5 00
Rev. Mr. Overing	5 00
Diocese of Rupert's Land	5 00

\$293 78

EXPENDITURE.	
Japan Medical Missionary— Per Mrs. M. Bell Irvine.....	\$ 35 00
" St. Mary's Bible Home— Per Prov. Treasurer	25 00
Sask., Miss Shaw, Onion Lake— Per Rev. A. T. Matheson	30 00

" Miss Phillips, Onion Lake— Per Prov. Treasurer.....	10 00
N. Westminster, Chinese in B.C.— Per Rev. L. N. Tucker.....	20 00
Diocesan, Rev. R. C. Brewer— River Desert, P.Q.	5 00
" Rev. Mr. Overing— Buckingham, P.Q.....	5 00
Printing, on account— Messrs. Ritchell & Wilson...	25 00
Diocese of Algoma— Per Bishop Thornloe: Shingwauk Home	6 60
Bp. Sullivan Memorial.....	10 00
Diocese of Athabasca— Per W. A. Burman, Winnipeg	9 00
Diocese of Rupert's Land, Dyne- vor Hospital— Per Miss Lockhart.....	4 00
South Africa— Rt. Rev. Blansby L. Key, D.D. Mutata, Kaffaria	15 00
Freight— Per Dorcas Secretary	2 00
True Balance in Bank.....	85 01
Cash in hand	6 73

\$293 78

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NIAGARA — From Sept. 21st, to Oct. 11th, 1900.

RECEIPTS.

Offertry and Collection at Quarterly meeting, All Saints' (H) ...	\$ 6 85
Extra-cent-a-day Fund.	
St. James', Dundas	1 00
Ascension, Hamilton	1 00
Cathedral Hamilton, for	
Educational Fund	2 05
Lady Missionaries' Fund	1 55
Miss Smith's Dispensary	30
Japan Medical M.	35
Diocesan Missions	6 45

St. Luke's, Palermo, for Diocesan Missions	7 50
Church of Ascension (H), Lady Missionary, Voucher	50 00

\$77 05

EXPENDITURE.

Expense Account—	
Travelling expenses of speakers to Quarterly meeting, Sept. 21st	4 00

A. WEBSTER, *Dio. Treas.*

OTTAWA — From April 15th, to October 6th, 1900.

RECEIPTS.

Affiliation Fees

Clayton	\$ 50
Metcalfe	2 05
Morrisburg	1 50
East Hawkesbury	65
Winchester	45
Pakenham	1 00
Fenaghvale	05
Carleton Place	3 05
March	1 80
Richmond	1 10
St. Alban's, Ottawa	3 00
Miss Ross, Dio. Mem.	25
Miss Thompson "	10
Mrs. Beattie	50
Miss Dodd	50
Renfrew J. W. A.	75
Arnprior	70
Pembroke C. C. M. G.	65
Cornwall "	2 20
Grace Ch. "	1 15

General Fund	5 99
Extra-cent-a-day Fund	10 12
Collections Annual Meetings	22 55
Collections Board Meetings	4 11
Educational Fund	30 91
Diocesan Annual Thankoffering	151 00

Life Memberships

Mrs. Houston, Corawall	25 00
Mrs. Poole "	25 00
Triennial Thankoffering	73 59
India Famine Fund	50 15
Lady Missionary, North West	10 00
Lady Medical Missionary, Japan	10 00
Chinese Missions	1 76
St. Mary's Home	2 00
Foreign Missions, Unapp	101 00
Domestic Missions, Unapp.	2 00

Archdeacon Lothouse, Moossee	5 00
Unappropriated (to Gen. Fund) ...	3 00
Font at Vernon	10 00

\$564 13

EXPENDITURE.

Lady Medical Missionary, Japan	\$112 50
Lady Missionary, Union Lake	12 00
Provincial Assessment	12 50
India Famine Fund	150 15
Domestic Missions, Unapp.	74 52
Foreign Missions "	105 00
Matron's Salary, Peigan Reserve	75 00
Bp. Blyth's work among the Jews	10 00
Balance on printing reports	30 00
Ch. of England Zenana Society	15 00
Church at Portage du Fort	5 70
Express on Miss. boxes	45
St. Mary's Training Home	110 00
Muriel Bell's board, two quarters, Yale, B.C.	50 00
Stationery account	17 70
Balance on font at Vernon	20 00
Rev. Mr. Davis, towards educating daughters	25 00
Towards restoration of Church at Renfrew	5 00
Expenses at Annual Meeting—	
Speakers	5 50
Telephone message	50
To Transfer	1 00
Pens and ink	30
Branch report banks	2 25
Printing programmes	4 50
Postage for Treasurer	2 80
Receipt book for Treasurer	50
Printing ballot papers	75

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Ashburnham	\$ 6 25	St. Luke's	13 45
Brighton	2 85	St. Mark's, Parkdale	30 35
Barrie	8 05	St. Matthew's	2 05
Cavan, St. Thomas'	6 10	St. Mary Magdalene	21 10
Collingwood, All Saints'	12 95	St. Margaret's	22 65
Norwood	10 40	St. Philip's	8 65
Orillia, St. James'	42 00	Church Redeemer	75 80
Peterborough, St. John's	43 50	St. Simon's	56 58
Port Hope, St. John's	20 00	St. Stephen's	10 00
Penetanguishene, All Saints'	4 10	St. Thomas'	27 55
Shanty Bay	14 20	St. Paul's	5 00
Stayner	3 87	Trinity East	20 65
Uxbridge	3 00		
Victoria Road	4 30		
Toronto—			\$167 20
All Saints'	30 95	DESIGNATED	
St. Anne's	13 17	Diocesan	\$366 17
Church Ascension	4 10	Algoma	13 95
Deer Park	11 85	Northwest	47 20
		Foreign	39 88

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