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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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Subjects for Prayer and Reading: May—Saskatchewan, Calgary, Palestine and Assyria. June—New Westminster, B. C., Japan.

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## PROVINCIAL.

The Rev. Wm. Clark, Trail, B. C., writes that the Communion Set, sent by St. Paul's Branch of the W.A., Charlottetown, P.E.I., arrived safely and just in time for the Easter celebration. How greatly this gift will be valued we can gather from a former letter, in which Mr. Clark says: "At our Christmas Communion we had to use an ordinary platter, cup and saucer for Chalice and Paten."

Rev. W. G. White, of White Fish Lake, Atha., writes: "We have now here a neat little church, capable of seating fifty persons. There is a good bell, a small box stove (which however being badly cracked will I fear not last much longer) and Mrs. White's organ. We have used the church since the end of November, and on three or four occasions it has been so crowded that I had to sit all the boys on the floor. We have service on Sunday at 11 a.m., Sunday School at 2 p.m. The attendance at both has been good since the opening of the church and I have noticed an improvement both in singing and behaviour. Mrs. White's Wednesday knitting class is well attended, 12 or 15 women or girls coming almost every time. I have been holding (morning) day school for the last five weeks with an average attendance of 13, and knowing that provisions are scarce with their parents give each scholar a cup of tea and some bread and dripping at dinner. To our great joy we have been able to have the Holy Communion, when I used the set so kindly sent by the Church of Ascension (Toronto) Juniors. About the middle of January when the Rev. Mr. Johnston, of Wapuskaw, was here and when we baptized three persons and received nine others into the church, I felt the need of a small font very much, and again when I went off about 10 miles distant last Saturday to baptize a child, I regretted having to use only a cup. If one of the W.A. branches could send me a small portable font for

this mission I should be most grateful. The mission house, the church, and the grave yard are all neatly fenced with pine rails (peeled). For the generous help I received from Eastern Canada last summer, in the way of bales, I am very, very grateful. We very much need red cloth draping for a small communion table, and a little carpet for the chancel.

Rev. G. Holmes, Lesser Slave Lake, Atha., writes: "I am now able to say definitely that the Government has notified us that it is in no way responsible for the education and support of Indian children whose parents have received "script," so that means that the fears I expressed last summer of being deprived of our Government support grant have been realized. We have appealed to the North West Council for a teacher's grant, but beyond that we do not expect a cent for our home. About seven scholars are supported by friends at the rate of \$35 a year, and our only hope for the rest is to appeal for more in this way. Our only guarantee for the support of the Home at present is for the seven children mentioned above, and Margaret Durtнали's salary. If the North-West Council become responsible for Mr. White's salary we are still left with 25 scholars and Miss Sharp, our second matron, to provide for. However, thank God, the same mail which brought the notification from the Indian Dept. to darken our horizon, brought a generous response from the W.A. to brighten it, the total was about \$150. If each mail brings a like sum we shall be able to support our present number of scholars and still keep our heads above water. I have just returned from Christ Church Mission, Peace River, where Mr. Curry is in charge. About fifty Indians, including children, have definitely made up their minds to enter our church, and are pleading for a school. They are chiefly Treaty Indians, so the Government, I suppose, will be ready to help us, but we shall need clothing for the scholars. I also saw several very poor old Beaver women half starved and very poorly clad. A few warm dresses and underwear would be received by them with the deepest gratitude. If the school is opened, as I believe it will, there will be at least 20 scholars. We hope to see the Bishop back this summer, and during his visit to Peace River these fifty natives will be received into the church."

NOTE—Mails to Mackenzie River leave Athabasca Landing May 20th and July 23rd,

## Letters from our Missionaries—Diocesan.

TORONTO. *From Miss Kirkby, Life Member, Toronto, W. A., to Annual Meeting.*

It is now more than a year since I landed in Foo-Chow, to many the first year is very trying, but I have found the verse so true "and when He putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them" We have so much to be thankful for that the hearts of the people have been made willing to hear, and in many cases to believe the Gospel message. There never was a time when the schools were so full, as at present, and on all sides people are asking us to go to their villages. The applicants for the three months station class for married women are so many, that it is possible to have the house full without one baby, in former years each woman could bring one. This is a boon to us, as Chinese babies can be fully as troublesome as English ones and often prevented their mother's from reading. Out of twenty pupils eight have expressed the wish to receive more instruction so go on to the Bible Woman's Training School, while all but two have, we believe become true converts. Down-trodden, hard-hearted and despairing until they believe, it is no wonder the expression of their faces change and that in spite of many trials—they find rest and peace. Last night we heard of a young man of twenty-seven beaten to death by his parents, because he refused to worship the ancestral tablets. Parents in China have absolute control over the lives of their children, and are upheld by law in enforcing obedience. Pray especially for these parents that they may repent of their great crime and accept Salvation so freely offered, even to the murderer. You probably know that a new Emperor has been placed on the throne, and the rightful one deposed by the Empress, this may mean civil war before long. Already literature is being circulated inciting the people to uphold the rightful king. Although there are so many dialects spoken, the written language is the same every where and is the strongest link binding the Chinese Empire together and the Literate or reading men are the most influential class. Every family aspires to have one son a "reading man." So it is easy to see what influence these men can have in desiring progress, or the reverse for their country. The "breaking up of China" is sure to affect the Christian

church more or less here. We do, indeed need the prayers of all Christian people, that in her weakness China may find the Saviour, and that whatever happens the Gospel of Christ may have free course and be glorified. If only my W. A. friends could have been to our service last Sunday, our hearts filled with joy to see so many crowding in, men and women, the latter being the result of the village work. We shall have to enlarge our church soon. I hope you will be interested though to hear of your life members special work during the last year. Of course, the study of the language comes first. I began at once to study the Foo-Chow dialect. Reading with my teacher was my first duty from 9 to 4 p.m., at nine going with Miss Stevens to the villages, where though I could not talk, there were many lessons to learn. By degrees I went more often by myself with a Biblewoman. Almost from the first, Sunday morning has been spent trying to teach little children until church time. Then it was my duty to chaperone the station class women during the service and in the afternoon go with the Bible woman to a service for women only in one of the nearer villages. In the evening prayers and hymn singing with the servants and teachers. Since passing my first language examination, last December, reading in the morning with my teacher, and teaching in the village in the afternoon with my Biblewoman's help is the regular order. There is still one more examination to pass, a very difficult one. My great longing is that I may be understood that these dear people who are so willing to learn may quickly understand our message of love. My love to all Auxiliary friends.

#### DOMESTIC.

TORONTO. *From Mr. Haynes, Peigan Home, to Hawkstone Branch W. A.*

Please accept our sincere and grateful thanks for every article sent. all were most useful, and showed that kind friends had our work among these Indians at heart. Especial'y do we thank you for the groceries, they were just what we wanted, and with so many hungry boys and girls, we are never at a loss to know how they are to be disposed of. The candies were eagerly sought after, the shaker flannel, overcoats, and girl's dresses were all invaluable. You will be glad to know that our work is progressing slowly but surely. Adult

Indians are coming forward for baptism more and more. We have now eleven boys and fifteen girls, and are expecting more, so with increased numbers, so will our needs. They are all a bright and happy lot of children, and I assure you compare very well with other children with greater advantages. Would it be possible for you to get us any help in replacing our furnace pipes? The flood which took place last fall flooded our furnace room, and the pipes are rusted through. It will cost about \$20 to replace them. Thank each member of your Hawkestone W.A. for their generous assistance."

*From E. Thomas, Fort Alexander, to Mrs. E. A. Bouillon.*

"Just received your letter asking about the bale you have sent for us. I am sorry to say I have not so far received the bale, but I heard it is now at Selkirk. I have not been able to go to Selkirk yet this winter, therefore did not get the bale. I am sorry to keep you waiting so long in my not writing, but I cannot do so till I get the bale, which I hope will be soon now. I have been so busy the first part of the winter I have not had time to go to Selkirk, but I have to go soon now. I will write as soon as I get the bale. However, you will be glad to hear that we are doing very well. I am thankful to say our work in Lansdowne, and along the lake, I mean adjoining stations, are working very satisfactorily and progressing fairly well. My last trip to Hole River I received three Roman Catholics into our church and also baptized two adults, making altogether five heathens converted to Christianity. I might be rather hard, but I am led to the belief that Romanists are no better than heathens, at least poor Indians are taught nothing but to depend on the priest. We are troubled with a great deal of sickness, I am sorry to say, at present, but so far we have only one died since. I was over to see the family to-day; was present when it happened; I pitied them so much. I started to make a coffin after I came back from their house. It so happened that a Mr., Berrette, a white man, came to my place, going out as a teacher to Black River, and saw what I was doing. He seems to find it strange, a clergyman making a coffin, he did not think that clergymen did that. But that is only a common thing for me to do. I do a great many little things for these poor people, because I feel for them. These things they find it hard to do. No more at present, you will hear from me again, I hope soon. Yours sincerely, E. THOMAS.



*From J. E. Cox, Sioux Mission, Griswold, Man., to Mrs. P. P. Hall, Quebec.*

"DEAR MADAM—The font was kindly forwarded to me by the Archbishop last week, and as I had a baptism to take yesterday used it for the first time. It might interest you to know the name of the first child receiving the Sacrament of Baptism at the pretty font so kindly donated by your Branch of the W.A., and for which words fail me to express my sincere thanks. The child's name is Gideon Bluecloud. Our Indians are fond of Bible names, and I have baptised several infants that have received Scripture names. With kindest regards, faithfully yours, J. F. Cox.

NIAGARA. *Letter from Rev. G. Bruce, Fairford, St. Mark's, Niagara on-the Lake.*

The two bales and box were delivered here, Dec. 23, 1899. We were very fortunate, the team that went for them to Westbourne arrived at the station just as the train arrived bring your two bales and box. The barrel was there also all right. So there was no delay on the road, though Saturday is always a busy day. Seeing "Niagara" on the bales, which has now such a charm for us that we immediately unpacked them. And truly language fails to express our gratitude for your highly appreciated articles, everything so suitably selected. Though unknown, yet well-known to the wants and needs of the people of Fairford. I always think that ladies have a special tact or capacity in arranging for the best. Our gifts were very acceptable and highly prized; every article answered admirably, How very kind of you to think of myself and family, as you always do. Your bales and box made many a one happy as well as comfortable for the year 1900. One old woman and her grandchild walked five miles on Christmas evening to service. It was cold and she only had on a tattered shawl, so Mrs. Bruce gave her a cloak, which made the poor old creature silly over her gift, and could not leave off laughing and exclaiming "now I will never be cold." What you kind ladies are doing are great things for Fairford people. It is useless to comment on the articles, the trowsers, wrappers, coats, shirts, dresses, spoons, groceries, books, cards, writing-pads, etc., etc. The schools here in Fairford vicinity, four in number are all in working order; 130 children under instruction, and yet how pleased those

little creatures are when they get a gift of clothing, or even a card very little pleases them poor little creatures. I may mention that on a recent visit of 50 miles to a Reserve, quite a number of the Indians still heathen, I had the pleasure of baptizing four. This adds an additional charge and responsibility, for they all invariably expect a little help.

*From Rev. E. R. Coates, West Selkirk, to St. Thomas', Hamilton, March 10th, 1900.*

I can hardly express my appreciation of your kindness and the deep thankfulness for the fine supply of quilts, clothing, books and groceries. They did double duty, as your gifts and as my parting presents. I must explain that having been in this mission for nearly eight years, leave of absence has been granted to enable me to make a visit to my home, in order to be present at a family gathering of twenty-four persons. Much as I wished to see my parents and the rest of the family, I am now feeling quite home-sick at the thought of leaving my people. Every one has been so kind and shown so many evidences of their regard for me, very often to my great surprise. I think nearly every Indian who could, came to say good bye, and many brought articles of their own manufacture for me to take home and you may know how glad I was to have your beautiful useful things to give in return. I do think, it was very nice of you to remember the Chief's mother and Charlie and Jim. How delighted they were at seeing their names on the parcels and how proud they are of their pretty and useful gifts. So many thanks for your special kindness to me. The groceries were very, very acceptable. We enjoyed the peas and tomatoes very much. I have left some for the use of the teacher and missionary during my absence. What a bountiful supply of good things. A real missionary Christmas box. How did you know we were in such need of cough medicine? The Government's supply of this necessary article was exhausted the day before and I was so sorry to send others empty away. I exclaimed with glad surprise on opening the package and forthwith gave one each to the men then waiting in my house. The poor people all get bad colds at this time of the year and cough dreadfully. The soap is very much sought after. Two old women wanted to get some 'face soap' the other day, and one who thought it might be considered a strange request said 'I told

Margaret that it would not make our faces any whiter'—the poor withered, wrinkled old bodies. May the Divine blessing be upon your Branch of the valuable W. A., and upon each member. With all good wishes for your prosperity in your good work, etc."

OTTAWA. *From Mr. Matheson, Onion Lake, to Mrs. Wallace, Cornwall.*

"It would be hard indeed to put into a bale a better lot of useful articles than you have done. There are those quilts and the fine soft blankets, then that flannelette for our poor old people, the tea and medicines for the sick and old, and the prayer books for young and old. Surely there must be something in this religion of ours, and this Christ of ours, that there is in no other Christ and no other religion, that could prompt the kind hearts, and guide the willing hands that put up and sent such a splendid outfit of necessaries. You have indeed given us a happy New Year, and brought comfort to many of our needy ones in this place. May part of the joy and pleasure your branches have brought to our home and mission, be granted to each one of your members. Our work grows apace, and God has given us strength and health and much blessing and cheer. We were never so comfortably fixed for a good winter's work before. I have a splendid staff now of consecrated, whole-hearted workers—four ladies and one man—besides myself and Mrs. Matheson, so we ought to "push the battle." Give our most hearty thanks to your Branch and wish 'hem for me a bright and blessed New Year,

*From F. C. Chilcoat, Port Carling, to Mrs. Almon, St. George's, Ottawa.*

"I have now distributed all the contents of your splendid bale, and have given help in this way to very many families throughout my mission. It was the greatest possible comfort, and I confess I did not find I had too much to spare—on the contrary I am still receiving applications from out of the way corners of my mission. I had a begging letter from a poor widow with young family, whose husband died last year. I mention further applications not for the purpose of getting more, but to show that you were justified in sending me so good a supply. My chief trouble lies in trying to make what I receive go around satisfactorily. I am very much obliged for the things sent for myself, they certainly were not thrown away on a rich, well-dressed missionary. My people are greatly pleased with the contents of your

able and thankful to the most generous and excellent Auxiliary we ever met."

*From John Badger to E. McDougall, Arnprior.*

"Yours of the 24th of Nov. to hand in due season, also the bales you were so kind to send me for our destitutes, for which I would ask you to accept my most hearty thanks; they were a God-send to those poor people. I have been working for the past year and a half among heathen. I have divided the clothing between them and my people where I am stationed for the winter. May you be able to continue your charitable work for many a year to come for which God will bless you."

#### FOREIGN.

TORONTO. *Mrs. Morley, wife of Bishop of Tenevelly, Palmacotta, to her sister, member St. Luke's W.A., March, 1900.*

'I have just come from the Tamil Church where I went to the marriage of one of our girls from the Converts' Home here. She left her heathen relations about five years ago, and after being taught and prepared was baptized. Her name is Deva Sundeam, meaning Heir of God. She has been educated sufficiently to assist her husband, who is a schoolmaster in the northern part of Tenevelly, where I trust she will be the means of winning many of her heathen sisters to Christ. The home for deaf and dumb children is under Miss Swainson, it used to be in the Sarah Tucker Institution, but it increased so much that a separate house was taken, and about thirty-six boys and girls are taught in the most wonderful way to read and write. They know numbers of Bible stories and are very quick to understand. The girls do needle work nicely and the boys make mats and will be taught trades. The Sarah Tucker Institution is a splendid one, there are four hundred girls there. It has just been raised to the dignity of a college, girls are prepared for the Matriculation and B.A. examinations, and can then be employed in other schools and earn good salaries. There is a normal class also, where girls are trained in the vernacular. There are several English ladies in this institution, one being a B. A., of London, and one sees how good an influence they have. There is also a school for the blind in connection. It is very touching to see them, yet they are bright and happy. There are about fifty schools in the different villages in the district, branch

schools of the Sarah Tucker. Palamacotta, is the centre of the C. M. S. work. About twenty-four miles from this, there is a very large S. P. G. Mission at Nazareth. Mr. Marjoschis has been working there for over twenty years; he is a most devoted man. He never goes away for the hot weather, yet is very frail and often suffering. There are over four hundred boys and girls there; they have workshops, an Art school, lace school and an orphanage. It is a great strain upon Mr. Marjoschis to get the money for all this. Of course, he has grants from the Parent Society, but very many of the children are supported by private friends. Some of these have been Famine children; one little mite was found beside her dead mother, she is the pet of the rest now. The Bishop baptized two high caste Brahmins at Nazareth last November. The relatives of one are very angry and persecute him; his wife is the great trial. Now his brother-in-law is most anxious to be a Christian, the stumbling block again being the wife, he is in deep distress and begs us not to cease praying that his wife's heart may be changed, he longs that she and his children should be baptized together. May I ask if you will make this a special request in your intercessions. You would do so, if you could see the distress and longing of this poor man, he goes constantly to Mr. Marjoschis, and has been to see us here and begs us not to give up praying; he says he is sure God will hear and answer us. I could tell you of many others, but this will be enough to show something of our work, our difficulties and our hopes. We have ninety native clergy belonging to the two societies." Enclosed in this letter was one in Tamil from Deaf and Dumb, Pakkahow,

MONTREAL. *Extract from letter from Miss Paterson, returned missionary from Japan, Los Angeles, Cal., to Mrs. Holden.*

"I want to tell you a little about my last days in Matsumoto. In my letters I have mentioned the pupils in my English and Bible Classes, both men and boys. Some of them are teachers in the High School. I had been teaching them nearly a year and they were very kind friends to me. About two weeks before I left they invited me to a dinner at the hotel at the Hot Springs. I was the only guest and took Ichimura San, my Bible woman, with me. Everything was beautifully arranged and the dinner was semi-foreign. Towards the end Matuban San made a speech in English. Then some teachers

made me some handsome presents ; one gave me a magic steel mirror and some beautiful pictures, and when I came away some of them drove part of the way to see the last of me, I shall never forget all their kindnesses. You will be glad to hear one of these teachers was baptized a short time before I left. The farewell meeting that was given for me by the Christians, I was too ill to attend. For about five days before starting on my long journey I was in bed most of the time, and began to fear I might not be well enough to carry out all the arrangements, but strength was given me. At 4.30 on the morning of Oct. 3rd, I was up and shortly after 6 we started. Ichimura San, Kobayash San (one of the men in my English Class) and Mr. Kennedy went with me to Yokohama, and saw me on board the steamer. We started from Matsumoto at 6 a.m. and rode for two hours in Kosimas and then on horse back for six hours. We had panniers and Ichimura San rode one side of the horse and I the other. At the end of the horse ride we again took Kurumas for two hours. As you may imagine, I felt pretty tired at the end of that long day. All the next day I rested at the house of a friend, and then we took train at 8 a.m. and reached Yokohama at 6 p.m. At Yokohama I met Miss Smith, who had come from Nagano to see me off. We spent a pleasant day together, and on Saturday, Oct. 14th, we went on board the 'China.' When the time came to say good-bye, I felt very lonely at leaving all my friends. We had rather a rough trip to Honolulu. I had made my plans to stay there a week and look at Miss Davis and her work. I was also fortunate to meet the Rev. Mr. Osborn and his wife from Toronto. It would take me a long time to tell you all I should like to about my visit there, so I must pass it over. I continued my journey homewards and we had a very rough passage, and my room-mate and myself were both very ill, the vessel rolling terribly for about sixty hours.

Note by Ed.—We hope to conclude this interesting letter in the June LEAFLET.

*Extracts from letters from Mr. K. Borup, Industrial Mission, Mengo, Uganda.*

"I have been preaching in Luganda and I have my Bible-class in Luganda every evening, and I manage to make myself understood by the boys, but still I am anything but fluent in the language yet. We

have had a great deal of rain during the last two or three weeks. I hope that it will continue to rain now. Food is still very scarce and very dear. It costs at least twice as much as it ought to cost to live here still, and it will not be any better this year certainly. . . . We have to pay 50 cts. for carriage on every pound of goods we get up here, in addition to the primary cost in England. Thus the cheapest tea we can purchase here costs from 90c to \$1.00 per pound, and everything else in the same proportion.

In writing my annual letter I could not help feeling that I would like to have been able to write about more directly spiritual work performed than I was able to write about. I cannot help feeling at times that I am to a large extent out of the spiritual work here. One's opportunities for spiritual work are few when one's whole time during the day must be taken up with the sort of work I am doing. If I did not feel that the Lord really wants me to keep this work on, for the present, at any rate, I would not remain in it. My Bible-Class is the saving feature of my work. As I get more apprentices I hope to get a more interesting class and so feel that I am more in touch with the spiritual side of the work here." Dec. 19th, 1899. "I am wanted to take on more boys, and to see that they are properly taught in their work, and then I am to begin to teach the boys I have now new things. I am also to take the building of a new church in hand almost at once. That church has to be built with labor which is of the most primitive kind, and I have not only to see to the construction of the church, but also to attend to the preparation of the materials etc. for it. Yesterday I had the Namasole, i e the king's mother, here for afternoon tea. The men had been building the new house here which has just been finished, so I invited her over here to see it. She came with a large following, as is the custom of all great chiefs in Uganda. I found her somewhat peculiar in her tastes. Sometimes the tea was too hot, and at others too cold. Then she did not like it either if it happened that any cream was floating on it, and she would most carefully skim the cream in such a case. She would taste a biscuit, and if it did not commend itself to her royal mouth, then she would put it back on the plate and ask for another. It seemed to be beneath her dignity to hold the cup herself if she was not drinking out of it, so she delegated some of her retainers to perform that duty. All her followers had a

taste of the tea, she dispensing it to them in the saucer all the time, while she herself was drinking with the spoon. I got a great deal of quiet amusement from watching all those scenes.

Yesterday we had the worst hail-storm here that I have ever seen. The hail-stones fell in great quantities, and were over half an inch in diameter. It lasted over half an hour, and blew the thatch off some of the out-houses on the Bishop's hill."

## Diocesan Branch Notes and News.

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

March 13, 1900.

DEAR MRS. HALL,—On behalf of St. Matthew's Branch I have great pleasure in presenting you with a Provincial Life Membership of the Woman's Auxiliary, which we beg you to accept with our heartfelt wishes for every happiness in your new home. We trust that it will serve to remind you of the many friends you are leaving and of the long years in which we have walked so happily and harmoniously together, Knowing how faithful and zealous you have ever been in the church's work, we feel sure that you will be foremost in promoting it wherever you are, and we pray that God may be with you to direct, guide and prosper you in all you undertake for his glory, and the extension of His Kingdom. Ever affectionately yours,  
LOUISA IRVINE, President of St. Matthew's Branch of the W. A.

We send this report in full owing to Mrs. Hall's departure from Quebec Diocese.—ED.

A Quarterly Meeting of St. Matthew's Branch was held on March 13th, at which there were twenty-eight members present. A successful bargain sale was held in St. Matthew's Parish room in February. The Weekly Diocese Meetings have been held as usual. A number of letters were read and money was voted to the following objects: \$20 to the Ethel Memorial Fund and \$30 to the Indian Famine Fund which was afterwards increased by subscriptions to \$60 59. The Secretary owing to her departure from the city, tendered her resignation and the Branch conferred on her the honor of presenting her with a Provincial Life Membership Badge and Certificate.

CAROLINE M. HALL, Secretary, St. Matthew's Branch W. A.



## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

COATICOOKE.—Since dispatching our annual bale in November, meetings have been held at members' houses once a month, attendance better. In answer to appeal from Indian Famine \$10 were raised and sent to Diocesan Treasurer. On behalf of Quebec's deficit Education Fund and Lady Medical Missionary to Japan, Coaticooke Branch, by vote pledged itself to \$2 to each fund. The money will be sent as soon as made up. The E. C. M. money \$5.50 has been forwarded to the Provincial Treasurer. We are working for our next bale. A great deal of illness prevails among our members. COOKSHIRE.—Monthly meetings held as usual. In January our Rector received a most interesting letter from the Rev. Mr. March, of Peace River, N.W.T. The result of which was that we decided to, at once, prepare a bale to be sent to him, not later than May 1st, which will reach its destination by Dec., when his need of help is greatest and contributions of all kinds particularly welcome. DRUMMONDVILLE.—At our last meeting we decided to give \$5 a year towards the salary of the lady missionary in Japan. Were not able to hold meetings for a long time on account of the illness of Mr. Fothergill's little girl. In October and November the members of the W. A. and the Junior Branch worked very hard and the result was a barrel and a small box containing clothing and groceries, a large patchwork quilt, toys, etc., from the children, sent to Mr. Thomas, Fort Alexander. Have just received a nice letter from him. Will the Dio. Cor.-Sec. kindly give us information about Mr. Thomas and his work in which we are greatly interested? FRAMPTON.—A meeting held at the Springbrooke Parsonage, Jan. 15th, nearly all the members present. Decided to work at home till the roads are better. In answer to appeal for Indian Famine, our few members sent \$9.25. We shall meet the first week in April, when we hope to send our bale with the St. Matthew's bale. LENNOXVILLE.—Monthly meetings as usual; \$4.54 contents of three Thank-offering boxes, and \$21.50 for Indian Famine have been sent to Diocesan Treasurer. LIME BRIDGE, MARBLETON.—Only one meeting since last report, owing to stormy weather and bad roads. Two new members and work now going on well. Sent \$1 to Diocesan Treasurer for Indian Famine. We hope to send something for Education Fund and Japan in the future.

NEW CARLISLE.—Two meetings held since last report. Annual meeting held Feb. 12th. Our year's work reviewed, it realized \$77.53, \$26.51 sent to Diocesan Treasurer, and \$5 to Indian Famine Fund in answer to appeal. RICHMOND AND MELBOURNE.—Owing to storms our meetings have not been well attended. Have begun to work for Dynevor Hospital. QUELLEC, Cathedral.—Working meetings every week. Hope to have a bale ready to send off next month. In response to appeal for Indian Famine Fund we have \$121.25 in hand, QUEBEC, St. Michael's.—Quarterly meeting January 29th. Decided to hold another bargain sale, the last realized \$31.65, \$27.25 was collected for Indian Famine Fund in answer to appeal. Many of the reports were so excellent, the Editor regrets they could not be published in full. Intercession Service, April 3rd—Monthly meeting, a letter read from New Carlisle, one from Rev. T. J. Hay, thanking W. A. on behalf of his daughter, Patricia Grace, now Quebec's daughter. Annual meeting to be held May 10th. A short service celebration—Address by Very Rev. the Dean of Quebec Business session immediately afterwards.

[TORONTO]. DIOCESAN MOTTO:—" *Whatsoever thy hand findeth*

The April Board Meeting was very largely attended, a rather unexpected circumstance, the distance to St. Hilda's College being considerable; the Diocesan officers had told Mrs. Rigby that about 150 would be the number to expect, nearer 300 however came and were delighted with the handsome College buildings, the only woman's residence in the Dominion, we believe. By the kindness of the Dean the meeting was held in Trinity College beautiful Convocation Hall. A Girl's Branch was reported as formed at Bishop Strachan School, also two new life members, Miss Blatchford of Holy Trinity, by her brothers, and Miss Cartwright of St. Thomas', in loving memory of a brother. Archdeacon McKay, of Saskatchewan, addressed the meeting, giving warm thanks to the Auxiliary for the careful manner in which the bales were distributed in the North West region. Canon Sweeny gave the Bible reading upon "Meekness," which was full of wise teaching. The Extra-cent-a-day was voted towards the debt on church at Apsley, Haliburton Deanery, Toronto Dio. The annual meeting will be something in the past when this LEAFLET is in the hands of our readers, but it may interest many to know what the objects

are, for which the Life Membership fees are voted by ballot; a parsonage at Haliburton, church at Coppercliffe, Algoma; church at Wabusca, Athabasca; and church at Matsumoto, Japan. Since the monthly meeting two more life members have been added, Miss Morton of Holland Landing, by her cousin, Mr. Elliott, in memory of her mother, and Mrs. Parker of St. Andrew's, N. S., by her husband, Dr. Neville Parker. We give humble thanks to God for hearing and answering prayer that we might have this number of Life Members before the annual meeting. The LEAFLET being printed by the first week in May of course prevents any account of our annual appearing before June. Mrs. Kuhring of the Church of the Ascension has been the representative of our Woman Auxiliary at the Ecumenical Conference in New York, and will give a report at our May monthly meeting. Library open Fridays, 563 Yonge St.; booklets, magazines, etc. Miss Rogers, 4 Classic Ave. LEAFLET Editor, Mrs. E. M. Williamson, 83 Wellesley St.

P.M.C. Returns, from March 8th to April 5th, 1900.

Ashburnham.....	\$ 9 00	St. Anne's .....	11 17
Barrie .....	23 20	Ch. Ascension .....	27 15
Brighton .....	2 50	St. Bartholomew's .....	5 60
English Settlement.....	11 80	St. Cyprian's.....	12 00
Brampton .....	32 45	St. James' Cathedral .....	30 20
Bradford.....	62 00	"    "    Young Women	3 00
Coulsons.....	26 00	St. John's .....	112 75
Campbellford.....	9 85	St. Luke's .....	2 20
Cavan, St. Thomas'.....	12 05	St. Mark's .....	33 00
Colborne.....	9 50	St. Matthew's.....	1 85
Collingwood .....	21 25	St. Matthias' .....	4 60
Chester.....	1 95	St. Margaret's .....	42 00
Creemore.....	31 10	St. Mary Magdalene .....	10 00
Banda .....	8 25	St. Paul's.....	10 90
Deer Park .....	6 70	St. Peter's .....	127 81
Innisfil.....	59 00	St. Philip's.....	12 00
Churchhill .....	21 00	Ch. Redeemer .....	9 40
Norwood .....	6 90	St. Simon's.....	14 10
Orillia .....	65 00	St. Stephen's.....	46 45
Penetanguishene .....	4 65	St. Thomas' .....	32 80
Peterboro', St. John's.....	80 00	Trinity East .....	9 45
"    All Saints' .....	26 80		
Shanty Bay.....	10 45		\$1,252 63
Stayner.....	4 25		
Sunnydale .....	12 65	DESIGNATED.	
Roach's Point .....	1 00	Diocesan.....	1,156 03
Thornhill.....	21 45	Algoma.....	36 05
Uxbridge.....	5 10	Northwest.....	25 35
York Mills .....	80 00	Foreign .....	33 75
Lakefield .....	2 00	Zenana and Chinese.....	1 45
Toronto—			
St. Alban's Cathedral.....	24 20		\$1,252 63
All Saints' .....	51 65		

JESSIE HOSKIN, Sec.-Treas.

MONTREAL] DIOCESAN MOTTO—"Go work to-day in my vine yard."

City Junior Branches please take notice that a prize has been offered by Mrs. Holden for the best composition on what was seen and heard at the Missionary Exhibit in February. A similar prize will be offered to Country Junior Branches for a Scripture competition, details of which will be announced later. The prizes for attendance will be strictly limited to those obtaining 95 per cent.

PRIZE LIST—FEBRUARY 1900.

Grenville—Edith Whitehead. Onslow—May Mullagan, Lillie Mullagan, Reggie Meredith, Carson Amm. Culumet—Linda Brigden. Knowlton—Norna Macgowan, Pearl Belknap, Hazel Belknap. Huntingdon—Louise Fortune. Montreal—Cathedral—Norah Ings. Trinity—Bessie Gotto. Sunbeams—Gladys Anderson. St. John Evangelist—Evelyn Reiffenstein.

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

Mrs. Baldwin, whose absence during the annual was so deeply regretted, is still detained in Montreal. In her many recent anxieties she has the loving sympathy of all.

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The Wilmot Branch has lost by death one of its most devoted members, Mrs. R. C. Tye. In every branch of work she set an excellent example of active Christianity. Her call home was very sudden, and each member of the Branch echoed the Rector's words when he said, "I feel that I have lost a warm personal friend." Her Branch had intended making Mrs. Tye a Life Member this year, and has now decided to devote the \$25.00 to some missionary work in memoriam. Her husband and children have the sympathy of all who knew her

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Delegates to the Annual Meeting will recollect that Brant Deanery W. A. Branches have undertaken to send bales to Mrs. Bompas; it was decided that co-operation bales for Mackenzie River Diocese should be packed in London, Mrs. Callard, 460 Talbot street, kindly offering to receive contributions and pack and ship the bales. Will each Branch that sends a parcel—not forgetting a money contribution toward the freight—mark plainly on it to which missionary they

desire to have it sent. As these bales should be packed at latest by the *end of May*, it is hoped that those willing to help will send their gifts without delay. It is further asked that everything sent may be warm, useful and worth the freight. By all helping a little these co-operation bales can be sent without interfering with the regular work of the Branches, and W. A. workers are asked to remember that it is the far northern missions which need the most help that get the least, and remembering this to do what they can to help with the co-operation bales for Mackenzie River Diocese.

Mrs. Falls, Grosvenor St., London, Zenana Missions Secretary for Huron Diocese, has received for sale a number of unmounted photographs of Foo-Chow and other places. They are most interesting, and it was very unfortunate that they arrived just too late for the Annual Meeting.

In accordance with the request that the Branches should hold devotional meetings at the time the "Quiet Day" was being observed at the Annual Meeting, Christ Church Branch, Petrolia, had a service of intercession and a Bible reading on "Prayer and Missions" by the Rector. St. James' Branch, Stratford, Burford Branch, and the two Brantford Branches report similar services held.

#### OUR ANNUAL MEETING.

The 13th Annual Meeting of the Huron Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, was held in London on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March the 27th, 28th and 29th. Tuesday was observed as a "Quiet Day." At 10.30 a.m. there was a celebration of Holy Communion in St. Paul's Cathedral, when the Lord Bishop of Huron preached a very beautiful sermon from II Chron. 22, 27, "When the burnt offering began the song of the Lord began also with the trumpets," the key note of the sermon being that only when we have consecrated our lives fully and entirely to God can we know the joy of service. The communicants numbered 225. The devotional meeting in Cronyn Hall at 3 p.m. was addressed by the very reverend the Dean, who said that it would be impossible for the honored President of the Huron W. A. to be present at any of the meetings, she being detained in Montreal by the illness of her son, the Rev. Day Baldwin, and stated that by Mrs. Baldwin's expressed desire Mrs. Boomer would preside in her stead. The Dean having retired, the first thing

done was sending a telegram expressing the loving regret and sympathy of the meeting to Mrs. Baldwin. The Bible reading was given by Mrs. Tilley, who took for her subject the Woman of Samaria, the first woman missionary. Four excellent papers on "Communion with God," "Why women should give themselves to Christ," "A mother's responsibilities," and "Love for Jesus" were read by Miss Battersby, Mrs. Shore, Mrs. Griffin, and for Mrs. Brooker by Mrs. Murphy. Between the papers hymns were sung and prayers offered. A very peaceful and helpful time this was felt to be, and a most fitting prelude to the work of the Annual Meeting. At 7.30 an informal meeting was held in Cronyn Hall, at which Mrs. Ward of Haysville, read a most practical and suggestive paper on "Deanery W. A. work." Some present seemed to understand that a new organization was advocated and objected that "we had organizations enough," but "Deanery W. A. work" is no added thing, all that it aims at is co-operation of the various Branches existing in the same Deanery, for the increase of interest in the work and the achieving something more by means of co-operation. In Waterloo Deanery where this is most fully organized, the Branches meet in one or another of the parishes half yearly, and the work undertaken by them conjointly is contributing \$25 for the salary of an Indian girl working at Omoksene, and a co-operation bale for one or other of the northern mission stations. Norfolk Deanery holds a yearly W. A. meeting, and Brant Deanery has Deanery W. A. co-operation, in that the Branches are preparing a bale for Mrs. Bompas, but have not organized. It was moved and carried "that this meeting recommends that an effort be made in every Deanery to organize a Deanery Branch of the W. A. and that Branch Presidents and Secretaries make a point of acquiring all the information they can in connection with this work. A telegram from the Diocesan President, thanking the meeting for its message and asking the prayers of all, was read.

The Board of Management met in Cronyn Hall at 9.30 on Wednesday morning for preliminary business, and the first general business session commenced at 10.30 with a hymn, the reading of the 72nd Psalm and prayer. The roll was called, letters of greeting from the other Diocesan Branches and the minutes of the semi-annual meeting was read, after which the Diocesan officers presented their reports.

The Diocesan Recording Secretary reported 93 Senior Branches, with a membership of 1774. Five of them were new, or reorganized Branches, 9 Branches had not reported. The Gir!'s Auxiliaries were discouraging, numbering only 17, with a membership of 292. There are 41 Life Members. The Treasurer's statement was as follows: In hand from 1898, \$655.90; receipts 1899, \$3,886.48; total, \$4,542.38. There has been a decrease of \$263 in the receipts, partly covered by monies sent in after the books were closed. In addition to the money receipts \$2,479.00 has been expended for Dorcas work, making a total of \$7,023.00. All pledges have been paid, with the exception, especially regrettable, of the Diocesan Mission Fund, the deficit amounting to something over \$60. The pledge of \$150.00 towards the salary of Miss Young, Japan, was also not met. The report of the Dio. Cor. Sec. was a list of letters written and appeals received. The Dio. Dorcas Secretary reported 142 bales sent out, containing 3775 new, 2991 second-hand articles of clothing, 577 quilts, besides groceries, medicines, Christmas gifts and many other things. The Secretary for Junior work reported 31 Branches, 3 being boy's Branches. The President's address was then read by Mrs. Boomer, and is not given here because it will be read by the Branch Presidents to their meetings when the annual reports reach them. The Diocesan officers and the delegates to the Triennial Meeting were re-elected by acclamation. Following Committees reported: Literature, the Secretary said the sale of missionary literature had been more satisfactory, a larger number of magazines were subscribed for by Branches, but she would like to see more taken and every Branch was especially urged to subscribe for "India Women and China's Daughters," the Canadian Church Magazine, Mission News and for the Moosonee Mailbag. The LEAFLET report was satisfactory. The LEAFLET has been steadily paying its way, and the acting editor could report a balance in hand accumulated during five years, besides a small reserve fund to meet emergencies. Windsor Branch helps faithfully to its 75 LEAFLETS, being closely followed by Ingersoll with 68 and Grace Church, Brantford Branch with 63. The report of the Committee for the Education of Missionaries Children was especially interesting. After the summer holidays the funds were at so low an ebb that it was not possible to bring both our missionary daughters back to London.

Mabel Gander came, but on the return of the convener, Mrs. Boomer, from England, it was decided, after serious deliberation, that Mabel, having obtained a second class certificate and being consequently in a position to help herself, should return home, and Ethel Frost, who required another year to finish her commercial course, should be brought back to London. The Committee earnestly hopes that it may be able, by the kindness of friends, to supplement this final year with a course of stenography which will better enable this motherless girl to obtain a good position. At the Semi-Annual a very pressing appeal from a missionary, then in Saskatchewan, now in Athabasca Diocese, on behalf of his 14 year old daughter, was laid before the Committee, which in the then condition of the fund saw no way of responding, but by the blessing of God, which has so visibly rested on this branch of W. A. work, this appeal has been met; a lady has received Annabella Taylor into her home, and another long faithful friend of the Education Committee has undertaken to provide for the necessary outlay. The receipts of the Committee during the past year were \$228.24, disbursements, \$202.69, leaving a balance of \$25.20. The most grateful thanks are due to the sub-committee, which has most kindly and untiringly cared for the children, and by their willing work helped materially. The children's school reports are excellent. Sydney Pritchard's condition is improved. The report of the Huron Secretary for Zenana Missions showed the many needs of this work. The report of the Chancel Committee showed good work done, a mission church in our Diocese supplied with needful furnishings, communion cloths, linen and surplices. Miss Kerby, the lady missionary on the Grand River Reserve, who has resigned her position by reason of ill health, gave the report of her year's work. At 2.30 the session was resumed, and Mrs. E. Baldwin, Pro. Con. Sec., who was cordially welcomed, addressed the meeting. She spoke of Miss Smith, the lady medical missionary of the W. A. in Japan, who is returning to Canada for a much needed rest, her health being seriously impaired by her arduous duties. She is bringing with her a Japanese nurse to complete her training, and both these ladies hope to meet many of our Branches and speak to them of the work in Japan. Mrs. Baldwin spoke of the bitter need of the women in the Zenanas' in India. A letter from Miss Mills, Huron's lady



missionary at Omoksene was read, and the Rev. C. Owen, of the Memorial Church, London, spoke of his brother's work on the Blood Reserve. The general missionary meeting was held in the evening in St. Paul's Cathedral, the Lord Bishop presiding, and was addressed by the Rev. Isan Ullah, a convert from Mahomedanism, ordained some years ago by the Bishop of Lahore, and also by the Rev. O. Owen. On Thursday at 10 a.m. the unfinished business was taken up. Resolutions first, second and sixth on the circular sent to the Branches, and a resolution from Owen Sound relative to delegates expenses, was referred to the Semi-Annual, which meets in October at Brantford. Resolution fifth on circular was carried. A resolution was moved and carried that, "It not being advisable to send a lady missionary to Walpole Island as suggested last year, the sum of \$16. collected for that purpose, be applied to the deficit on the Diocesan Mission Fund Pledge." It was moved and lost that in order to make up the \$400.00 for this pledge, that the delegates ask their Branches for a special contribution of 50 cents, many delegates feeling that such appeals to those Branches which have always faithfully redeemed their pledges are discouraging. It was recommended that at the close of the year the Branches send a sum of money undesignated to the Treasurer; also that every Branch send her a full list of the sums promised by them toward the Pledges with the date of payment. The Committee appointed to consider Dorcas work reported. The Diocesan Dorcas Secretary reported new arrangements made by which there will be an increase of refund of freight. The great need being a fund on which the Dorcas Secretary can draw to meet unexpected, but often very urgent appeals, it was stated that \$40.00 LEAFLET balance would be appropriated to form the nucleus of such a fund, and it was moved by Miss Battersby, seconded by Mrs. F. Wilkes, that Branches allow the Dorcas Secretary to tithe their refunded freight before sending it to them, for the purpose of augmenting this very necessary Dorcas Fund. This resolution was unfortunately not carried, but the Dorcas Secretary asked those Branches which are willing to forego one tenth of their refunded freight to tell her so when sending their way-bills. She further said that owing to the difficulty in arriving at the real number of bales sent, it had been decided that 50 pounds constitutes a bale, and a bale weighing over this amount

shall count as two. The Committee appointed to consider the matter of providing another lady missionary for the Grand River Reserve, recommended that a deputation be sent to look into the needs and report to the Diocesan Officers and Finance Committee. At noon his Lordship, the Bishop, addressed a few kindly words to the women of the Auxiliary, and then introduced Mr. Grubb, who spoke at length on mission work in South America. The Century Fund Thank-offerings were then collected and brought to his Lordship; they amounted to \$450 71, and the designation being left in his hands, he appropriated it to the Mission Fund debt. On behalf of the Huron Auxiliary, his Lordship presented a Life Membership to Miss Kerby. At the afternoon session many interesting letters from the mission field were read. Mrs. Westgate was invited to a seat on the platform. The usual resolutions of sympathy with bereaved members were passed, also a very hearty vote of thanks to the acting President, and an equally hearty one to the *London ladies for their ever generous hospitality* to the delegates. At 4 o'clock the annual gathering of the London Junior Branches was held, the little ones, who filled the hall, being addressed by Mr. Grubb. Their offering was \$27.26. With the doxology and the benediction pronounced by the Bishop, the 13th Annual Meeting closed—may it by God's blessing bring forth abundant fruit to His glory and the spread of His Kingdom in the coming year.

#### NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL.

Mrs. Griffiin's most beautiful paper "Responsibilities of a wife and mother" will be printed with all speed by the Literature Committee and will, it is hoped, reach every woman in the Dominion. The Rev. A. Owen, Omoksene, is very anxious to build two or three small houses—the cost would be \$250.00—near the homes, in which to instal the young people marrying from the homes, that he might have them under his personal supervision during their first start in life, till he felt that they were firmly settled in Christian habits and convictions. This seems very practical help given to those the W. A. has helped to maintain in the Homes. Some help has already been promised—\$5.00 from the Brantford Stewart Club, (boys.) Surely house-building is a work we might interest our boys in. There are hopes that the Omoksene Hospital will soon be a reality; a very pressing need is a trained nurse and her salary. The Treasurer had

\$47.09 in hand for this salary, to this the LEAFLET Editor, Mrs. Boomer, added \$38 00, the LEAFLET balance which she had accumulated, and which was not touched when the acting editor took over the Treasurership of the LEAFLET. A delegate from St. Jude's Brantford Branch stated that that Branch is sending yearly \$5.00 towards the salary by means of a contribution of one cent a week from ten people, some of whom are members and some are not.

Following appeal was brought before the Annual Meeting—Mrs. Fry is known to many W. A. workers. "About six women of our congregation have formed a W. A. Branch, and begun to work together; our object is to build an English Church in the small village of Seguin Falls. Twenty years ago we had a small wooden church erected, but it is now much out of repair, and now that the railway has been built through here, it is two miles from the village that has grown up. Some of the old neighbors who lived near the church have moved away, others have died, there is no one, in our bitterest winter weather, to light a fire, and if we are to keep the congregation together we must build a church in the village. This is what we are trying to do. Each member has subscribed 25c. and given a few pieces of print, and we intend, D. V., to have a sale as soon as we have some articles ready. We will be thankful for pieces of flannelette or rag carpet, yarn and any remnants of print, as we want to make shirts, children's dresses, quilts, working aprons and some fancy articles, these things I think will find a ready sale. The sooner we can have them the better for us." Cannot some of us, without interfering with what we are already pledged to do, help these brave Auxiliary sisters in the backwoods, in thankfulness for our own church privileges? It is impossible to insert all Mrs. Fry's letter, but the Acting Editor of the LEAFLET will gladly give all information. Mrs. Fry's address is "Frybrook, Seguin Falls, Ont." or for bales, Seguin Falls via Scotia Junction, Parry Sound Railway. The smallest money contribution will be thankfully received. A small bale is already being prepared for the Seguin Falls W. A. Branch, it will in no way interfere with the regular work of the Branch sending it, and the freight will be provided by a member to whom Mrs. Fry's letter was shown on Easter Eve, as a thank offering for her own Easter-tide joys.

The Acting Editors hopes to receive many "echoes from our

Annual" for the June LEAFLET; these "echoes" are always helpful and suggestive and bring our Branches in touch. The failure of the Branches to make up the \$150.00 promised for Miss Young, Japan, is much to be deplored, both the Rev. and Mrs. Macqueen Baldwin speak most highly of her work. As an Auxiliary, of our own accord, we accepted this pledge, yet not one third of our Senior Branches contributed last year. The calls and the needs are very numerous, but how many among us are standing all the day idle? Let us try to gain more helpers, each member added to a Branch means a little more work done for God. Let every one read and pass on Miss Halson's "Story of the Woman's Auxiliary," (it can be obtained from the Literature Secretary for 3 cts.), the story of how the W. A. grew from such small beginnings to what it is to-day, thousands of happy women, linked together from ocean to ocean by their member's prayer said daily, busy with their helping work, will surely win many to join us.

[ONTARIO] DIOCESAN MOTTO:—"She hath done what she could."  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

To the Parochial Branches of the W. A. in the Diocese of Ontario. The fourteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Ontario, will be held (D.V.) in Brockville on the 5th, 6th and 7th of June. It is expected that each Branch will be represented by its President, or her representative and one delegate; that J. W. A. Branches will be represented by their Superintendents and one delegate, and that the Superintendent of each C. C. M. G. will be present. Invitations are also extended to members of the W. A. in parishes where Branches have not yet been organized. All delegates and visitors are requested to send in their names and addresses to the Recording-Secretary, Mrs. E. H. Smythe, 59 West street, Kingston, at as early a date as possible, that hospitality may be provided and programme of meeting forwarded. Officers of Parochial Branches will also kindly send their annual report, "written on one side only" to the same address, not later than the 15th of May. Each person attending the annual meeting is especially requested to apply to their local ticket agent for certificates of reduced fare, as this is of decided advantage to those living at a distance, and a full number of names is necessary to obtain a

reduction of rates. Will the Branches unite in special prayers that this meeting may be to the glory of God and the furtherance of His work.

E. B. SMYTHE, Recording-Secretary.

Will the delegates before handing in the Special Offering at the Annual, kindly see that the name of the Branch represented, the amount of the offering and the text selected be written on the outside of the envelope containing the offering. Once again, we would earnestly request that all will bear in mind the important object to which our Thank-offering is to be devoted—the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Diocese—which so greatly needs our help and which must surely appeal to the deepest sympathy of every Christian woman. The April meeting of the Board was held as usual on the second Monday in the month, at which various matters relating to our annual meeting came under discussion. We were glad to have our president with us again and to know that the Dean has recovered from his recent illness. Reports were received from the Rural-Deanery of Leeds. The Secretary of the NEWBORO' Branch says they have an average attendance of nine at their meetings and writes as follows: "The members are working diligently all the time at home also. We have the tops of several quilts ready and a good amount of carpet rags sewn. There has been quite a lot of material donated for dresses and boy's shirts. The mite boxes were distributed at the beginning of Lent and we are in hopes that the Thank-offering will not decrease. We also hope to keep our members' list and fill the vacancies that our Elgin sisters left. The president very kindly shared their stock with us; having given us some quilt pieces. The cost of the freight on the bale was contributed and the price for weaving our carpet. Our hopes for the future are very bright; the members' are becoming more interested and active each year." PORTLAND has a membership of twenty. Seven quilts have been made; three of which were sent to the Rev. Wm. Wright, of Athens, whose house was destroyed by fire. Children's clothing, quilts and carpets are being prepared to send away in a bale. ELGIN.—This Branch has held eight meetings with an average attendance of eleven, out of nineteen members; only seven live in the village and the rest live from one to seven miles away, and have always had, with one or two exceptions, to drive themselves to the meetings and since a big

snow storm the roads have been anywhere and everywhere over the country. One member living six miles away has not missed one meeting. A bale was sent before Christmas to the Rev. Mr. Piercy Sturgeon Falls, valued at over \$30, which included forty-two yards of beautiful carpet and six quilts, all of new material—samples. The freight on bale and \$7.80 worth of material for making carpet was given by the president, Mrs. Dargavel, who made the money by knitting and selling fancy articles. The thirteen missionary boxes sent this Branch were cheerfully taken and the Secretary sent for more. Mrs. Dargavel received some samples of Lenten cards, booklets, collecting cards, etc., and being much charmed with the collecting cards, the Easter eggs and the crosses surrounded by stars, and not being able to purchase any, she pasted seven of the samples, which were only paper, on card-board and gave them to seven little girls, who sell each one of the stars or the little white eggs or the big red egg for 5 or 10 cents, and mark it out by sticking a pin through it. The Secretary of the J.W.A. reports as follows: "A letter received March 12th, from the Secretary of the LYN C.C.M.G., enclosing their fees. They are working for a sale which they hope to have after Easter. They sent a quilt and dolls in the New Dublin bale to Kutawa. BELLEVILLE, Christ Church, J. W. A., have had their Annual Meeting and sent in their fees, also \$3 for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. This is a small Branch, but they are faithful workers. Miss Sophie Adams writes that a C. C. M. G. Branch has been formed with a membership of seventeen. They have had ten meetings and have sent to the Treasurer, in addition to their fees, \$2 for the Clergy Superannuation Fund. Miss Corby, of ST. THOMAS, C.C.M.G., writes that they have been working well all winter, though she has been away. Miss Caswell has kindly filled her place. They have sent \$5 to the Rupert's Land Mission Fund." A kind friend has promised to give \$25 towards the Educational Fund if the members' of the J. W. A.; in the Diocese will collect \$75. We are confident that our faithful junior workers will not allow this offer to be lost. A very interesting letter was read from Miss Ellis, All Hallow's Mission, Yale, relative to the work amongst the Chinese, which is much in need of help. A communication was also received from the Rev. F. DuVernet, offering to send copies of the Church

Missionary Gleaner to Branches of the W.A. at reduced rates. This is the organ of the Church Missionary Society, and is always full of interesting news from the mission field, and also contains very good illustrations. Every Branch should have a copy. Miss Halson's excellent paper, giving an account of the origin and progress of the W.A., has been printed and will be for sale at our Annual Meeting. It is only three cents a copy, and we are sure it will find many purchasers. St. George's Cathedral, have lost a faithful member in Mrs. Cornwall, whose death came as a great shock to her friends. We were much touched to learn that only a week before she was taken from us, she had promised to write a paper on "Individual Responsibility," which she had hoped to read at the Annual Meeting. When this subject is brought before us by another, it will gain an added solemnity when we remember that the one by whom it would have been written has already been summoned into the presence of the King.

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

The 14th Annual Meeting of the Niagara Diocesan Board was held April 24th and 25th in the Cathedral School-house, Hamilton. On Monday evening an introductory service was held in the Cathedral, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese preaching most eloquently from Ps. ii, v. 8, "Desire of me and I shall give Thee the Heathen for Thine Inheritance." On Tuesday at 10 a.m. a large assembly of delegates and members attended the celebration of the Holy Communion in the Cathedral, the service being taken by the Lord Bishop, assisted by Rev. Canon Bland and Rev. Ihsan Ullah, Lahore, India. At 11 o'clock, the President, Mrs. McLaren took the Chair and the business meeting was opened with prayer, following which was a short address from the Lord Bishop, in which he expressed his appreciation of the good work done by the W. A., especially in the matter of their grant to Diocesan Missions, saying how desirable it was for the Bishop of the Diocese to have at his disposal some fund which he could use without advising with the Standing Committee. His Lordship then accounted for the funds handed him in the past year. Mr. DuMoulin welcomed the delegates in a brief address, to which Mrs. Sheppard, of Queenston responded. Then took place a very pleasant episode, being the presentation to Mrs. DuMoulin of a Life

Membership on the Diocesan Board, by her fellow-workers in the different Branches. His Lordship Bishop Courtney, of Nova Scotia, gave a most helpful address, taking for his leading thoughts, Meditation and Prayer, which are, to such a great extent, shelved in this hurrying age. Before lunch some of the Parochial Reports were read and in the afternoon the Diocesan Officers presented their reports, as follows: Rec.-Sec., 7 Senior Branches organized, total now 47, and an increase of 61 in the total membership which is now 1,102, and including Juniors the grand total is 1,701. Total sewing meetings 914 and 16 solely for devotion. Cor.-Sec., since October, 82 letters and cards received and 103 written, mostly in the matter of speakers, etc., for Board Meetings. Heath Gander, to whom the Educational Fund has been devoted, has finished school and gone to college. Organizing Sec.—Branches organized at Hornby, Port Maitland, Port Colborne, South Cayuga, Burlington, St. George's Hamilton and Welland, and very enthusiastic meetings. Dorcas Sec.—Thirty-eight missions helped; 87 bales sent and total expenditure \$1,440.76, altogether a gratifying increase. Sec.-Treasurer.—Literature Committee—Over 850 Leaflets taken. Total receipts \$268.06. There are about 100 books in the Library, which keeps on growing; 55 books issued during the year. Sec. for Junior Branches—Twenty-five Branches working, with total membership of 599 and average attendance at meetings on the increase. Total receipts \$441.40; 19 bales and 4 parcels sent; 83 members' cards and 42 badges issued. Treas. E. C. D. Fund—Receipts \$39.69 an increase over last year. Several missions have been helped. Treasurer—Total receipts \$2,367.83. Parochial Treasurer's report show \$2,885.21 spent, including all items. The President's address dealt with the work of the officers and members of the Board in the past year, the missionaries helped, the pledges and how they have been discharged. It gave a regretful thought to the members removed and a word of welcome to those newly appearing. Mrs. G. F. Glassco read a most helpful paper on Junior work, dealing with "Difficulties and How to Overcome Them," pointing out many ways in which children's interest could be sustained and strongly urging that they be taught the duty, of giving. In the evening a largely attended missionary meeting was held, Rev. Canon Bland occupied the Chair and



addresses [were given] by Ven. Archdeacon Mackay, Sask. and Rev. Ihsan Ullah. An instructive and helpful Bible Reading was given by Mrs. Wade on Wednesday morning. It was decided that the Educational Fund be devoted to Percival Allman, son of Rev. A. H. Allman, of Algoma. Miss Baxter, President of Thorold W. A. read an excellent paper on "The duty of giving," strongly advocating a system and urging a deeper feeling of responsibility. A discussion on our own Diocesan Pledges followed, led by the Treasurer who put this meeting in possession of all the necessary statistics. A number of members took part in the discussion, which finally narrowed to the question, whether or not to vote to His Lordship the Bishop for the coming year the usual amount of \$400, in view of the deficit left from the year just closed. It was finally decided that the grant be made as before. Officers were balloted for and the choice fell on those who were in office at the close of the past Auxiliary year. On the Literature Committee, Miss Slater was elected in place of a retiring member. Life membership fees to the amount of \$235 were voted to pay the remainder of the deficit in the Pledges \$88. The balance being voted to a new wing in Lytton Hospital, New Westminster. Mrs. DuMoulin, Mrs. Webster and Miss Ambrose were elected to the Provincial Board. Addresses were given in the afternoon, by Mrs. Williamson and Miss Halson, the latter giving valuable information on Dorcas work. A most interesting paper was read by Miss E. Smith, Oakville, on "The Church in South Africa," treating of the work among English, Dutch and natives from the outset to the present time. An invitation to hold the June Quarterly in Grimsby was accepted and one to Orangeville, for September was left undecided. The sincere sympathy of the Board was extended to Mrs. Reynolds, our Leaflet Editor on the death of her mother. The total amount in the Thank-offering box was \$33.35; of this \$26.45 being undesignated was voted to the Algoma Sustentation Fund. Cordial votes of thanks were extended to all who contributed to the success of the meeting which then closed with "God Save the Queen" and the Doxology. A very enjoyable "At Home" was held in the evening in St. Thomas' School-house.

## NOTES OF THE ANNUAL.

A letter of greeting was received from the Provincial Board and one full of news was read from Miss Crawford, Sarcee Home. Besides the addition of our Honorary President to the list of Life Members we welcome Mrs. Wade, 1st Vice-Pre., Mrs. Wright, of St. Mark's Branch and Mrs. Forneret and Mrs. Tuckett, of All Saints'. Members who were not at the Annual will be able to read for themselves the three excellent papers written by Mrs. Glassco, Miss Baxter and Miss Smith as they will be printed later on. Among those on the platform during the meeting were Mrs. Williamson, Miss Halson and Miss Carter, Rec.-Sec., of Quebec Diocesan Board. One hundred and one members responded to their names when the Roll was called on Tuesday.

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

The 4th Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Ottawa, will be held (D.V.) in Cornwall, the 6th, 7th and 8th days of June. A Board Meeting will be held on the evening of the 5th. It is expected that each Branch will be represented by its president and two delegates, elected by the Branch. Delegates are requested to send their names and addresses to the Rec.-Sec., Miss Baker, 5 Arthur street, Ottawa, at as early a date as possible, that hospitality may be provided and programme of meeting forwarded. The Rec.-Sec. of Parochial Branches will also kindly fill in the circular received and send to the same address. Delegates and visitors attending the Annual Meeting are specially reminded to apply to the local ticket agent for certificate of reduced rate, this is of great importance even for those within a few miles of the place of meeting. The Churchwomen's Diocesan Missionary Conference will be held in the afternoon of the 8th. Special Prayer is asked that God's blessing may rest upon the work undertaken.

The Monthly Board Meeting was held in St. George's S. S. Room, April 9th; 28 officers and representatives. The President opened the meeting by reading the Epistle for the day, which was followed by Hymn, Creed and Miss. Litany. Interesting reports were received from Branch at Archville, Billing's Bridge, March, Pembroke and local city Branches. Dorcas Sec. reports only two bales sent out

during the last three months. St. Albans' to Shingwauk Home and Carp to Crane River, total cash value of both \$29.11. The President would remind the Branch that the collections taken at their Annual Meeting are usually devoted to the Diocesan Thank-offering, the Bishop Sullivan Memorial Fund and the Indian Famine Fund, have been proposed as objects to which this offering might be voted. Much regret was expressed at the loss sustained by Morrisburg Branch in the death of their Cor.-Sec., Mrs. A. F. Merkley; the church and parish in which she labored so long and faithfully will miss her sadly in the future.

Stamps are gratefully acknowledged from Mrs. Bonsfield, Pembroke (850), Miss McMartin, Morrisburg (692), Archville (66), St. Matthews (720), St. Albans (81), Mrs. Wilson, Lanark (168), Clayton (1172), Niagara-on-the-Lake (321), Prescott (58), Pakenham (111), Portland (29), Balderson (36), Miss Barton, Cassburn (236), Toronto (137) Ingersoll (93), Arnprior, J. W. A. (1093), Mrs. Burnett, Tiloot, B.C., (148), Miss Eamon, Wales (906), Mrs. Anderson, Orangeville (547), Little Girl, Rockwood (62), Guelph (96). St. Barnabas' (218), Penetanguishene (388), Aylmer (551), Cornwall (108), Sandhurst (350), Portland (65), Miss Nedeau, Quebec (242), St. Cyprian's, Toronto (314), Ailsa Craig (988), Miss Toyer, Quebec (717), Mrs. Boulton, Berlin, (82), Knowlton (79), Arthur Perry, Toronto (66), Port Perry (40), Winnipeg (73), Knowlton (119), Wm. Tilford, Bellerice (181), Montreal (37), Ottawa friends (4681). These numbers do not correspond with the number sent, because all that are in the least torn, or that have even the perforations cut, are of no use to collectors, into whose hands these apparently useless bits of paper finally come. The value of the packages range from 2 cents to 97 cents and one reached \$1.85.

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### Dorcas Reports.

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

Branches have forwarded to the following places: Toronto—Church of Redeemer G. A., *Winnipeg*; St. Simons', *Lesser Slave Lake* and *Shoal River*; St. Philips, *Lesser Slave Lake*; St. Luke's

*Gordon School; Grace Church, Central Rooms for Black River; Holy Trinity, Central Rooms for Stanley Mission; St. George's G. A., West Fort William; Horning's Mills, Uffington; St John's, Whitby, Peigan Home; Norway, Big Eddy School; Streetville, Winaip-g; Lindsay, Hay River, Central Rooms, Stanley Mission, Seguin Falls, for sale and Apsley; St. Philips' G.A, Lesser Slave Lake.*

Juniors: Church of Ascension, *Haliburton* and *Italian Mission*; St. Simon's M. C. L. with Seniors *Barrie outfit Blackfoot Home.*

FANNIE H. BANKS.

[ONTARIO]. *Bancroft* bale to *Webbwood*, Dio. Al., Rev. Ed. Lawlor; *Belleville* (St. Thomas)—Bale to *Stanley Mission*, Sas Rev McLennan, bale to *Emerson*, Dio. R. L. Rev. W. J. Garton. *Brockville* (St. Peter's)—Bale Rev. J. Hay. *Fort William*, Dio. Al. St. Mildred's Guild enclosed a parcel. *Yarker*—Bale to Rev. T. H. Dodds, *Lake St. Martin*, Dio. R.L.

ANNIE MUCKLESTON.

## Treasurers' Statements.

MONTREAL—From Feb. 1st, to Feb. 10th, 1900.

### RECEIPTS.

The balance in Bank as per Statement Feb. 1st .....	\$447 12
Cash in hand Feb. 1st .....	41 11
Members' Fees .....	32 30
"    Junior Branches .....	9 65
Printing Fund .....	5 25
Bishop Sullivan's Memorial Fd. ....	10 00
New Westminster, Chinese in B.C. ....	22 23
Japan Medical Missionary .....	33 50
"    St. Mary's Bible Home ...	19 25
Saskatchewan—	
Miss Shaw's salary .....	22 50
Miss Phillips's salary .....	1 00
Dio. of Rupert's Land, Dynevor Hospital .....	4 00
Life Member's Fee, Mrs. Dowling, Havelock, P.Q. ....	25 00
Self-denial Fund (balance) .....	89
Diocese of Moosonee .....	21 50

Mission to the Jews .....	10 00
Diocese of Athabasca .....	10 00
Uganda .....	498 33
Zenana Missions .....	125 02
Lepers in China .....	1 00
Dio., Church at North Clarendon .....	4 50
Extra-cent-a-day Fund .....	27 37
Educational, for Weston Frost .....	11 50
Donations to General Expenses. ....	19 65
Mite box collection at Meeting, Feb. 1st .....	1 66
Scholarship, Triennial Thank-offering, and Fees for 1900 held in suspense .....	18 00
	<u>\$1,422 33</u>

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Refreshment Fund .....	\$ 3 51
Mrs. Harriet Boomer, Lon., Ont. ....	127 05
Mrs. Holden, Sec. Treas. of Zenana Missions .....	204 52

## MONTREAL—Continued.

Messrs. Smith and Fllad, London, England .....	11 00	Rev. Day Baldwin, Shawville, P.Q.....	40 50
Bishop Newnam, Moosonee.....	31 50	Evangelization of Chinese, per Rev. L. W. Tucker .....	80 00
Japan, St. Mary's Bible Home... 1:2 50		David Marshall Lang, C. M. S. Home, London, Eng.....	32 75
" Miss Jennie Smith.....	120 00	Postage and stationery—	
Diocese of Athabasca .....	70 00	For President .....	5 40
Mission for Lepers .....	1 00	Dorcas Secretary .....	8 00
Dynevor Hospital, Dio. Rupert's Land .....	9 50	Corresponding Secretary.....	13 00
Self-denial Fund (balance).....	89	Treasurer .....	2 19
Shingwauk Home .....	18 00	Discount on cheque .....	25
Bishop Sullivan Memorial Fund .....	42 50	True balance in Bank .....	15 42
Saskatchewan, Miss Phillip's Sal. ....	17 00	Cash in hand.....	4 52
Diocese of Algoma.....	11 00		
Uganda, per Rev. E. Bushell.....	498 33		
Special appeal (balance).....	2 00		
			\$1,422 33

From February 12th, to April 5th, 1900.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in Bank as per Statement, Feb. 12th .....	\$ 15 42
Cast in hand, Feb. 12th .....	4 52
Members, Fees .....	16 40
Life Members' Pledge to Zenana Scholarships .....	6 00
Printing Fund.....	5 00
Educational, Weston Frost .....	2 50
" Annabella Taylor.....	50 00
Dio. of Mackenzie River.....	3 00
" Selkirk .....	6 00
" Moosonee.....	5 60
" Saskatchewan—	
Miss Shaw .....	7 00
Miss Phillips .....	3 00
" New Westminster—	
Chinese in B.C. ....	7 00
Japan, Medical Missionary.....	6 35
" St. Mary's Bible Home... 5 25	
Extra-cent-a-day Fund .....	62
Triennial Thank-offering.....	4 00
Freight .....	1 00
India Famine Fund .....	28 25
" " Junior W.A., from Loan Exhibition .....	12 00
Zenana Missions .....	55 00
Refreshment Fund .....	59 31
Refunded Freight .....	60 00
19th Century Thankoffering.....	198 00
Collection at Missionary Meeting, Feb. 20th .....	19 60
Mite Box at March Meeting .....	53
	\$581 25

## DISBURSEMENTS

Zenana Miss. per Mrs Holden.....	\$ 41 00
Dio. of Selkuk, Bishop Bompas, per Henry Mudge, Esq. ....	66 00
Diocesan, W. R. Brewer per Rev. Archdeacon Naylor .....	66 00
India Famine Fund, per Mrs. Holden .....	106 25
Dio. of Rupert's Land, Dynevor Hosp., per W. Redford Mulock, Q.C.....	6 00
Educational, per Mrs. Boomer... 50 00	
Dio. of Selkirk, Rev. H. A. Taylor, per W. T. Naylor, Esq.....	5 00
Chas. Alexander.....	30 16
A. Joyce.....	23 33
S. S. Bain.....	1 60
Alex. Scott .....	75
Services rendered, char woman	1 00
Caretaker Synod Hall, for Annual Meetings.....	5 00
Expenses at Missionary Meeting	5 70
Printing, per Dorcas Secretary... 1 50	
" Members' Cards—	
Mitchell & Wilson... 3 00	
Advertising Annual Meetings—	
J. R. Dougall, " Witness" ... 3 00	
Graham & Co., "Star" .....	4 50
Badges and Ribbon for Annual... 1 65	
Postage for Treasurer .....	25
Held in suspense to Triennial, Bank account, 9661.....	4 00
True balance in Bank .....	95 55
Cash in hand .....	6 01
	\$581 25

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1. Who is responsible for the failure of the Woman's Auxiliary Self Denial week?
2. Can any member suggest a method of uniting, all through our Auxiliaries, in raising the needed sum for St. Mary's Bible Training Home, Matsumoto, Japan?
3. Could we, through the LEAFLET, have an exchange column for written papers, etc.?
4. Is there a Form for commending members moving from one Diocese to another?

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