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OF

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# Letter Leaflet of the Woman's Auxiliary

*"The love of Christ constraineth us."*—ii Cor. v. 14.

## PROVINCIAL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

Father, let us dedicate all this year to Thee,  
In whatever worldly state Thou would have us be,  
This alone shall be our prayer—"Glorify Thy Name."

A happy, consecrated New Year to all our readers, and to members of the W. A., in particular.

With this number each subscriber will find enclosed a list of the daily and monthly subjects for prayer, and the especial prayer of the W.A., which every member has been asked to offer to God at noon, daily, either on their knees when possible, or by a lifting up of the heart to God when retirement is not practicable. This list was compiled by the Committee on Reading and Prayer, formed at the last Triennial, and was accepted by the Board of Management at their meeting in Toronto in September last. It differs but slightly from those in use at present, being only rather more comprehensive than the former ones. The object in having it printed in this way is that it may be framed, mounted on card, or otherwise arranged so as to be always on view or easy of access, in order that *every member* may be reminded of the subjects and so add her humble offering of prayer and praise to those of her fellow workers. Knowing the promise held out to "two or three" who ask in faithful prayer, what blessings might not nearly 10,000 hearts bring down upon the objects for which we pray, were all to unite in *believing* petitions? Some cannot work, others cannot give, but ALL can pray. Let us resolve to make earnest and united prayer and thanksgiving the great features of this New Year, and oh what loving marks of our Heavenly Father's bounty may we not look for ere its course is run!

Will our readers please note that Mrs. Tilton's address is now 37 Gloucester street, Ottawa, instead of her former one.

The Bishop of Athabasca has appointed his wife, Mrs.

Young, Cor. Sec. for that diocese. Her address is 61 Winchester street, Toronto.

Miss Lister, of New Westminster W.A., has been named by Bishop Sillitoe as Cor. Sec. for his diocese. Both ladies have kindly undertaken to send us information from time to time, for which we will be most grateful.

Miss Boyce, of Qu'Appelle Station, has just been chosen by the Bishop of Qu'Appelle to fill the same position, and she will doubtless help us too, as soon as we can communicate with her.

A most interesting account of the Annual Meeting of the W. A. in Calgary, shows us what that brave little band has accomplished, and it is truly wonderful, for they have so much to contend with and so little material for a W. A. in that newly settled part of the world. The Treasurer's report showed the total receipts of the Calgary Branch of the W.A. to be \$1033.49. Of this \$800 went to pay off the debt on the school-house. Two barrels of clothing were sent to the Sarcee Reserve, one to the Blood Reserve, and one to the Blackfoot Reserve. The sum of \$10 was given towards the erection of the new Blackfoot Home, South Camp, supplies were provided for the members of the Cathedral Choir, and a number of nightshirts given to the Sarcee Home. The sum of \$50 was collected for the Piegan Reserve and a small sum for the Blood Reserve. The following officers were elected:—President, *ex officio*, Mrs. Pinkham; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Gibb, Mrs. Lindsay, and the wives of the clergy of the diocese, *ex officio*; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Heward; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Allan; Treasurer, Mrs. Muir; Literature Com. Mesdms. Fitzgerald, Shore and Ellis. Want of space alone prevents our publishing Mrs. Pinkham's most able and interesting address, in which she speaks as follows of uniting with us:

"No doubt the great step of consolidating the whole Church, from ocean to ocean, in one General Synod, will tend to bring out in greater relief than ever, all that Christian women, speaking with one voice and working with one mind, can do, and looking at what our sisters, through their organizations, have already done, we cannot but believe that a union of Churchwomen from Atlantic to Pacific would tend greatly to strengthen the Church's machinery for evangelizing our

heathen Indians, as well as the millions of heathen in China, Japan and other countries."

The Bishop of Qu'Appelle writes to the General Corresponding Secretary, saying, "I do hope you may be able to help us in the future. There is so much that should be done to strengthen our Missions, and to open out new work. I suppose your aid is given to Indian Missions, and not to Missions among settlers—our circumstances are such that we have to borrow money to pay clergy stipends this quarter. We suffer in this Diocese more than any, except the purely missionary ones, from the scattered nature of the population, having no town of 3,000 population, only two of 1,000, the rest varying from thirty upwards and scattered over 97,000 square miles."

The Annual Report will be continued in the February number.

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### CHINESE MISSION SCHOOL, NEW WESTMINSTER.

Written for THE LEAFLET by Mrs. WILLIAMS, Sup. of the  
C. M. School.

Our school has remained open all through the summer, though most of the pupils drifted away, during the canning season, down the river. While this work lasts Chinamen are scarce in the town, still we always had *some* pupils; Ah Ming, one of our boys, has, I think, been the most faithful and regular in his attendance throughout the year. When he first came he was not only very dull, but so resolved to learn in his own way that each teacher wished to pass him on to some one else.

Time, however, proved that Ming was wiser than any of us, and his own way was the right way after all. But it was a trying way for his teacher—He would shake his head, put his hand firmly down on the book, and positively refuse to learn any fresh words, and if we still persevered he would shut up the book altogether, and quietly settle down to his writing. So we had to listen patiently while he spelt out "run, rat, run," night after night, for about a month, but now patience has its reward and he reads fairly well. He always comes into

the room with a beaming face, and a little time ago he presented his teacher with some Chinese tea. Our pupils pay nothing, in order to distinguish our Mission School from purely secular ones, so this was merely a mark of gratitude on Ming's part.

I must mention one more pupil by name, little Joe Kee, he is called. He is quite a boy, and quite as much of a pickle as any street arab from East London. He is just the reverse of Ming, for he could read pretty well when he came to us, and does not seem to take any pains to learn more. Joe Kee is a great favorite with the Chinamen, but the teachers find him too full of tricks. One day we were showing the class a book full of pictures of Chinese dress and customs, Joe Kee seized it and collected the men round him chattering like a jay all the time. No one had a chance of a word till he had done his lecture. One can subdue him, however, by calling him "monkey," because on one occasion, when the names were called, Joe Kee replied for a new-comer, "His name is A-p-e ape," and at the same time pointed to the picture of an ape in his reading book, which was not unlike the man.

A few evenings ago Mr. Gowen exhibited a magic lantern to the class. The pictures represented scenes in the life of Our Lord. Charlie, our most advanced pupil, the servant of one of our teachers, Miss Phipps, undertook to explain what was going to happen. His services were very necessary, for at first the pupils thought the "picture-lantern" was a machine to photograph them, and some ran away fearing their portraits were going to be taken and hung up. But about ten or eleven remained and were much interested. The Woman of Samaria particularly took Charlie's fancy. He thought she looked like a lady. The Resurrection and Ascension pictures seemed to impress them most. They seemed to grasp the meaning. I think whatever progress has been made is in the direction of strengthening the feeling of friendship between teachers and pupils. When one meets the scholars in the street at any time they never fail to stop and say something about their schools.

M. I. WILLIAMS.

## Toronto Diocese.

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

Subjects for Reading and Prayer: January—Rupertsland, Th Zenanas: February—Caledonia, B.C., N. China.

### AUXILIARY NOTES.

The LEAFLET wishes a very happy New Year, to all its readers, and trusts that 1894 may show a most progressive and satisfactory record in all Branches of Auxiliary work—May our dear Lord grant to each one of us the grace to persevere, remembering that “in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” The December Monthly Meeting was by invitation to be held at St. Simon’s Schoolhouse, owing to the illness of the Branch President, they asked to take a meeting later St. John’s Branch had given the next invitation, and in spite of a cold and stormy day, there was a large attendance, the meeting was most enjoyable, the women of St. John’s W.A did all in their power to make their guests appreciate the bond of union in all Auxiliary work. Letters were read from some of our country clergy, showing the great necessity for increased zeal in all work for Diocesan Missions. Few of our people realize the size of the Toronto Diocese, and the great need for increasing the number of our Mission Stations. Women of the Auxiliary can do much to aid by individually working up the attendance at, and interest taken in the Parochial Missionary meetings by helping with the music on the night of the meeting, and by acting as collectors, if need be, throughout their Parish. Be thoroughly interested yourself and you cannot fail to interest others, above all *pray* that the hearts of those people who are able to give liberally may be awakened to the necessity of giving systematically, and without grudging: so many people forget that “God loveth a cheerful giver.”

During the prevailing epidemic many of our members have been laid aside from active work, among them being our Diocesan and Dorcas Secretaries; we are glad to report them as better. Deep sadness was felt by many at our December meeting, by the thought that one of our most interested workers was at the November meeting in St. Stephen’s Schoolhouse, and on the third of December had



entered into her rest. Mrs. Walter Darling was for some time Secretary of the Norway Branch, and, on moving to Toronto, resolved to represent a country Branch, and do all in her power for others—God willed it otherwise. On the 26th of November her youngest boy died of diphtheria, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd, her sister Minnie died of the same, and on Sunday, December 3rd, in perfect consciousness and great peace, Mrs. Darling entered into the Communion of Saints, after a widowhood of scarcely one year. The Young People's Branch at the Ch. of the Redeemer have also sustained a heavy loss in the sudden death of their Treasurer, Miss Nellie Jaffray, "a sweet young girl only eighteen, who undertook her work out of love, and entered into it with all her heart; her companions miss her dreadfully, the only unmarried daughter, making the sunshine of the home to a bedridden mother, there is a terrible blank without her." See Dec. LEAFLET. ED.]

"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."

Mrs. Davidson, 64 St. Albans street, formerly President of Colborne Branch W.A., has been appointed by the Executive as 2nd Vice-President of the Diocesan Board, in place of Mrs. Cartwright resigned. We congratulate the Board upon the acceptance by Mrs. Davidson of this position, and also trust that Mrs. Cartwright may speedily regain her strength, and, as a Life Member, be with us as often as possible at the Monthly Board Meetings.

The educational aspect of our W. A. work is not perhaps brought before our readers as often or as strongly as so important a matter deserves. There are several children of our Algoma and more distant missionaries being educated in private schools owing to the interest awakened in them by the Auxiliary. In a recent letter, the writer says: "We have much to be thankful for that a society has been raised up through whose instrumentality people have been led to think of and care for the children of Missionaries in this Diocese." Annie Macdonald, daughter of Archdeacon Macdonald, of Mackenzie River Diocese, is now with her aunts in Winnipeg. The Toronto Diocesan Board have undertaken a payment of \$100 per annum, payable to Mackenzie River Bishop's Commissary, Dean Grisdale, towards her support. The following resolution, for which the Diocesan President is very grateful, speaks for itself: Moved and seconded, "That the money paid towards Trinity College Bursary shall for this year be given to the General Education Fund for Annie Macdonald."—Carried.

KATE REILY, *Sec Holy Trinity* " 4.

Voluntary offerings to the General Education Fund will be most gratefully received by our Diocesan Treasurer. We have promised this \$100 yearly in faith, believing that to aid in plainly educating this little girl will tend to cheer and encourage her father in his far distant station in Mackenzie River Diocese.

A package of LEAFLETS, addressed Mrs. D. J. Lindsay, Hagersville, have been "refused." [Postmaster's notice to Toronto Editor.] Will the sender of such packet please make enquiries?

#### REPORT OF JUNIOR BRANCHES.

Members' Cards sent out, 91; Members' Badges sent out, 103. Country Branches now represented: Collingwood, Miss Thacker, 648 Church street; Creemore, Miss Evans, 22 Sultan street, Innisfil, Mrs. Seymour Corley 72 Isabella street; Holland Landing, Miss Worsnip, 1224 King street; Orillia Mission Workers, Miss Graham, 182 Wilton avenue; Orillia "Saturday Sunbeams," Miss Street Keys, 17 Henry street.

The Secretary for Junior W. A. would again earnestly remind the Superintendents of the country Branches that it is most important that each Branch should have its representative at the Diocesan Board, and will be glad to receive names and addresses of those willing to write a letter every month, giving an account of the meetings, thereby keeping up the interest in the different missions, and their work discussed by the Board. At the December Board Meeting Mrs. Lyle, of the Epiphany Woman's Auxiliary, Parkdale, told of the persevering work of a little girl, who rose early in order to sew at a patch-work quilt before school time, and having made the whole of the outside part herself, brought it to the schoolhouse, to beg to see it put into the quilting frame, and watched, and helped until the quilt was completely finished, and packed in the bale. From the proceeds of a sale of their work by some little girls \$29 was cleared, \$15 of which goes towards a bell, \$5 to Diocesan Missions, and the balance was expended by the little workers with deep satisfaction in the purchase of toys for Xmas trees. St. James' little Juniors also held a sale of work. Our children are realizing the happiness of work for others.

*From Rev. J. Hinchliffe, Fiegan Reserve, to Mrs. Grindlay, Diocesan Treasurer, Nov. 25th.*

The stove arrived at Macleod on Saturday; I hired an Indian to meet me at the station to help me get the stove the twelve miles here. The stove was so well packed, we slid it into the kitchen over the snow, like runners on a sleigh. I had the stove set up that very night. Next day was washing, and my wife was so delighted to find she could boil the clothes, and cook dinner at the same time, Friday was baking

day, fancy our comfort in being able to bake sixteen loaves at once, instead of six. We bake about one-hundred loaves a week; so imagine the saving of time and fuel. We are thankful indeed to you, and beg that you will express our gratitude to all who have in any way so kindly helped to purchase the stove. December 5th. *From the same.* You can imagine our surprise and delight to hear two other new stoves were at the agency for us. The farm instructor to the Indians happening to be there sent them to us in his waggon, the Agents are very kind to us in this way, and also bring our mail twice a week. How glad I am the stoves came to-day, I was going to Macleod to-morrow to buy a stove for the boys' room. Up to the present time our house has been in constant danger of fire, there being only tin chimneys, I am now getting brick chimneys built, and will then ask the Bishop to insure the whole building. I cannot describe how great a comfort the big cooking stove is to us, the work gets done in half the time. Such a pretty little stove one of the new ones is. I would thank you most earnestly for the kind way in which you have interested yourself and others in our Mission, I hope to see and thank you all personally some day.

POSTSCRIPT TO BISHOP OF ALGOMA'S LETTER IN HURON'S PAGES.

I have just received a card from the Treasurer saying: "We shall be short \$750 on the General Fund account, after paying stipend cheques, due Dec. 31st, in other words, we shall begin the New Year with a shortage of \$750—less than nothing."

*[Will Toronto W.A. please read the letter carefully, and try to think over some plan by which we can all help in this most perplexing strait. Ed. Toronto LEAFLET.]*

DORCAS NOTES.

ROOM 39, THE FORUM, YONGE STREET.

Will Branches kindly accept as sufficient, the Dorcas Secretary's acknowledgment, in LEAFLET, that she has received the lists of bales, sent to Missions.

Branches have forward the following.—PETERBORO, St. John's, Gore Bay, bale. "Busy Bees," TORONTO JUNCTION, Central Room, parcel. ST. GEORGE'S, Gordon School, bale. ETOBICOKE, Apsley, bale. ST. JOHN'S, Blackfoot Home, two bales. ORILLIA, Port Carling, bale. ORILLIA, "Sunbeams," and "Mission Workers," dolls, and candy, Port Carling. INNISFIL, Rosseau, bale. HOLLAND LANDING, Emsdale, bale. HOLLAND LANDING, Juniors, Blood Reserve, bale. NEWCASTLE, "Heartsease" and "Comrades" Clubs, Central Room, bale, and box. ST. PHILIP'S, Port Sydney, bale. TRINITY, "Memorial Mission Band," Sarcee Reserve, bale. OMEMEE, Mission Band, Burk's Falls, bale. CAMPBELLFORD, "Day Stars," Reserve, bale.

HOLY TRINITY, Huntsville, bale St. THOMAS', Yale, B C , bale Hospital at Sutton, bale Central Room, Blackfoot Home, bale ; Sarcee Home, two bales Yale, British Columbia, bale ; Hospital at Sutton, blankets, etc. Huntsville, parcel ; South River, two boxes, Gravenhurst, box ; Roache's Point, box ; Windermere, bale, Victoria Road, articles for sale, Sudbury, articles for sale ; Maple Island, toys. COBOURG, Juniors, North Seguin, 'barrel. BRAMPTON, Sarcee Reserve, bale, and 200 lbs. of groceries. "Girls Friendly," outfit boy in Gordon School. St. MARGARET'S, Junior, Central Room, toys and candy ST STEPHEN'S, Junior, candy, Central Room. TRINITY, Blackfoot Home, bale. LAKEFIELD, Fort Pelly, barrel and bale. St. STEPHEN'S, Novar, bale. ST. PAUL'S, Sioux Mission, bale. ORILLIA, "Mission Workers," outfit for girl BARRIE, Sarcee Mission, three bales, ST JAMES' CATHEDRAL, Senior, Thessalon, box Xmas gifts ; Burk's Falls' box Xmas gifts ; Junior Branch, Rosseau, box Xmas gifts. DEER PARK, Essonville, five bales.

We have as yet received very few donations for the Hospital at Sutton, we would be very grateful for more help. See things required in November LEAFLET.

With regard to appeals for Church bells and Communion Services, report bell for Lesser Slave Lake Mission, Athabasca, sent by Junior Band Church of the Redeemer. All Saints' Juniors working for bell for Thunderchild's Reserve, Sask. ; St. Peter's will supply bell for Dynevor, St Peter's Mission, Rupertsland A sale of work was held by the "Little Folks," at the residence of Mrs. Horace Thorne, and \$15 of the amount raised has been given towards the purchase of a bell for one of the missions in the Diocese of New Westminster. Two more bells are still on our list of appeals. Communion Services: The St. Thomas Branches have promised \$10, and St. Stephen's \$5, and kind friends have sent \$7. We shall be very grateful for further contributions, so that both sets may be furnished, one for the Diocese of Saskatchewan and one for New Westminster.

As some of our Branches do not quite understand how our Indian Homes stand with regard to Government grants, etc., I publish the following facts received from the Rev. H G. Stocken, Missionary to the Sarcee Indians, feeling that this explanation will make the matter plain to all those who are interested. "Your question can but be answered by telling you exactly what the Government are doing. They are giving us beef and flour for six children, and not more than \$75 a quarter for the remaining half dozen Both the money and the rations depend upon the number of days these children are in the school. If a child is away from the Home for a day, his rations or cash grant, as the case may be, are cut off for the day. As regards clothing, we have since the commencement of the Home, received 13 blankets and 13 pair trousers, but little of anything else. Now, if any clothing is to be had it can only be obtained for the six boys not

drawing a cash grant. The many etecetras in the way of fuel, light, groceries, washing, repairs, etc., etc., have to be found by myself, towards which I apply the cash grant, which is not nearly sufficient for all purposes, to leave out the question of clothing altogether. Many, many thanks for the bales that you tell me of. It is not so much the value of the gifts so kindly sent us as the kindness which dictates the gifts, which makes us feel so grateful to you and your fellow-workers. We should naturally appreciate the gifts, but such kind thoughtfulness greatly enhances their value. It is a great encouragement to us in the midst of our often trying work to receive these many kindnesses which show us that we are not forgotten. The Brampton 'pound social' sounds very cheerful. The groceries will be most acceptable." Mr. Stanley Stocken writes. "Were the W.A. to withdraw their help from our Homes we should be obliged to close the schools at once, as they could not possibly exist on the help the Government gives." You will thus see, dear friends, that the more numerous the Homes become, and the larger number of children we take and place under Christian influences the more will our prayers, our money and our help be required. It is a grand work, pray God we grow not weary in it, but that our interest may increase in proportion to the needs."

L. PATERSON, *Dorcas Sec.-Treas.*

*From Rural Dean Lloyd, Algoma, to Miss Patterson, Dorcas Secretary, Dec. 26th.*

I have just returned from a visit of inspection of the burnt-out parsonage at Bracebridge, a complete wreck, nothing but the chimney standing. The Boydells had a very narrow escape, a child woke with the light flaming in at the window, twenty minutes later all would have been burnt in their beds, only a few articles of furniture were saved. The loss falls heavily on the wardrobe and linen department, one and all escaped with what clothing they could hurriedly put on. I commend this case to the care of the W.A., the well tried friend of Algoma; clothing, both *under* and *over*, for the clergyman, his wife, and children, daughter fifteen, son twelve, daughters of ten and eight. The bedding is all burnt, and is urgently needed with the clothing at once. They are trying to get into a small cottage. The insurance on house is \$1400, of course going to help rebuild, \$600 on furniture, less the value of what is saved. I leave the matter of relief in this grave emergency to your generous and warm hearted Auxiliary.

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The Board of Management also request that when wishing appeals for clothing, money, etc., to reach the various Diocesan centres, they be sent to the General Officers only, and they will copy

them and send on to the Diocesan Auxiliaries; thus saving those busy in the mission field the task of writing the same thing so many times. Appeals for money address to Miss L. H. Montizambert, General Secretary 32 Mount Carmel street, Quebec. Appeals for clothing to Miss Patterson, General Dorcas Secretary, 621 Jarvis street, Toronto, or as a North West Missionary tersely expressed himself, If you want "Cash," Miss Montizambert; if "Trade," Miss Paterson.

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## TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.		
<b>Diocesan.</b>		
<i>Pledge.</i>		
Barrie.....	\$11 25	
Shanty Bay .....	5 00	
St. Philip's.....	3 00	
Queen's Park, Children's sale	5 00	
Deer Park, Christ Ch.....	7 00	
C. M.....	2 25	
Donation.....	25	
Sale of books.....	25	
St. Stephen's.....	6 40	
<i>Debt.</i>		
St. Stephen's.....	50	
<b>Algonn.</b>		
Ch. Ascension .....	25 15	
Bowmanville.....	5 00	
St. Stephen's.....	2 00	
<i>Temiscamingue.</i>		
Parkdale, Epiphany Ch.....	15 00	
Collingwood .....	5 00	
St. Philip's.....	3 00	
		<i>Shingwauk Home.</i>
		Ch. Epiphany, Jun. S.S.M.B. 18 75
		St. Stephen's..... 50
		<i>Superannuation Fund.</i> 60.00
		Mr. Shortiss..... 6 00
		<b>North West.</b>
		St. Stephen's..... 75
		<i>Blackfoot Home.</i>
		Ch. Ascension Juniors .....
		25 00
		Ch. Epiphany .....
		15 00
		Millbrook .....
		10 00
		St. Philip's.....
		3 00
		<i>Matron's Salary.</i>
		Ch. Redeemer .....
		20 00
		Streetsville .....
		5 00
		Collingwood .....
		5 00
		<i>Piegan Home.</i>
		St. Stephen's.....
		50
		<i>Salary Rev. J. Hinchliffe.</i>
		St. James' Cathedral.....
		100 00
		<i>Bell Fund, Thunderchild's Reserve, Sask.</i>
		Queen's Park, children's sale
		15 00
		<i>Mackenzie River.</i>



## Huron Diocese.

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

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Subjects for Reading and Prayer: January—Rupertsland, Zenana Missions; February—Columbia, B. C., China.

OUR WATCHWORD FOR THE YEAR.—"Thine is the power, and Thine the Glory."

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### A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR ALL THE DIOCESES.

Owing to the pressure of the many claims upon his time, the Bishop of Algoma overlooked the request of the Board of the W.A., that all communications and pleas meant for the collective ear of the Woman of the Auxiliary should be sent direct to Miss Montizambert, its Central Secretary, and has therefore intrusted his message for the LEAFLET to the care of the Huron Editor. The message came too late for forwarding to Quebec, and fearing that, even were it to reach the Secretary in time for this issue of the LEAFLET, her columns might be found already appropriated. Huron's Editor has ventured to assume a responsibility for which she hopes the Board will pardon her, and all the readers of the LEAFLET condone by giving a special attention to the following plea for Algoma, from the pen of its devoted Bishop:—

"From amongst a host of anxieties that are lying heavily on me just now, I single out two to which I ask the special attention of LEAFLET readers. One is *the pressing need of a few more Church buildings*, and the other is *the crying necessity for a larger clerical staff*. With regard to the latter, I am quite aware that the W.A. does not consider it one of its functions to supply clergy, but I also know that it is deeply interested in every aspect of our missionary work, and further, that it will regret to know that whereas, three or four years ago, there were six and twenty ordained Missionaries in Algoma, there are now only twenty. Your readers will say there is "something surely wrong." Yes, there is; and not something only, but many things. Lack of harmony between the Bishop and the Clergy? Not a particle of it, we dwell in unity, too busy each of us, with his own work to find time for quarrelling, and too full, I hope, of that most excellent gift of charity to allow diversities of "use" and thought and feeling to



separate us each from the other. No, the trouble lies in another direction. (1). There is no Superannuation Fund, and a clergyman at all advanced in life naturally pauses, before entering a Diocese, to ask what provision will be made for the time of age and infirmity, none? "Very well, I must go elsewhere." (2). There is no opportunity for promotion. The missions are all on pretty much the same level so far as stipend is concerned. Only two have risen to the dignity of self support, Port Arthur, and Sault St. Marie. The openings for advancement are therefore few and far between in the Diocese, whilst outside, with occasional exceptions, the rule is "out of sight out of mind." (3). Stipends are very inadequate. There are Clergymen in the Diocese who have given it the best years of their lives, who, despite the utmost economy, are unable to save a dollar for the day of extremity, and no possibility of an increase. An unmarried deacon receives \$500 per annum. Is this too much to pay for the keep of a horse, his own board, the purchase of necessary clothing, etc.? Again is \$800 the maximum, (except in the case of the two self-supporting parishes, which pay \$900 and \$1000 respectively,) an extravagant income for a married clergyman with a houseful of children, after he has served his Church faithfully for twenty years or more, and without any prospect of provision for his old age? Now I do not ask or expect the W.A. to assume the heavy task of dealing directly with these grave obstacles to an increase in our clerical staff, but I do ask them to unite their earnest intercessions with ours that it may please "The Lord of the harvest to send forth more labourers into the harvest," and so to order and over rule the course of events, that, despite all these things which seem to be against us, we may be able to compass our work more adequately, and not merely check the leakage, which, under existing circumstances, must necessarily flow into other communions, but still more, rescue from unbelief and indifference souls for which Christ died. A word now as to our church buildings. My "Church and Parsonage Fund" is long since exhausted. There is not a dollar in the treasury for the purpose, yet churches are sorely needed in several places. Think of one district 120 miles long without a church in it, and yet with members of the Church of England scattered here and there throughout its entire length. This district lies along the Algoma branch of the C.P.R., between Sudbury and Thessalon, and only one clergyman to look after it? How can he possibly hold our Churchpeople together, with services scattered scantily over long periods, and these, too, held not in a church, but in school-houses, farm houses, hotel rooms, and other places where nothing can be done "decently and in order." How can the Church people be organized into compact little congregations with no centre to rally round—no spiritual home which they call their own, with its clustering feelings and associations? Or how can we be expected to train the lambs of the flock into a fond and intelligent affection for

their Church if they are left, as they are in many places, for want of a church, to attend so called "Union Sunday Schools" where the one condition of "union" is the banishment of the catechism, and the inevitable result is their absorption into one or other of the "isms" thickly scattered over the face of the country. But the same condition of things exists elsewhere, and I am powerless to remedy it, for lack of means. Half a dozen churches could easily be planted in most advantageous positions in the spring if the Church would only enable me to put them up. But we cannot make "bricks without straw." The churches we ask and need are plain, unpretentious buildings, needing only four walls and a roof, with the plainest possible seating accommodation. Such a church with the people's local assistance would cost about \$700 or \$750. But I must leave the matter just as I have stated it. Scores upon scores of our Church people are slowly, silently but surely drifting from our ranks, out into the the "dead sea" of practical unbelief, or away into the arms of Nonconformity, simply because the Church of England in Canada does not do adequate justice to her "firstborn," with the means she does supply, we do our very best. For what is lacking, and the consequence sure to follow, I disclaim all responsibility."

E. ALGOMA.

Will the Huron Branch Presidents give the above their prayerful attention whilst inviting their members to consider the duty of pledging yearly, some stated sum, large or small as God enables them, to the support of Algoma, the Child of the Canadian Church?

The following letter from the Bishop of Mackenzie River has been sent by Mrs Lings,—with the but too sufficient apology for its further delay in reaching London. That our readers will feel deep sympathy with our late Treasurer we are well assured. Mrs. Lings says—"It was received at a time of great trouble to ourselves, three of our children on the borders of the grave from typhoid fever, from the effects of which they have not recovered. I trust the work in Mackenzie River will not suffer from the delay. . . . So interested in LEAFLET account of the Semi-Annual."

The Bishop dates from St. David's Mission, Fort Simpson, Mackenzie River, 4th May 1893. "Dear Mrs Lings, Dean Grisdale has sent me notice of the contributions paid to him by you in September and January 5th, viz, \$50.35 \$22.50 respectively, and I hasten to thank you and the several contributors very sincerely for this help in our work—such a length of time will elapse before you receive this that I am afraid there will be danger of my being considered negligent or forgetful—such however is not the case, and I shall be much obliged if you will make known the cause of the delay. For seven months we had no post, nor any communication with the outside world, from the end of August till the end of March, ; so that during all that time we were in ignorance of what was being done for us. A return packet

was sent off at the beginning of May, but I had had scarcely time to digest the contents of the 130 letters which I received, and was able to reply to very few of them—I am now answering some that were posted last July. I hope therefore that this will be taken into consideration, and also that our remoteness prevents us from bringing our work and our needs before our kind sympathizers and helpers as frequently and forcibly as we should like. Our needs are very pressing on account of two serious disappointments which the mail brought. The first was from the C.M.S. The society had promised \$500 per annum from a legacy which had been left for work in Hudson Bay Territory, but it was found that it was not available for this Diocese and so had to be withdrawn. The second was from the Indian Department. Last year I was informed that a grant of \$300 each for three schools had been put upon the estimates, and of course expected that it would be allowed, but at the last moment it was dropped, and we are therefore deprived of that help. These are serious losses which I hope our Canadian friends will help to make up. . . . With very kind regards to all the members of the W.A., and every good wish and prayer for their prosperity and success, etc. W.D. MACKENZIE RIVER.

In the face of the above crushing disappointments to the work in this far-away Diocese, and in recognition of the consecrated self-abnegation of the devoted workers there, cannot Huron make a special effort this coming year on its behalf? Surrounded as we are with the comforts and endearments of the home circle, can we spare nothing to cheer the isolated lives of those servants of God who are enduring privation and hardships, cold and starvation on the very fringe of the polar sea, that they may carry the message of salvation to the very ends of the earth. Look at your report and see if you, who remembered Mackenzie River, in 1892, cannot do so again? and will those who have never done so at all try to make a small beginning now.

¶ Below is a letter to our Corresponding Secretary from Rev. F. Swainson. "I write to tell you that God has seen fit to send a great trial upon us here. Measles in a very virulent form has broken out all over the Reserve, and fifteen of our girls are down with it. My wife and Miss Wilson have thrown themselves into the work with splendid devotion and courage sitting up day after day and night after night, We have turned the Boys' Home into a hospital for the time being, and so my wife and Miss Wilson have installed themselves with the girls. It has been a most trying and anxious time, as so many complications arise after measles, but I am glad to say that so far the girls are doing well. I trust and pray God may in His mercy bring all safely through. There have been several deaths on the Reserve, and the whole Reservation is a mass of sickness. This has opened my eyes to the great need there is of a hospital here, it is not only a need, it is an absolute necessity. Miss Busby is expected back to-morrow, and comes doubly equipped for the work, having spent a whole year in a

hospital training, thus if we could get a hospital here, a glorious and unprecedented opportunity of doing a marvellous work would open up, and would enable us to follow still more closely our Saviour, who went about doing good, not only healing the soul, but also the body. May I then ask you to make this appeal known? So convinced am I of the necessity of this, I will deny myself all I can for the winter and give \$100 towards the object. The whole building would cost \$1500, but I hope to get some little help from England, and for the balance I must appeal to Canada. Will you kindly publish this appeal in the LEAFLET, and also in the Church Papers. I have not written to anyone else yet on the subject, and would like to have the opinion of the Huron W.A. first, as they are doing so much for the Mission, and because, Miss Busby would be such a help in a work of this sort, although she comes back to take charge of the Boys' Home. I will wait your answer before doing anything further in the matter. I know you do so much I can hardly expect much help yet. In conclusion I ask your prayers that God may bring us all through, and especially bless my wife and Miss Wilson, who, regardless of all danger are sacrificing themselves to the little ones." Space does not permit of more than a quotation from a letter of Miss Wilson, written during the night watches which she shared with Mrs Swainson, but that little will be in confirmation of Mr. Swainson's plea for a modest hospital on the Reserve.

Miss Wilson says — "They are all very ill, they seem to have no constitutions to stand anything, it makes ones heart ache to see them suffer so much. We have turned one room into a hospital, and we just spend the night going from one to the other. Measles are very bad in the camp. It is some years since they last broke out, and then a great many died. Our little girls have dreadful coughs, and spit blood alarmingly. It is a most trying and anxious time, but if we can only by God's blessing pull the little things through, we shall be amply repaid. I would give a good deal if I had had a medical course—there is so much disease amongst the Indians, and the Doctors are so far away. . . . The reading of my letter in Brantford had two good results. I heard from Preston and Galt saying they would work for my little girls. . . . Would you mention in the LEAFLET that old flannel skirts, and old pieces of white cotton would be so acceptable, there is hardly a day but some one has to have a poultice, and I have to tear up good articles of my own in desperation. . . . I was so pleased at the kind words of approval from the Committee, though gratified and encouraged by them they make me feel very humble too. I realise more and more every day the great responsibility that rests upon me, and the words of a hymn sung at the meeting in London last January, "O teach me Lord that I may teach" and "Use me Lord, use even me," often come before me.

Rev. H. Hartland, Souix Mission, Griswold, writes to our Dorcas Secretary—"You will be sorry to hear that my Indians are again unfortunate with regard to their wheat crop, which owing to drought and other causes is almost a total failure, and as a consequence my people will be very, very poor. Indeed I hardly like to think of the hardships in store for them. My Indians are entirely self supporting, receiving no aid from Government, and this makes their case pretty bad. The Indians have not yet recovered last years loss, so that this latter misfortune will make things almost desperate. They had worked hard and put in more crops than ever, and now they feel terribly discouraged. Under these circumstances the help and sympathy of your W.A. will be doubly welcome, we shall be thankful for help of any kind."

#### DORCAS AND BRANCH NOTICES.

WOODSTOCK.—New St. Paul's sent bales to Mr. Frost and Mr. Tims Contents, 15 quilts, 30 yards new rag carpet 40 lbs. fruit cake, 10 lbs tea, cans of soup, candies, quinine, with flannel dress material, mits, etc. BRANTFORD. Grace Church, \$10 Lady Missionary, N.W. St. Jude's, two bales good clothing, quilts, carpet, surplice and fair linen cloth, with packages of stamped envelopes and post cards for missionary's use. The Secretary writes. "We have paid all our pledges, and one of our members gave our Treasurer \$5 for Lion's Head. We are still in the after-glow of the Semi-annual, and more interested in our work than ever. In November the two Brantford W.A. Presidents were invited to be present at the organization of another Indian Branch of the Auxiliary, formed at Kanyengah. This meeting was spoken of as intensely interesting. MUNCERTOWN.—Indian Branch sends a bale again this year to Rev. Gilbert Cook, containing two large heavy quilts, mits, and socks, children's pinafores and a specially beautiful white and scarlet bed spread for which they obtained a prize at an exhibit of Indian work. "One of our members over 70 years walks miles to our W. A. meetings seldom missing one." SIMCOE asks us to correct an inaccuracy. It is their Senior Branch which has 70 members, and has pledged annual help to Algoma, Lion's Head and Lady Missionaries to N.W. and Kenyengah. The newly formed Junior Branch has 25 members. "The attendance at our meetings is most encouraging, all busy preparing bale for Rev. E. Matheson." BERLIN writes:—"we are working for Thunderchild Reserve, Sask. I was delighted yesterday to receive a nice long letter from Rev. Mr. Hines. He was so pleased with our well packed bale. and would be thankful for another this year. His mission is so isolated that he needs all the help which can be given him." [Berlin is thanked for enclosing Mr. Hines' letter. It has, in common with a

large number of most interesting correspondence, to wait its turn for insertion in the LEAFLET. ED.] LUCAN.—“Our Branch is doing good work. The ‘Willing Workers’ are busy doll dressing, etc., for the Omoksene Christmas tree. It would do you good to see them so generously giving time and pocket money to the Master’s cause. Try to make room for Mr. Frost’s letter.” (Alas!) LONDON.—St Paul’s Woman’s Auxiliary has sent a packing case, two sacks, and a small box to Omoksene. LONDON.—Memorial Church Branches have sent a bale to Rev. G. Cook, and contributions through St Paul’s Branch to Omoksene. Its Havergal Band a bountiful bale to Thunderchild’s Reserve. All Saints’ Mission Chapel, contributed a beautiful quilt to Mr. Cook’s bale, SOUTHAMPTON.—Sent a bale to Mr. Hinchliffe, Piegan Reserve. PORT ROWAN.—A new Branch sends for LEAFLET and says:—“We hope our little membership will help a little.” GALT.—“Interest increasing in our work, we have sent a box and bale to Uffington, carpet, quilts, clothing, groceries, etc.” SEAFORTH—Pleads for Mr. Hartland’s poor Indians, and has sent them two bales of clothing, with cake, books and pictures, Mr. H. having spoken of wishing for some to cover the walls of his mission house” MITCHELL.—Mrs. Edwin Davis, Secretary, writes —“I have a splendid prescription for chapped hands out of which I would like to earn a little for our Branch, will gladly supply it for 10cts. CHATHAM.—Holy Trinity. The W.A. held a special Thanksgiving Service on the 9th and on the 11th. The children had a Chinese meeting, dresses, decorations, etc. Chinese, thus making a good object lesson. A paper on the customs and lives of Chinese children being read.” ST. THOMAS’ W.A. desires room in the LEAFLET for the story of “Our Quilting-Bee.” . . . “We had eight quilts patched by the ‘Earnest Workers,’ and how to get them quilted was the question, as formerly they were such a long time in hand, therefor we tried a new plan, and sent out post-cards to all the members who were not at the last meeting, to attend a certain day, from two to nine p.m. and to bring a lunch. The result was, that by eight that evening the eight quilts were finished, and ready to be sent away for Missionary purposes.” LONDON.—St George’s invited your Editor to a gathering of its mission workers, who, jointly, had prepared contents of large bales for Mr. Tims, clothing, carpet, floor mats, quilts, etc., in abundance, the Boys Band having taken a large share in the actual work of each. These boys, thirty in number, are deeply interested in Mission work . . . Mrs. Boomer thanks the M.C. League (Memorial) for \$5 for Education Fund, one they hold in yearly remembrance. AILSA CRAIG does not forget its promise for \$25 for this year to Algoma. WALKERTON—Sends two bales to Rev. G. Cook. MITCHELL.—Bale of groceries to Rev. O. Owens. STRATFORD.—Memorial Home and Mission Band, two well filled bales and 37 yds.



## Montreal Diocese.

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

We devote to-day the greater part of our space to, First a summary of the year's Dorcas work, as far as we have been able to procure it from reports sent in to the Dorcas Secretary, and from letters to ourselves. Doubtless many Branches will not report in full until the Annual Meeting in February, '94. Second, to the Diocesan Auxiliary Library, which is now, we are happy to say, in good working order, and will, we trust, prove a valuable acquisition to the Branches. The annual subscription is 50c. to Branches or members, and no book must be kept longer than three months at a time. Mrs. Waller, Librarian, 1387 Dorchester street, desires to notify the Auxiliary that a valuable donation has been received from the S.P.C.K., comprising the annexed standard works, and she will gladly attend to all applications for loans of the same.

SUMMARY OF DORCAS WORK FOR 1893. So far as reported.—For Rev. G. Holmes, Lesser Slave Lake, Athbaasca, from Mrs. Binmore, 1 rubber coat, 2 overcoats, 1 blanket coat, 3 short jackets; from Mrs. Holden, 3 girls' coats, fur cap and dress, 2 men's coats, 3 vests, 1 man's overcoat, 1 vest; from Miss Jordon, 1 woman's coat. For Washakada.—From Miss Durnford, Xmas cards, tea coseys, mats, beads, cups and saucers; from Mrs. A. Roe, 2 blanket suits, moccasins, tuques, neckties; from St. George's Y. L. M. S., man's cloth coat and vest, 8 boys' caps, lady's jacket; from Misses Plim-soll, 1 dress, 3 bonnets, 2 white petticoats, some print, knitted cross-over necktie. For Leslie Mission.—From Misses Durnford, Mrs. Law, Mrs. Holden, Mrs. Houghton, Mrs. Binmore, Mrs. T. Fraser, Mrs. C. E. Dawson, Miss Erkert, Trinity 20 Minutes Society, books, papers, and magazines. For Elkhorn.—From Trinity 20 Minutes Society, 5 yards carpet, 2 quilts, 2 mats, 2 pinafores, 2 pairs flannel drawers 2 skirts, 3 iron holders, parcel cloth patches, desk, marbles, cards; from Miss Durnford, music; from Mrs. Law, pictures; from St. George's Branch, cards. For Shingwauk Home.—From Grace Church, quilt, small sacque, 4 sheets, 14 pillow cases, 7 aprons, 5 pinafores, 8 flannel shirts, 3 pairs stockings, 2 pairs mittens, 2 caps, 2 mufflers, 1 child's knitted shirt, 3 children's flannel shirts, 2 children's hoods, 1 pair child's knitted slippers, 4 shirts, 2 coats, 2 vests, 1 pair trousers, 1 girl's jacket, 1 print dress, 2 small overcoats, 2 balls yarn, 1 skein yarn. For Mrs. Bompas, Diocese of Selkirk.—From St. John the Evangelist Branch, 1 large bale. For Washakada Home.—From All Saints' Branch, 3 chemises, 3 children's dresses, 6 petticoats, 1 pair drawers, 3 pinafores, 1 hood, 1 pair nits, 1 pair stockings, 2 under flannels, 5 boys' undershirts, 3 pairs drawers, 2 mufflers, 8 miscellaneous articles and 1 quilt, 1 pair drawers, 1 jacket, and 18 other articles.



from Junior Branch, 66 total. For Uffington, Algoma.—A bale from Clarenceville. For Shingwauk Home.—From Havelock, box of clothing, candies, nuts, cake, and Christmas cards, and from Hallerton, in same parish, a parcel of beautifully made articles. For Mrs Wilson, Elkhorn.—From St. Luke's, 6 chemises, 5 dresses, 3 flannel petticoats, 1 pinafore, 6 pairs men's socks, 4 boys' shirts, 8 sheets, 14 pillow-cases. For Miss Brown, Pigan Reserve —From Farnham, 155 new articles comprising 6 pillow cases, 5 yards ticking, 6 yards unbleached cotton, 3½ yards flannelette, 12 large kitchen aprons, 1 comforter, 2 cradle quilts, 46 small dolls dressed, also 18 second-hand warm garments, \$8 worth of groceries and a gallon of honey for Mrs. Hinchliffe. For Elkhorn.—From Washakada Club, per Miss R. Holden, 2 quilts, 5 work bags, 2 tuques, 1 pair of mittens, 4 pairs drawers, 2 waists, 2 petticoats, 2 chemises, fancy work. For Shingwauk Home —From Waterloo, 3 petticoats, 1 nightdress, 1 pair stockings, 2 aprons, 7 flannel petticoats, 2 bags, night gowns, 4 pinafores, 3 pairs mits, 1 pair socks, 16 pillow cases, 5 quilts, boys shirt, 2 men's shirt's, 2 pairs socks, 1 pair of mittens; total, 51 articles. Shawville, for Washakada Home, 3 quilts and 1 underskirt, 2 shirts, 6 pairs mittens, 3 pairs socks, 1 pair boots, 5½ yards cloth, 14 bunches of yarn, 4 yards white cotton, and 2 undershirts, 4 jackets, 1 cape, 5 pairs children's drawers, 1 vest, 2 blouses, 1 muffler, 2 hats, 2 caps, second-hand. For Miss Brown —From Waterloo, 1 pair new blankets, 1 comforter, 1 shawl, 1 knitted petticoat, 2 flannel shirts, 2 mufflers, 3 flannelette petticoats, 1 dress, 2 blouses, 1 cloth jacket, 2 pillow cases, 6 towels, 1 sheet, 1 quilt, 1 great coat, from Mrs. Loving, and a box of clothing from M.L.S. For Miss Brown.—From St John's, P.Q., 76 new garments and 70 second-hand. For Miss Brown.—From Mrs. Miles Williams, St. George's Branch, 4 pairs socks, 3 pairs mittens, 2 under-vests, 1 knitted petticoat. For Algoma.—From Mrs. Torrance, 1 parcel for ditto. Friend, per Miss Durnford, dresses, from Mrs. Loving, quilt. For clergyman's family in Diocese, from Cathedral, large box of useful clothing. For Rev Mr. Hinchliffe, Pigan Reserve.—From ditto, 2 barrels goods. For Mr. Lindsay, Little Pines' Reserve.—From ditto, 2 barrels goods. For Miss Brown —From ditto, 2 barrels and large box containing 10 quilts, 2 bolsters, one pillow, 1 pair white blankets, 1 ditto colored, 1 single ditto, 2 mats, 4 pairs pillow cases, 1 sateen cover, 2 laundry bags, 1 cushion, 10 mugs, pieces of cloth and oil cloth, thread, needle books, and from Mrs. M. Gault, 2 pairs sheets, 2 pillow cases, 2 blankets, 1 quilt, 4 towels, 2 canton flannel night dresses, 2 brush and comb bags, 2 wash bags, fitted jug, basin, soap dish and 6 cakes soap, 2 hand glasses, 2 rugs, 2 wash mittens, also Christmas tree. For Indians, for Leslie Mission.—From Mrs. Evans, Mrs Campbell, Mrs Fred Alley, and Mrs. Sawdon, All Saints Branch, 40 articles. Waterloo, Sorel, Grenville, St. Martin's (city) and St. John's, P.Q., have also sent goods to various points in the Diocese and North-West, particulars of which are not to hand.

## MONTREAL AUXILIARY LIBRARY.

Among the books donated by the S.P.C.K., are the following. "Under His Banner," H. W. Tucker, "Diocese of MacKenzie Riv., Bishop Bompas," "Christian Missions of the Middle Ages," "Christian Missions before the Reformation," "A chapter in English Church History," "Christians under the Crescent in Asia," "Lives of Missionaries in India," two vols. "Till the Day break. Mission life in British Guiana," "The Missionary Church of England," "Africa seen through its Explorers," "Lives of Missionaries in Southern India," "Buddhism in China," "Mission Work among Indian Tribes," "Forests of Guiana," "Some Heroes of Travel," "Mission Life in British Columbia," "New Zealand," "History Jewish Nation," "Story of Nashotah," Report S.P.C.K., two copies. "Bishop Crowthers Experiences," "Sketches of Our Life at Sarawack," "Grain of Mustard," "Mission Heroes; Selwyn, Steeve Patterson, Broughton."

Miss Ellis, Cathedral Branch, has handed us the following letter of acknowledgments from Rev. J. Hinchliffe:

## ST PETER'S MISSION, PIEGAN RESERVE

Dear Miss Ellis,—We received two barrels and the bale a week ago, and I really cannot express my thanks to you and your fellow-workers for the good useful things you sent us. They came most opportunely too, just as the cold weather came, and the boys needed more clothing on their beds. As soon as the building for the Boys' Home was nicely furnished I began to think what a pity it was to have it standing empty and the boys longing to occupy it. I set to work and made some bedsteads. The Indian Agent gave me some nice thick cloth to use as blankets. We had a few quilts and pillows, etc., so we decided to admit six boys. We soon found that we were almost obliged to admit more, but we had not sufficient bedding for cold weather. Two days after the barrels arrived cold weather came, and you cannot imagine how pleased we were to be able to give them more clothing. I must not forget the outfit of bedding for two good girls, sent by Mrs. M. H. Gault. In December we have what I might almost call our annual prize-giving, so we thought it best to hold over the things Mrs. Gault sent till then. My wife laid them out on the dining room table and all the girls were sent to inspect them. All the biggest girls have made up their minds to win them, and one or two are trying to make up in a few weeks by extra good behavior for former naughtiness. I am very pleased to be able to tell you that your little girl Lottie will, without doubt, become possessed of one outfit; she is such a nice quiet girl. Never since she came to live with us have I known her to be sulky or to speak crossly or refuse to do her daily tasks. She is, in fact, our best girl. We are all very grate-

ful indeed to Mrs. Gault for the nice bedding and articles for the toilet. They are something for the girls to try for, and I am sure they are trying their best. Will you please express our hearty thanks to Mrs. Gault. We have now 22 children in our Homes, 12 boys and 10 girls. Miss Brown will find a great difference when she comes back. I hope she will enjoy her holiday for she has earned it. The formal opening of our Boys' Home will be, D.V., December 11th. In conclusion, let me thank you all, who assisted in any way in making up the nice packages you sent. As I said before, they came most opportunely, and in fact I do not know what we should have done if they had not arrived when they did. I am very sincerely yours,

J HINCHLIFFE.

November 24th, 1893.

Farnham has, so far as we know, the honour of being the first country branch in this Diocese to start the Extra-Cent-a-Day Fund. The President of its Girls' Branch writes us: "We have promised to send \$25.00 a year for the support of a child in the Piegan Home, and also a bale as usual. To raise the money for this and other Missionary purposes, I am trying to start the Extra-Cent-a-Day Fund. Several have signed their names, and others have expressed their willingness to do so."

From St. Johns, P.Q., President, come the cheering words and good wishes for the Auxiliary: "The W.A. is a great power for good. May God's blessing rest upon every Branch and every member of it." And to this we say "Amen!" in deepest reverence. And may the year upon which we have just entered, be to each one of us as a perpetual advance in the service of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, so that through us the Gospel may be sent, and the ministrations of our beloved Church placed within the reach of souls for whom He died.

Montreal has a Life Member in far Australia, Miss Mercer, whose heart has never wavered in loyal attachment to her Mother Branch, and who has just sent the President her \$25 fee.

"No bound of all the earth  
Can part the sons and daughters  
Who share the second birth"

## Niagara Diocese.

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

“If thou wouldst reap in love first sow in holy fear”

Surely the glad New Year is full of promise that the mission fruit sown by the faithful women of the Church, will bring forth abundantly for the Lord of the Harvest. As we read now here, now there, of some new branch of the W A being formed, or some almost dead called back to life, we give thanks and rejoice. Rev. G. Holmes, Lesser Slave Lake, writes Mrs. Turner, Orangeville: Sept. 25th, “You will think I am never going to acknowledge the letter or barrel of nice warm clothing sent by St Mark's Branch, but as the bales do not reach us before the end of August, or September, and we have to wait a month or two sometimes before we have a means of communicating with the outside world. The barrel reached safely and in good condition, and there was the \$3 to pay freight from Edmonton. The opening day is looked forward to as one of the happiest in the whole year. You would be amused to see the smiling faces around the bale and hear the excited exclamations over every new discovery. If you could only see the happy faces as they receive a nice suit or dress in exchange for their dirty rags, one can almost hear the Saviour say “Naked and ye clothed Me.” Our new home will be complete in a few days, but the mudding and white washing will take a few days more. The formal opening will take place on All Saints Day. The programme will be a magic lantern exhibition, singing, prayer. If our Christian friends could only join us that evening at the Throne of Grace to ask God's blessing on our work! We propose taking 25 children as boarders, seven more than last year, though now oppressed by a debt. Besides the \$200 deficit in last year's account we need \$250 to meet expenses of building and furnishing the Home, and \$150 in connection with the support of our scholars. Thank God we can rejoice over many loving tokens of His love upon our work amongst the children. Little Bella, one of my little scholars, met with a serious accident, a broken leg, and though in great pain she was most patient. Her mother told me almost in tears how her little daughter prayed Jesus to help her bear the pain, and on one occasion rebuked her brothers for being afraid in the dark, saying, “did they not remember Jesus was there.”

Mrs. Hines, writes Miss Davis, St. Thomas, W.A., from Devon Mission, Oct. 7. “The precious bales reached us safely and in good condition, and gave much pleasure as well as comfort. How such substantial help does strengthen our hands for the work. The groceries will be such a help when so many are ill and needing, and the clothing so useful. I need single no particular kind for remark, except

that we never have half enough for men and boys. One man said, 'the good people in Canada must think there are few men here, for they send mostly women's clothes I do want a coat.' The poor fellow was too late, all is now appropriated but some petticoats, keeping for Christmas. The children caught sight of the toys, and there was such beseeching we had to let them go. The deaf, dumb and cripple child passed away before the bales arrived. The old grandfather has been elected a vestryman. I wish you could see him on Sunday morning, insisting on every one walking on the path, not treading on the grass, keeping the dogs outside the churchyard, woe betide the one that puts his head through the fencing. (How would it do to bring him East —Ed.) I had a week's outing in the 'Henrietta,' visiting the outstations, where we had pleasant services with Communion, and a pleasant talk with the people. At Cedar Lake an old heathen woman begged my dress, pointing to my waterproof, saying I had another, as I demurred she begged me to send it her on my return home. Mr. Hines, being captain and engineer, had both work and anxiety, still he said it was pleasant to have some one to speak English to when away from home. Please remember it is no use sending any goods earlier than the middle of May, or in time to reach Prince Albert by end of May. We can only get goods from June to the end of September. Thank the donors of the tea, Nellie Foster, Mr. F. H. Butler and the boys of his class. Their gift is most acceptable as the Fishery Department have sent instructions forbidding fishing this month, and heretofore this has been the month they get in their winter supply of fish, hence I fear much starvation and suffering." C. Wilson, St. Thomas' Branch, reports "our branch is again working for Mr. Himes. Our meetings are well attended. The interest keeps up, and we are encouraged by the grateful letters received, making us wish we could help them more in their noble self-sacrificing work. Nearly all our members take the LEAFLET. We have out mite boxes, and do what we can to forward the good work. We like to get this branch's report and know about the LEAFLET.

Our Dorcas Sec. has a letter from Mrs. Himes, referring to the prohibiting of fishing. She says, 'Messages have been forwarded to the Department explaining the difficulty, and asking the rescinding of the order. At Pias Mountain, Mr. Himes had the happiness of receiving into the Church by Baptism four heathens. Another, who was baptized years ago, but never gave up his heathen customs, during the past year evinced many signs that the Holy Spirit was striving with him, and, on the last visit of my husband, renounced heathenism and declared his desire, by God's help, to lead a Christian life. How we hope and pray he may be kept steadfast.'

How busy Georgetown has been is evinced by the fact that this branch has already sent a bale to Novar, Muskoka. Rev. J. Pardoe writing Miss Livingstone, says: "The bale of goods came safely to

hand We thank your parish for their forethought and generous gifts to our Mission I have four stations, Novar, Ilfracombe, Hoodstown, and Ravenscliffe. The clothing, blankets and quilts, socks and bedding, all will be most useful for distribution among the deserving poor. I have a number of aged people also widows to whom it will be a great boon I find there is little money in circulation here. Most of what is done is by barter and militates against the finances of the Church. Each of the four are in an unfurnished state and no parsonage houses. Many families have left Ilfracombe, consequently the congregation is small A bell was presented to this church, but owing to the poverty of the settlers, has not been hung, and I feel so strongly this ought to be done, that I have offered out of a small stipend, to give a dollar towards skilled labor to execute the work. The church is good, and stands on an eminence and the bell could be heard for miles summoning the people to the house of God I have no horse and find it difficult to get the long distances over such bad roads. Since coming here 18th October, I have visited fifty families, and in so doing have found much encouragement. At Novar the difficulties are many and peculiar I find a debt on the organ of \$63, which must be paid by February next. I also want five or six good lamps to light the church so that we may have evening service Perhaps some church in which gas or electric lights have been put may be good enough to help us. I also want to start a Sunday-school so that the little ones may be trained in the fold of the Church. We need A & M Hymn books, Prayer Books, also Bibles and Testaments of good type, these would be of good service to our old people who form a large part of our congregation As I go from station to station I find the churches more or less at a standstill for want of means At the same time I feel my work is under the Holy Spirit's guidance and will do all in my power to build up the living Church. The generous help of your noble society will enable me to prove to those in need, that the Church, like her Divine Lord and Master, cares for the needs of the body as well as the soul. I thank you and the W.A for these generous gifts, and ask an interest in the prayers of your society I might say in answer, bedding, clothes, socks, mitts, reading matter, any carpeting or strips of matting, and, if possible, I hope to get a little for the chancels of the three churches."

#### DORCAS SECRETARY'S REPORT.

GRIMSBY sent Rev Holmes 116 articles clothing, cash for material \$10.93, freight \$1 93 In Aug. they sent Rev Hinchliffe 1 barrel containing 126 articles clothing, 6 cakes soap, freight to Calgary \$r.79. ORANGVILLE.—Rev Holmes one bale, 32 articles new, 53 second-hand, cash for material \$15 35, freight, which could be paid to Edmonton only, \$3.85 CATHEDRAL—In July, Rev. Frost, 28 towels, four sheets, nine pillow cases, table cloth, flannelette wrapper, five yards

flannelette, one toilet and table cover, furniture covering, cash \$4.50. HAMILTON—All Saints, Pair lace curtains, toilet cover, one dress, cushion drape, dotted net, two games, one white quilt, table cover, three flannel shirts, pair shoes, books and booklets from Rev. A. Miller, 21 bound books. A member of Ascension Church, 42 articles men's clothing; from another member \$2.60. St. John's, STAMFORD, to Mr. Markham, Maple Island, 35 new articles, nine second-hand, groceries, cash for material, \$4.35, groceries \$1.25. St. George's, St. CATHERINES, to Rev. J. Pritchard, one bale with sixteen new articles of clothing, 39 second-hand, three yards towelling, 37½ yards cotton, nine yards flannel, five and a-half yards wincey, two packages needles, eight spools thread, cash for material \$18. groceries, \$1.80, toys 25c., freight \$4.27. ELORA sent Rev. Frost bale with 31 new, 57 second-hand articles clothing, two quilts, fifteen miscellaneous, cash for material \$3.98, freight 50 cents. St. John's, Juniors, ELORA, also sent him 17 new articles, 12 second-hand, three quilts, eleven dolls, 17 balls for Christmas tree, cards, booklets ribbons and wool, cash for material \$3.20, freight 50 cents. St. Jude's Branch, OAKVILLE, to Trinity Church S.S., Rupert's Land, 60 articles clothing, five second-hand, seven quilts, 21 yards factory cotton, 13 yards wincey, 6½ yards woolen goods, two yards canton flannel, two pounds yarn, 11 pounds rice, four pounds tea, one feeding bottle, two rolls batting, two pin-cushions, large number of books, papers, etc., cash for material \$17.04, groceries \$1.50 freight \$2.97. NIAGARA FALLS sent three bales to Rev. Mr. Cook, Touchwood Hills. In response to appeal for old linen, etc., for Medical Mission, Japan, a parcel was received from All Saints, Hamilton, a contribution of \$3 from Queenston, three large linen sheets, a number of bandages, \$1 from Oakville, one and a-half absorbent cotton, a parcel from Elora, parcels from the Cathedral, Grimsby, St James, Guelph, have been received.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.—Offertory Cathedral, \$1.25. Meetings, school room, \$2.55; Japan Medical Mission, St. Mark's, Hamilton, 74 cents and Ascension, Hamilton, \$35. Teachers' Fund. St. George's, St. Catherines \$10; St. Mark's, Orangeville, \$3, R.L.M.F., St. John's, Cayuga, \$2; Tax on fees, St. George's, St. Catherines, \$1.40. Ascension, Hamilton, \$2; Rev. Matheson, Onion Lake, St. Andrew's, Grimsby, \$11.15; Miss Coleman, India, Ascension Church, Hamilton, \$60; Missions in China, St. Thomas, Hamilton, \$1; Miss Sugden's Hospital, Ascension, Hamilton, \$1, Diocesan Board expenses, Cathedral, \$2. Total, \$133.09. EXPENDITURE.—Paper, etc., \$7.75, By Rev. Rogers, B.C., M.F., \$2; postage, cards, etc., 25c. Total, \$10. Vouchers from Church Ascension, Hamilton, for Miss Smith, \$2. St. Saviour's, Queenston, for Japan, \$3.

## Ontario Diocese.

DIOCESAN MOTTO -- "*She hath done what she could.*"

At the Board meeting held in November several appeals were received from the General Secretary. The one which most strongly enlisted the sympathy of the Board was that from Mrs. Sillitoe, telling of the need of help for the work among the Chinese in New Westminster. The Board voted \$100 subject to the approval of its absent members. This has since been assured to us, and Miss Montizambert has been notified that Ontario will give this sum. The Board has every confidence that the Branches will uphold them in this matter. We must all recognize the fact that to send missionaries to China, while we allow the Chinese in our midst to remain in heathenism, is a most unwise policy. At least let us do our part towards their conversion, that the guilt of their heathenism may not lie at our door. We are told that one Chinese converted means that the Gospel is preached to many. The Rev. R. W. Stewart in his address lately told us how constantly he overheard conversations in which the sacred Name occurred frequently, and of the many inquirers who came to the missionaries. These men, who so earnestly discussed Christianity, he described as their greatest human agency, the "unpaid voluntary workers." So far as we know this \$100 will not be laid upon the Branches as an assessment, but they are asked to send to the Treasurer something towards the amount. Perhaps the sum required from each might be regulated by each Branch giving about two-thirds of the sum they contribute towards the Lady Missionary in Japan, but it would be well if the larger parishes would give more, as some of those in the country districts find that the amount already promised is as much as they have the means to supply.

### BRANCH REPORTS.

BATH has enjoyed its visit from Miss Brown, and says that her address was so interesting that she "captured the audience completely." The financial result was not large, but much interest was awakened. After the meeting, which occurred on a very cold night, an informal reception was held, and coffee and cake were served. The



Auxiliary in Bath has no Junior Branch as yet, but some young girls, have undertaken to attend the meetings and afterwards visit and report to some elderly members who cannot themselves attend, which we think a delightful and original plan. BELLEVILLE. — There are now six branches in connection with the W.A. in Belleville. St. Thomas, has the W.A., J.W.A., and C.C.M.G., Christ Church has the W.A., and a newly organized J.W.A., and St. John's has a branch of the J.W.A. The St. Thomas Branch reports fewer nominal members, but more active ones this year than ever before. Weekly meetings are held, one for business, then for sewing. Two bales have been despatched this autumn, one to Arch. Phair, and one to the Shingwauk Home, as the result, and \$12, and some lamps have been given to the Mission of Dungannon. In acknowledging these gifts the Rev. T. Leech writes. "We shall now be able to hold Service in the new Church, as the eastern window and one window in the north and south side have been put in, which will give sufficient light for the present. . . We have just finished the foundation for a church at Farady and have taken steps to secure a lot on which to build at Coe Hill." (dated November 9th). The J.W.A., St. Thomas, are making clothing for little Jessie, at St. Peter's Home, Piegan Reserve. The C.C.M.G. are also hard at work. BROCKVILLE.—Mrs. Cuznor represents St. Paul's at the Board meetings. Trinity Branch is certainly flourishing, for it is subscribing for more LEAFLETS. CORNWALL.—"We have about seventy members in our W.A., a few having left town. We meet the last Tuesday in the month for business, each member pledges herself to a monthly offering of from five to thirty cents, and if anyone absents herself from two consecutive meetings, a collector calls for her offerings. We find that this promotes a kindly feeling among us all, and keeps up the interest in our work." MERRICKVILLE.—As will be seen in the Dorcas report, the efforts of the W.A. during the summer have culminated in a very creditable box, destined for the Shingwauk Home. The Secretary says that it is not likely that anything will be attempted during the winter months beyond the regular business meetings. PEMBROKE — Held a very successful missionary tea lately, and realized \$13. A Christmas parcel is being prepared for Burk's Falls by the united efforts of the W.A. and J.W.A. In answer to an appeal for help towards building a church at Haileyburg on the shores of Lake Temiscamingue, where a lay reader has held services for five summers, something has been promised, but the amount not yet decided upon. POSTSMOUTH. — At the sewing meetings in this Branch, some book on missionary work is read. The life of Mr. Palton was the first taken up, and now the story of Mackay, of Uganda, is being read. A bale is being prepared for the Rev. J. Robinson, of Combermere, Diocese Ontario. Some extracts from a letter received from him last winter may prove interesting "I received that wonderful bale all right, and have since disposed of its contents. I started off ne...

morning and travelled all day, and part of the next, leaving in the different houses such things as I saw they were in need of. . . I wished that you or some member of your Auxiliary had been with me, that you might have seen the good you had done. The first shanty I went to was eleven miles from Combermere where lives a poor widow. She has three children still at home, and one little boy, aged nine years, was very sick and lying on a bed of straw with scarcely anything to cover him. His little brother, seven years of age, and his sister about eleven, were sitting together under the stove. I find that in all these poor places the children are always to be found under the cooking stove in the winter. I had a dress and underclothing for the girl, and a shirt and other things for the boy, and never did I see such a transformation. Their tongues began to prattle and for a time they might have been considered the happiest children in the world. The little girl was overjoyed at the prospect of being able to attend school like some other girls she instanced. She promised that she would rise early and get the chores done and go every day, stormy or not, though she has three miles to walk. This is a good instance of what took place in other homes. I went to one home where there were eight small children, and none of them had any clothing on to speak of just a few rags. I left them a good supply, something for all. The mother is a very worthy woman, though so poor. In one house there was a family of thirteen children. I picked out for myself two pairs of mitts which fitted me nicely, but about two hours ago two old men came begging mitts and socks, so I parted with them. . . .

#### DORCAS REPORT.

BELLEVILLE.--St. Thomas', W.A. to Rev. T. Leech, Dungenannon, Diocese Ontario. A number of lamps for church use, both new and second-hand, money expended \$1.75; freight 85c. also a bale to Arch. Phair for distribution in Rupert's Land, containing eight new garments, 31 second-hand garments, toys, buttons, and a parcel of linings. PERTH J.W.A. sent to Combermere, Diocese Ontario, a bale containing 39 new garments, four second-hand, two surplices, one quilt, 32 gifts for Christmas tree, 18 lbs. candy, candy bags and a magic lantern, value new materials \$39.60; freight 35 cents. PORTSMOUTH--To the same place, a bale containing 152 new garments, two quilts and a quantity of Sunday School papers. KINGSTON.--St. George's Cathedral sent to Mattawa a box containing a number of articles for a sale; value of new material at least \$15; freight 80 cents. A member of the W.A. sent to Combermere one box containing gift for Sunday-school children; value new material \$6.50. Freight 50c. The Girl's Guild sent to Sharbot Lake a box containing 180 Christmas gifts, value \$23.49. KINGSTON.--St. James. A parcel to Mattawa for the sale, value new material \$2.75. BATH--Sent to Rev. F. Frost, Sheguiandah, Diocese Algoma, one bale containing twelve new gar-

ments, 16 yards rag carpet, two fur robes, blankets, pins, combs, needles, hammer and tacks, scissors, work bags, fruit cake, cotton and seeds; freight \$2.28. OTTAWA—St. John's. One bag to Rev. Chas. Piercy, Burk's Falls, Algoma, contents 12 new, 32 second-hand garments, enamelled cups and saucers; value new material, \$4.72. Grace Church—To the same, a bag, contents not given. St. Alban's—To the same, a bag containing five new, 21 second-hand garments, cost \$2. Christ Church—To Arch. Phair, Winnipeg, one bale containing 28 new and 21 second-hand garments, factory cotton, thread and needles. St. George's—sent to Rev. John Sanders, Biscotasing, Diocese Moosonee, a bale containing 26 new garments, 103 second-hand garments, table cloth, table napkins, nine yards flannel, one quilt, pictures, value new material \$15.08. With this was a parcel from BILLINGS BRIDGE with two new garments, 19 second-hand, three yards grey flannel, three glass articles, and some papers. MERRICKVILLE—Sent a bale to the Shinguindah Home, Sault St. Marie, containing 47 new garments, 35 second-hand, two quilts, pair blankets, ten yards flannel, ten yards cotton, yarn; value new material \$31.96; freight \$1.61. PRESCOTT—Sent to the Piegan Reserve, one bale containing 47 new and 37 second-hand garments, yarn, towels, six scrap-books, writing case, books, flannel, four sheets, two baby's quilts, value new material \$11.14, freight \$3.56. MORRISBURG—One bale to the same place, contents four quilts, pillow cases, carpeting, groceries, 12 new garments, 24 second-hand, value new material, \$29.30. Freight \$3.75. BELLEVILLE, Christ Church, J.W.A.—A bale to the Rev. J. W. Plant, Ompah, Diocese Ontario, containing 17 dressed dolls, a number of toys, 15 lbs. candies in bags, booklets and Christmas cards, value new goods \$15, freight 75 cents. BROCKVILLE—St. Peter's has sent to Mattawa one bale, contents 15 new garments and 28 second-hand.

ANNIE MUCKLESTON, *Doras Sec.*

### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER.

#### RECEIPTS.

##### Domestic Missions.

" Lady Missionary North-West.	
Brockville, St. Peter's .....	\$10 00
Perth .....	5 00
Pembroke .....	2 00

##### Foreign Missions.

" Lady Missionary Japan.	
Brockville, St. Peter's .....	5 00
Perth .....	10 00
Pembroke .....	2 00
" Zenana.	
Carleton Place, Collection after Miss Sugden's Mt'ngs	46 86

##### Diocesan Missions.

" Widows' and Orphans' Fund.	
Perth .....	10 00
" Dungannon and Monteaigle.	
Belleville, St. Thomas .....	12 00

##### General Fund.

Diocesan (Ad'n'l) Assessment.	
Bath .....	30
Perth .....	5 00
Diocesan Members' fee, Mrs.	
Henry Anderson, Oxford Mills .....	25
Diocesan Members, fee, Mrs.	
Thos. Beckett, Oxford Mills .....	25

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ALICE T. ROGERS, *Trea. Ont. W.A.*

## Quebec Diocese.

DIOCESAN MOTTO:—*"Ye have done it unto Me."*

If any subscribers have not received their back numbers, will they send in their names to Miss Montizambert? As the funds are getting very low, those who have not yet paid their subscriptions in full are requested to do so with as little delay as possible.

We gratefully acknowledge the sum of \$5 from Mrs. Williams, our late President, who still takes the greatest interest in our welfare, and sends New Year's greeting to all.

The small profits from the sale of Mrs. Robertson's paper, at two cents a copy, go to missions.

*"Free men freely work,  
Whosoever fears God, fears to sit at ease."*

*E B Browning*

DEAR MISS ROE,—Will you convey to the members of the W.A. of St. Francis District, and accept for yourself my heartfelt gratitude for the loving sympathy expressed for me in my sorrow. It is a sad pleasure to me to hear from all sides how truly my dear husband was loved and appreciated.

Your kind letter containing the resolution should have had an answer long ago, but I could not do it. Believe me dear Miss Roe, yours ever sincerely,  
LOUISA IRVINE.

Mrs. F. C. Wurtele has received the following from the Rev. A. B. Allman: "Your kind letter was welcomed heartily and I am glad to tell you the parcel has arrived safely. Mrs. Allman and myself have examined its contents, and we realized the sense of admiration and thankfulness as we reviewed the neat parcels composed of such helpful and useful articles. We are full of hope that we shall be able to make up a bright and attractive table, and realize a sale that shall bring good success and substantial results. Please give our most cordial thanks to those who contributed, and I am sure you would quite expect that we were charmed by the manifest interest of Mrs. Hunter Dunn. It is indeed good of so many ladies to

take such an interest in a country mission of Algoma, but what clergymen would do if that were not the case I do not know; I am afraid they would get so discouraged that they would be tempted to give way to human nature and go elsewhere."

WINNIPEG, Oct. 24th, 1893.

DEAR MISS MONTIZAMBERT,—It is with much regret that I have to inform you of the change which has taken place in the position of our school, which is explained in the enclosed circular. While those of us to whom the management was entrusted naturally feel much disappointed at being obliged to relinquish work from which we hoped so much, we feel still more for those friends at a distance, who have worked, and doubtless, prayed as you have done for its success. It would have been a great delight to us if we could have carried on the work for years with your assistance, and that of friends like-minded. Under the circumstances this was however impossible, and we must believe it will in the end prove a blessing to the Church. We have at least the assurance that our united efforts have not been unblessed in the past, and its fruit will be found in coming days. Pray thank all our Quebec friends, and especially those of St. Matthew's, for the generous help they have given us, words fail to express all I feel in this regard. My address now is Winnipeg P. O. Somewhat to our surprise, Miss Mellish, who did not care to remain at the school after we left, was quietly married shortly after to Mr. James Lawler, formerly our valued helper. Her address is 220 Edmonton street, Winnipeg. I trust the W.A. will not be too much discouraged at the loss of another of their "field workers," for I think she will still continue to do some good work in connection with the Church. I am very gratefully yours,

W. A. BURMAN.

### THE RUPERTSLAND INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

The Committee of Management regret to have to inform the kind friends and supporters of the School that they have surrendered the School into the hands of the Dominion Government, at whose request they undertook the charge.

There had been for some time great difficulty in securing the full number of pupils. This seriously reduced the Government *per capita* grant in aid. Yet the full staff had to be retained, and other expenses ran on. The committee felt that the arrangement they had with the Government was not fair to them. In other matters they wished changes. At length as the expenditure exceeded the income, they found it necessary, in the beginning of May, to request the Government, if it could not make any more favorable arrangement, to undertake the School on October 1st. The Government accordingly has done this. Our principal, the Rev. W. A. Burman, at the same time resigned.

It is satisfactory to know that the school will still be a Church school. The new principal, Mr. Ashby, who has for some years been assistant in the Battleford Indian School, was, before he went there, a valued voluntary lay reader in this Diocese.

As the Church has to meet a considerable deficiency, the committee hope that the help on which they have been relying will be continued at least till October, if not to the end of the year. Any remittance will be received and gratefully acknowledged by the Rev. W. A. Burman, Winnipeg P. O.

The school will in future be entirely supported by the Government. The committee feel that this result is very disappointing. Still they believe that while they have had charge much has been done to benefit the Indian children in the school both spiritually and temporarily. They desire to express their gratitude for the kind sympathy and the loving liberality of the many friends who helped them in the work.

If any of the friends of the school desire to continue their help to a similar school, the committee can cordially recommend to them the Indian Industrial School at Elkhorn in this Diocese, which is under Mr. Wilson, a son of the Rev. F. E. Wilson, formerly of the Shingwauk Home.

If others prefer to assist the evangelizing efforts of the Church among the Indians of this Diocese, the Committee would earnestly commend to them either the Indian Mission

Fund or some particular Mission. Assistance to the following missions would be specially welcome. The Sioux Mission at Oak River, the Mission at Scanterbury, and the Mission on Rainy River. If some of those who have hitherto supported the school would combine to support one of these missions, the Indian work of the Church would be greatly helped. Subscriptions may be sent either to the Very Rev. the Dean of Rupertsland, Hon. Treasurer, Synod Rooms, Winnipeg, or to the Ven. Archdeacon Phair, Superintendent of Indian Missions.

#### THE DUTY OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TOWARD THE MISSION IN THE NORTH-WEST.

Membership in the W. A. pledges all of us who are gathered here to-day to more than a passing interest in what is defined as the "new religion of humanity—the religion of brotherly love. Its principles are by no means new, yet Christians in time past may, perhaps, have too often overlooked the precept, that "He who loveth God loveth his brother also." And now the development of civilization having brought the various members of the human family into very close communication with one another, the experience of the ages is having its effect upon the spirit of the times. Governments are developing a new exercise of power, viz., "to undo the heavy burdens and let the oppressed go free," and surely it is not surprising that the Christian Church—the under-current of this great stream of human benevolence—should be urging her members to spend and be spent in the interest of less favoured brethren, the shadow of whose great darkness is deepened by the contrast of our own full enjoyment of the light.

Along the lines of trade and exploration we can see openings where the Gospel rays may penetrate far, while our daily prayer for the coming of Christ's Kingdom seems purposeless and unreal until it has forced us into somewhat of vigorous action. Here, unfortunately, we are inclined to hesitate, because it is so difficult to learn what becomes of our money given for missionary work, and because we know that in despite of martyrdom and lives of self-sacrifice, and statistics of money and men, the world appears to be as wicked as ever, and the plans for converting it even more bewildering than they used to be. Yet in an indifferent sort of way we do make a generous response when our sympathies are appealed to, in the hope that our contribution to the Lord's treasury may relieve one pang, or carry one effective message of Gospel truth into a heathen home.

*(To be continued.)*