A NEW PERIODICAL.

THE Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions held its regular Quarterly Meeting in the Church of England Institute, St. John, on Thursday, Oct. 14th.

The Secretary reported that the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada had issued a monthly publication, entitled *Our Mission News*, to be the official organ of the Society, and laid on the table some copies which he had received from the editor.

Whereupon it was resolved that an effort be made to circulate the publication through the Diocese, and the Secretary was authorized to engage a person to canvass for subscribers.

The following leaflet, which explains itself, was subsequently issued.

OUR MISSION NEWS.—The Diocesan Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions desires to inform the members of our Church that the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada has issued a monthly publication entitled *Our Mission News*, to be the official organ of the Society. Its object is to furnish from month to month intelligence of the various fields of missionary labour, especially of those with which we are most concerned—Algoma and the Dioceses in the North West—as well as to make known the work and operations of the Society. The annual subscription is only one dollar. The editor is the Rev. Chas. Mockridge, D. D., Hamilton, Ontario, General Secretary of the Board of Management of the Society.

The magazine is admirable in matter and style, and forms a valuable addition to our missionary literature. We heartily commend *Our Mission News* to the members of our Church, and trust that it will have a large circulation, and prove a great stimulus to missionary work.

By order of the Board,
F. H. J. BRIGSTOCKE,
Secretary.

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NOTES BY THE WAY.

WHATEVER paper I take up has now some reference to Church unity. In one, allusion is made to the union of two of the Baptist sects, in another the union of the Methodist bodies is spoken of, in a third reference is had to the memorial presented to the Convention of the American Church at Chicago. Be the papers religious or secular there is always some reference to this subject. That unity is a thing to be desired, no body can assert more ardently than a Churchman, with him separation is a sin, and one of the gravest kind, and I firmly believe more prayers ascend to the heavenly throne for unity from the hearts and lips of Churchmen than from any other Christians. Still there is a great danger that in all this vague talk and writing about unity there should be too much of sentiment and too little of what is practical.

Let all Christian bodies unite on some one or two things, and having lived in unity on those for some years, they may then unite on further points, and so gradually form one Holy Church.

For example, could not the Presbyterians, Methodists, and the better kind of Baptists, unite with the Church in insisting on reverence in Church or meeting house. That congregations should kneel in prayer and stand in singing.

Again, that disreputable or degrading means of raising money for the purposes of worshipping our Creator and Redeemer should not be sanctioned by priest or pastor. Far better that there should be neither Church nor meeting house erected, than that either should be erected by means which no state, however insignificant, would sanction for the payment of its public buildings and public officers. Fancy having a pie auction on the Government grounds for the payment of the Governor's salary, or a corn roast to make up the balance due the Chief Justice! Such proceedings might be countenanced in "Alice's Wonderland," but no where else, and yet when it comes to interests, which all preachers say are alone vital, dignity, honor, and seemliness are discarded as old fashioned virtues; and fabrics rear their stuccoed heads, built up on oyster suppers and ice creams, and such like entertainments, when the very last thought that is present is the one of self-denial.

When Christian bodies shall first unite in reverence in everything pertaining to God's house and God's worship, then shall I believe in corporate union, but till then I fear the only chance of union with the Protestant bodies will be that of the absorption of individuals as at present, and Church people can in no way promote union quicker than in being themselves punctiliously reverent. There is no power of attraction so great as reverence.