

Aylmer, Richmond, Que., 3 and 4 equal. Scholars ranking highest, books, value \$5, Miss Annie Newton, All Saints', Toronto; Miss Katie Bowling, All Saints', Toronto.

Toronto Deanery Prizes.—1, Teacher ranking highest, books, value \$4, Miss Annie Davis, St. Thomas', Toronto; Teacher ranking second, books, value \$4, Miss Mary Sheppard, St. Philip's, Toronto. Scholars ranking highest, books, value \$4 and \$2, Miss Annie Newton and Miss Kate Bowling, All Saints', Toronto, equal.

The Teachers' Assistant Prizes.—The teacher or scholar ranking highest, books valued at \$4, Miss Annie Newton, All Saints', Toronto; 2nd, teacher or scholar ranking second, books value \$2, Miss Katie Bowling, All Saints', Toronto.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Bishop Sweatman; Clerical Vice-Presidents, Rev. Canon Sweeney and Rev. John Pearson, D.C.L.; Lay Vice-Presidents, Miss Jeanette Osler and G. B. Kirkpatrick; General Secretary, C. R. W. Biggar; Corresponding Secretary, J. S. Barber; Treasurer, J. C. Wedd; Executive Sub-committee, Revs. C. L. Ingles, M.A., C. H. Shortt, M.A., J. Pitt Lewis, M.A., Messrs. S. G. Wood, L.L.B., V. E. Morgan and Miss Cox.

Addresses were delivered by the Lord Bishop, Rev. Canon Cayley, Revs. C. H. Shortt and C. L. Ingles.

DEER PARK.—A beautiful brass altar cross has been presented to Christ Church by Mrs. W. A. Baldwin, of Mashqueth, in memory of her son, Norman Macleod Baldwin. The presentation was made on New Year's Day, the anniversary of his baptism. Christ Church was opened on St. Thomas' Day, 1870, and Norman Baldwin was baptized on the first day of the year 1871, his name being the first on the parish register. The last few years of his life were spent in California, where he became a member of St. Andrew's Brotherhood, and while on a visit to his home last summer, and just as he was about to return to California, he was summoned to his home in Paradise. He lived and died a faithful and loving child of God and a devoted member of his Church.

NIAGARA.

STONEY CREEK.—The 18th anniversary of the opening of the Church of the Redeemer was held on 9th inst. The Lord Bishop of the diocese added grace to it by his presence. Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, of St. Matthew's, Hamilton, who was incumbent when the church was built, was preacher. Rev. F. E. Howitt, who for ten years subsequently faithfully cared for the spiritual interests of the parish, read the lessons, and the Rev. Thomas Geoghegan took the closing prayers. Rev. J. H. Fielding, of Tapleytown, was also present, besides the incumbent, the Rev. C. E. Belt. Letters of regret were received from some of the neighbouring clergy. The service was held at 3 p.m. and there was a large congregation. Immediately after the service the annual parish gathering was held in the parish hall adjoining. Tea was served from 5 to 6.30 p.m. for the older ones. Meanwhile the Sunday school children were not forgotten. It was the intention to give the little ones a sleigh-ride after service and to have tea ready for them when they returned; but the snow disappeared. Yet, not to disappoint, arrangements were made with the H. G. & B. Electric Ry. to give the children a ride into Hamilton and return. This was done and they all thoroughly enjoyed the 14 mile ride. When they returned tea was ready for them, the older ones having meanwhile got through theirs and settled themselves in little knots chatting, etc. The little ones by this time were ravenously hungry and did ample justice to the good things provided. At 8 o'clock the entertainment began, consisting of songs, flute and violin solos, readings, recitations, etc.; then, last but not least, old Santa Claus appeared from an imprisoned fire-place, and running out of presents, did not know what to do until a good fairy came to his assistance, and, turning the bricks of the chimney into presents with her magic wand, enabled old Santa to more than satisfy the expectations of all.

The Y. P. S. of Willing Workers are canvassing the parish for a memorial to the revered wife of our respected rector, whose sudden death last November has thrown such a shade of sadness over the parish. They are meeting with very gratifying success. The memorial will take the shape of a font, and it is expected will be in place in a few weeks' time.

HURON.

GALT.—The Rev. Canon O'Meara, of St. John's College, Winnipeg, preached twice last Sunday in Trinity Church. In his morning sermon he made a most earnest and eloquent appeal for the missions in the Northwest, pointing out that, among other reasons for supporting missions there, it was a matter of national duty, as the future of Canada de-

pended largely upon the future of its Northwest province. His evening sermon treated of missions generally, and the necessity which devolved upon all of adequately supporting them. The Canon is a very able man and a forcible speaker, who has worked with great success in the Northwest for twenty years, as one of the principal co-workers with Archbishop Machray, who may be said to have made the Church in that country. The Canon is one of the few clergymen who have held office among Freemasons, but he has been fortunate enough to be one of the three clergymen in the Northwest who has held the high office of Grand Master of the Freemasons of Manitoba. He is also a member of the Order of Knights Templar.

GALT.—The Rev. Canon O'Meara of Winnipeg—chaplain to His Grace the Archbishop of Rupert's Land, who has been nobly spending the Christmas vacation (before resuming his duties at St. John's College), in appealing on behalf of that diocese, favoured Galt with his presence and appeals on Sunday last, 13th inst. That his visit and addresses were regarded as favours and were highly appreciated, was evinced by the very hearty response given on the following Monday, when from 18 persons he received subscriptions amounting to nearly \$500, with promises of "more to follow." The addresses on Sunday were powerful and eloquent appeals on behalf of missions in that growing and prominent part of the Canadian Church. They made a deep impression, and the result will, we are confident, be most beneficial, strengthening the people in their views of "giving," and causing them to take a still livelier interest in all branches of missionary work. Although the Epiphany Collection for Foreign Missions was made on that very same Sunday, yet as the Rev. Rural Dean Ridley, rector of the parish, remarked, the Rev. Canon's appeal would in no way interfere with it or "Home Missions," for his experience fully confirmed the common-sense fact that the more people were trained to give, and to give to others, the better it was for themselves, their own parish and the Church at large. All he asked as rector of a parish was timely notice for systematic arrangement, so as not to conflict with parochial or diocesan claims, then—"first come, first served," and the "more the merrier," the "oftener the better," for the larger the amount carried away the richer it left the parish and its parishioners. The Church in Rupert's Land deserves our heartiest support, and the noble and self-denying labours of the Archbishop deserve every encouragement, facts which the Canadian Church has already gracefully recognized in making him its Primate.

ST. THOMAS.—*Trinity Church—Errata.*—In the account of this church given in last week's issue, through inadvertence or misapprehension of the facts, your correspondent allowed several slips to enter which he begs you will allow him to correct. 1. The defraying of the cost of the parish school building, \$5,200, should have been credited to the Ladies' Aid Society, rather than that of the organ, \$3,000. 2. Handel's chorus, etc., was attributed to Mozart by hastily reading this name instead of Messiah in a memo. received. 3. Instead of the present Bishop of Huron having been the rector of the old Church of St. Thomas, he held the position of curate thereto under the late Rev. Dr. Caulfield, then the rector. This opportunity may also serve to say that in justice to the memory of the late Rev. W. B. Rally, that prior to the erection of St. John's Mission into a separate parish, he was largely instrumental in its preparation for its present status.

Rural Deanery Meeting and Church Workers' Convention.—The best yet! It was held in the new St. John the Evangelist Church, Berlin, on Tuesday, Jan. 15. A large number of delegates and visitors were present from Galt, Hespeler, Preston, Haysville and New Hamburg. Holy Communion was celebrated in the morning at 11, after which the Rural Deanery Chapter assembled for business. The afternoon session was devoted to Sunday-school work, Rev. Rural Dean Ridley in the chair. Excellent papers were read by Mrs. R. C. Tye, Haysville; Miss Jaffray, Galt; Mr. Wellington Keffer, Hespeler; Mrs. Suddaby, Berlin, and Mrs. Ward, Haysville. Interesting discussions followed. The Rev. Canon O'Meara, of Winnipeg, was present for an hour or two, and joined in the discussions. His remarks were very valuable. Rev. Mr. Ward's words and counsels were also characterized by his usual strong good sense. The evening service began at 8 o'clock, conducted by the rector, Rev. F. J. Steen, and others. The clergymen then doffed their surplices in the vestry, and an informal conference was held, beginning with an address from Rev. David Williams, M.A., rector of Stratford, on the claims of the Lord's Day. The address was an admirable one, and elicited warm approval and discussion. Mr. John Fennell followed with a paper or address which he called "Hints to Laymen, or the Duty of Co-operation and Sympathy with the

Clergyman." He touched on many points of interest. It was a capital address, and wound up with a most telling illustration. Some lively remarks followed, participated in by Mr. Connor, Dr. Bowlby, Rev. David Williams, Rev. J. Edmonds, Rev. F. J. Steen and the Rural Dean. The remarks seemed to be much enjoyed. The Rev. Rural Dean Ridley makes an excellent chairman. The service closed with the question drawer, answered by Mr. James Woods, of Galt. A large number of questions pertinent to the occasion were ably answered by that veteran Sunday-school worker. The new church looked beautiful lit up at night; the singing was hearty; the people of Berlin were cordially thanked for their hospitality, and the service closed with the feeling that the Rural Deanery meeting and Church Workers' convention had been a most interesting and enjoyable affair. The next convention will be held in Galt; after that St. George's Church, New Hamburg, will be the place of meeting.

LONDON.—A branch association of lay workers of the Anglican Church in this city was formed on Tuesday evening, the 15th inst. The meeting was presided over by Dean Innes, president of the Anglican Clerical Association, and most of the Anglican clergy of the city were also present. The objects of the association were declared to be Christian fellowship and active co-operation of the laity in the spiritual and temporal work of the Church. There was a large attendance of representative members from the several congregations in the city and vicinity, and after considerable discussion a constitution was adopted (provisionally) on the basis of the Diocesan (Huron) Lay Workers' Association. The following named gentlemen were elected officers for the current year: Honourary President, Rev. Canon Smith; President, Professor Harrison; Vice-President, S. Grigg, Esq.; Secretary, R. S. Hannah, Esq.; Treasurer, A. G. McCormick, Esq., and a Committee of Management consisting of the officers and one representative from each congregation. The Anglican clergy of the city were constituted honorary members of the association. Regular meetings are appointed to be held on the second Tuesday evening in each month.—*Free Press.*

Miss Smith, daughter of Rev. Canon Smith, of London, left for Toronto on Monday, the 14th inst., to take temporary charge of the Training House for Deaconesses, Church Street, in that city.

The Rev. R. Hicks, rector of Trinity Church, Simcoe, who has been in New York for treatment of the eye, is reported to have received encouragement and benefit from the specialists of that city. The sight of one eye is well nigh gone, but there is prospect of his recovering the sight of the other.

ST. THOMAS.—*Trinity Church S. S.*—The Sunday-school of this church held its annual festival in the parish school room on the 11th inst. It was a large affair conducted under the presidency of the rector, the Rev. Canon Hill, M.A., assisted by Mr. Miller, the Supt., the teachers and ladies of the congregation, who by their tact, good management and cheerfully entering into the spirit of the occasion, caused all to thoroughly enjoy themselves. The children present, numbering 255, sat down to tea at 6.30. Over 70, including teachers and friends, waited upon them, joyfully lightening the burden of the well-laden tables. It was perhaps a novel feature in this entertainment which gave it much of its peculiar interest; there were as many tables or groups as there were classes, and each of these was presided over by its own teacher—a pleasant means of still further cementing the attachment already existing between scholars and teachers. The tables having been cleared and rearranged, the room was soon filled by the relatives and friends of the children. The musical part of the programme consisted of hymns, songs, and of these some duets. There were also recitations and tableaux, in all of which those taking part acquitted themselves admirably. The Supt., Mr. Miller, then distributed a large number of well-merited prizes. Emily Neale, among the prize-winners, received in addition to her prize the gift of a handsome book in recognition of her faithful attendance at Divine Service in Trinity Church twice every Sunday in 1894. Mabel Cathcart showed praiseworthy self-denial in declining a prize, requesting that its value in money be donated to the funds of the Sunday-school. In accordance with the usual custom here, the children brought with them a large number of articles as a freewill offering to be distributed among those not so well provided for as themselves. The entertainment was brought to a close by singing the Christmas Hymn, "While Shepherds watched their flocks by night."

DUNGANNON AND PORT ARTHUR.—On Tuesday evening, the 15th inst., our Incumbent (Rev. Henry W. Jeanes), and his esteemed wife, were the recipients of a very generous "Surprise Party," organized by the young people, representing the two parishes,

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