

visited so far, kindly expressions of interest in the movement and promises of substantial help were received. These are now being put into practical shape and a general canvass should be made at once. The reports from the rural parishes are most encouraging. The Rev. Rural Dean Bogert has been out through the Deanery of Carleton for two or three weeks, and reports that he has had very good success. Upon the activity of the Archdeacon of Ottawa and the Rural Deans, with the parochial clergy and their sub-committees of churchwardens and lay delegates, will depend the result of this important work.

In next number we hope to be able to give a more detailed statement of the progress made.

G. F. S. NOTES.

At our January meeting we suffered, as before at our quarterly meeting, from an over-crowded room. Much time was lost in the beginning trying to make room for new comers, and the admission service was less edifying than it should have been, owing to the candidates being so huddled together; for the candidates, like everyone else, were present in force; three associates and seven members being admitted that evening by the Rev. Mr. Snowdon, the Chaplain being absent from the city. There was a delightful little humorous reading on almsgiving, from our President, and two musical pieces. Then came the coffee and cake, and at the request of several, we were allowed to linger and chatter longer than heretofore over our refreshments. It was to all of us a pleasant, bright evening, and the grumble over the crowd is intended only to accentuate the necessity, so often urged on our St. George's associates, of having the larger room for our quarterly meetings.

The Sunday School Festival in St. John's was arranged for Jan. 19th, and came off with entire satisfaction. As to rewards, sixteen took first prizes, and had each a pretty scripture picture in a handsome frame given them. All these had never missed a mark all the year; four had not lost more than two marks, and were given Prayer Books; thirteen having lost only one day, had large mounted Illuminated Texts. The Infant class had their Christmas Tree, and the seventy or eighty little ones were made glad with a toy, candy and orange. A couple of instrumental duetts, one by Nellie Davis and her brother, and the other by the Misses Whiteaves, prefaced the piece of the evening—a little cantata "Christmas gifts." The pretty choruses were well sung, and the solo by Master Guy Maingy of course was encored; but

the recitations were hardly up to the mark, as the children did not speak loud enough to be heard in the large hall.

Some members of St. John's Bible Class got up a capital "At Home," with a very good programme, and splendid coffee and cake. The large audience sat round the tables and enjoyed the double feast greatly. The G.G.F.G. Band added much to the pleasure of the evening.

The Sidesmen of St. John's Church had a meeting during January, to receive the various reports, and transact other business. The Rota of the Ushers for the year was drawn up, and steps were taken to celebrate, as usual, the Anniversary of the opening of the S. School Hall. There will be special sermons on Sunday, Feb. 12th, and an At Home on Monday evening, Feb. 13th. The special preacher will be the Rev. Chas. H. Shortt of Toronto.

St. John's Chapter of St. Andrew's Brotherhood is pursuing its quiet and useful course, and one member will be found at the entrance of the Church at each service to welcome young men. Rev. Mr. Mackay and Mr. Trowbridge were chosen delegates to the Convention at Kingston, Feb. 2nd to 5th.

The Missionary meetings were held in St. John's on Sunday, Jan. 15th. In the morning, Rev. Jos. Elliott, of Camden East, preached, and in the evening Rev'ds Messrs. Elliott and Saddington made eloquent appeals on behalf of the Mission Fund. The financial result was an increase over last year. In the afternoon the deputation went to Anglesea Square Mission Hall, and set forth the claims of our Diocesan Missions.

The Rev. A. W. Mackay was away for ten days on deputation work, with the Rev. Canon Burke, of Belleville. Their route took in the Parishes of Gananoque, Lansdowne Front, Leeds Rear, Newboro, Westport and Trinity Church, Brockville. They report a good increase in the collections.

A very enjoyable "At Home" was given by Mrs. George Perley, at her house, on O'Connor Street, on the 17th inst., in aid of the funds of St. Barnabas Church. Though the number present was not so large as one could have wished, a fair sum was realized.

Mrs. Perley is doing good work as President of the Sewing Ward of Guild of St. Barnabas. At the sale of work held at the end of December, the sum of \$100 was realized, and banked as a nucleus for a sinking fund for the Church debt. It is to be hoped that her enthusiasm will prove contagious.