

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Again our monthly meeting was postponed one week; this time in consequence of Mrs. Cummings' lecture to the W. A., but on the 5th Thursday of January we had a cheerful little gathering in St. George's school room. Being a quarterly meeting, we welcomed two new members to the Society, and were further exhilarated by extremely good coffee and cake. Reports were read from the St. John's and St. George's branches, but for the first, and we hope the last time, the new Magazine proved inimical to church work, for the Christ Church Secretary had been so busy over magazine work that she had entirely forgotten her G. F. S. report. However, the coffee made us lenient, and a good programme filled up the remainder of the evening. The serious part of the meeting was represented by two short addresses—one from the Chaplain on the Septuagesima call to work in the Lord's vineyard, and the other from Miss Harmon on the subject of sympathy and being responsive.

ST. ALBAN'S.

The second reception given by the Women's Guild to the members of the congregation and their friends, on Saturday, January 3rd, was a success. The Ven. Archdeacon Lauder kindly took the chair, the Rector being prevented from attending by illness. A first-class programme was furnished for those present, and refreshments were also supplied. No charge for admission was made, but those willing to contribute to the funds of the Guild had an opportunity of so doing presented to them before leaving.

The annual Epiphany Sunday School Festival was held on Monday, January 4th. An excellent tea was given to the children at 6.30 p.m. Shortened Evensong was taken by Rev. A. W. Mackay at 7.30, who also gave one of his appropriate addresses to those present. The distribution of prizes to the children and to the choir boys then followed.

The Children's Church Missionary Guild held their open monthly meeting on Thursday, January 29th. Those present enjoyed the music and recitations which were given, and especially the recitation of the "Christmas Legend," by Master Patten Reiffenstein, which was really given in a masterly manner, although the reciter is a boy of only eight years.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

The Sunday School Festival held during Epiphany was well attended by both parents and children. About 250 little people sat down to supper. After this there was singing, magic lantern exhibition, etc. At the close, to the great delight of the little ones, Santa Claus appeared through, not the chimney, but the ventilator, and presented every child with a present from the Christmas tree.

Professor Clark lectured on January 31st in the

School Room. His subject was "Books and Stationery." Notwithstanding a somewhat unfavourable evening he had a very good audience, none of whom regretted having made the effort to be present. The unanimous feeling was that it was one of the best lectures ever given in Ottawa. Professor Clark also preached at both services at St. George's the next day. In the evening the church was crowded to its utmost capacity.

NOTES.

The new church at Hintonburg has been opened for service.

The Pastoral on behalf of Foreign Missions was read in the Churches the first Sunday in January, and the offerings made were about the same as last year.

The Rev. E. H. Buller commenced his duties in Nepean Parish on Sunday, February 8th. He has been well received, and will doubtless prove an energetic successor to Rev. G. Jemmett.

The Board of Missions has issued an appeal to the children of the Sunday Schools asking them to take a deeper interest in mission work and to practise some self-denial during Lent, that they might make a large offering for mission work at Easter.

The Bishop of Qu'Appelle, the Hon. A. J. R. Anson, D.D., at the request of the Board of Missions, will visit the Diocese of Ontario during March. He will preach in Ottawa on Sunday, March 8th, and address a meeting in St. John's Hall on Monday evening. The object of his visit is to give information concerning the work of the Church in the North-West and so stir up a greater interest.

Nearly all the meetings on behalf of the Diocesan Mission Fund have been held in the city. The Rev. R. L. M. Houston was the deputation to St. John's; Rev. W. Wright and Judge McDonald to Grace Church; Rev. R. Metzler to St. George's and St. Luke's; Rev. J. Lowe and J. Atkinson to St. Bartholomew's and St. Barnabas'; Rev. J. Haslam to Christ Church and St. Alban's. The reports from all quarters shew a decided increase in the receipts, and it is hoped that the result of the subscriptions collected on the "cards" will realize the necessary sum of \$13,000 this year against \$9,000 last year. Should it not be so, some of the Missions, it is feared, will have to be closed.

On Quinquagesima Sunday a pastoral letter from the Bishop of Ontario was read in the various churches in the Diocese asking help for the Divinity Students' Fund. Since the yearly collection has been given up—its place being taken by one for the Superannuation Fund—the interest has not sufficed to pay the grants to those young men who were studying for the Ministry. Hence the capital has decreased, and an effort is being made to raise a sum to meet the continued calls.