

The annual thankoffering which is devoted this year to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the diocese amounted to \$344.16.

On Thursday evening a most enjoyable reception was held for the officers and delegates in St. Paul's school room. The grateful thanks of the visitors are due the clergy and ladies of Brockville for their kindness and hospitality and for the trouble which they took to make the annual meeting a success.

THE first missionaries of the Cross of Christ went everywhere preaching Jesus and the Resurrection. Apart from the Resurrection, why engage in Christian Missions? "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." Why seek to make other men miserable? But the Resurrection changes the whole science of human life. Men no longer merely say, they lie in the grave, silent and calm, where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest. In Africa the life of the soul continuing after the death of the body is no protection against the most awful and cruel murders. The resurrection of the body establishes the sacredness of human life; it intensifies the affections; it multiplies parental solicitude; it permanizes friendship; it consoles the bereaved mourner; it awakens a sense of moral responsibility; it invests conscience with an irresistible power; it compels the sinner to seek a Saviour; it exhibits the infinite goodness of God, and justifies the creation of man, for it points to heaven as man's ultimate element in all true missionary enthusiasm.

FURTHER testimony of the value of missions comes from the Hon. Charles Denby, for many years as United States Minister to China, who says, having in mind what he has seen of Christian missions in China, "the silent but persistent worker the missionary, has been the pioneer of modern civilization as well as Christianity."



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