

months ago having become communicants, there is a marked improvement in the attendance at the celebrations of the Holy Communion. There is a celebration on every Sunday morning in one of the four churches; on every holy day for which there is a collect, Epistle and Gospel appointed in the Prayer Book, there is an early celebration in the Parish Church, and frequent celebrations during the seasons of Advent and Lent in the different churches.

The services are increasingly bright, hearty and Catholic throughout the whole Parish, and there is a marked attention to reverence and devotion, especially noticeable among the young members of the church.

The result of the work in this respect begun in the Confirmation classes by the Rector, and continued by means of communicants' classes and the use of Bishop How's Manual of Preparation, etc.—is indeed a cause for thankfulness, and is of itself sufficient to encourage the Rector in this work during the coming year.

The Rectory debt has been encouragingly reduced owing in a great measure to the kindness of Robert Belloni, Esq., and the untiring efforts of the ladies of the congregations of St. Paul's, Christ Church and St. Luke's.

We trust that the coming year will be marked by the whole Parish making a united effort to reduce the debt to a nominal figure. It can be done, if all will—as is highly probable—pull together.

With so many churches, so many needs, and such small congregations with limited means it is almost impossible for us to do more than pay our debts and keep our churches and property in decent repair.

The Rector (Rev. W. J. Lockyer) has been greatly helped in his work by kind gifts from Lady Knox, Hon. Mrs. Hubbard, Miss Austen Leigh and Miss French, of England; the last gift, but by no means the least, being a furnished Priest's Bag from Miss French and manufactured by Pratt & Co. To those kind friends both clergy and people extend their heartfelt thanks.

During the past year twenty-eight persons were admitted to the church by Holy Baptism, ninety-six confirmed; eighty added to the roll of communicants, whilst eight have been removed by death from the Church Militant on earth to the Church Expectant in Paradise. Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Rees, together with several other of our best workers have been obliged to leave the parish owing to dull times. We trust, however, that a bright future will restore them to us.

One cannot, however, but note with sorrow the departure of eight or nine members who have gone to swell the ranks of the various religious sects by which we are surrounded. The causes for this have been various, but chief amongst them are two, viz., that miserable view of the Church, which sees not those beauties, nor values those privileges which are hers alone, and the increasing attempts at proselytizing which are made upon the nominal and ignorant church people. The loss, however, is not to the Church but to themselves.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Church of England S. S. Teachers' Association for the Deanery of St. John was held last evening in Trinity Church School-house and was largely attended. After the reading of Holy Scripture and the opening service by Rev. Canon Brigstocke, business matters were at once taken up. The Secretary read the annual report of the executive committee, which showed the past year to have been marked by many encouraging features. In concluding their report the Executive Committee strongly recommend to the consideration of all teachers the subjects laid down by the Church of England S. S. Institute for the annual examination in May next. The record during the past six years shows that 48 teachers

have taken part in these annual examinations, of whom 43 have received certificates, whilst two in addition received prizes and three received honour certificates for special merit. In order to afford every assistance to teachers desirous of pursuing the course of study for examination arrangements are being made for the holding of a series of preparation classes during the winter. The annual reports were, as a rule, full of interest and encouragement. Three large Sunday-schools, in connection with the Church of England in St. John and immediate vicinity, are not connected with the association. A summary of the statistical returns for the 8 schools shows: number on register—boys 703, girls 859, total 1,562; average attendance: boys 421, girls 536, total 957; teachers: male 35, female 133, total 188; average attendance of teachers 135. Fund collected, \$1,000.80. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. Canon Brigstocke; Vice-Presidents, C. F. Kinnear, W. M. Jarvis, Miss Murray and Miss J. R. Barlow; Secretary, Rev. W. O. Raymond. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. W. M. Jarvis, president for past 10 years.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—*St. Matthew's Church.*—About two weeks ago the male members of this congregation organized a club to be known as "St. Matthew's Club." A constitution and by-laws were adopted and the following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—President, Rev. Lennox W. Williams; first vice-president, Dr. F. Montizambert; second vice president, W. Wood; secretary, Arthur Dorey; treasurer, Geo. Borlase. Committee—John Campbell, W. H. A. Eckhardt, Geo. Page, Geo. Harvey.

Meetings are held weekly and the annual election of officers takes place on the first Thursday in November.

A reading and recreation room has been fitted up and at each weekly meeting an hour is devoted to a debate or lecture.

At the last weekly meeting a very interesting lecture was delivered by Mr. W. Wood on "Animal intelligence." On December 16th a debate will take place, and on December 23rd Commissary General M. Bell Irvine, C.B., will deliver a lecture on "His experience, etc., during the Ashantee war."

It is the intention of the members to give a concert on December 30th, to which they will invite their friends. And immediately after New Year's Dr. Montizambert intends to give a course of lectures.

There is already a good number of members and the number is being added to weekly. There is every prospect of the club proving a grand success.

LAY READER.—Mr. Arthur Dorey has been licensed by His Lordship the Bishop as Lay Reader and Catechist for St. Matthew's Parish. His services will prove to be a great benefit, as the congregation is so large that the two Clergymen are overworked in trying to attend to everything. Mr. Dorey is also an Associate of Music, a degree which he obtained in England.

ADVENT.—In addition to the other services a special course of sermons are being delivered in St. Matthew's on the Friday evenings during Advent. On the first Friday the Rev. M. M. Fothergill preached the sermon, and on the second, the Rev. A. A. Von Iffland.

SHERBROOKE.—The sale of fancy articles by the Ladies' Guild of St. Peter's Church, at the Church Hall, was well attended and fairly successful, most of the articles being sold. The net receipts amounted to over \$160.

Mrs. Osgood, late of Robinson, has been installed as Matron of the Church of England Home for Waifs and Strays, East Sherbrooke. The institution contains at present fifteen girls and one boy.

The C.E.T.S. here numbers 220 total abstainers, in addition to those who have joined under the other pledges offered by the Society. It holds monthly public meetings in addition to private meetings of members.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—*Grace Church.*—The Ladies' Aid Society of Grace Church, Point St. Charles, have made arrangements to give four concerts during the months of December, February, March and April; the proceeds to be applied towards defraying the expenses of the repairs to the Church and Sunday-school rendered necessary by the flood, which amounted to something like \$200. The first concert of the series was given on the evening of the 15th inst., in Oddfellow's Hall, under the direction of Mr. Harris, the organist of the Church of St. James the Apostle, (whose abilities as an organist are well known), and proved a great success; the feeling being that the concert was one of the very best ever given in the Point. Besides Mr. Harris the following took part in the excellent programme provided: Misses Foster, L. Stone, — Hamel, L. M. Wayne; and Messrs. W. A. Butterfield, C. C. Clapham, A. McFeeters, A. E. Simon, A. Y. Blomley, F. Hill, C. Ruch and D. Robertson.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

MABELY MISSION.—Of the many bright and joyful days in connection with Church life and work in this Mission during the past three years, Wednesday, Dec. 8th, must claim to be the brightest and most joyful of them all. On that day the new Church of St. Alban the Martyr was solemnly dedicated to Almighty God by the Venerable Archdeacon of Ottawa, Dr. Lauder, the Bishop's Commissary, assisted by the Revs. T. J. Stiles, S.A.C., Mission Priest, C. E. S. Radcliffe, B.C.L., of Arthur, G. Scantlebury, of Sharbot Lake, T. L. Geen, of Belleville, and Mr. Austin Smith, of Perth.

The services of the day commenced with Matins and Choral celebration of the Holy Communion, at which the Venerable Archdeacon acted as celebrant, with Revs. T. J. Stiles and C. E. S. Radcliffe as Epistoler and Gospeller. The Church was well filled with devout worshippers, and thirty came forward with full hearts to receive the Holy Sacrament; great reverence, devotion and attention being noticeable throughout.

The Archdeacon preached from Nehemiah xiii: 14, a splendid sermon peculiarly fitting to the occasion, full of instruction, wisdom and advice, which held the large congregation with rapt attention, and many declared that they had seldom listened to a discourse from which they had so much knowledge and benefit. He complimented the builder and contractor, Mr. John Acheson, upon the creditable manner in which he had carried out the architect's design, executed by Mr. George Dawson, of Plymou. He stated that it was his duty as Archdeacon to see that Churches were properly designed and fitted up, and expressed his perfect satisfaction with St. Albans, both in design and internal fittings. Everything he said was in accordance with the Church's law and rubrics. He mentioned in the most kindly terms the glorious record the Rev. Mr. Radcliffe had left behind him in the erection of this beautiful sanctuary.

Evensong was said at 3 p.m., when another good congregation assembled and Mr. Radcliffe preached from the text Exodus iii: 3, explaining the meaning of the word Shekinah and applying it practically to worship in the Church, and the necessity for great reverence.

Another service was held at 7 p.m., and bright pithy addresses were delivered by the Rev. T. J. Stiles and C. E. S. Radcliffe, on unity and other suitable subjects. Many of the parishioners felt truly thankful to God for the great privileges He had given them.