

decided to dress the men and boys of the cathedral choir in cassocks and surplices. An improvement which all lovers of "decency and order" will appreciate in this congregation. There are several other choirs in this city, notably in St. George's and St. Martin's, which would likely be so vested were it not for the opposition of a few in each congregation, who see in a surplice the "thin edge of the wedge." These people cannot be made to believe that surpliced choirs have ever been authorized by the Church since the time of the Reformation.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. J. Osborne Troop has quite recovered from his late indisposition.

Rev. J. G. Norton will spend the summer in England, leaving by the steamer *Lake Superior*, in the last week in June.

Rev. Mr. Windsor, curate of Soul, is spoken of as assistant minister of the Church of St. James the Apostle.

Dean Carmichael spent last Sunday in Chicago.

Rev. John Rollitt is mentioned as Mr. Windsor's successor at Soul.

His lordship has left town for an episcopal tour among the country parishes. He will be away until Synod.

ONTARIO.

Ottawa Womans' Auxiliary.—The Annual meeting was held on Tuesday, April 27th. After the Litany Service in St. John's Church, the meeting was opened in the school house by the Ven. Archdeacon Lauder. The president, Mrs. Tilton, took the chair. All the clergy of the city and neighborhood were present and about 100 ladies. The president read a short address referring chiefly to the death of Mrs. Lewis and her own appointment in Sept. last. The annual report was presented by the recording secretary, Mrs. Pollard. It showed the great progress made during the past year, evidenced by increased attendance at the monthly meetings, and by gracious contributions in clothing, books, and money for the mission field. The number of members was 165, and in Rochester-ville, the growth had been so great, that it was deemed advisable to form a separate branch in that suburb. Papers had been read during the year by Mrs. Parmelee on Zenana Work, and by Mrs. Newcombe on Japan. Mrs. Graves had also given two addresses on her experience in the Zenana mission. During the Synod in July the branch had entertained the delegates to the Auxiliary meeting from other parts of the diocese and many of the clergy at luncheon in St. John's schoolhouse. Mrs. Boomer's scheme for the churchwomens' Jubilee offering to the Algoma Widows' and Orphans' Fund had been taken up and canvassers appointed for the city. The report concluded with a touching allusion to the death of Mrs. Lewis, the first president of the first branch of the Womans' Auxiliary in Canada.

The treasurer's report showed:—

Receipts.—Cash in hand, \$116; Members' Fees, \$90 88; Offerings at meetings, \$80 96; Total, \$172 50
Payments.—Clergyman at Norquay, P. R. L. \$100.00; Zenana Medical mission, \$88; Parry Sound, Algoma, \$15; Printing and sundries, \$20 10; Balance on hand, \$4.40; Total, \$172 50. **From Children's Church Mission Guild**—Shingwauk Home, \$50; Anglesea Square Mission, Ottawa, \$20; Sharbot Lake, \$20; Mattawa, \$20; Kegonsa, for service to N. W. M. Police, \$15; Clothing to Mattawa, value \$10; Total, \$135. Two boxes to Algoma, from 20 minutes Societies, value \$134.70; to St. Joseph's Island, 2 barrels, \$50; Total, 184 70; to Muskoka, 1 barrel, 2 boxes of clothing, books, toys, etc., not valued. Total of money and goods sent through Treasurer, Miss B. Yielding, over \$492.20.

Miss Macpherson, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Children's Church Mission Guild, read the report of the Guild, giving a brief synopsis of its work since its formation in February, 1884. The first year they sent \$25 and a box containing 80 articles to Rev. Mr. Crompton, Algoma. The next year they realized by their work \$90, also sent to Mr. Crompton. The third season, the Guild being 77 members and the result \$185, was sent to Rev. Messrs. Crompton, Bliss, M. Taylor, R. Forneri and A. Elliott, with a box of articles valued at \$10. This year, so far, \$125 has been collected and distributed through the Treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary; with the money still due and the result of the annual sale, it is intended to present a font to Plevna Church.

The actual amount of money distributed from its commencement has been:—In diocese of Ontario, \$215; Algoma, \$195; North West, \$15; total, \$425.

The officers were elected as follows:—President, Mrs. Tilton; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Pollard, Bogert, Mucklestone, Hanington & Jones; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Pollard; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Goodeve; Treasurer, Miss B. Yielding; Delegates from the different parishes, Christ Church—Mrs. Forest, Mrs. Chester; St. Johns—Mrs. H. Egan, Miss Chesley;

St. Alban's—Mrs. Matheson, Mrs. Bliss; St. George—Mrs. Almon, Miss Johnstone; St. Bartholomews—Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Bell.

Miss A. Yielding gave an account of the work done by the Ontario Diocesan Board during the past year, and Mr. Grant Powell an account of the successful formation of the Board for the Ecclesiastical Province during the Provincial Synod in September last. Short addresses were then made by the Ven. Rev. Archdeacon Lauder, Rev. H. Pollard, C. P. Bliss and T. Garrett, and the meeting adjourned.

OTTAWA.—*White Cross Brotherhood.*—A deputation from the White-Cross Brotherhood of this city proceeded, on the 3rd instant, to Carleton Place, to address by invitation the local guild in meeting assembled. A most earnest and influential auditory listened appreciatively to the remarks of the deputation. Mr. Magee delivered a most impressive discourse, confining himself to the moral and religious aspect of the subject. After relating how he was led to join the league, he exhorted his hearers to persevere in the good work and not be discouraged. All great moral movements had three distinct stages. The first stage was marked by indifference on the part of those from whom you expected help; and you were given to understand that you were a harmless sort of lunatic. In the second stage you meet with determined opposition,—probably violence and slander,—and you wonder and sorrow in secret at your being such a vile, wretched sinner. The third stage comes when the battle has been won and victory perches on your banner, and the indifferent ones now tell you that they knew it all along, that victory was only a question of time, shake you by the hand and exclaim, "thank God, we have won at last." You now find the sinner turned into a saint and the lunatic into a hero. He concluded by exhorting his hearers to retain their purity of heart, showing the benefits to be derived from so doing.

Dr. Wicksteed followed, taking up the metaphysical and physiological side of the question, and for more than half an hour poured forth a vast amount of information and advice.

He described the distinguishing characteristics of the three kingdoms of nature. The tripartite nature of man,—body, mind, and soul, the first two of which he possesses in common with the lower animals, but the third he alone possesses. The temptations of the Evil One were exerted through the desires and appetites inherent in these component parts of his nature. Speaking roughly, the sin of infidelity affected the soul, the sin of intemperance in food and drink the mind, and that of impurity the body. There was a natural, and to a certain extent, an innocent pleasure in gratifying the appetites, but they must be restrained and brought into subjection. The warning was, "beware of fleshly lusts which war against the soul." He then described the difference between the sexes in plants, animals, and mankind. Marriage was the basis and centre of society. Man's specific function was the transmission of life, or reproduction. The speaker exposed the fallacies in the usual objections made to a continent life, and begged his hearers to be obedient to the law of continence, which was that the reproductive element should be used only to propagate the species. Useful remarks were made by the Rev. Mr. Jarvis, the president, Mr. Morgan, and others. The Carleton Place Guild will henceforth hold stated meetings, the first of these will be on the 12th inst. Mr. Lampey, the third member of the deputation, was very useful in furnishing information, and distributing tracts, etc., among the audience.

KINGSTON, May 16.—Mrs. Cartwright, relict of the late Rev. R. D. Cartwright, formerly chaplain of the Imperial forces here, and mother of Sir Richard Cartwright, died at the residence of her brother, Rev. W. F. Dobbs, Portsmouth. Deceased was nearly 80 years of age and had been in declining health for some time.

TORONTO.

Holy Trinity.—A large and delighted audience attended the concert and dramatic entertainment given under the direction of the Young People's Association of the Church of the Holy Trinity, at the new Orange Hall, Queen Street East, on Tuesday evening last, the 17th inst. Mrs. Caldecott, Miss Elwell, A.R.A.M., and Messrs. R. Gordon Matthews, W. J. Ramsay, Parkes, Lesian and Thorahill, were the artists. A capital little comedy, entitled *Ici on parle Français*, was very well rendered by the following amateurs: Messrs. H. Roberts, J. B. Ostell, Herbert E. Rudge, and the Misses Ince, Roberts, Mabel Ince and Beatrice Roberts. The choir of Holy Trinity rendered the part songs, "Springs Delights," "Cordelia," "Silent Night," and the song with chorus, "Empire Flag," with their usual ability. The musical portion of the entertainment was under the able direction of Mr. A.

R. Blackburn, organist and choirmaster. The Association is now earnestly awaiting the completion of the New School House to be finished this autumn, when it is hoped they will become an important factor in the work connected with the parish of Holy Trinity.

BRAMPTON.—Sunday the 8th inst. was a red letter day for the good church people of this parish. It was confirmation day. As is his invariable practice, the Bishop spent his entire Sunday with them, a kindness and consideration which the parish does not fail to appreciate. The Church and gallery were full, about 350 being present. Rev. C. C. Johnson, the incumbent, said the prayers and read the preface to the Confirmation service. Twenty six candidates were presented: 13 males and 13 females, whose modest and serious demeanor attested to the careful preparation they had received. His Lordship's address was most fitting and exhaustive, explaining the solemn obligations they were assuming in the ordinance of Confirmation.

One hundred persons, including those confirmed, partook of the Holy Communion. The music was most pleasing and suitable to the occasion, and the entire service was most hearty. The Bishop preached in the evening to a large and attentive congregation. We can easily understand that it was a day most gratifying to the incumbent, and answered as a reward for his work during the past four months.

Lord Lansdowne misled.—The generous and amiable nature of the Governor General caused him to be drawn most improperly and all unconsciously into one mistake. Mr. W. H. Howland being Mayor, took advantage of his official position to secure a visit from Lord Lansdowne to his Mission Hall, which is the headquarters of discord in the Church. The Governor General was seriously wronged by being made in any degree or under any pretext to sanction or sympathize with an institution which is devoted to an effort to injure the Church of England. The natural and the intended effect of this unfortunate visit will be to give the poor parishioners of Grace and other Churches in that district the notion that the Governor General approves of a lay churchman organizing a systematised conspiracy against the parochial clergy and the parochial institutions of the Church of which he is a member. Visits paid by Lord Lansdowne to the institutions of the Papal Church, or to those connected with any other religious body, would have been right and seemly, for the Queen he represents is Head of every Church in its temporal aspect and defender of the faith of every religious body she includes in her realm. But we submit that in these days when lawlessness is rampant in Church and State, threatening to bring society to anarchy, the Queen's representative ought to have been shown more respect than to have been misled into honoring an institution that is in openly avowed rebellion against the constituted authorities and order of that Church to which its promoter is nominally attached. The Mission Hall visited by Lord Lansdowne seeks to destroy the influence of the parish clergy, and to paralyse the work of our parish machinery. It is the outward and visible sign of the very same spirit in the Church that in the State brought William O'Brien to "hoot and drive out of Canada," the Governor General. The Mayor of a city should drop his personal vagaries, his love of singularity, his contempt for authority in the exercise of his official functions. The Mayor in other respects did his duty nobly, he gave serious offence to the conductors of his own organ by his loyalty and courtesy, and he has the reward of a good conscience and of every honorable man's "well done."

The next meeting of the Rural Deanery of Durham and Victoria will be held in Lindsay, on Thursday, 26th inst. at 12 o'clock noon, Scripture subject 1 Pet. 3rd chapter.—W. C. Allan, Sec. R. D., D. S. V.

NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—*Christ Church Cathedral.*—The junior guild of this parish is, so far, very successful in number of members, and in their proceedings. The principal feature in a recent entertainment was a debate on the question, "Was the execution of Charles I. a patriotic act?" The decision was in the negative. We wish to commend the formation of guilds—for seniors and juniors, in all our parishes. Besides other features embodied in the purposes of Church Guilds—this one in relation to English History, political and ecclesiastical, is of prime importance. The young should be early directed to acquire safe and useful knowledge for the best of reasons.

HAMILTON.—*Canon Wilberforce.*—Wednesday evening, May 18, at the Palace Rink in this city, Rev. Canon Wilberforce, the eminent English orator and divine, delivered an address under the auspices of the