

things on the importance of a knowledge of the French language to all who seek to do missionary work for the church in this province. It is pleasing to know that the college is in a most prosperous condition every way. There are over twenty students in residence.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—This committee of the Diocese of Montreal met in the Synod Hall on 13th inst. Present: His Lordship the Bishop (in the chair), the Very Rev. Dean Baldwin, the Ven. Archdeacons Lindsay and Evans, Rev. Canons Norman, Carmichael, Empson, Ellegood, Robinson, and Anderson, Revs. Messrs. Mussen, Mills, Rollit, R. Lindsay and Stone, Messrs. L. H. Davidson, James Hutton, Thos. White, M. P., S. Bethune, Q. C., Garth, Johnson, Drake, R. Shalter and Thomas Simpson. After the opening exercises the Treasurer submitted the financial statements which were received and adopted. The principal items were:—Balance at the credit of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, \$226.80; Superannuation Fund, \$476.71; Episcopal Endowment Fund; \$183.23. The Mission Fund was overdrawn to the extent of \$3,686.21, being considerably in excess of the amount overdrawn at the same time last year (\$2,925.27); but this was explained by the fact that a number of items had been paid this year, which last year had been paid later. The Clergy Fund is all invested, and the Sustentation and Episcopal Endowment Funds are nearly so. The Secretary announced grants to the Church, one being from a "Friend of the Church" of \$2,350, as a donation to the Sustentation Fund, the interest on \$1,000 to be paid to the rector of Dunnam, that on \$1,000 to the incumbent of Stanbridge East, and that on \$350 to the mission of Glen Sutton. An anonymous grant of \$1,000 was also announced, the interest to be paid to a chaplain to lecture in Dunham College. Mr. Davidson moved that the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors. *The Bishop-elect of Huron.*—Mr. Thomas White moved, and the Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay seconded, "That the members of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Synod of Montreal desire to convey to their colleague, the Very Reverend Dean Baldwin, their heartfelt congratulations on his election to the important position of Bishop of the Diocese of Huron, and while regretting the loss which this diocese sustains in his removal, they assure him that he will carry with him in his new sphere of Christian labor and usefulness their earnest prayers for his success, and for the continued happiness of himself and Mrs. Baldwin. The resolution was carried unanimously, and the Secretary was ordered to communicate a copy of the resolution to the Dean. Mr. Davidson made an application for grant to the Committee on Books and Tracts. Rev. Rural Dean Mussen seconded the motion, and \$50 was granted. The meeting then adjourned.

ST. STEPHEN'S, MONTREAL.—The twelfth annual meeting of the Young People's Association of this very flourishing parish was held in the Lecture Hall of the new church on 12th inst. There was a very large attendance. Bishop Bond occupied the chair, and there were present on the platform Ven. Archdeacon Evans, pastor of the Church, Very Rev. Dean Baldwin, Rev. Canon Carmichael, Mr. W. W. L. Chipman, Rev. John Rollit, of Grenville, and Rev. John Jacobs, native Indian missionary of the Diocese of Huron. After prayer by the Rev. John Jacobs, the Recording Secretary, Mr. George Carson, submitted his annual report, which showed the Association to be in a prosperous condition financially, the receipts of the year amounting to \$110 and the expenditure \$75.25, leaving a balance of \$34.75. A touching reference was made to the death of a valued member, Mr. James Smith. On motion, the report was unanimously adopted. His Lordship the Bishop warmly supported the claim of the Association for the sympathy and encouragement of the congregation. The object of the Association was to carry on a great work in the congregation; but in doing this they must remember that unity is strength. Satan would attempt to create division, separation and discord. God was constantly seeking to promote union, and they must keep united and watch and pray against any effort to make division. Mr. W. W. L. Chipman conveyed to the meeting the greetings of St. George's Church Association, and referred to the objects of the Association, one of which was to make young men better business men, better tradesmen and better heads of families. Rev. Mr. Rollit congratulated them on the beautiful church they were fitting up, and hoped this would lead them to think of the Temple above in which they all hoped to worship and adore. They should engage in that most blessed of all works, the work of bringing in others. Ven. Archdeacon Evans invited all to the weekly meeting, which was held every Wednesday, preceded by a service commencing at 7.45 p. m. Dean Baldwin said that there were three peculiar features in Christian life, security, faith and activity. He gave a resume of the life of Martin Luther as an exemplification of these features.

Rev. Canon Carmichael made an eloquent speech, urging the congregation earnestly to support their pastor in his work, for when the pastor asked their help it was their bounded duty to give it. After the Doxology and Benediction, the meeting adjourned.

TORONTO.

DURHAM AND VICTORIA.—A meeting of the Deanery was held at the Rectory, Millbrook, on Wednesday, 14th inst., when the following clergy were present: Rural Dean Allen; Drs. O'Meara, and Smithett; S. J. Baker; W. J. Jones; H. K. Burges; A. B. Chafee; J. W. Foster and the Mission Secretary, W. F. Campbell. The portion of Scripture appointed as subject for consideration, Phil. iii. 10. to 31, was taken up and discussed with much profit to all. Subject for discussion, "The best means for strengthening spiritual life in our parishes," elicited remarks of a practical nature, mission services being especially commended, and more frequent celebrations of Holy Communion. On motion of Dr. O'Meara, seconded by S. J. Baker, the thanks of the Deanery were tendered to the retiring Secretary for his services as Secretary of the Deanery for the time past.—Carried. It was moved by Dr. Smithett, seconded by S. J. Baker, that H. F. Burges be Secretary.—Carried. Moved by Dr. Smithett, seconded by S. J. Baker, that the next meeting of this deanery be held in Lindsay on Wednesday, 20th February, 1884. Scripture subject Phil. iv. At 7.30 p. m. a missionary meeting was held in St. Thomas' Church, when earnest addresses were delivered by Dr. O'Meara, W. S. Jones and the missionary secretary.

PRESENTATION TO REV. J. W. FOSTER.—The parishioners of Millbrook met at the Rectory a few days ago and presented the following address to the Rev. J. W. Foster who has been appointed to the mission of Selby, near Napanee. The address was accompanied by a purse of \$130: REV. AND DEAR SIR,—We have heard with much regret of your removal from amongst us to a new sphere of labour, and we desire to convey to you before your departure, the assurance of our continued respect and esteem. During your residence in this parish you have endeared yourself to very many of the people among whom you have laboured, while you have now the warm regret of the entire community. We congratulate you most heartily on your appointment to a more responsible position and pray that our Heavenly Father may bless your labours in your new parish to the saving of many souls and the promotion of His glory. Accept the accompanying purse as a token of our good wishes, and believe we shall ever rejoice to hear of your continued prosperity and happiness. Signed on behalf of the parish, W. W. Needler, C. H. Winslow.

CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.—At the meeting of the General Committee of the Toronto Church Sunday School Association, the following programme of subjects for discussion was proposed by the Executive Sub-Committee and adopted. Each subject will be introduced by a short paper, to be followed by a general discussion, limited to one hour:—Tuesday, November 20th, 1883, at St. James' school-house—A training class for boys, by J. C. Morgan, M.A.; subject, "The Walk to Emmaus," St. Luke xxiv. 13-33. Saturday, December 8th, 1883, at 4 p. m., at St. James' school-house—An infant class lesson, by Mr. George Harcourt. Thursday, December 20th, 1883, at Grace Church school-house—A paper on Sunday-school Management, by Rev. J. P. Lewis. Tuesday, January 22nd, 1884, at St. Stephen's school-house—A paper on Sunday-school Rewards, Prizes, and Treats, by the Lord Bishop. Thursday, February 21st, 1884, at All Saints' school-house—Teacher and subject to be selected by the committee. Tuesday, March 25th, 1884, at St. George's school-house—"Shall we have Separate Services for Children?" by Rev. J. D. Cayley, M.A. Thursday, April 24th, 1884, at St. Philip's school-house—A paper by Rev. J. F. Sweeney, M.A., "Our Senior Scholars: How shall we retain them?" Tuesday, May 20th, 1884, at St. James' school-house—Devotional meeting. Sunday, June 15th, 1884—Semi-Centennial of the incorporation of Toronto; a mass meeting of Sunday-school scholars at St. James' cathedral and school-house; addresses and music.

ALL SAINTS'.—At a meeting held in the school-room adjoining All Saints' church, the following were elected officers of the branch association for the parish in connection with the C. E. T. S.:—President, Rev. A. H. Baldwin; Vice-President, Mr. W. Maude; Treasurer, Mrs. Cumming; Secretary, Mr. J. R. Reynolds; Committee, Mrs. Draper, Miss Agar, Miss Bell, Mr. G. Collins, Mr. W. Cumming; Delegates to the diocesan meeting on Thursday evening, Messrs. G. Collins, W. Cumming. Meetings will be held

fortnightly on Wednesday evenings in All Saints' school-room.

ST. LUKE'S.—This church was crowded to the doors on the 19th inst., it being the occasion of the annual harvest festival. The church was tastefully decorated with flowers, fruit, and sheaves of wheat. The following clergymen took part in the service:—The Revs. Professor Clark, and Messrs. Davies, Langtry and Whitcomb. The Rev. Professor Clark intoned the first part of the service, the Rev. Mr. Whitcomb the latter, and the Rev. Messrs. Langtry and Davies read the lessons. The choir was assisted by the St. Cecilia Choral Society and their orchestra, which, under the leadership of the organist, Mr. Fisher, assisted in the several chants and hymns. The orchestra was too large for the size of the church, and the tuning of the different instruments and talking of the men caused much annoyance to the congregation. The Rev. Professor Clark preached the sermon, taking for his text Psalm xcii. 1: "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord." The collection will go towards the proposed new organ.

ST. MATTHEW'S.—Riverside.—The harvest festival held in this small church on Thursday, May 15th, is deserving of recognition, indicating as it does the kind feeling between pastor and people. The attendance more numerous, the offertory larger than on any former occasion. The church was tastefully decorated, and the united efforts of the congregation to adorn on this special thanksgiving service the sacred edifice with appropriate offerings of fruit, flowers, and grain as expressive of thankfulness to Divine Providence, is highly commendable. The sermon preached by the Ven. Archdeacon Boddy, from St. John, ch. 6, verse 35. "I am the bread of Life," corresponded with the text over the Communion table, which, with those on the hangings of pulpit and lectern, were beautifully designed and contributed by a lady friend of the Incumbent. The sentences, "The Lord will provide," and "Be ye thankful," in straw letters, with deep fringes of oats were very effective. The markers were worked especially for the occasion by Misses Kussel and Reading, members of the congregation. We congratulate Mr. Howard in this, his new sphere of labor, with the confident hope that his future career built on a sure foundation will be a successful one.

BEAVERTON.—An entertainment, consisting of a concert interspersed with dramatic readings, was given in the Alexandra Hall, in this village, on the night of Tuesday, the 20th Nov. Although the night was most unfavorable, being wet and disagreeable, still a large audience assembled, and went away thoroughly satisfied with the evening's entertainment. The readings were of a high order of merit and such as are rarely heard in small places. In the concert the ladies considerably outshone the gentlemen, both in quality and style of their vocal performances. Two of the solos with their choruses were composed specially for the occasion, and were warmly received. The gross receipts were somewhere in the region of \$35, which it is proposed to apply to the reduction of the church debt, so as to have the building consecrated at an early date. On the previous Tuesday evening the Incumbent was surprised by an unexpected and *en masse* visit from his Point Mara parishioners, who presented themselves with gifts, and remained several hours, spending an agreeable evening with the rev. gentleman and his wife.

DIOCESAN C.E. T. S.—A meeting of those favourable to the founding of a Diocesan Temperance Society was held at the Synod office, Toronto, on the 22nd inst. The Bishop presided. Some thirty churches were represented. The first Sunday in Lent was set apart for united services throughout the diocese in the interests of temperance. We cannot but express extreme regret that the office of vice-president is one to be had only for a money consideration. Such a position is made no honour, but otherwise by being put up as a purchasable article. Surely this will be remedied, it is a mistake. The following executive committee was chosen:—Rev. Rural Dean Stewart, Mr. G. B. Kirkpatrick, Revs. A. J. Broughall, Dr. Roy, Rural Dean Smithett, J. F. Sweeney, C. B. Darling, S. W. Jones, and W. C. Bradshaw; Mr. Holland, Dr. Snelling, Capt. Blain, Mr. B. J. Hickey, Rev. Canon Dumoulin, Mr. H. W. M. Murray, Rev. H. G. Baldwin, Mr. W. H. Howland, Mr. J. T. Jones, Rev. C. L. Ingles, Mr. Walter Darling, Mr. Frank Evans, Rev. John Davidson, Mr. A. Hewson, Mr. Willoughby Cummings, Mr. James Routledge, and Rev. Rural Dean Allen. Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. George Mercer. A badge was adopted to be always worn by members, and matters chiefly routine were passed on. The Society has a great work before it, and a great future if wisely managed. But it must not rely upon money patrons, for the zeal and devotion of the humblest Churchman has infinitely more value than the name and the money of any man.