

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.—A very pleasant entertainment was given by the Young People's Association of St. Luke's Church on Wednesday evening last. The Rev. Geo. Rogers, B.A., occupied the chair, and the large lecture room of the Church was crowded to excess. The programme proved most interesting. A glee from the Choir opened the first part of the programme. This was followed by a cornet solo from Mr. Burns, a song from Mr. Young, recitations by Miss Ems and Mr. Westmore, a piano solo by Miss Snasdell, songs from Messrs. Young, McAllister, Leath and Kerr, also a vocal duet by Mr. and Mrs. Grant. During intermission all partook of the refreshments provided by the Young People. The second part of the programme consisted of a glee by the choir, songs from Messrs. Grant, Young, Taylor, Kerr and Haldiman, a cornet solo from Mr. Burns, a piano duet by Messrs. Horace and Edward Lamb, and a vocal duet from Misses Nelson and Nixon, followed by a recitation from Mr. Emo. At the close all joined in singing "God Save the Queen."

DIocese OF ONTARIO.

KEMPTVILLE.—On the Feast of the Circumcision, the annual tea festival was given in St. James' Hall, by the Ladies' Aid, which proved a great success. The next day the children had a grand gathering in the hall, and were entertained from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

On the first Sunday after the Epiphany, a special offertory was made for the benefit of the Foreign Missions of the Church of Canada. In the afternoon the Sunday-School scholars marched in procession to the church, to their usual fortnightly musical service. On this occasion they made a special offering of money to be devoted to the Memorial Church. It was a beautiful sight to see the children filing past the Rector, as he stood under the chancel arch, holding the alms-dish, and reverently placing their offerings on the same, the appropriate hymn, "As with gladness men of old," being sung at the time. The money was deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank the next day by the Rector.

On Wednesday, January 14th, the Annual Diocesan Missionary Meeting was held in St. James'. The Revs. C. E. S. Radcliffe (deputation), A. C. Nesbitt and S. Daw, and R. Leslie, Esq., addressed hearty and appropriate missionary speeches to a good and attentive congregation. The offertory was more than fifty per cent. in advance of last year.

A successful Missionary Meeting was held on Thursday at St. Paul's, Marlboro, the Mission station.

The financial report given in by the treasurer (Mrs. J. Hagan) of the St. James' Church Ladies' Aid, at their annual meeting on Thursday, January 8th, showed that from January 1st, 1884, to December 31st of the same year, they had raised \$589 for church purposes. The same officers were re-elected.

On Friday, January 2nd, a faithful and earnest young Churchwoman, Miss Sarah Hurd, passed from the Church militant to the Church triumphant, rejoicing that her hour had come. She had been a sufferer for several years, and confined to her bed a long time. She patiently endured "as seeing Him who is invisible," constantly feeding on His precious Body and Blood in the Blessed Sacrament. Weak in herself, she was strong in the Great Incarnate God and Saviour. The nearer she approached the Home beyond, the brighter she became. The cross of lovely flowers which was sent from Ottawa to blend in with the solemn yet joyous office for those asleep in Jesus was taken from off the coffin and placed on the altar ledge. The sweet odour of the fair lily, blending with that of the rose and other flowers, seemed to speak of the fragrance of the holiness of those saints in Paradise whose goodly company she of whom we now write had joined.

CLARA.—Acknowledgments.—The Rev. Forster Bliss desires very gratefully to acknowledge the following offerings towards Church Building Funds

in the "Upper Ottawa and Nipissing Mission," received either by mail or in response to personal solicitations in the parishes named, from date of last acknowledgment to December 31st: Toronto \$73.57; Pakenham, \$90; Miss Hamilton, \$20; Rev. Chas. Hamilton, \$5; Several English offerings, £6 10s.; Rev. H. B. Patton, \$5; Hon. Jno. Hamilton, \$25;—the two latter received early in January. Also the payment of S. P. C. K. grant of £30 to North Bay Church through His Lordship the Bishop.

The little churches erected during the past year in the "Upper Ottawa and Nipissing Mission" are being most completely furnished with altar and sanctuary furnishings from England. Some kind friends with loving hearts and skilful hands have most warmly taken up our cause, and offered the complete furnishings for the two churches built last year, as well as for those to be built (D.V.) the present year. The box for S. Michael and All Angels' Church, North Bay, arrived on Epiphany, and its contents thrilled our hearts with joy and gratitude. Nothing was forgotten, and all was very beautiful. When these churches are quite completed, painted, &c., &c., they will be, in the interior, at least, model little places of worship. After laboring for nearly three years in this backwoods district, and holding services in all sorts of places, it almost passes expression, the feeling of joy and contentment experienced by a priest when he has an altar and the ordinary requirements for the proper and reverent performance of Divine Worship. We are also led to expect, ere long, a solid silver set of altar vessels, for the use of all the churches in the Mission. May the peace and blessing of Almighty God rest upon those who have contributed to render His worship and the services of His Church in this poor district more dignified, and therefore more worthy of Him in whose honor they are offered. A special service of thanksgiving and benediction was held in St. Michael and All Angels' Church on the Sunday after Epiphany, immediately preceding the Matins. We have also other gifts to acknowledge—a bell of good tone and weight presented by Mr. A. Harris, of Ottawa, and a sanctuary lamp by Mr. W. C. Caverhill, formerly warden of St. Alban's, Mattawa, and now a resident of North Bay. It is gratifying to know that the "Church of England bell" was the first to ring out its joyful welcome in this part of the country. Services are held in this church every second Sunday, and will soon be increased, as the village is rapidly growing. An assistant has been engaged to replace the one who is leaving, and in a few weeks we expect another reader from England. These young men will work under license as readers until ready for ordination, and will reside at the parsonage. Thus we will have, with one priest, two lay assistants, which will enable a greater amount of work to be undertaken. It is all needed, as this is a large mission, rapidly settling here and there. Services and churches must increase with the population, and it is most gratifying to feel that "the old Church" is alive to the necessity of extending her ministrations wherever there are souls to be saved. Our Christmas services were all bright and hearty, and the three churches were very neatly decorated. Distances are great here, but all the churches were visited within the octave, and had celebrations of the Holy Eucharist. The congregations were large (except at one station, where, as yet, we have no church), and additional communicants in two churches. God sparing us, and blessing our undertakings, we hope to have two, and if possible, three more churches before next Christmas. We ask the prayers and the alms of the faithful.

OTTAWA.—Sunday School Teachers Association.—The members of the Church of England Sunday School Teachers Association of Ottawa, held their second meeting for the season, in the School-room of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Mackenzie Avenue, on Monday evening, the 5th inst. The attendance was larger than usual. In the absence of the President, Mr. W. H. Morgan, the Rev. Henry Pollard presided. Miss Goodeve

occupying the Secretary's chair. The meeting having been opened with prayer, the Rev. W. J. Muckleston, M.A., in the absence of the President, read a paper on "Rewards, Amusements and Certificates." He considered that the training of the young must, to a very large extent, be done at home. Too much was expected of the Sunday School. The mere bringing of children to Sunday School was a benefit, even though no lesson was prepared before hand. He considered the giving of a picnic in summer and festivals in winter, was most useful in keeping the school full, although they had a somewhat bad effect on the behaviour of the boys when at work in the school-room, from the necessary license permitted on these festive occasions. They had a bad effect on the school arrangements by inflating the classes previous to one of these recreative events, and causing a sudden falling off when they had passed. He held that the aid of rewards for attendance, lessons, and conduct, was much needed, and concluded by exhorting the teachers to more diligence in the preparation of the lessons for the day.

Mrs. Tilton advocated the giving of prizes in kind. She complained of the noise and rudeness prevalent at the Sunday School pic-nics and festivals.

The Rev. A. W. Mackay favoured amusements, with plenty of noise and gaiety at these social events.

The Rev. J. J. Bogert, M.A., approved of amusements; the great object at all times being to make the children happy. As to prizes, he would recommend that they be chosen from standard works on the Church, and thus assist in the dissemination of Church literature.

The Rev. H. Pollard thought that in giving children's entertainments, the programme should be a good and interesting one. As to certificates, he thought that it would work well to give one to the teachers after passing an examination, and another kind should be given to a pupil when leaving school.

Dr. Wicksteed related his chequered experience as a pupil and teacher. He said that the question of rewards was still a moot one, but the vote seemed to incline to the giving of such incentives in the highest university as well as in the humblest common school. He was in favor of prizes in kind, giving articles which find most favor in boys and girls eyes. With regard to amusements, he considered that it was not possible to indulge too much in them. If eight hours recreation was demanded for adults, how much more time ought to be expended by children whose muscles and sinews were hardening and growing into strength and firmness. He thought that the clergy here, as in England, ought to take the lead in all healthy and manly sports. The noise complained of at the children's gatherings, he considered, was natural. Their lungs demanded fresh air and when they were not gratified by obtaining it by means of exercise or motion, natural instinct satisfied this craving by a constant succession of yells.

After the singing of the Doxology, the chairman gave the Benediction, and the Association adjourned to Monday evening, the 2nd, February, when the paper of the evening will be "How to prepare a lesson and teach it."

A number of improvements are being made at St. Bartholomew's Church, New Edinburgh, at a cost of nearly \$1,000. The church has undergone a complete renovation. The basement has been excavated to make room for a furnace, by which the sacred edifice is now heated, and a new ceiling—a very neat piece of work—has been put on, and the nave re-seated and painted. On the evening of Friday, the 16th inst., a grand gathering of the Sunday-school children in connection with the Church took place.

ARCHVILLE MISSION.—Trinity Church.—The annual missionary meeting was held on Monday evening, the 12th inst. The attendance was much larger than is usual on such occasions. Two ladies from Billings' Bridge and one from Rochesterville, all three possessing good voices, and not a little