

amount of the sum (\$1,000) has been raised, the Bishop giving one-fifth, but \$100 is needed now for purchase of paint, nails, etc. 3. For school for the blind, Onu, Japan. Blindness being very prevalent there, they have bought land and built school, which has a staff of teachers, and 15 pupils. St. Luke's Gospel has been put in raised type in Japanese, and the pupils make good progress. After some discussion the money was voted to North Bay church. The noon Bible reading and address on "Study of the Scriptures," was taken by Mrs. Broughall, after which Mrs. Tytler gave a most stirring address of her personal experiences in Delhi during the commencement of the Indian mutiny, and concluded by an earnest appeal for the Indian children kept by Government and private charity during the famine. The girls, if given back to the natives, will be doomed to lives of infamy, and the boys to a worse fate. After lunch a short account was given of Miss Patterson's Training Home in Japan; \$50 supports a girl for a year. Toronto supports one of her four girls. Rev. Frank Kennedy another, she herself has adopted and provided for a third, and the fourth has yet to be paid for. A pretty photo of her Home, erected at her own expense, was shown. Letters were read from the secretary of the Brampton branch, telling of interest awakened by half-yearly meeting, held there Nov. 9th. From Rev. C. Lord, Apsley, thanking the board for E.C.D. money sent last month towards debt on church at South Burleigh. From Mrs. Bourne, expressing thanks for past aid from W.A. Education Fund in educating her eldest son, who is now expecting his appointment to the Bank of Commerce. From Rev. Hickland, thanking board for bales, and saying he had two schools built in his district (Temiscamingue) and he had received assistance in clothing from the wife of a gentleman he met on a journey who heard his sermon and appeal for wants of his people. The population is largely a lumbering one, and very poor. From Mrs. Dyke-Parker, announcing safe arrival of communion linen, which was greatly needed. From Mrs. Hines, Devon Mission, 450 miles from Prince Albert, saying Mr. Hines had built three small churches this summer, and hoped to build two more next year with funds collected for this purpose in England. Each church costs \$200. From Miss Turner, Blackfoot Hospital, asking for linoleum for floors of wards, and stating that out of 1,200 Indians on the reserve, about 400 are sick as a rule, consequently the work of this hospital is very important. A resolution was passed that any representative of a branch absenting herself for three months from the board meetings be considered to have resigned, unless she notifies the diocesan secretary of her intended absence. After a few words from Mrs. Renaud on the Christian Letter Mission, and a cordial vote of thanks for the hearty welcome and entertainment to St. Thomas' branch, the meeting adjourned till Jan. 13th at St. Paul's school-house.

Holy Trinity Branch of the W.A.—During the regular weekly meeting of above busy branch, in which numble fingers stitched away at sundry articles of wearing apparel and otherwise, Mrs. Fletcher, vice-president of the branch, read a most instructive paper—which, we may add, has been published—on Dorcas Work, by Miss Halsan, provincial Dorcas secretary. A copy of this excellent treatise should be in the hands of the secretary of every branch of the W.A. A short business meeting followed the "Dorcas Work," which opened with the usual form of prayer, read in a devout manner by the president, Mrs. Thompson. The interesting minutes of last monthly meeting of the branch were read by the secretary, Mrs. George Holmstead. Much praise was noted of the genial reception tendered the recent general board meeting by the branch of the Church of St. Thomas. Indeed, it was a right royal reception which the 200 visitors were tendered, in which flags were flying and decorations, with a generous luncheon at the close of the meeting as the order of the day. The secretary announced that the January board meeting would be held at the school-house of the Church of St. Paul, Bloor east. Business arising out of the minutes, elicited among other matters a resolu-

tion to redeem the pledges of the branch at the close of the Christmas holidays. The pledges being educational and missionary and the resolution, which was carried, being moved by Mrs. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. Aubrey White. The secretary then read the correspondence, among which was an interesting letter to Mrs. Sullivan, from Miss Julia Greenshields, secretary of the Deep Sea Mission, which letter overflowed with gratitude for gifts received for this almost pathetic mission. The next matter on the agenda was the exhibiting on a great table the multitudinous articles for the Christmas bazaar. There was more than a suspicion of Santa Claus in the air, in the large display of toys, dolls, and toy-books, which will delight the heart of many a wee dot in the County of Haliburton. There were a large number of useful gifts also, among them being a really grand bat and leather ball. There were some especially dainty little bedsteads of covered pasteboard for wee dolls. There were knitted cuffs for cold wrists, etc., etc. Some special gifts were sent for a new baby in Haliburton, also in the parish of Rev. F. W. Shepherd, and to which Mrs. Claude Andrews generously contributed. Mrs. Hammond very generously donated six small handsomely-bound prayer books for above Christmas bazaar for Haliburton. Among those present at this interesting gathering, notwithstanding that it was "spilling rain," were the President, Mrs. Thompson; Secretary, Mrs. Holmstead; Treasurer, Miss Selby; as also Vice-presidents Mesdames Fletcher and Hammond, besides Mrs. Blatchford, Miss Blatchford, Mrs. Blackburn, Miss Handscombe, Mrs. Mountstephen, Mrs. Savigny, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Aubrey White.

Trinity Alumni.—The annual reunion of the Divinity Alumni of Trinity University will be held at the College from January 10th to 13th, 1898. The "Quiet Hours," which will precede the conferences, will be conducted by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, who will also be one of the speakers at the public missionary meeting, which is to be held in Convocation Hall on Tuesday evening, Jan. 11th, at 8 p.m. The complete programme will be published shortly.

Special appeal for the Mission and Widows' and Orphans' Funds of the diocese, which was made in St. Mary's church, Dovercourt, on Sunday, 12th inst., the speakers being Hon. S. H. Blake at 11 a.m., and N. F. Davidson, Esq., M.A., at 7 p.m. The amount received in cash and pledges was: At the morning service, \$66.75; evening service, \$62.14; total, \$128.89. Amount of October collection, previously sent in to Synod office, \$34.42; total, \$163.31. Amount of assessment, \$134.65; surplus, \$28.66. Of the contributions to the appeal on Sunday last \$84.39 was in cash.

The Rev. John Gough Brick, well known in Toronto and throughout Canada, died in St. Luke's Hospital, New York, at noon on Monday of last week. Mr. Brick has been conspicuous for his missionary work, in which he was very zealous. He was for many years engaged as a missionary in the North-west, during which time he frequently visited Toronto. He was in charge of the church at Weston for a short time. From there he went to Barrytown, N.Y., a small town on the Hudson. For the past year he has been unwell, and since three months ago was in St. Luke's Hospital. He underwent an operation there, from which he never quite recovered. He leaves two brothers and a married daughter in Toronto, besides whom there are two sons in the North-west, one in St. Catharines, and one a traveller. His wife died in Barrytown two years ago, and was buried here. The funeral took place from the residence of Mr. Brick's daughter, Mrs. A. Mathews, 269 Sherbourne street, to St. James' cemetery. Rev. A. H. Baldwin, who was a personal friend of Mr. Brick, conducted the service.

Ashburnham.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 12th, Mr. Clougher, of Toronto, gave a most eloquent and inspiring address to the congregation of St. Luke's church, on the subject of "The Layman's Work in the Church." The edifice was crowded,

and Mr. Clougher was heard with the utmost attention. St. Luke's church has recently been repainted, and a memorial to Rev. W. C. Bradshaw has been placed on the north wall of the chancel. Since Rev. H. Symonds became the rector of St. Luke's, over \$2,000 has been spent upon the improvement of the church property.

Stayner.—A few Sundays ago, by invitation of the Rev. H. H. Wright, the Rev. Dr. Caswell, of Meaford, visited Stayner and preached at the Harvest Thanksgiving services. At the morning service, instead of a sermon he gave, by request, an address on the "Church Catechism," illustrated by his outward and visible sign charts, which was greatly appreciated by all present, some having come a considerable distance to hear the address.

NIAGARA.

JOHN PHILIP DUMOULIN, D.D., BISHOP OF NIAGARA.

Hamilton.—Niagara Quarterly W.A. met in the school-room of All Saints'. It was preceded by a celebration of the Holy Communion in the church. Rev. George Forneret, the rector, was celebrant. The meeting was largely attended, and every branch of the W.A. was represented, with the exception of one newly formed. The meeting was most interesting and the reports recorded increased zeal and work. Hospitality was provided by members of the various city congregations, many taking advantage of the luncheons provided by the Agenoria to treat their friends and add to the funds of this benevolent society. In the afternoon Mrs. Gwynn read a capital paper on "Christian Giving," making some very strong points. That "it requires more courage to wear an old-bonnet or last year's dress than to ford a river or climb a mountain," is a plain statement of an everyday fact, when we see how little is given for missions and how much for dress. The address received a hearty vote of thanks. Rev. Mr. Stocken then gave a most interesting account of his work on the Sarcee. One followed with sympathetic interest his endeavours at teaching school. The heroism of these first missionaries is marvellous. The days of discomfort and discouragement, the isolation, the longing for some visible token of Divine approval on their work, and the long lifetime waiting, all were suggested as one listened to Mr. Stocken's address. At the close Rev. Geo. Forneret moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Stocken for his most admirable address, and the meeting closed with the benediction.

St. Thomas.—The St. Andrew's Brotherhood had their corporate communion in this church on St. Andrew's Day at 7 o'clock. A large number were present. A pleasing little incident in connection with the Cathedral Brotherhood was the receipt of a letter from England to the president, thanking him for the card found in his hotel room inviting him to service, an offer which he gladly availed himself of. Brotherhood service must result in Brotherhood results, and this one especially of notice of service is most happily responded to in more cases than one.

Memorial services were held in the Central Presbyterian church last week in honour of the members of the congregation who have died during the year, Rev. Dr. Lyle mentioning the names of eleven deceased members and two adherents. The church was draped in black, and the musical services were appropriate to the solemn occasion.

The Standing Committee of the Niagara Synod met in the Masonic building, the chief business being the considering of applications for grants from the mission fund in aid of certain missions in the diocese. Canon Sutherland presided.

H. R. Quinn and W. Thomas, of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, England, sailed on the 11th of December for Canada. The former is a son of Robert Quinn, Esq., of the Grand Trunk railway. Mr. Thomas will be curate at Christ Church cathe-