

\$4,787.06, left a balance at the end of the year of \$71.15. The deficit was cleared off by the kindness of Mr. R. Reford, who gave a fourth of the amount himself and collected the remainder. In addition to this Mr. Reford only yesterday handed the treasurer, Mrs. Simpson, \$275, his subscription and collections for 1898, so that the general fund is in a very fair condition. The legacies of the year amounted to \$300, against \$500 in the former year. The receipts from the paying inmates, who are all ladies in the same rank of life, were \$2,237.47, so that half the receipts were subscriptions. The permanent inmates of the Home number twenty, and whether they pay the full board rates or nothing, all are treated exactly alike. The treasurer asks the friends of the Home to make up an additional donation of \$1,000 this year, for repairs to the building and to fence in the grounds.

The following were the officers nominated for the current year:—President, the Lord Bishop of Montreal; 1st directress, Mrs. Waddell; 2nd directress, Mrs. M. H. Gault; 3rd, Mrs. Bagg; secretary, Miss Botterell; treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Simpson; committee of management, the former and Mrs. J. S. Allan, Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Chisholm, Miss Dunford, Mrs. Fairbanks, Mrs. A. F. Gault, Mrs. Hagne, Mrs. A. Henderson, Mrs. Hemsley, Mrs. Dr. Johnson, Miss Kirkman, Mrs. Kerry, Mrs. Loverin, Miss Ludington, Mrs. Leach, Mrs. Mulholland, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Reford, Mrs. E. Shelton, Mrs. Stancliffe, Miss Shepherd and Mrs. Torrance.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks to friends of the Home.

"Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches."—Prov. xxiv. 3, 4.

*St. Thomas' (Jan. 23rd).*—The children of the above Sunday school met at six o'clock, on Monday evening, for the purpose of celebrating their anniversary, and they were sharp on time, without a single exception. The good things provided by the promoters were at once in harmony with the palates of the youngsters, and to show their appreciation the plates, at the conclusion, bore a very forlorn appearance. After tea, the children adjourned to the church, while Mr. Spence prepared the magic lantern, which proved a source of great amusement and profit. Mr. Spence having shown views of London, Liverpool, Rome, Venice and numerous comic pictures, which brought forth loud exclamations of pleasure, Mr. Renaud, the rector of the church, then read the report for the year, which was a satisfactory one, after which the prizes were awarded to the best and most diligent scholars. After this the children gave a very creditable entertainment of songs, readings and recitations. Each child was presented with a bag of candy and an orange on leaving. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Martin for his earnestness and zeal in the school for the past year as secretary and librarian and treasurer.

Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Renaud sailed from Portland by Dom. Line S. S. Vancouver for Liverpool on the 25th ult. Rural Dean Renaud has gone to England in the interests of Church Immigration, and he hopes to return before Easter. "God be with you till we meet again" was the choir's farewell to the rector, sung after the Wednesday evening service, on which date he left Montreal.

*St. Jude.*—Wednesday (February 1st).—A parochial mission, beginning to-day, is being held in St. Jude's Church. The services on Sunday were of an introductory character. In the morning Dean Magill, of Rhode Island, preached a very impressive sermon from the text, "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by." At the evening service Bishop Bond preached from the second lesson for the day, and at the close of his sermon pleaded earnestly with the people to do all in their power to render the forthcoming mission a success. The Rev. Rural Dean Forneret, of All Saints, Hamilton, is the clergyman whose services have been retained to act as missionary.

*St. Simon's.*—The Temperance and Band of Hope meeting, held on Friday in the hall of St. Simon's Church, St. Henri, was well attended, and quite a success in every way. The programme was well rendered by the students of the Diocesan College, who greatly pleased the audience by their recitations and songs. A very hearty vote of thanks was given to them at the close of the meeting, and the people will be glad to see them again. The Rev. Mr. Massey occupied the chair, and gave the young people some wise counsels concerning drink, and strongly advised them to never touch, taste or handle intoxicants of any kind. The National Anthem brought the meeting to a close.

*Anglican Missions.*—Bishop Bond called a meeting of Churchmen in the Synod Hall, on Tuesday, February 7, at 8 o'clock, for a service of solemn prayer, on behalf of missions and the mission fund. The

suggestion emanated from the Rev. G. Osborne Troop, who, in an open letter to the Bishop, recently published, on the debates in the Synod about grants from the mission fund, pointed out that the fact that the missionaries were underpaid did not result from any neglect on the part of the executive committee, but from a want of money. The fund could be doubled if every Churchman would simply do his duty in the matter. United prayer was the means required to put "the Lord in touch with the money for which He asks."

*Election of Metropolitan.*—The Right Rev. J. Travers Lewis, D.D., Lord Bishop of Ontario, will, no doubt, be the next Metropolitan of the Anglican Church in the ecclesiastical province of Canada. The House of Bishops met yesterday to elect a Metropolitan and agreed that the voting should be taken by ballot. The result was that four votes were cast for the Bishop of Ontario and four for the Bishop of Montreal. A voting paper of the Bishop of Algoma, who was absent in France, was cast in favor of the Bishop of Ontario, but as this paper had not the episcopal seal affixed, as required by the canon governing the election, it was not counted. It was resolved to return the paper to the Bishop of Algoma for the remedy of this defect. The vote of the absent Bishop will, when perfected, decide the election of Dr. Lewis. The Right Rev. John Travers Lewis was born in the year 1825 at Garry Cloyne Castle, County Cork, the country seat of his uncle. He was educated at Porter's School, Cork, and Trinity College, Dublin. He won the Primate's first Hebrew prize on matriculating there and graduated as senior moderator and gold medallist in ethics and logic in 1847. He was ordained deacon in 1848 by the Bishop of Chester, and priest by the Bishop of Down in the following year. In 1849 he came to pay a visit to his family who had settled in Canada, and accepted from the Bishop of Toronto the post of missionary at West Hawkesbury. In 1854 he was promoted to the rectory of St. Peter's Church, Brockville. In 1861, after the division of the diocese of Toronto was effected, he was elected first bishop of the new diocese of Ontario. He was consecrated at St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, on March 25, 1862, being then only in his 37th year. The Bishop has contributed largely to the *Journal of Sacred Literature and American Quarterly Church Review*. Bishop Lewis was the original promoter of the meetings of the Lambeth conferences of all the Bishops of the Church of England both at home and abroad, including those of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States. In November, 1885, by the order of His Excellency the Governor-General-in-Council, the bronze medal struck in commemoration of confederation in 1867 was presented to the Bishop as an expression of the appreciation of his services in the cause of literature and science.

#### ONTARIO.

*OSNABRUCK AND MOULINETTE.*—A Women's Sewing Guild has been formed in connection with St. David's, Wales, and they held their first sale of work in the basement of the church on Thursday, Feb. 2nd. The weather being favourable, the attendance was large. A very good assortment of plain and fancy articles was tastefully displayed for sale, and everything was cleared off. Nothing of an objectionable character, such as raffling, etc., was permitted. Refreshments of a most excellent character were served during the afternoon and evening. A "Fine Art Exhibition" afforded some capital fun. The financial result exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine of the fair saleswomen, \$180 being netted. Part of this sum will pay for the new chandeliers provided for the church.

At Moulinette, a Church Improvement and Missionary Association has been formed, its chief object being the promotion of direct systematic giving for the purposes mentioned in the name of the Association.

On Feb. 1st the Rev. R. W. Samwell celebrated the Holy Communion in the quaint little "Episcopal" chapel on Barnhart's Island. It is seven years since the Holy Communion was last celebrated there.

*BATH.*—*St. John's Church.*—The annual missionary meeting took place on Tuesday evening, 31st Jan., and was much more than usually successful. The congregation was the largest known to have assembled in this church since the occasion of the feast of dedication, June, 1888. They joined very generally in the preceding service, and listened with rapt attention to the exceedingly able and practical addresses of the deputation, the Rev. J. H. Nimmo, M.D., and his Honour Judge McDonald, the Revs. Messrs. Tighe, of Amherst Island, and Dibb, of Odessa; the rector, Rural Dean Baker, assisted in the service, which was hearty in the extreme, as the choir was in full force, and sang with unusual spirit the chants, hymns and amens. The offertory reached the handsome sum of \$27, double that of last year, while in addition to

this, the Sunday school made their annual offering for Algoma mission work, amounting to \$5.50.

*ADOLPHUSTOWN.*—The parishioners of Adolphustown and Fredericksburgh, who last summer gave their clergyman, the Rev. R. S. Forneri, a new buggy, and on Christmas day a fine new horse, have more recently added to their gifts a new harness and all the oats and hay his horse can require for the winter. Such liberality speaks volumes for both priest and parishioners.

#### TORONTO.

Miss Lizzie A. Dixon acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following amounts, for Rev. J. G. Brick, Peace River, Athabasca: Strathroy Ladies' Society, per Miss M. Stevenson, \$10; Mrs. Seymour, Montreal, per Rev. S. Massey, \$15; All Saints' S.S., Whitby, per Miss C. W. Fraser, \$4.50.

*Holy Trinity.*—A concert was given in the school-house, under the auspices of the male members of Grace Church choir, Thursday evening, in aid of the free reading room. The following ladies and gentlemen took part: Misses Pringle and Staneland, Mrs. Titus, Messrs Williams, Ferguson, Hoggs, Starrock and the Jordan family.

*Theological and Missionary Society.*—Rev. J. Senior assisted at Grace Church on Sunday last, and Rev. A. U. DePensier at St. Anne's; Mr. Dwyer, B.A., LL.B., took duty at St. Jude's; Messrs. J. H. H. Coleman, B.A., at Springfield; C. W. Hedley, B.A., at St. Cyprian's; F. DuMoulin, B.A., at Islington; J. R. Dumbrille, at Bullock's Corners; Mr. McTear assisted at St. Matthias; Messrs McCallum and Fletcher, at the Sunday school of the Orphans' Home, and Mr. Baynes-Reed at West Toronto; Ashburnham was supplied by Mr. J. A. Ballard; Bradford by Mr. Paine; Eglington by Mr. Little; Cannington by Mr. Spencer; St. Clements by Mr. Madill; Messrs. J. G. Carter Troop, B.A., assisted at Whitby; T. Chilcott, B.A., at St. John's; Thomas Powell and Thomas Leech, B.A., at St. Mary's, Dovercourt; Mr. Jno. Mockridge at St. Stephen's Church; Mr. Ruth-erford at St. Jude's, West Hill.

#### HURON.

*PAISLEY—Church of the Ascension.*—On Sunday evening, January 29th, a large gathering assembled at the above church to hear the annual temperance sermon by the rector, Rev. A. Corbett. The rev. gentleman founded his remarks on 2 Cor. vi. 16—"Ye are the temple of the living God"—in the course of which he submitted that members of the Church were by virtue of their baptismal vows—reiterated at confirmation—already pledged to a life of temperance; pledged in all its fulness to "fight against sin—in its varied forms—the world, and the devil." That the Christian, by reason of his union with Christ, is "kept by the power of God." The sermon, which was delivered by request of the I.O.G.T., was listened to with earnest attention. At the close of the services a Temperance Mission service was held; and a "Gospel Temperance Band" formed in association with the church. On the whole the history of the church here has been one of progress during the past year. The church fabric has been renovated thoroughly and improved in many important respects, at a cost of about \$280, which sum has been paid off with the exception of some \$40; in the same time a debt of \$300 on the rectory has also been liquidated. A fine new organ has been placed in the church recently. In the matter of real church work our Sunday school has more than doubled; the number on the roll twelve months ago being only 30, is now 74, with a good average attendance. Five families, some from the ranks of non-conformity, have connected themselves permanently with the church, in order to strengthen and build up more effectually the church here; the incumbent has recently organized the communicant members and the non-confirmed into an organization called the "Apostolic Church League and Communicants' Union," having for its motto the words, "For His Body's Sake," and as a watchword, "One Catholic and Apostolic Church." Its line of operation consists of the three departments—devotional, educational and practical. The young people's branch meets weekly, and is a source of real help to the incumbent. The object of the organization is to promote loyalty to the Church by educating the young in its history, doctrine and worship, as well as to avoid the necessity of forming organizations extraneous to the Church, the aim being to organize the church itself parochially into a compact body, and so go forward with real solid work. The incumbent will be glad to give all information relative to the Apostolic Church League and Communicants' Union, its object, mode of working, &c., to any communicating with him.