

2.30 p.m., Mrs. Archdeacon Lindsay offered prayer and a hymn was sung; the roll call was answered by ten city and eighteen country branches. Reports were then read and adopted from Aymer, Cowansville, Calumet, Dunham, Farnham, Frelighsburg, Franklin, Grenville, Havelock, Huntingdon, Knowlton, LaColle, Lakefield, Lachine, Mille Isles, Naperville, Ouslow, Sorel, Shawville, Shrewsbury, St. Andrew's, St. Armand, St. John's, Waterloo.

After a few encouraging words by Mrs. D. Lindsay on Junior work, Mrs. Holden mentioned that a friend had donated \$5 as talent money. Five junior branches might claim \$1 each, to be multiplied in proportion to wise using. Mesdames H. J. Evans & Gomery followed with reports of Leaflet and Literature committee, and the united thank offering and Miss Gomery's report as leaflet treasurer. In due course Mrs. Holden asked the lord bishop to speak to the following motion, which was moved by Mrs. Carus-Wilson and seconded by Mrs. Everett. The members of the M.D.W.A., as loyal subjects of Her Majesty Queen Victoria in Greater Britain, desire to place on record their sense of devout thankfulness to God, for giving this empire during sixty years the great blessing of peaceable rule and far-reaching example of a virtuous woman on the greatest of earthly thrones—carried.

On suggestions of Mrs. R. Lindsay, the assembly rose and sang a stanza of "God Save the Queen." After the usual votes of thanks and some other resolutions, the benediction by the bishop closed the Convention.

Five o'clock to seven, a reception, in the Synod Hall, followed, which was well attended by the president, the officers, the delegates and the numerous friends of the auxiliary, among whom were the lord bishop and several clergymen, cheering the ladies by their presence and congratulating them on their increasing influence and usefulness.

Diocesan Missions.—In the different Anglican churches of the city there was taken up yesterday the annual collections in aid of the Mission Funds of the Diocese of Montreal. The amounts realized were very fair. St. George's amounted to \$2,575. All subscriptions are not yet in.

TORONTO.

ARTHUR SWEATMAN, D.D., BISHOP, TORONTO.

Rev. Prof. Clark gave the last of a series of seven lectures on "Tennyson" last Thursday evening before the Public school teachers in the Y. W. C. G. Hall.

St. Matthias.—The rector of this parish, the Rev. Mr. Harrison, has, we regret to say, been confined to his room, and during the time for some months to his bed, since last Easter. He has borne his sufferings with cheerful fortitude and Christian resignation. His general health is much better and he is greatly cheered by the interest taken in him and the attention of his parishioners. We trust that this care will be increased, and hope that next Easter may see him able to be out and again taking part in the services.

St. John's Church.—Last Thursday, C. T. L. Taylor gave a very interesting account of a thirteen months' trip across Australia. During the evening the programme was varied by the work of Martin Cleworth, dramatic reader; Messrs. Semple and M. Sowden, mandolin and guitar; Miss Elsie Orpen, recitation, and Mrs. Hall, song.

St. Albans Cathedral.—Thursday was the annual quiet day of the clergy, and was attended by large numbers of clergymen both from the country and the city, and the divinity students of Trinity College. Holy Communion was celebrated at half past eight in the morning by the Bishop of Toronto; there was breakfast at half-past nine; and from ten to five were held four services, at which addresses were delivered by Bishop DuMoulin, of Niagara. Rev. Canon Sweeney conducted the services.

St. Matthew's.—In the school-house last Thursday evening the Cantata "Little Red Riding Hood," was rendered by some of the scholars to a very large audience. The entertainment was very successful.

Trinity College.—The Lenten term public meeting of the Missionary and Theological Society was held last evening in Trinity Convocation Hall. The Rev. Provost Walsh presided. The only speaker was the Rev. Canon Sweeney, whose theme was the missionary work of the Toronto Diocese. With a map, carefully prepared, the lecturer reviewed the missionary work of the diocese, its extent, and needs. He urged this work upon the prayerful consideration of the divinity students of Trinity. The address was heartily appreciated.

Wycliffe College.—The Rev. W. J. Amitage, rector of St. Thomas' Church, St. Catharines, has been

acting as college pastor at the college during the past week.

St. Clement's.—The Rev. John Osborne has resigned the rectory, and is leaving to take charge of the English Church in Honolulu, of which he was in charge for two years. Mr. Osborne has been associated with St. Clement's since it was first started as a mission in connection with the rectory of Norway, and became its rector when St. Clement's was made a separate parish. The Church has made great progress while Mr. Osborne has been in charge, and a year ago a large school-house was built by the congregation, and it is entirely free of debt. Mr. Osborne is deservedly appreciated and respected in the district, and leaves the neighbourhood with general regret.

St. Stephen's.—A missionary service was held on Wednesday evening, Feb. 24th, specially on behalf of Diocesan Missions. A shortened form of the authorized service was said by the rector, and an address given by Rev. Canon Sweeney, Rural Dean, on the needs of the Missions in the Diocese, and the urgent necessity for increasing their numbers. The preacher dwelt on the large area of many of the missions and on the many places with no provision for public worship, and where stations ought to be opened without delay, while it is practically impossible for the comparatively few clergy at present employed to extend their work, which even within a short distance from Toronto compels many miles of travelling by the missionary on every Sunday. The need for increased stipends in many cases was also urged, and the preacher strongly emphasized the claim of the Diocesan Mission Fund for largely increased subscriptions to enable the Board to comply with the many pressing applications for assistance from all parts of the diocese.

BOLTON AND PALGRAVE.—On Wednesday, 17th ult., missionary meetings were held in this mission at Palgrave in the afternoon and Bolton at night. The attendance was good and the singing very hearty. The incumbent introduced the speakers, Revs. C. H. Shortt and A. W. DePencier, who were listened to with keen attention—Mr. DePencier speaking on "Diocesan Missions," and Mr. Shortt upon the "Church Work in Japan." All news from Japan is well received by us since Mr. Kennedy, who is now at Matsumoto, was formerly incumbent of this mission. Previous to the evening meeting Mr. Shortt organized Company 44 of the Church Boys' Brigade.

URSA.—We want ten pews about ten feet long. Is there a church being renovated, discarding their old pews for those of a newer design, that would ship the old pews to us. Or if there was a stove (heating) it would be very acceptable, for the one we now have is not suitable and only lent at that. Address, Stephen Kettle.

NIAGARA.

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

The article in last week's issue on the early history of the Church in Ancaster, by Mrs. C. Fessenden, has been read with much interest.

St. Andrew's Brotherhood.—The Hamilton Local Assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew met last Tuesday in the Church of Ascension Sunday school. Delegates were present representing the Cathedral, St. John the Evangelist Chapters, Hamilton and St. James Chapter, Dundas. The possibility of holding the Canadian Convention for 1898 in Hamilton, was discussed, and it was unanimously decided to invite the Order to meet in the city of Hamilton. After routine business was completed papers were read by Bro. F. Walling, of the Cathedral, Bro. J. O'Neil of St. John the Evangelist, and Bro. Galway of Dundas. His Lordship Bishop DuMoulin was present and gave a short address on the work of the Order, especially the work of Chapter officers. He also expressed his pleasure at the possibility of the 1898 convention coming to Hamilton.

St. Mark's.—The Women's Auxiliary of St. Mark's met in the choir vestry of the Church on Thursday, the 25th Feb. There was a good attendance and considerable business transacted. The following officers were elected:—Mrs. R. G. Sutherland, hon. president; Mrs. Edward Martin, president; Mrs. Geo. S. Counsell, vice-president; Mrs. Bates, treasurer; Miss Bowditch, rec. secretary; Mrs. M. Wright, cor. secretary. Mrs. Slater and Mrs. W. E. Brown were elected; Mrs. Munro and Mrs. W. Handcock were appointed by the rector as delegates to the Diocesan Board; Miss Hutton and Miss E. Counsell, auditors.

HAMILTON.—Rev. Rural Dean Forneret has been ordered by his physician to take a two months rest, and will shortly leave, accompanied by Mrs. For-

neret, for California. We wish him a pleasant trip and complete restoration as the result of this well-earned rest. Rev. E. Malony will take the services in his absence. In Mrs. Malony's death the Church loses a most valued member whose loss is mourned by all who had the privilege of knowing her. The sympathy of her friends is tendered her husband.

Father Whitcombe is better, but not so well as his friends would like to see him. Bishop DuMoulin took the services at St. Mark's and Ali Saints', respectively, last Sunday week, urging in his most impressive manner help for diocesan missions.

The Cathedral W. A. held their annual meeting on the 22nd ult., which was well attended, the reports showing good work done during the past year. A practical result of the bishop's appeal was the appointing a special collector for the Mission Fund. Mrs. DuMoulin, who was present, received a hearty welcome and kindly acknowledged the greeting.

ROTHSAY.—The Rev. H. J. Leake moved into his new rectory 1st January. The house is comfortable although it was left without the veneer of bricks. The bricks are now on the lot ready to be put in position immediately the spring opens. Successful anniversary services were held here 11th January. Rev. R. Gardiner, of Palmerston, preached earnest and practical sermons to a full church morning and evening. A grand missionary meeting was conducted in the church 16th February. Interesting and eloquent addresses were delivered by the members of the Deputation, Rev. Messrs. Wade, of the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton, and J. K. Godden, M.A., of Acton.

HURON.

MAURICE S. BALDWIN, D.D., BISHOP, LONDON.

The Rev. C. J. Anderson, of Alvinston, has been appointed to Brussels.

BLYTH.—Last Sunday week in Trinity Church, the Bishop of Huron confirmed a class of 14 candidates, after he had addressed them and the congregation in his usual impressive way. In the afternoon he drove to Belgrave and administered the rite to 12 more and preached a very impressive sermon. In the evening, at Blyth, he preached the 18th anniversary sermon of the opening of Trinity Church, basing his remarks on Exodus xv. 22, "And they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water." On Monday evening his lordship gave his lecture on "Egypt and the Holy Land" in Industry Hall. The rector, Rev. T. E. Hingley, in a few words introduced his lordship, who occupied nearly two hours with his graphic, able and instructive lecture. His lecture was eloquently brought to a close by reference to the wonderful preservation of God's ancient people and the fulfilment of prophecy. After a vote of thanks was tendered to his lordship, the hymn "Nearer my God to Thee" was sung, and the good bishop let all depart with the blessing. The free-will offering for the Sunday services and lecture amounted to \$42.79.

BRANTFORD.—*Grace Church*—Since the close of the Christmas season there has been a lot of quiet activity here, both in the way of work and play. The lectures in the school-house hold their own against many counter attractions, though the last, "Christian Socialism," by Rev. H. Symonds, was not quite so well attended as heretofore. Comparisons are difficult and proverbially odious, or we might venture to say it was the most inspiring and stimulating one of the course. Canon Dann, of the Cathedral, London, the preceding lecturer, made a visit of several days; preached at Grace Church and St. John's on Sunday; lectured on Tuesday; addressed the W.A. and preached on Wednesday, and on Thursday took the bishop's place as speaker at the Bible Society meeting in Wycliffe Hall. The Canon attracted his hearers greatly with his warm earnestness and eloquence. Another visitor who has just left is the Rev. H. E. Benoit, of the Sabrevois Mission. Mr. Benoit preached in the churches and addressed the Sunday schools and gatherings of various descriptions on Sabrevois matters, experiences in Benin, Africa, etc., and succeeded in arousing such an interest as will ensure him a warm welcome at any time in Brantford. At the missions there has been a run of socials, and at St. John's a week ago the first service for the Church Boys' Brigade was held. The boys turned out 50 strong and a bright and stirring service was heartily entered into. St. Paul's is rejoicing in a new tinted glass east window, which makes a great improvement in the appearance of the interior.

PARIS.—The meeting of the clergy of the Deanery held here recently was greatly interfered with by the severe weather of the morning, and only a small