

MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE.

The fifth annual report of the M.C.L. has been published and contains a very satisfactory account of the good done by the Children's Hospital, which is the particular care of the League.

From various causes the League itself has not proved as successful as at first anticipated; and the number of branches has considerably decreased, so that now there are only nine in active work. It is intended, however, to revive some during the coming winter, and several which exist now only in name may show signs of growth.

Shortly after the annual meeting the clergy agreed among themselves to raise, if possible, the sum of \$1,200 from their respective parishes, toward the maintenance of the Children's Hospital. Not much more than one-half of this sum was paid in; but the Army and Navy entertainment, held in the Drill Hall in October, and the repetition in the Opera House in April, realised more than \$2,100, so that the funds of the Hospital show a balance on the right side.

The Treasurer's statement shows that the institution has been conducted economically, during the past year, without sacrificing efficiency.

It is proposed to build a wing to the building so as to give additional accommodation.

Taking the year round there has been an average of about five children receiving nursing, medical treatment and maintenance free. At one time there were twelve in the Hospital, but under the good care bestowed upon them they soon became well and hearty. The Matron reports the whole number received to be 42.

A very important feature of the Hospital is that a number of trained nurses are connected with it, whose services have been extremely valuable in the city and so highly appreciated, that usually the supply does not equal the demand. The four trained nurses have attended 39 cases in private families, whilst 45 parish cases have been attended gratuitously, and medicine supplied free.

Although this is distinctly a church institution as regards the management, all creeds and nationalities are received on equal terms. Indeed of the 42 inmates, only 25 belonged to the Church of England, 17 being of other denominations, including several Roman Catholics.

It is hoped that this excellent and well-managed institution will receive liberal support from the church people of Ottawa.

NOTES.

Harvest Thanksgivings are now in order, and from all accounts should be very hearty this year especially. The dates of all have not been announced as yet. St. John's will be on Sunday, September 27th; Christ Church on Thursday, October 1st.

All will sympathise with the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Bogert in the serious illness of their daughter.

Mr. Bogert had left for a well earned holiday at Old Orchard, when he was summoned to Boston, and his anticipated enjoyment turned to intense anxiety whilst Miss Anna Bogert lay hovering between life and death. She is now approaching convalescence, but it is feared complete recovery will be slow.

The news from Rev. E. Hanington is good. His throat seems recovering its strength, though somewhat troublesome during the voyage to England.

The Rev. W. H. Stiles has returned from his short trip to his friends in England, much strengthened by his holiday.

The improvements to St. George's Church will be completed this month, and the re-opening services will be held about the middle of October, when Rev. Dr. Clarke, of Toronto, is expected to preach.

A very successful garden party was held near St. Barnabas Church, on Thursday, August 27th, and from the large number of people present, it is anticipated that there will be a good financial result.

Miss L. M. Jarvis, formerly a teacher in St. John's Sunday School, has entered upon her duties as a probationer at the Arnot-Ogden Hospital, Elmira, N.Y., and so far finds the work pleasant and congenial.

Miss Leggo, another St. John's Teacher, has also, after her rest and recovery, rejoined the staff at the Homeopathic Hospital, in Brooklyn, N. Y.

THE QUIET DAY.

Following the successful precedent of last year, the different congregations will unite in a "Quiet Day" to be held in Christ Church on Friday, the second of October, and to be conducted by Rev. G. Osborne Throop, of Montreal.

There will be a General Mission Service, open to all, at 8 p.m., the other services being intended only for women.

The programme is as follows:—8 a.m., Holy Communion; 10 a.m., Matins; 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion with first address; 12 m., The Litany; 1 to 2 p.m., Lunch; 2.30 p.m., Second address; 3.45 p.m., Third address; 5 p.m., Evensong; 8 p.m., General Mission Service and fourth address.

To avoid the hurry and fatigue of a return to distant homes, or the disturbance of the quiet day, a light lunch will be served in the school-room, to cover the expense of which 15 cts. will be charged.

Those attending the services are requested to fill up the front seats in the Church, but should any arrive during a service they are requested to enter as quietly as possible and to take seats nearer the door.

It is hoped that as far as possible unnecessary conversation on ordinary topics will be avoided.

To ensure quietness undisturbed during the service, punctuality in attendance is most desirable.

Opportunities will be afforded to make contributions for defraying the necessary expenses.