

inadequate to cover the additional expense that will be entailed upon them, and we appeal confidently to the clergy and others interested in our work, to become subscribers. If the Theological and Missionary department of the Review is to accomplish the objects for which it has been started in a worthy manner it will need all the various kinds of support and encouragement which are enumerated above.

#### MEETINGS.

Since our last issue, two meetings have been held, at both of which there was a fair attendance of students, though no outside members were present.

The first was held on Wednesday, January 24th, at 8 p.m. A paper was read by Mr. G. F. Davidson, on the Conference of the Church Students' Missionary Association, after which Mr. C. H. Carlton, B. A., gave a most interesting account of the recent convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, at Ottawa.

Owing to a variety of causes, the meeting which was announced for Tuesday, Feb. 6th, had to be postponed and through a misunderstanding the date was changed more than once, so that the Secretary had to keep up a running fire of post cards which must have greatly mystified non-resident members. Finally the meeting was held on Monday, Feb. 12th, at 8 p. m., when a carefully prepared paper on "Buddhism" was read by Mr. C. H. Carlton, B. A. As the members present were not deeply versed in this wonderful religion, the discussion on the paper was necessarily brief.

#### OPENING OF ST. HILDA'S, FAIRBANK.

The relations existing between Theological and Missionary Society and the Fairbank Mission are too well known for it to be necessary to apologize at any length for inserting a brief notice of the opening of St. Hilda's Church in these columns. It is our own special mission having been started and carried on by members of the Society.

The church is not yet quite completed and many visitors who were present at the opening service, may have been disposed to wonder why it should have been opened before all things were in order. It must suffice here to say that a combination of circumstances rendered it not only desirable but almost imperative.

The opening service was held on Friday, Feb. 2nd, at 3.30 p. m. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese gave a short address, congratulating the congregation on the persevering struggle they were making under somewhat trying circumstances.

Naturally there were not so many people present as at the laying of the corner stone, which took place on a bright summer's day, but the church was completely filled and in the chancel there were a large number of clergy and choristers, the latter being under the direction of the Rev. F. G. Plummer. The organist was Mr. Mockridge.

Trinity was fairly well represented, though the members of the Faculty were all unavoidably absent. St. Hilda's College, (the ladies of which have always taken a keen interest in the welfare of the mission), sent a very strong deputation, and many other lady friends from the city and suburbs were present, including Miss Playter, who has been a veritable fairy god-mother to the mission.

After the service, refreshments were served in the Mission House and many of the visitors stayed or Evensong, at which Canon Du Moulin preached and the choir of St. Matthias' Church assisted.

At the services on the following Sunday the preachers were the Dean, the Rev. C. H. Shortt and the Provost.

The concluding service of the festival was held on Tuesday, the 6th, when Rev. Canon Sweeney, D.D., preached and the choir of St. Cyprian's Church assisted.

The offertories throughout the festival were somewhat disappointing, but we suppose that the blame for that must rest upon the broad shoulders of the monster, ye clept "hard times."

Now that the church is open, we look for larger congregations and a great increase of usefulness and prosperity. There are not wanting indications that these hopes are likely to be fulfilled. Sooner or later success must crown the efforts of men and women, who for love of God and of His Church, will work night and day that it may be ready for opening at the appointed time.

A collect for the daily use of the members has been drawn up by the president and vice-president and accepted by the Society. Copies may be had from the secretary.

#### PASTORAL THEOLOGY: A SUGGESTION.

ONE of the gravest problems demanding a solution from those who are entrusted with the training of candidates for Holy Orders is that of the best method of supplying the necessary instruction in the practical duties of the ministerial office. This is more specially true of colleges where the staff is so limited as is generally the case in Canada. The Professors are themselves without experience, whilst their duties compel them to be largely theoretical. They have to teach a little Greek, a little Latin, a little Hebrew; they have to expound the Scriptures and Church history; they have to unfold systems of theology; they have to defend their own Church as well as the Christian faith. These things are of the utmost importance. The reading and the thinking of the lecturer is conditioned by his subjects.

On the other hand, if an experienced rector be appointed to the office of Lecturer in Pastoral Theology, he may find it extremely difficult to impart in the shape of systematic lectures the practical knowledge which he possesses and successfully applies every day of his life. And even if he surmounts this difficulty, there is this further drawback—that practice and practice only can make the practical man. Many a man may have an excellent theory of practical theology, and could sit in his study and expound the art of "running a parish," who would find his theory quite unworkable when it came to application.

It would seem to follow from this that some actual practical pastoral work should form part of the training of a Divinity student.

To accomplish this I would suggest the following plan: At the close of his regular college course let the Divinity student be admitted to Deacon's orders, but still continue in *in statu pupillari* for one year more. Let him spend that year not as *curate* but as student, under the immediate supervision of a city or town rector. I would have his work mapped out for him as definitely as it is in college. So many hours of reading, so many hours of sermon preparation, so many hours visiting, attendance at such and such meetings, presidency of Sunday-school on such and such Sundays, and so forth. For example—the rector would say: "Mr. A., you will spend the hours of from 9-10 every morning this week in the study of Blunt's 'Pastoral Theology'; from 10-11 you will read Greek Testament or Church History; from 11-1 you will assist me in completing the arrangements for the parish meetings of business of the week. In the afternoons you will visit the following sick persons, make a house-to-house visitation