

number of its members lately, sang remarkably well.

The annual vestry meeting was held on Wednesday evening, April 24th. The attendance was not large, but all the business matters of the church were completed very satisfactorily.

Dr. Chipman, we regret to say, has resigned his position as clergyman's warden. His successor has not as yet been appointed. Mr. Rogers was re-elected people's warden. The following were appointed sidesmen: Mr. Crouch, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. A. Scharf, Mr. R. Brown, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Mason, and Mr. John Scharf.

THE Episcopal Endowment Fund is growing steadily. Already \$25,000 has been paid in, and more comes daily. If only all could send to Mr. Hanington their subscriptions, the summer might see a bishop resident in Ottawa.

His Grace the Archbishop has issued a short circular, urging all to do their best, as he is desirous of calling the synod at Ottawa soon for the election of a bishop according to the canons of synod. It would be well if the new diocese of Ottawa were to be represented at the Provincial Synod meeting to be held next September in Montreal.

THE meeting of the Interprovincial Sunday-school Committee was held in Kingston on April 23rd. The scheme of lessons for the next year was considered and approved. It is the second year of the five years' course adopted by the Church Sunday-school Institute of England. Specimens of certificates for teachers and scholars' examinations were presented, but nothing was decided. It is intended to try to procure statistics of all the Sunday-schools throughout the Dominion.

REV. T. J. STILES, of Iroquois, has been appointed organizing secretary for the diocese of Ontario for that excellent and growing Men's Help Society. The object is to help men to lead Christian lives. It is wider in scope than the St. Andrew's Brotherhood (which can be included in it), and seeks to band together all who in any way work for the Church and to encourage all to take up some definite sphere of action, however little time they may have to spare.

THE annual meeting of the W.A. was held on April 16th. Holy Communion was administered at 11 in St. John's Church, the Rev. H. Pollard delivering an address from the text, "Ye are to shine as lights in the world."

The business meeting was held at 3 o'clock in the schoolroom, the archdeacon taking the chair. The president made a short address, telling of the rapid spread of the W.A. during the ten years of its existence over the whole of the province. It now numbers 10,000 adults,

besides a large number of children. The reports showed an increase in the membership of the Ottawa branch, a slight falling off in receipts—\$411.68 having been given during the year—and that fifteen parcels and bales had been sent away. The J.W.A. and three branches of the C.C.M.G. were also hard at work.

The officers of last year were re-elected with the addition of the names of Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Loucks as vice-presidents; and Mrs. J. R. Armstrong as corresponding secretary, Miss Whitchev having been obliged to resign. Delegates from the different parishes were elected to attend the annual diocesan meeting to be held in Perth on the 6th and 7th of June. Lady Aberdeen gave an interesting address, speaking of missionary work from a traveller's point of view, and laying great stress upon the encouragement afforded to missionaries by visits from those from the outer world, by letters or pamphlets, which help to relieve the loneliness, which is often one of the sorest trials the missionary has to endure.

A short address from the Rev. H. Pollard followed, dwelling on the expressed wish of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions, that all moneys should go through their hands unappropriated.

Resolutions of thanks were tendered to the speakers, and to the rector and churchwardens of St. John's Church for the use of the schoolroom for the monthly meetings.

The offertory, amounting to \$30.72, will be Ottawa's share of the woman's thank-offering for the consolidation of the Church in Canada.

The afternoon was brought to an agreeable close by an afternoon tea, prepared by the St. John's ladies.

The monthly meeting was held on April 29th. The destination of the spring bales was discussed, and it was decided that Christ Church should send, as before arranged, to Mr. Lindsay, Little Pines, Saskatchewan; St. George's, to the Rev. J. Sanders, Biscotasing, Ont., in the diocese of Moosonee; and St. John's, St. Alban's, and St. Bartholomew's to unite in a bale for one of Archdeacon Phair's clergy at West Selkirk, Man. The others parishes are not arranged for as yet. Each parish will try to contribute a few, say ten, warm articles towards the bale which Mr. Tyrrell hopes to make up and send to Fort Churchill to the Rev. Mr. Lofthouse. These articles will be sent to Mr. Tyrrell's residence in New Edinburgh before May 24th.

Mrs. W. P. Anderson read a very comprehensive paper on India as a mission field, and Mrs. Parmelee gave extracts from a letter received from the Rev. Norman Tucker, giving an account of work in Caledonia diocese. Next month the subjects will be Saskatchewan and Calgary, by Miss Greene, and Palestine and Assyria, by Miss Wickstead.