

promptly attended to. Rev. Mr. Ancient suggested the sending of a circular letter to the clergyman of the diocese to be read at the Easter meetings. After further remarks by Maynard, Mr. W. C. Silver, Rev. Dr. Bowman, of Parrsboro, and Mr. J. T. Wyde, the matter was allowed to drop after votes of thanks had been passed to the press, the railways, to the clerical and lay secretaries, and to the citizens for entertaining the country clergy, and it was resolved that the Synod adjourn to the 20th March next, in order to provide for any unexpected emergency which might arise in connection with the election.

After the *Te Deum* had been sung and the benediction pronounced by the Archdeacon, the Synod adjourned.

**KENTVILLE.**—In the death of Mrs. Clarke, the Church at Kentville has lost one of its most active and devoted women. Though for many years feeble in health she never shrank from performing a large share of parochial duty, and was at all times firm in the enjoyment of the means of grace, a bright example to those who are left behind. When called she was ready.

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.**

**ALBERTON.**—The *Daily Examiner*, Charlotte town, says: The Clerical Association of the Church of England met a short time ago in Alberton, and held most interesting and profitable services. Addresses of a missionary character were delivered by the clergy on each evening. On Tuesday morning the Holy Communion was celebrated, and an excellent sermon preached by Rev. James Simpson, M.A., of St. Peter's. Very successful services were also held at the new churches in Alma and O'Leary. We are glad to note these signs of increased activity and progress, showing that the wonderful revival in the Mother Church is also reaching P. E. Island.

**DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON**

**BAIE DU VIN.**—The regular quarterly meeting of the Ruri-Deeanal Chapter of Chatham was held in this parish on Monday, Jan. 23rd, and following days. Out of seven clergy who might have been present, only three put in an appearance. Rural Dean Forsyth, of Chatham, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, of Newcastle, and the Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, Rector of the parish. It is greatly to be regretted that so few of the clergy seem to take any real interest in their Deanery meetings, affording as they do occasion for much mutual intercourse and encouragement.

The valued Secretary of the Chapter, the Rev. A. F. Hiltz, B.D., making the clergy in the Deanery eight in all, is still very seriously unwell, and his final recovery at the present time is a matter of grave doubt. Prayers in his behalf were offered up during the session of the Chapter. The Rev. J. H. S. Sweet is acting as Secretary *pro tem*.

Morning Prayers were said in the pretty little Church of St. John the Evangelists, still beautifully adorned with its Christmas decorations, at 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning. At ten the members met in Chapter, and read and discussed the seventh chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Evensong was said at seven o'clock, quite a large congregation being present; the majority of which were men. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, from Isaiah lv. 1.

On Wednesday—Conversion of St. Paul—the Holy Communion was administered at 8 o'clock, the Rector being celebrant. The session of the Chapter during the forenoon was devoted to the consideration of Psalm xiv, both in the Hebrew and the Septuagint. During the afternoon session the ordinary routine work of the Deanery was taken up. A communication from the Bishop Coadjutor, respecting the formation of a Sunday-school Teacher's Association, was

brought forward and discussed, and a Committee appointed to draw up a constitution and report at next meeting. On motion it was resolved that the next meeting be held in the Parish of Richibouco, on Monday, April 9th and following days, and that Rom. vii. in Greek, and Psalm xv in Hebrew, and lxx. be the portions of Scripture read. The Rev. E. B. Hooper was appointed preacher, and the Rev. W. J. Wilkinson substitute.

Morning Prayer was said at 7 o'clock, a large congregation being again present. In lieu of a sermon the Rural Dean gave an exhaustive and interesting address on Foreign Missions. On the following day the members left for their respective homes, much cheered by mutual intercourse, and highly pleased at the spiritual life discernable in this somewhat isolated but well worked mission.

**DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.**

**CHURCH SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting of this Society was held in the National school, Hull, Quebec, on Wednesday, Feb. 1st, at two p.m. The Lord Bishop occupied the chair.

Among those present were: Revs. Fothergill, Secretary, Richardson, Petry, VonIffland, William, Rexford, R. J. Fothergill and Thompson, Com: Gen. Irvine; and Messrs. C. Judge, W. G. Wurtelo, A. Pope, Geo. Veasey, John Hamilton, Geo. Lampson, R. H. Smith, E. T. D. Chambers, J. Dunbar, Q.C., Capt. Carter, and Rev. Fulton, of Montreal.

Prayer was said by Rev. M. M. Fothergill, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Com. Gen. Irvine presented the accounts of the Church Society; Mr. A. Pope those of the Clergy Trust Fund and Bishopric Endowment; and Mr. J. Hamilton those of the Diocesan Board. The reports of the Central Board, Diocesan Board, and Clergy Trust Fund were presented, and a motion adopted. The Vice-Presidents of the Society were re-elected, with the addition of George Lampson, Esq. The death of two Vice-presidents during the past year, Rev. W. King, and Rev. G. V. Houseman, were feelingly referred to in this report.

The following are Vice-Presidents, viz.: Sir W. Meredith, D.C.L., Robert Hamilton, D.C.L., M. Sheppard, W. G. Wurtelo, Capt. Ashe, R.N. The Lord Bishop of Niagara, Rev. H. Roe, D.D., Rev. C. P. Reid, D.C.L., Hon. G. Irvine, Judge Vice Admiralty Court, R. W. Heneker, D.C.L., Chancellor Bishop's College, G. Veasey, E. A. Jones, J. Patton, jr., J. Dunbar, Q.C., J. B. Forsyth, Geo. Lampson and Rev. E. A. Sewell. The following gentlemen were elected members of the Corporation of the Society:—Marquis of Lansdowne (life member), Rev. A. H. Robertson, Rev. R. H. Norman, D.C.L., Rev. R. H. Cole, and Rev. A. Bareham, and Messrs. George Beach, Geo. E. Borlase, W. H. A. Eckhardt, C. W. Phillips, W. B. Scott, Herman Young, G. Gale, George R. White, J. Taylor, C. W. Walcot and J. C. Moore.

Mr. George Lampson moved, and Mr. George Veasey seconded, a vote of thanks to the scrutineers, which was unanimously adopted.

Rev. T. Richardson moved a vote of thanks to the Hon. Treasurer, which was also unanimously adopted.

The Central Board was appointed as follows: The President, Vice-Presidents, and all the officers of the Society, all Clergymen licensed in the Diocese, and the Wardens of every Church or Chapel, and Messrs. C. Judge, Dr. F. Montizambert, N. H. Carter, J. H. Richardson, Alex. Pope, C. P. Champion, H. J. Pratten, T. H. Norris, J. C. Moore, F. Holloway, C. W. Walcot, W. H. Tapp, R. R. Campbell, J. Hamilton, E. Pope, E. E. Webb, E. J. Hale, T. H. Jones, and Rev. I. E. Rexford.

The Honorary Council elected are: Hon. Geo. Irvine, Q.C.; J. Dunbar, Q.C.; and Geo. Lampson.

On motion of Rev. A. A. Von Iffland, the

Rev. Dr. Norman was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Rev. G. V. Housman. The following were elected for the Clergy Trust Committee: The Lord Bishop, and Revs. M. M. Fothergill, F. A. Smith, T. Richardson, A. A. Von Iffland, F. Boyle, L. Williams, Rev. Dr. Norman, and Messrs. R. Hamilton, W. G. Wurtelo, C. Judge, George Veasey, R. H. Smith, A. Pope, and E. J. Hale. A Canon respecting the principle of amalgamation of Local Endowment funds was introduced and read a first time. After the Bishop had pronounced the benediction the meeting adjourned.

**DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.**

**MONTREAL.**—*Diocesan S.S. Association.*—The annual meeting of the Diocesan Sunday-school Association was held on Monday evening, 30th ult., in the School-room of St. George's Church. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese presided, and there was a fair attendance of teachers and friends.

After the singing of a hymn, and prayer by the Rev. L. N. Tucker, (in which the beautiful Collects of the Church, many of them so admirably adapted for such a gathering, were entirely wanting, to the loss of those present), the Bishop made a short opening address, dealing with the great importance of Sunday-schoolwork in view of the almost entire absence of religious training in the secular schools; pointing out the danger of the mere development of the mental powers by education without religion, and also showing that the common objection that the religious training of the children should be given in the family, and that consequently there was little need for Sunday-schools was unfounded; and where there was no spiritual or religious training in the family—as was too often the case—the Sunday-school, to some extent at least, supplied the want, especially if the teachers were loyal to the Church's system and the Prayer-book, and were not satisfied with merely seeing the children on the Sunday but followed them during the week.

Mr. Alex. Robertson, secretary, submitted his annual report containing a resume of the meetings, etc. The Treasurer's statement showed a balance of \$12 26 to the credit of the Association. Addresses followed from Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Church, superintendent of the St. Lambert school, and from Revs. Canon Mills and Dr. Norton.

The Secretary announced that at the business meeting the following officers were elected: President, the Lord Bishop; Clerical Vice-President, the Very Rev. the Dean; Lay Vice-President, Mr. Alex. Robertson; Treasurer, Mr. Nicholas R. Mudge; Secretary, Mr. R. H. Buchanan.

**IBERVILLE.**—A Meeting of the Deanery of Ibergville, took place in the parish of Franklin and Havelock, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 23rd, 24th, and 25th of January. The following clergy were in attendance:—Revs. J. F. Renaud, Rural Dean, rector of St. John's; B. P. Lewis, rector of Christeville; J. C. Garrett, rector of Lacolle; W. Weaver, Hemmingford; Canon Fulton, M.A., and N. P. Yates, B.A., Franklin and Havelock.

Letters of regret were received from Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, M.A., of Waterloo, who was unable to attend on account of sickness—a regret in which the members of the Deanery present deeply share, and from Rev. W. G. W. Lewis, of Malone, N.Y. A short preparatory meeting was held on Monday evening at the residence of Geo. Rowe, Churchwarden under the charge of Rev. N. P. Yates, at which he 12th chap. of Rom. was read and briefly expounded by the Incumbent; appropriate hymns were sung and special prayers were offered for a blessing on the meetings about to be held and for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the work of the Church in the parish and diocese generally. Short practical addresses were de-