

The Rev. H. Bedford-Jones gave a bright address, and then Miss Smith delighted us all with her anecdotes of Life in Japan. She read us a short Japanese fairy tale, and showed us some curiosities, amongst them a sword, which the Japanese use to drive away evil spirits! Miss Hamaguchi pleaded earnestly that the little ones of her native land may be taught to know and love the Lord Jesus. In the evening a reception was given in the School-house of St. Paul's Church, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. An excellent programme of music was provided, and we feel we cannot sufficiently thank the clergy and all the kind members of the Auxiliary in Brockville for their generous hospitality. We much regretted that the Ven. Archdeacon Bedford-Jones was unable to attend the reception, owing to an attack of bronchitis. Our new Board met on Friday morning and then we separated, feeling very grateful to God for the blessing that has rested upon our Annual Meeting, and praying that we may do more for Him in the future than we have done in the past.

[NIAGARA]. DIOCESAN MOTTO.—“*Lo! I am with you alway.*”

The Quarterly Meeting of the Dio. Board was held on Thursday, June 14th, at Grimsby, about 70 delegates being present. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion in St. Andrew's Church, at 10.43, after which the business meeting was opened in the Town Hall, which was prettily decorated with flags for the occasion. After the usual routine of calling the role, reading the minutes, etc., had been finished, an adjournment was made for lunch, which was served in one of the hotels, an arrangement now often made by town Branches when entertaining the Board, and which takes the trouble and responsibility of the lunch off the shoulders of the local Branch. In the afternoon the meeting was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Kennedy, lately returned from Japan. It had been expected that Miss Smith would be present, but Mr. Kennedy kindly took her place as she was unable to come. Mr. Kennedy is much interested in Miss Paterson's work, the St. Mary's Bible Training Home at Matsumoto. Without it he thinks efficient work cannot be done in that quarter of Japan. It is not enough to have Japanese male catechists; they must be provided with Christian wives, and young Christian women are needed to go among the heathen women in their houses. The sum of \$300 is needed to build a wing to the present Home, where the girls can be