

the conclusion of his speech, which was received with great applause, he was presented with an address by Mr. Francis, B.A., on behalf of the graduates and undergraduates of the University, which spoke of the high esteem in which he is already held by them. They bid both himself and Mrs. Welch a hearty welcome to their midst, and trusted that the good feeling which already existed between the members of the University and himself, would long continue, and that both he and Mrs. Welch would enjoy "length of days abounding in health, prosperity and every happiness." To this address Dr. Welch made a felicitous reply, which was received with tumultuous applause, all the undergraduates in the gallery rising to their feet and cheering again and again. The Lord Bishop of Toronto then pronounced the benediction and this pleasant event was brought to a close.

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS

MONTREAL.

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Executive Committee Meeting.—The November meeting of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Synod was held last Tuesday, Bishop Bond presiding. The treasurer presented his usual statement of the various funds of the Synod. The Ven. Archdeacon Evans sent in a report in reference to the old church and lot at St. Martin. The matter was referred back to him for further action.

A report was presented by the committee on the Mission Fund plan, containing a statement of the sums agreed to be paid towards the support of their clergymen in 1896, by the several missions receiving aid from the fund. The report was adopted, and the committee was authorized to proceed with its work and to furnish a scale of grants for next year to the executive at its next meeting, the grants to be based on the new Mission Fund plan.

A report from the rural deanery of Brome was presented in reference to the matter of the separation of Eastman from the parish of South Stukeley, recommending that Eastman and East Bolton be formed into a new mission. The report was adopted.

The chairman read an interesting letter from the Rev. R. C. Brewer, on his work in River Desert.

The Church of St. James the Apostle.—The new transept of this church was formally opened on Sunday morning, November 10th. The new transept is to the left of the chancel and will provide some of the much-needed extra room for worshippers. The decoration and lighting are in keeping with the body of the church. At the dedication services His Lordship the Bishop of Montreal preached, and was assisted by the Rev. Canon Ellegood and the Rev. G. Abbot-Smith. His Lordship preached from the text: "We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that you receive not the grace of God in vain," II. Corinthians vi. 1, 2. Considering the history of that congregation, its trials, hopes, fears and deliverances, it could indeed be said that it had received the grace of God. He dwelt upon the interest they had in the work of God, both as individuals and as a congregation. The secret of the growth of their congregation had not been so much in the eloquence of their clergyman, but rather in the close attachment that existed between the clergyman and the congregation. In closing, he expressed the hope that they would present their new building to God, unhampered by debt. They could do it, and he knew they would. The above auspicious event, was further commemorated on the following evening by the rendering of the beautiful cantata, "Ruth"; the rendition reflected much credit on the accomplished organist, Mr. Reynier, and on the numerous members of the choir. The church was well filled; the offertory was for the benefit of the Choir Fund.

St. George's.—At the annual business meeting of St. George's Church Y.M.C.A., held in St. George's schoolhouse on Thursday last, the following officers were elected: President, the Rev. C. J. James; first vice-president, the Very Rev. Dean Carmichael; second vice-president, Mr. Dunbar Browne; secretary, Mr. G. E. Atwood; treasurer, Mr. F. G. Frankum. Ten committee men were elected for the work of the ensuing year. The various reports received for the past year were very satisfactory. The average attendance at the meetings throughout the year was thirty-nine. New members to the number of thirty-three have joined during the year and are now engaged in active work. The rooms of the association on Stanley street are open every evening from 7.30 to 10 o'clock, from September 1st till the end of June. All men are invited to make use of them. The library of the association at the General Hospital numbers 250 volumes; at the Victoria

Hospital there are 200 books for the use of convalescents. The Rev. H. J. Evans, chaplain of the General Hospital, is assisted in his labours by the young men who help to bring the convalescents to the services in the new chapel. Mr. J. J. Willis is the organist. The organ used is the gift of Mr. A. P. Willis and was presented to the association at the completion of the chapel. The members of the Hospital Wards Committee are: Messrs. Coe, J. Hyde, Shortley, Willis, Frankum and Jones; Messrs. J. Barry, Kenidge and A. Mudge constitute the library committee for the hospitals. The association has continued the scholarship of one hundred dollars per annum to the Montreal Diocesan College. It has also assisted in the work of the Prisoners' Aid Association. The Maisonneuve Mission, a new undertaking, is making good progress under the direction of Messrs. A. B. Haycock and A. P. Tippet. The Sunday-school and the Band of Hope especially are doing good work. The association has secured a fine lot at Maisonneuve on which it proposes to erect a church as soon as the necessary funds are forthcoming.

Farewell to Rev. Mr. Aitken and his Co-Workers.—The Bishop convened the city and local clergy, the W.A. and laity, for the purpose of bidding God-speed to this faithful band of evangelists, who have had an enthusiastic reception during their stay in Montreal.

ONTARIO.

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NAPANEE.—The third annual meeting of the Rural Deanery of Lennox and Addington, which was held Tuesday and Wednesday, in the chapel of St. Mary Magdalene Church, of this town, was an encouragement and gave an inspiration of hope to the friends and workers in the English Church in this section of Ontario. Several points stand out before one prominently as he thinks of the meeting which is just past—the ardour, enthusiasm and ceaseless exercise of the best energies of the clergymen in behalf of the Church in this deanery, the tact and push of these gentlemen, and the glowing success accompanying them as shown in the building of churches and other encouraging signs of progress. The Church militant in the deanery is indeed the Church triumphant. Proceeding to give the details of the state of the Church in this deanery, the Rural Dean says: "There has been a slight falling off owing to deaths and removals in the number of families (Church population) and communicants, but instead of a proportionate decrease in the contributions of the people, there is, strange to say, an increase in every column under the two heads of 'Expenditure' and 'Property,' saving those of 'Chapels' and 'Parsonages,' which remain the same. Our parishes, which for years have numbered only eight, are now nine, through the recent addition of North Addington. One more mission to be made out of portions of the two parishes of Tamworth and Camden East is urgently required, and it is hoped, will ere long be established. These parishes comprise ten stations in which Sunday services are regularly held—too many altogether to be worked effectively by two mission priests, even though aided by lay-readers. The number of stations in the deanery has increased from 24 to 27, three new ones having been formed in North Addington. We began the year with 16 churches, but now have 18, one having been added in each of the parishes of Tamworth and Camden East. Seven of the eighteen are the product of the last eight years' work. In mid-day celebrations there is a decline of fourteen, in early a gain of nine. The Sunday services have increased by eighty-nine, the week-day fallen off by four. Infant and adult baptisms were respectively in 1894, 87 and 10, in 1895, 80 and 6, while there is a decline of burials by 3. With regard to Sunday-schools the showing is very cheering, there being an increase of one school, 70 pupils, 7 male and 10 female teachers. The estimated value of Church property, if we add St. Jude's Church, Napanee Mills, and its appurtenances—not included in the returns to Synod—is \$91,100, against \$85,600 last year, an increase of \$3,650. A new church is being built at Yarker. The building is indeed nearly done, and, while we write, is being roofed. It is a beautiful, commodious structure built of brick and placed on the best site in the village. It owes its existence to the liberality of the O'Laughlin family and the energy of the parish priest, the Rev. F. D. Woodcock. The Rural Dean then gives the particulars of the progress of the churches in the parishes of the deanery. Adolphustown comes first. Here the work never flags, though the rector toils on, unaided now-a-days by the Rev. M. Green, whose services are always in demand elsewhere. The good people of the parishes of Adolphustown and Fredericksburg have combined to place a furnace in the Rev. Mr. Forneri's rectory before winter begins. The good people of St. Paul and St. Alban's have organized a Woman's Auxiliary. Amherst Island enjoyed a visit from the Archbishop last summer, who confirmed, at St. Alban's Church,

Stella, a class of 16 young persons. The rector of this parish, the former esteemed secretary of the deanery, has set an example which perhaps it would be wise for us to follow. He believes in having his missionary meetings in the autumn, and so held his on Sunday, 27th ult., aided by Messrs. Rogers and Pense, with the result that the collections were double those of last year. In Ernestown good work is being done in the face of many drawbacks, a trying one being the removal to other localities of valuable parishioners. Last spring the Archbishop held a confirmation in Odessa, when twenty-three received that holy rite, of whom twenty were adults, and fourteen converts from the seats. The total renovation of St. Alban's Church, inside and outside, has been completed. In the Selby Mission the work of erecting the Roblin Church has been brought to a standstill, owing to local dissensions. The mission priest has furnished me with a detailed statement of receipts and disbursements in connection with that work, which I consider satisfactory. The mission is said to stand well financially. The parish of Napanee enjoys the distinction of having returned, on account of parochial collections, a sum 50 per cent. in advance of last year. The various funds are in a healthy condition. A considerable increase in communicants is reported. Bath, despite death, removals and hard times, seems to hold its own. The daily evensong last summer was attended better than ever, the average per week running from 10 to 13. As St. John's was opened a century ago this year, the intention was to commemorate that event this autumn by laying the corner-stone of a chancel in memory of Rev. John Langhorn, the first rector and founder of the Church in this district. But in consequence of the stringency of the times it has been thought prudent to delay proceedings for the present. The vestry has unanimously voted in favour of the project, and appointed a strong committee to carry it into effect, and not only they, but the congregation at large, rely upon being supported in the good work by their brethren throughout the deanery, seeing it is, in a sense, the centennial of the foundation of all the neighbouring parishes, as much almost as it is that of the parish of Bath. Tamworth has added one more to the number of churches in the deanery, the congregation at Enterprise having purchased the old Methodist chapel and repainted it and made it meet for celebration of divine service. The untiring labours under God of the Rev. Mr. Serson accounts for this success. Two years ago such a result would not have been anticipated; and besides accomplishing this the mission priest has in hand now and nearing completion, the erection of a commodious stone vestry to his parish church. Camden East also has swelled the roll of our churches through the great work accomplished in an incredible short time at Napanee Mills, where, thanks to the zeal of the mission priest, the Rev. F. D. Woodcock, and a small band of Church workers, the beautiful and substantial Church of St. Jude, finished and almost out of debt, will henceforth stand for the defence of "the faith once delivered to the Saints"; while at Yarker, in the same parish, wonderful to relate, another beautiful commodious brick church has been built in the midst of the people, in the heart of the village. This edifice has been erected by the sons of the late Rev. A. J. O'Laughlin, to the glory of God, and in loving memory of the late faithful priest, Mr. O'Laughlin. In connection with all this good work that has been done in these neighbouring parishes, comprising ten stations, let not this be lost sight of, that its accomplishment would have been simply impossible but for the assistance of lay readers, mostly members of St. Andrew's Brotherhood at Kingston, who received in virtue of their services from the Mission Board only their travelling expenses. I may add here that if a new mission should be formed of stations taken from the missions of Tamworth and Camden East, within a reasonable time, the necessity of which cannot be overstated, the latter mission will become self-supporting next year. Now let me say that, encouraging as all these evidences of Church life and growth are, I consider the crowning event of the year is the establishment under very promising auspices of the new mission of North Addington. At last the Church in this diocese is relieved of the stigma attaching to her for long neglect of that district, the needs of which are presently to be brought before us in an address by its first missionary, which I strongly suspect will prove to be one of the chief treats of this occasion.

CORNWALL.—Trinity (Memorial) Church.—The annual Flower Service in connection with the Sunday-school was a great success. Over 200 pupils were in the procession which marched from the parish hall to the church, the handsome Sunday-school banner being carried at the head of the procession. Each pupil carried a bouquet of flowers which were offered to God at the proper time in the service, for the use and pleasure of His sick and suffering ones, and the following day were sent to the Kingston hospital for distribution in the wards of that institution. The Archbishop of Ontario confirmed 84 persons in this