

ings with St. Peter at this service, and again at four services the following day.

At the annual meeting of the Benevolent Society held last month, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. B. Lewis; secretary, Miss Lewis; treasurer, Miss Greene.

The collectors of the various districts are now busy raising funds for the relief of the poor during the winter.

ST. ALBAN'S. — The Brotherhood of St. Andrew this year held their annual corporate communion in St. Alban's Church on the last Sunday after Trinity. At evensong a special address to the men who sat together in the front of the church was given by the Dean of Albany. At the close of the service an opportunity was given to the members of the Brotherhood to meet Dr. Robbins.

THE ruridecanal meeting was held this year at St. John's, commencing with Holy Communion at 10 a.m.

Business meeting began at 11, in the school hall. A large number of the clergy both of the city and country parishes were present, together with their lay delegates and churchwardens. The meeting proved most interesting and instructive. The Bishop occupied the chair, and during the course of the debates his lordship made several speeches. He referred to the pleasure it afforded him to thus meet his clergy and laity and discuss with them the interests of the Church. Several very carefully prepared papers were read and discussed. "How to quicken and keep alive the missionary spirit of the Church" was a question ably handled by Revs. C. S. Saddington, of Richmond, and R. T. Garrett, of St. Luke's, Ottawa.

Two papers upon the subject of confirmation were read by Revs. G. Scantlebury and W. H. Stiles, and an instructive and lengthy discussion resulted, engaging the attention of priest and layman alike.

The ladies of the congregation served a sumptuous lunch at 1.30, at which both the clergy and laymen attending the meeting were present.

A very pleasant day, and one fraught with the best results, was brought to a close by the evening service in the church at 6 o'clock.

REV. W. E. BUTLER, of Combermere, after preaching in the Cathedral, St. George's, and St. John's, made a canvass of the churchmen of Ottawa to raise funds for the erection of a parsonage in his struggling parish, and succeeding in getting over five hundred dollars.

RENEWED interest in the extension of the Church in our own diocese is being shown. On Advent Sunday the semi-annual collection for the Diocesan Mission Fund was taken

up, and from reports received the increase in the offerings was marked.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

The Girls' Friendly Society meetings are now again held regularly on the first Thursday of each month in St. George's schoolroom. At the quarterly meetings, we have coffee and cake, and at each monthly meeting, besides a short office, and a five minutes' address by the chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Pollard, we have a short programme of music and recitations, and a very short talk on some instructive subject, such as cooking, nursing, or hygiene.

THE QUIET DAY FOR WOMEN.

The "quiet day" for women, conducted by the Dean of Albany, was this year held on Saturday, the 21st November, but the preparatory service took place on the evening of the previous day. Never before had we so clear a definition of what a quiet day might be, and how it could best be kept; never before had we been so warned against the abuses of such a time of retirement, and the danger of allowing it to pass by without leaving an impression on our spiritual life. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m., Matins with an address at 9.30, a second address with intercessions at noon, a third at 3 p.m., and evensong with a final address at 5 p.m. Breakfast and lunch were to be had in the schoolroom for those who were able to spend their whole day in the church, and whether it was owing to this convenient arrangement, or to the forcible address of the Dean the evening before, no quiet day has been better observed in Christ Church. All four addresses were connected, being each based on St. Paul's prayer for his converts, in the epistle for the week, Colossians i. 9, 10, 11, 12. The first address was on the necessity of growth in wisdom and spiritual understanding, and here we had some striking thoughts on conscience, how much and how little it can do for us. The second address on good works brought out the immense importance of character—not only as influencing our work, but as being in itself the best work we could offer—the moulding to the glory of God of that which was given us when we were created in His image. "Doing flows from being" was a saying of St. Bernard, and a beautiful character was a wonderful influence for good. The third address, on "Patience and long-suffering," dealt with the discouragements in our spiritual combat, and the fourth and last "With joyfulness giving thanks," taught us the need of a spirit and attitude of thankfulness, of joy in the beautiful things of this life, of praise and adoration for the perfect beauty above.