

The Dorcas Secretary read the acknowledgement of receipt of goods sent to Algoma, Rosseau and Winnipeg, a request from the Rev. Charles Piercy for subscriptions to the Algoma News; two new members reported for St. George, one for Christ Church.

Miss Baker gave a very favourable report of the Parish Magazine and hoped all would renew their subscriptions.

Subjects for reading and prayer for January 1893 Rupert's Land and the Zenanas.

The meeting closed with the Doxology and Benediction.

NEW DIOCESE OF OTTAWA.

The work of raising the necessary endowment for the New Diocese of Ottawa is progressing. The feeling seems universally in favour of the division and promises of help are freely made. It is hoped that the Churchwardens and lay delegates to Synod will prosecute the canvas with vigour, and then the object may soon be attained. At Perth Mr. Maclaren has promised \$1000 and it is hoped an equal sum may be collected in the Parish,

Carleton Place has promised about \$1,500 and similar encouraging amounts are anticipated from other Towns and parishes.

The Lord Bishop of Ontario has issued a Pastoral, strongly urging the movement upon the attention of all Churchmen. This will be widely circulated throughout the eight Counties of the proposed new Diocese.

It may be well to state that as soon as the \$40,000 has been raised, the Bishop of Ontario will summon a Synod in Ottawa consisting of all the Clergy and lay delegates in this new Diocese, and to that Synod will be committed the election of the New Bishop.

The subject of the proposed division of the diocese was brought before the congregation of Christ Church on the 4th of December by Mr. Muckleston in the morning and Rural Dean Pollard at night; the former urging the practical need of a practical man as a true "Episcopus" or overseer, and the latter giving statistics to enforce the same idea.

Christmas was well observed by the congregation of Christ Church. At the three celebrations of Holy Communion the communicants numbered respectively 32, 65 and 168, or a grand total of 265. The decorations were exceedingly simple, a beautiful altar-cross of white flowers being most noticeable. The offertory brought to the clergy the generous gift of \$401. The singing of the choir was all that could be desired, a difficult anthem and *Te Deum* being well rendered. The familiar hymns were heartily taken up by the con-

gregation, especially when "Adeste Fideles" was sung in procession.

The Children's Festival is appointed for the 5th of January.

The Christmas services at St. John's were very well attended. Holy Communion was at 7.30 a.m., 8.15 a.m., and 11 a.m., with 233 communicants. The choir did excellently well and led the congregation right heartily. The decorations were confined to the chancel, as usual, but marked the festival in a bright and fragrant manner.

On New Year's Eve some 150 persons assembled in St. John's Church, at 11.30 p.m., and joined in the Litany and Hymns. The addresses were separated by a pause for silent meditation, whilst the Old Year was tolled out and the New Year ushered in. The offerings were given to the Organist.

It is intended to have the Sunday School Festival on Thursday, January 19th, for which preparations are being made, so as to get up a very attractive programme for the scholars and their friends.

The Sale, Concert, etc., in aid of the Sunday School Building Fund was held in St. John's Hall, on Wednesday and Thursday, December 14th and 15th, and realised over \$170. The Lunch each day was highly relished by a goodly number, whilst the other attractions proved irresistible. The Guards' Band, under Mr. Carter, supplied excellent music on Wednesday, and Mr. Cox and his amateur company gave an amusing comedy, "Ici on parle Français" on Thursday. On both evenings, Mr. Cope put his troop of charming young ladies through their flag and tambourine drill. The old soldiers in the audience compared it with the drill of more pretentious companies, and not to the discredit of the flag and tambourine; whilst all others applauded most lustily in showing their appreciation of a very pretty and graceful exhibition.

A special service for children will be held in Grace Church on Sunday, January 8th, when carols will be sung and an address given by one of the city clergy, and the Christmas prizes awarded. The collection will be in aid of the Sunday School Building Fund. Hereafter the collection on the first Sunday in each month will be in aid of this fund, and allowed to accumulate, as there is no intention of incurring any debt for the proposed building. A teachers' library has been started with thirty-six volumes of a superior standard, thirty of which have been presented. In order to extend the usefulness of the library, any member of the congregation donating one or more books will have the privilege of the library extended to them.

Professor Clarke, of Trinity College, Toronto, will preach at both morning and evening services