

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

LATE REV. DR. CARY.—Resolution adopted by the Ruri decanal Chapter of Toronto at its regular monthly meeting, Jan. 5th, 1891:

Resolved, That we the Clergy of the Rural Deanery of Toronto, at this our first meeting since the death of our deeply lamented brother, the Rev. Dr. Cary, Rural Dean of East York, place on record our deep sense of the great loss which the Diocese of Toronto and the whole Canadian Church have sustained. Dr. Cary's wide and accurate learning, able pen and eloquent speech have ever been at the service of the Church he loved: and his sudden decease leaves a gap which will not soon be filled. We also record our sense of profound loss in the removal from us of a warm hearted brother and an affectionate friend.

BAILLIEBORO'.—On Sunday, Jan. 4th, the new Christ Church here was opened for Divine worship. The services, both morning and afternoon, were choral, the joint choirs of St. Thomas', Millbrook, and Christ Church, Baillieboro', under the supervision of Mrs. W. C. Allen, rendered some good music. The prayers were read by the Rev. W. C. Allen, assistant minister, and the sermon was preached in the morning by the Rev. Mr. Farncombe, of Newcastle; the Rector, the Rev. Canon Allen, preached in the afternoon. The offertories at both services for the building fund amounted to \$77.

On the following Tuesday, Jan 6th, a tea was held in the basement of the church, to which nearly 500 must have sat down, as after admitting the members of the Sunday school free over \$100 was realized. After ample justice had been done to a most sumptuous repast, which reflected great credit on the ladies of the congregation, the vast audience repaired to the church, which was soon crowded to its utmost capacity, where addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Allen, Powell, Burgess and Rooney, interspersed by selections from the Messiah by the choir of St. Thomas' Church, Millbrook. The singing of God Save the Queen and the doxology brought a very successful evening to a close.

The congregation are to be congratulated on having such a beautiful church, which when all the promised subscriptions are paid will leave a debt of \$1,000 only. The church which is built of white brick, is 35x25; chancel 22x22; vestry, bell tower and spire, with vestibule. The basement, which is of stone, is the full size of the church, and the windows are of stained glass. The ceiling is of wood, oiled and varnished; the seats, pulpit, reading desk and roscos are of pine and ash, also oiled and varnished, which gives the church a very pleasing appearance. The frontals for pulpit and reading desk were presented by Miss Fair, of Millbrook. The chancel and altar were decorated with choice flowers kindly lent by Mrs. Alfred Dawson.

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ST. THOMAS BRANCH W. A. M. A.—The President's annual address was as follows:

Dear Ladies:—The report of the Secretary and Treasurer's annual report is before you. I think we may rejoice that so much has been done in the way of preparing and despatching bales, and in the money forwarded to Missionaries as an evidence of greater interest now taken in the work of our fellow-parishioners. Still our membership is very small, but we may call to mind for our encouragement several scriptural examples of how mighty results were achieved by small and insignificant numbers, and how the evangelization of the world was begun by twelve men. I would remind you of Gideon, how he was chosen by God to be the leader of Israel, and was timid and unwilling, and then, when he yielded himself, how God fitted him, strengthened, and guided

him. How when he was brought face to face with the Midianites those of his men who were faint-hearted were allowed to go to their homes, to the number of 2,200; that left 10,000 still there were too many, for God's purpose was to show them that He himself was their Saviour. Then Gideon was told to take them down to the water to test their self control, and all who eagerly stooped down to drink of the water were set apart and sent home. Then only three hundred were retained to do the Lord's work. Their duty was to go softly in the night in three companies of a hundred men each, with a pitcher in one hand and a lamp inside it, in the other a trumpet, which was to be blown at a given signal, saying, "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon." We all know the wonderful victory gained, that it was all the more wonderful because of the insignificance of the instruments used, that the excellency of the glory might be of God. Now we are a small, very small society, and we are, so to speak, the mother of the "Earnest Workers" and the "Juvenile Society," but because we have two thriving children we must not be complacently content just to be their mother. We must strive to increase our membership, each one of us. We must lend our missionary literature, marking passages, inviting, nay, bringing ladies to our meetings. We must inform ourselves of the Mission field in order to be interested enough to interest others. We must look into our own hearts to see if we are living as holy and consecrated lives as we ought, and if we are fulfilling Jesus' command to "abide in Him," and are made thereby fruitful branches. We may plead His own promises, taking them to Him in our closets. And this brings me to one part of our work which cannot be reported. It is one very apt to be neglected, one which requires a greater exercise of faith than the packing of bales or any active work. I mean the systematic, fervent, persevering prayer which availeth much. We cannot record our faithfulness or our negligence in this our duty and privilege; One who seeth in secret *knows*. He who has said "When they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear." He has recorded all our prayers. He who in his never-failing goodness is more ready to hear than we are to pray, says "I will yet for this be enquired of by Israel." This is a duty we must not refrain from, if we are to grow as a society, if our work is to last, if we are to influence others. We know not what a loss even our prayers may not be to the lonely tried servant of God in the midst of perplexities and cares. St. Paul continually enjoins the converts in his Epistles to pray for him and for one another. Our missionaries from every land send out the cry, "O pray for us, pray for our converts." The Committee of the Church Missionary Society ask our prayers that they may be guided in wisdom and judgment. Then let us, dear friends, make our small numbers redound to God's glory, for though we are an insignificant number we have the promise of help from One who is mighty.

I trust that we may be able to increase the circulation of the various publications of the Church Missionary Society and our own Monthly Letter Leaflet, and that we may persevere and know God's will as to what we ought to do, and may have grace and power given us faithfully to fulfil the same.

EMMA E. KAINS,
President W. A. M. A.

This Branch, with its Juvenile Auxiliaries, has sent in an admirable record of work accomplished in the past year.

Mrs. Boomer thankfully acknowledges as contributions towards the 'J. R. Education Fund': from Miss Davidson, \$1, and from the Revd. W. M. and Mrs. Shore, \$5. Another friend promises to double her \$5 subscription should the need arise for her doing so. Also Mrs. Moon, \$2.

LONDON.—Mr. C. H. Armitage, a former resident of Petrolia, now of this city, was, previous to leaving that town, presented by the teachers and scholars of Christ Church Sabbath School, with which he was for a long time connected, with a beautifully bound volume of Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage's "From Hunger to Throne." A kindly worded address accompanied the gift, to which Mr. Armitage feelingly responded.

The Very Rev. the Dean of Huron preached at St. Anne's Chapel, Hellmuth College, Sunday, January 18th. His sermon, which was most interesting and full of practical instruction, was based upon St. Mark, iii., 16. In the afternoon Mrs. Tilley, on the invitation of the Hellmuth Circle of King's Daughters, gave a beautiful address in the College drawing room, upon the privileges and duties of the religious life, and the principles of their Order. A large number of the students are members of the Circle.

The death occurred on Saturday at the residence of his father (Judge Davis), in this city, of Rev. F. F. Davis, a graduate of Huron College, who for some years past was located at Virden, in the Province of Manitoba. Deceased has been in poor health for a long time, and his death was not unexpected. He was born at Sarnia in 1863, and was a young man of much promise. The interment will take place at Sarnia. His Honor and Mrs. Davis will receive the heartfelt condolence of the public generally in the great loss they have suffered.

MIDDLESEX.—The January meeting of the clergy, church wardens and lay representatives of the Deanery of Middlesex was held in Christ Church, Tuesday morning and afternoon, Jan. 20th. At 11 a. m. a short service was held, in which Revs. E. G. Edelstein and W. Lowe took part, and Rev. S. R. Asbury preached an able sermon from 1 Cor. ii.: 1, 2. The Holy Communion was then partaken of by the clergy and laity present.

In the afternoon the Chapter met in the school-room. Among those present were Revs. Canon Smith (Rural Dean), Canon Richardson, Canon Davis, E. Softley, Granton; W. Lowe, Wardsville; R. H. Shaw, Lucan; H. R. Diehl, Hyde Park; L. DesBrisay, Strathroy; G. B. Sage, London; A. G. Smith, Muncey; R. Hicks, city; W. R. Seaborne, Thorndale; W. M. Shore, Ailsa Craig; W. M. Seaborne, city; S. G. Edelstein, Glanworth; S. R. Asbury, Delaware; Canon Hill, St. Thomas; Messrs. W. Robinson, E. Jennings and others.

Rev. R. Hicks acted as secretary, and read the minutes of the last meeting; which were with some amendments, confirmed.

On motion of Rev. R. Hicks, seconded by Rev. Canon Richardson, the Rev. Canon Hill, Rural Dean of Elgin, was invited to a seat on the platform.

The question of statistical returns was satisfactorily disposed of, all the required collections have been made.

Matters referring to the boundaries of parishes, and the extension of the Church in various parts of the country, were considered at some length.

The Rural Dean then gave the substance of letters he had received from most of the other Rural Deans of the Diocese with regard to the effectual carrying on of rural-decanal meetings.

After considerable discussion the Rural Dean was requested to bring the contents of the letters to the notice of His Lordship the Bishop he having expressed his willingness to confer with the Rural Deans on this subject.

The Rev. S. R. Asbury, of Delaware, then read an admirable paper on "The Breadth of the Church." The reading was followed by a discussion on the subject, at the close of which a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr.