

For the Church Women's Mission Aid these officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. D. Cayley; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. O'Reilly; Superintendents of Sewing, Mrs. Tinning and Mrs. Wyatt. Committee of Management—Mrs. A. M. L. Howard, Mrs. C. Thompson, Mrs. Lydie, Mrs. J. S. McMurray, Miss Thorne, Mrs. H. Thorne and Mrs. Barnes.

The first annual report of the Woman's Auxiliary referred to the success which has attended the labors of Miss Brown, who was sent out to work among the women and children of the Blackfoot Indians.

The report showed a satisfactory state of affairs. In the six dioceses of Huron, Niagara, Toronto, Ontario, Montreal and Quebec, there has been contributed \$7,216 in 1886 and 1887, and missionary boxes have been sent out to the value of \$5,166.50. Of this total Toronto Diocese has given \$2,402 and sent boxes at a value of \$2,357. The Treasurer received \$1,558.85 for various funds, and \$2,905.55 was reported to her as sent by various branches direct. Within the year there have been established seven new branches.

The report of the Church Women's Mission Committee showed that a good amount of work has been accomplished. Before this the work done had mainly been in Algoma. Now, help is extended to the North-West and to the home diocese. The financial statement showed the total value of gifts to be \$1,650. The balance on hand up to April 1st was \$100.97.

QUEBEC.

The Cathedral Branch, Quebec, has organized a band of collectors, book in hand, to canvass the parish in aid of Missions, and has undertaken other means of raising money with a spirit which evidently means the procuring of large contributions. The following are the officers appointed for the ensuing year:—President, Mrs. Colin Sewell; Vice-President, Mrs. James Patton; Secretary, Mrs. Edward Sewell; Treasurer, Miss Mary Anderson.

NIAGARA.

The annual meeting of the Diocesan Branch met on Monday afternoon (May 28th), Mrs. Mockridge presiding. Several reports from parochial branches were read, and there was an indication that the Auxiliary was to some extent growing in interest throughout the diocese. The following officers for the ensuing year were appointed:

President, Mrs. Hamilton; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Mockridge, Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. Geddes, Mrs. Bland, Mrs. McNab and Mrs. Irving; Recording-Secretary, Mrs. McGiverin; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Henry McLaren; Treasurer, Mrs. Edward Martin; appointed by the Bishop as members of Committee, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Slater, Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. Stiff.

Books and Periodicals Dept.

The Holy Land and the Bible. By Cunningham Geikie, D. D., New York. John B. Alden, publisher. Price, \$1.25; postage, 28c.

John B. Alden is a wonderful man for lovers of books. His late publications have been of a high order, but perhaps his most superb effort is Dr. Geikie's "Holy Land and the Bible." For about a dollar and a-half, including postage, one gets a book full of delightful reading, such as always comes from the graceful pen of Dr. Geikie, together with over 200 vivid and attractive illustrations, all descriptive of the Holy Land, the cradle of the Christian faith. Beginning at the first landing at Joppa, so well described that one could almost fancy himself personally engaged in the scene, through Cæsarea, Gaza, Ascalon, on to Hebron, then to Bethlehem and Jerusalem herself, round which the author lingers with evident reluctance to quit the sacred precincts; then on to the Plain of Jericho, the Jordan, the Dead Sea, to Gerizim and Nazareth; then to Damascus, Sidon and Sarepta, and numerous other places by the way, the reader journeys on as if riding side by side with the gifted author, and when arrived at the end parts with him with regret.

The Best Mode of Working a Parish. By John F. Spalding, S. T. D., Bishop of Colorado. Milwaukee, Wis. The Young Churchman Co. Price, \$1. By mail, \$1.10.

A very important question, and Bishop Spalding makes some valuable suggestions regarding it. The whole of the first part is devoted to lay work, and the second part to miscellaneous questions of importance in the right management of a parish. A condensed form of this book, put in the shape of a manual, would prove most helpful to many a parochial clergyman, as indeed the book itself cannot fail to be.

The Missionary Review of the World (Funk & Wagnalls, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York) is always full of interest. The publishers say that the circulation has doubled in three months, that the *Review* is becoming immensely popular, and that edition after edition of the earlier numbers of the year have been exhausted.

Alden's Library Magazine contains 196 pages, in large type; an extraordinary amount of high-class literature for the price of \$1 a year, or 10c. a copy. John B. Alden, publisher, 393 Pearl street, New York; 218 Clark street, Chicago.

Literature, Alden's new illustrated weekly magazine, is certainly one of the brightest, handsomest and most readable of the literary papers—of course it is the cheapest, for Alden publishes it; \$1 a year; specimen copy free.