

THE Christ Church Dorcas Society in connection with the Woman's Auxiliary has held its annual meeting, re-elected its last year's capable officers, and commenced work for the season. Every Friday afternoon a large number of its members meet, and are busily engaged in producing garments of various descriptions for the poor at home and abroad.

DURING the past month we have had among us the Rev. G. H. Butler, late of the diocese of Nova Scotia, and the Rev. M. M. Harding, rector of Brandon, Manitoba, and sometime curate of the cathedral church of St. George, Kingston.

ON November 27th, 1894, a "Charity Band" was formed by the elder girls of St. John's Sunday-school, with Miss Bowie as president, their aim being to help clothe the poor of the parish. During the winter sixteen children were clothed. The meetings began with a membership of ten, which, as the winter advanced, increased to sixteen. The band was reorganized on October 8th, 1895, and intends carrying on the same work this winter.

AT our October meeting of the G.F.S., we began again our winter course of ten-minute lectures on instructive subjects; those of last winter having proved a success. The first one was on Temperance; those to follow will be on Dress, Books and Reading, Light in the Kitchen, Eyes and no Eyes, Wild Flowers, besides one or two on different branches of cooking. We have also begun to work for our Christmas box; some of the gifts will go to Anglesea Square mission, and a small portion probably to Pettawawa. An acknowledgment was received of the \$5 our society had sent the Children's Hospital. Will G.F.S. members or associates, wanting to buy our pretty English or American almanacs, please order them at once from the secretary, so that we may not run short, as we did last year?

LAST winter the "Talent Scheme" was tried in St. John's Church with such success that at an "at home" given by the King's Daughters, on Monday, October 21st, it was started again. A good number took the "talent" (\$1), and will purchase materials to make various articles for sale. It is proposed to have these "at homes" monthly, when specimens will be exhibited and orders taken for future work. The net receipts last year were \$465.76, with five talents yet to be returned.

MONEY is continually coming in for the Ottawa Episcopal Endowment Fund, and there is every prospect of its being completed by the

end of the year. All depends upon the prompt payment of the subscriptions.

THE Archbishop of Ontario is returning from England, and will take confirmations during November in the Upper Ottawa district.

THE days of Intercession were observed in Ottawa as usual. On Friday, October 18th, a devotional meeting was held in St. John's Church at 8 p.m., conducted by Rev. T. Bousfield, incumbent of Billing's Bridge. On Sunday there were special celebrations and sermons in all the city churches. The united service for the children, which was to have been held in Christ Church, was omitted, because the military of the city wanted a parade service in the same church at the same hour.

THE Church Sunday-school Teachers' Association held their first meeting for the season in St. John's Hall on Monday, November 4th, when Mr. H. McLeod was elected president, and Miss R. Whiteaves secretary. The subjects appointed for the season are: The Incarnation and its relation to the Church, and The Women of the Pentateuch. The first was taken by Rev. J. J. Bogert, who read an essay on "The Evidences of the Incarnation" as set forth in Canon Gore's Bampton Lectures. The Bible lesson, on Eve, which took the form of a Bible class, was conducted by Rev. H. Pollard. The attendance was good, and it is anticipated that more will, in future, take an interest in the meetings.

THE ladies of St. John's Church met on Tuesday, November 5th, to arrange the various parochial organizations for the winter.

THE Bishop of Winchester says of the work in South London, England, that he is persuaded that the future in the conflict with ignorance and wrong lies with those whose whole work is based and centred every day upon the definite teaching, the clear, firm holding of the Christian faith as embodied and proclaimed in the Church's ministry of word and sacrament. He bears public testimony to the fact that in South London it is just where Christian teaching, doctrinal teaching, has been most clear and outspoken and definite and brave that the work tells and lasts, and that homes and lives are *growing purer and brighter and happier than of old*. Permanent and thorough progress in Church work is effected, not so much by the men of brilliant and popular gifts, as by those who are content to toil with patient persistence at the small and unnoticed tasks of each day. "In the work of the ministry, as in the ways of common life, the things that really matter, the things on which most depends, are the things of every day."