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The thirteenth annual meeting of the W.A. of the Diocese of Ottawa is in progress this week, and a large number of delegates are in attendance from all parts of the diocese. A fuller report of the proceedings will appear next week.

TORONTO.

Toronto.—St. Alban's Cathedral.—The members of this Branch of the Girls' Auxiliary held a sale, and also had an entertainment on Wednesday afternoon and evening of last week, which proved most successful in every way. The Rev. Canon Macnab was of great assistance to the young ladies who presided over the various stalls, and by his genial presence added greatly to the success of the affair.

The crypt of the Cathedral was crowded to the doors on Tuesday evening, May 4th, on the occasion of a reception tendered to the officers, life members, delegates, hosts and hostesses, for the twenty-third annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, diocese of Toronto. The big room was beautifully lined and decorated with red bunting and Union Jacks, large Japanese lanterns suspended all about adding to the effect; at the far end a platform running the width of the crypt was covered with rugs and divans, chairs and seats arranged very prettily with draperies and cushions, two pianos being also in evidence. The Lord Bishop of Toronto was greeting many friends, and Mrs. Sweeny, wearing the lovely bracelet presented to her, was also present. Canon Macab, speaking from the steps of the dais, gave a warm welcome to everyone in the room, and alluded in feeling terms to the loss of the good and ever-lamented Archbishop, bringing also a kind message from Mrs. Sweatman, who as Honorary President, has always taken an unflinching interest in the work of the W.A. The Lord Bishop then made a short address, also speaking of the kindness, gentleness and deep sympathy invariably given to the W.A. by the late Archbishop, whose presence was always looked for and welcomed at its annual meeting. His Lordship also spoke of a hoped-for "house of rest" for country clergy, to be established on the Island, and concluding with a few words of earnest encouragement. Mrs. Banks, for many years the Dorcas Secretary-Treasurer for the diocese, gave a warm welcome to the delegates, mentioning the interesting fact that she had been to the twenty-three meetings. Mrs. Hamilton (Collingwood), replied on behalf of the delegates, saying that the annual meetings were felt as an inspiration for each year's work, and giving earnest thanks for all the unvarying kindness shown to the delegates. Some charming music was then given by some of the young members of the Girls' Branch, and refreshments were served also by the ladies of the congregation from tables prettily decorated with bright crimson and white. The hundreds of guests were delighted with the opportunity of meeting Mrs. Patterson Hall, President of the General Dominion W.A.; Miss Tilley, President of the Diocesan Board, and the officers.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary opened on May 5th, with the usual service in St. James' Church, at which the Bishop of Toronto officiated, assisted by Bishop Holmes, of Athabasca; Bishop Reeve, the Rev. Canon Welch, the Rev. Canon Dixon, the Rev. Canon Broughall, and the Ven. Archdeacon Warren. There were over 900 communicants, the largest number ever recorded. At the conclusion of the service, the officers and delegates adjourned to the Guild Hall on McGill Street. The President, Miss Tilley, opened the meeting with a short address in which the work of the past year was reviewed and several practical suggestions for the future were made, amongst which was that of a week of crusade for increasing the membership. The Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ernest DuVernet, in her report, showed the increase made in the Auxiliary during the year, seven new branches having been formed, bringing the total membership up to 6,338, an increase of 261 over last year. The Treasurer, Mrs. George Webster, reported the receipts for the year to have been \$12,272.60 which, with the balance on hand, made up a total of \$17,822.47. The Secretary-Treasurer of Literature, and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Junior Department both,

gave encouraging reports showing a marked increase of numbers and of interest in their respective departments. At the conclusion of the day's business, Mrs. Patterson Hall, of Montreal, President of the General Board, was presented to the meeting, and gave a short address, bringing greetings from the General Board. In the evening a missionary meeting was held in the Guild Hall, the Lord Bishop of Toronto presiding. Bishop Reeve made the opening address, and was followed by Bishop Holmes, of Athabasca, who spoke of the work in his diocese, the problems presented by the floods of foreign immigrants pouring into the country, and the needs of the near future. Other speakers were Mr. A. B. Morine, K.C., who sketched the history of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and the Rev. E. J. Peck, a veteran missionary from the centre of Baffin's Land, who for the last thirty years has worked among the Esquimaux in what is probably one of the dreariest and most isolated parts of our Dominion, told of the hardships, privations and pathos of life in the far north where he and his wife lived in a log and ice cabin, 400 miles from a doctor, and 1,000 miles from the nearest post-office. In July of this year, with Mr. Fleming, of Wycliffe College as assistant, Mr. Peck hopes to leave St. John's, Newfoundland, for the Arctic Mission. At the second day's session further reports were read, amongst them being that of Mrs. Dykes, Secretary-Treasurer of the Parochial Missions, who reported the receipts for the year as \$3,678.44, an increase of \$190 over last year; that of Mrs. Plews, Secretary-Treasurer of the Babies' Branch, who reported a membership of 322, 85 more than last year; and that of Mrs. Clougher, Secretary-Treasurer of the "Leaflet" circulation. The Rev. Charles Shortt, of Japan, gave an interesting account of his work there, and during the noon hour the Rev. Canon Cody gave an address on "The Ascension." During the intermission for luncheon, the balloting for officers took place with the following result:—President, Miss Tilley; First Vice-President, Miss Mabel Cartwright; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Willoughby Cummings; Recording Secretary, Mrs. DuVernet; Corresponding Secretary, Miss E. Fannie Jones; Treasurer, Mrs. George Webster; Convener Literature Committee, Mrs. S. F. Davidson; Secretary-Treasurer Literature, Miss Lea; Convener of Junior Department, Mrs. Ryerson; Secretary-Treasurer of Junior Department, Miss Middleton; Secretary-Treasurer P.M.C., Mrs. Dykes; Secretary-Treasurer Babies' Branch, Mrs. Plews; Secretary-Treasurer "Leaflet" circulation, Mrs. Clougher; Convener of Hospital Committee, Mrs. George Jarvis; Convener of Dorcas Committee, Mrs. Banks; Secretary-Treasurer Dorcas Committee, Mrs. S. F. Clarke; Secretary-Treasurer, E.C.D., Mrs. Bigwood. In the afternoon another address was given by Bishop Holmes, in the course of which he spoke of the rapid increase of land value in Athabasca, saying that \$1,000 invested now in land there, would in a few years be worth \$50,000, sufficient to endow his diocese. It was immediately moved by Mrs. Webster, seconded by Mrs. Banks, and carried, that \$1,000 should be raised by the Woman's Auxiliary to buy lands for the Church in Athabasca, and amidst great enthusiasm over \$535 was promised on the spot. Further addresses were given by the Rev. F. W. Kennedy, of Japan, who told of the interesting work done in St. Mary's Home, Matsumoto, and by Mr. J. E. Jones, who, in the absence of Canon Welch, gave a talk on the "Book of Common Prayer." In the evening Miss Cartwright gave an inspiring address on "The Victorious Progress of Missions," showing the wonderful advance of the work from the first Day of Intercession in 1872, to the present high tide of missionary enterprise which is at last carrying the message of Christ through all the world to every creature as He commanded so long ago. The Rev. H. J. Hamilton, of Japan, also gave an address on "Japan: Its Work and Its Missions," illustrated by lime-light views of unusual excellence. The life membership fees for the year, amounting to \$925, was divided between the Mission at York Factory (\$375), and the Yukon Endowment Fund (\$550). The interest on the E. M. Williamson Memorial Fund was given to the operating room at Lytton Hospital, and the interest on the Century Fund (\$196), was given to the church at Washage, Toronto diocese. A balance of \$312.64 in the treasury was divided between Ichinomija House, Japan, (\$162.64), and the church at Fernie, B.C., (\$150). The Extra-Cent-a-Day Fund for April, amounting to \$140.80, went to the Rev. E. J. Peck, of Baffin's Land. One of the most interesting features of the morning meeting on Friday was an open discussion of the difficulties each branch experienced in carrying on

the work. At the afternoon session a paper on "The Tithe" was read by Miss Mary Campbell. Mrs. Sweeny also spoke for a few minutes, warmly expressing her interest in the Woman's Auxiliary and its members. The thank-offering which this year amounted to over \$500, was then taken up, after which the Rev. W. J. Southam, of All Saints' Church, gave an address on "The Coming Day." A few helpful words from the President of the General Board, Mrs. Patterson Hall, and the President of the Diocesan Board, Miss Tilley, brought to a close a meeting that was probably one of the largest and most successful in the annals of the Woman's Auxiliary.

RUPERT'S LAND.

Winnipeg.—Holy Trinity.—The annual meeting of this Branch of the W.A. was held on Monday, May 10th, the Ven. Archdeacon Fortin occupying the chair. Mrs. Boswell, the President, gave a short address, urging the members to try and attend the Diocesan Board meetings in order to become more fully acquainted with the Auxiliary work. The Secretary's report was read by Mrs. Miller, who enumerated the bales, parcels and pledges sent out, the value of bales and pledges amounting to nearly \$400. The Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. MacMullen. The four pledges, the Dynevor Hospital, the Organizing Secretary, the Parsonage Fund, and the Mission Fund, to the amount of \$100, had been met; also five dollars to help rebuild a church at Fernie, and five dollars to the Mrs. Tilton Testimonial Fund. Purchase of materials and other expenses had also been met and there remained a small balance. The "Leaflet" report showed that there were 70 in circulation, and the mite boxes had brought in \$14. An address on Dorcas work was given by Mrs. Malcolm. A very interesting account of the history of the Dynevor Hospital was given by Miss Cowley. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Honorary President, Mrs. Fortin; Honorary Vice-President, Mrs. Stang; President, Mrs. Boswell; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Cordingly and Mrs. MacWatt; Secretary, Mrs. Nesbitt; Treasurer, Mrs. MacMullen; cutters, Mrs. E. D. Moore, Mrs. Merrick, Mrs. Jordan; buyers, Mrs. J. S. Moore and Mrs. Hagel; Superintendent of work, Mrs. Gannon; "Leaflet" Secretary, Mrs. Inglis; Mite-Box Secretary, Mrs. Miller; delegates to the Diocesan Board, Mrs. George Clements, Mrs. R. Graham.

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FREDERICTON.

John Andrew Richardson, D.D., Bishop, Fredericton, N.B.

St. John.—St. Luke's.—On Thursday evening, May 6th, after enjoying a supper which was provided by the ladies of the church, the members of the Men's Bible Class presented the rector of the parish, the Rev. R. P. McKim, M.A., with an address and a purse of gold. The reverend gentleman feelingly responded. A hearty vote of showing the appreciation of the untiring efforts of the Rev. J. E. Purdie, was unanimously passed, showing the good will and esteem in which the members of the congregation have for him in his good work.

Woodstock.—The delegates to the Synod from this parish are C. L. S. Raymond, and T. C. L. Ketchum.

QUEBEC.

Andrew H. Dunn, D.D., Bishop, Quebec, P.Q.

Quebec.—The following are the Bishop's public engagements for the remainder of the month:—Thursday, May 20th, Ascension Day; Saturday, May 22nd, travel to Grande Mere; Sunday, May 23rd, (Sunday after Ascension), Confirmation and Holy Communion, Grand Mere, 10.30 a.m.; (preach Shawinigan Falls at Evensong); Monday, May 24th, return to Quebec; Thursday, May 27th, travel to St. Malachie for Confirmation at E. and W. Frampton; Friday, May 28th, return to Quebec; Sunday, May 30th, Whitsun Day, celebrate Holy Communion and preach Cathedral, 11 a.m.