

"Hitherto I have found it very little trouble to travel in Africa, the road is much better than I expected it to be." They had service in Mr. Roscoe's tent on Sundays during the journey. "One misses the blessing of regular services while travelling thus," he says, and concludes his journal with these words, "I think I shall be able to speak Luganda in the time the society allows for learning that language. I am sure my friends will continue to pray for me. I feel I owe so much to their prayers that I cannot do without them." In a later letter, dated Jan. 2nd, Mr. Borup speaks of the sad news he had just heard, of the death of Mr. Pilkington, killed by natives. Christmas was spent at Kekuyu, of which he says, "It is hard to realize that this is Xmas week. There is nothing out here to remind us of that happy time at all, outside ourselves." We have yet to hear particulars of the arrival of the party in Uganda.

ANNUAL MEETING OF TORONTO DIOCESAN BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

BY MRS. ROBERTSON.

THE twelfth annual meeting of the Auxiliary in this diocese, was begun by a Holy Communion service in St. James' Cathedral at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 27th. The clergy present were the Rev. Provost Welch, of Trinity University, who preached an impressive sermon on "The power of the Resurrection," the Rev. Canon Osler, of York Mills, and Revs. Messrs. Ashcroft and Wallis, of St. James' Cathedral. There were over four hundred women present all of whom partook of Holy Communion. At 12.30 the meeting was convened in the school house and after being formally opened, the delegates were entertained at lunch. At 2.30 the session was opened with the Auxiliary hymn, "The love of Christ Constraneth" and prayers. Mrs. Davidson, on behalf of the president, officers and Toronto members, gave a warm welcome to the delegates and visitors from our own and other dioceses. This was responded to by Mrs. Carey, of Millbrook, on behalf of diocesan delegates, and by Miss Muckleston, of Kingston, on behalf of the visitors from Ontario, Huron and Niagara. Letters of greeting were read from Right Rev. Bishop Sullivan, expressing regret at his absence, and from Huron, Niagara and Ottawa Diocesan Auxiliaries. The recording secretary then read her report mentioning that there are now 167 branches, with a membership of 3829, with 99 life members in addition to those separated from us by death. The rapid growth of the Blackfoot hospital work under Dr. Turner and the Misses Turner, was noticed as well as the useful work of the other

missionaries working under the auspices of the Auxiliary. The corresponding secretary gave a brief review of the various branches of work. The diocesan treasurer reported the amount received as \$13,647.79, nearly \$3,000 of this being given to diocesan missions. The Dorcas secretary reported 258 bales of clothing, quilts, blankets, and comfortable articles, as having been sent to various missions. Communion vessels, church bells, fonts, etc., had also been supplied, the moneys refunded from freight by the Government being used for these purposes. At the conclusion of this report a life membership was presented to Mrs. Banks, Dorcas secretary, as a token of warm esteem from the parochial branches, while the Dorcas committee presented the gold badge—a Winchester cross. Mrs. Banks made a suitable reply, after which the report of the Parochial Missionary Collections was presented by Miss Osler. The extra-cent-a-day fund, which is voted upon at the monthly Board meetings, in answer to the most urgent appeal which has come in during the month, was reported to be \$515.17, the Church of the Redeemer giving the largest amount. The literature committee reported a great improvement in the Lending library, both in the number of books, and of borrowers, greater interest being evinced by the branches in the important matter of learning about the different countries and the work done in them for Christ. Some books and magazines had been sent to mission Sunday schools, and seventy members of the W.A. send literature regularly, month by month, to the different missionaries.

The Junior branches showed a satisfactory improvement, now having 47 branches with 1,213 members, and \$532.29 has been raised, as well as many useful articles made by the little ones for the needy missions.

The Ministering Children's League report was submitted by the secretary, Mrs. S. G. Wood. There are 213 members. During the past year they had clothed five children and kept one aged woman. Several bales of toys had been sent to missionary stations.

Mrs. Cooper, Campbellford, moved and Mrs. Moore, St. Margaret's, Toronto, seconded the adoption of the reports, which was carried. The president then delivered her annual address in which she reviewed the work of the year, pointing out various matters for encouragement or otherwise, and dwelling upon the necessity of personal devotion and zeal, as well as punctuality, system, and rule. After the questions in the question box were answered, the session was closed with a hymn and prayers.

In the evening the Junior Branches turned out in goodly numbers as well as the Ministering Children's League. A most enjoyable evening was spent, with hymns, songs, recitations and missionary exercises.