

Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS

QUEBEC.

ANDREW H. DUNN, D.D., BISHOP, QUEBEC.

SHERBROOKE.—At the annual meeting of Lay Helpers in this parish, some excellent papers were read by Miss P. Wilson, Miss F. L. Cowling, Mr. J. A. Ready, Mr. J. Price; and Dr. Heneker made an eloquent speech on the last General Synod. Rev. Canon Thornloe will be consecrated in the cathedral, Quebec, on January the 6th. The Archbishop of Ontario has commissioned the Bishop of Montreal to take his place at the consecration.

MALBAIE.—The incumbent acknowledges the kind gift of \$10 from the Church Helpers' Association in Quebec, towards the purchase of a bell for St. Paul's Church, at Barachois.

EUSTIS.—A new church in this village was opened by the lord bishop, Thursday ev'g, Nov. 5th.

WATERVILLE.—Extensive repairs and improvements have been made in St. John's Church. Seats for the choir, rear-desk and pulpit are put in their customary places. Much credit is due to all concerned in these most satisfactory changes for the better.

ONTARIO.

J. T. LEWIS, D.D., LL.D., ARCHBISHOP OF ONT., KINGSTON.

WARRURTON.—St. Matthew's.—A sugar social and entertainment was held in the Warburton cheese factory on Tuesday evening, Nov. 24th, under the auspices of the Willing Workers of St. Matthew's Church. Considering the unsettled weather and bad state of the roads a fair number from Lansdowne and the vicinity were present. A very enjoyable evening was spent; Dr. Shaw, of Lansdowne, giving an excellent recitation; J. A. Webster, late reeve of the township, also entertained the visitors by an account of his trip to the Old Country last summer in behalf of the cheese industry, and Mrs. Horton, Miss Webster and others assisted with music, etc. The proceeds were handed over to the Church Funds.

BALLYCANOE.—St. Luke's.—The oyster supper and entertainment took place on Wednesday, Dec. 16th, in Beaver Hall. It was one of the pleasantest gatherings of the season.

ROCKPORT.—Work has been progressing on the new church here, but owing to the very unsettled weather it has been possible to do but very little during the past few days.

TORONTO.

ARTHUR SWEATMAN, D.D., BISHOP, TORONTO.

TORONTO.—St. Anne's.—Mr. and Mrs. Leigh, \$1; Mrs. Featherstonhaugh, 1; Maud C. Doonan, 1; James Doonan, 1; H. H. Stevenson, 1; Mrs. F. Awt, 2; R. A. Cauman, 2.

St. Albans Cathedral.—The concert in the school-house last Thursday evening was well attended, and the programme offered did not disappoint the expectations of those who were present, not a few of them from the east end of the city. The proper rendering of old English glees, and part songs, and such compositions as Gounod's anthem, "Come Unto Him," and Henry Leslie's "Pilgrims," require true musical understanding and careful practice. Both these essentials were fairly supplied by Mr. D. Kemp and his choir. Perhaps the best concerted number was that quaint and lovely old madrigal, "Matona, Lovely Maiden." But it is a rare pleasure to hear Sir Henry Bishop's glee for male voices, "The Winds Whistle Cold," and Pinsuti's "Tell Me, Flora." Of the soloists, Miss Klingner was plainly the favourite. Her rendering of "Bid Me Discourse" was charming, while for one of her encores she sang Tosti's "Good Bye" with taste and feeling. A very smooth and satisfactory violin solo was given by Mr. Anderson, and Miss Gunther's piano forte selection showed skill and thorough musical appreciation. In the choruses the little choir boys' treble and the girls' alto were generally correct, even in difficult passages, but a lack of volume was apparent in the tenor and bass parts. On the whole, the concerted numbers, both vocal and instrumental, did credit to St. Albans choir and string band.

St. Albans Cathedral.—Special Synod Appeal.—Collections made by Rev. Canon Macnab on behalf of the Special Committee, since last acknowledgment:

St. Anne's.—Some of the busy workers of St. Anne's parish, among the foremost being that zealous Christian gentlewoman, Mrs. Edward Leigh, held a bazaar of useful articles on Wednesday evening, Dec. 9th. All present enjoyed the occasion immensely; especially, it may be noted, the singing of Mrs. Meuro, who was accompanied by her husband, the talented organist of St. Basil's Church.

The treasurer of the Children's Aid Society acknowledges with thanks the following Sunday-school annual collections received between November 16th and 30th, 1896. Baptist: Beverley street (morning) 77c.; (afternoon) \$2.48; Walmer road, the largest ever taken for any purpose in the school, \$21. Church of England: Messiah, \$9.25; Redeemer, \$19.10; St. Mark's, \$11. Congregational: Broadview, \$2.10 Methodist: Clinton street, \$11.10; Perth avenue, \$1.80; Berkeley street, \$12.20; Centennial, \$7.95; Davenport, \$5.50; Zion, Bracondale, \$1.67; Hope, East Toronto, \$5; Arthur (Ont.), \$4.66. Presbyterian: Dovercourt, \$5; St. Enoch's, \$3.09. Friends' meeting, \$1.11. German Lutheran: Bond street, \$2; West Side, \$6.50. Jewish, Holy Blossom, \$1.79. During the winter months the society has heavy demands upon its funds, and now has a considerable debt as well. Will gladly welcome financial help from outside the city, as many of the children dealt with have but recently come from other parts of the province. A report may be had by addressing the secretary, 32 Confederation Life Building.

Church of England Woman's Auxiliary to Missions.—The December Board Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to Missions was held at St. Stephen's Church school-house at 10.30 a.m. of the 10th, Thursday. There were about two hundred and fifty present, including presidents and officers of the various branches. Mrs. Williamson, diocesan president, presided; after the beautiful Litany of intercession was read, the business of the meeting was dispensed in an admirably concise and precise manner. After a few words of hearty welcome from Mrs. Broughall, which made every one feel doubly at home in the friendly atmosphere of St. Stephen's school-house, the president called on the sec'y for the minutes of last meeting of the Board. The secretary, among other matters of interest, stated that Mrs. Jones (of Church of the Redeemer) has been elected vice-president, in room of Mrs. DuMoulin, also that Mrs. Jones has accepted office. It had been resolved that at each Board meeting 10 (ten) minutes was to be devoted to Bible study, to take the form of a paper either prepared from a text or thoughts given extempore. It was stated that the previous month fifty-seven dollars had been received from the extra cent-a-day fund. This is voted away each month to relieve where appeals have been sent in, and some of these appeals make one feel ashamed if some remaining grain of selfishness causes one to still remain outside the membership of the Extra Cent-a-Day Guild. It seemed that the appeal from that struggling little parish of St. Olive's, and from that earnest worker, Mrs. Softley, was one of the most urgent. Mrs. Grindlay, diocesan treasurer, showed by her report that the receipts had been two hundred dollars, while the expenditure had amounted to eleven hundred dollars and twenty-three cents. The report of the diocesan secretary was next called for, Mrs. Cummings announcing the cheering fact of Mrs. Grindlay having formed a girls' branch at St. James' Church. The diocesan secretary expressed the hope that all branches had received notices of prayers of intercession and week of self-denial; at all events they had been sent. It appeared that two new names have been added to the list of life members, the names being Mrs. Dupensier and Mrs. Hoskin, of Deer Park, the latter having been the gift of Mrs. Hoskin's children. Names of new life-members are always a matter of gratulation among the W.A. The report showed that appeals for aid are constantly coming in from those sentry boxes of our great North-West mission field, some of those appeals being most pathetic; one of which to replace a faithful servant, a horse; another to purchase necessities for poor folk who had lost their crops; another to prevent a mission church from subsiding, by giving it a stone foundation in lieu of the one of sand or decaying wooden posts, which refuse to support it, are specimens of appeals, which are met as far as possible by means of the extra-cent-a-day fund. The diocesan secretary earnestly desired that notice should be given her of departure of members to distant places, so that a welcome may meet them in a strange place. This is a thoughtful provision which all might well avail themselves of. The President next called on Mrs. Banks, of York Mills, as Dorcas secretary, to present her report, which had a bright and joyous tone as of the Christmas tide so fast

approaching. One heard of bales and outfits, and of communion sets, as well as Christmas trees. Rev. Arthur Gadd, of Washago, expressed his gratitude for communion set through columns of CANADIAN CHURCHMAN. Treasurer of extra-cent-a-day fund reported forty-one dollars and ninety-nine cents received last month, and four new members.

Junior branch of St. Stephen's re-organized. Ministering Children League report showed how busy little fingers can be. The president announced among other interesting matter, that at last the poor Zulu youth, John Zippo, is to be sent back to Zululand: he goes as a missionary to his own people, and carries with him the prayers of the W. A. The ten minutes extempore address by Mrs. Broughall, on "Judgment According to Works," was next called for. The time allotted is so short, said the speaker, to touch upon the subject, that only a few thoughts can be given. Our thoughts, our words, our works, are not these things noted in thy book? and the dead were judged according to their works. Predictions, said Mrs. Broughall earnestly, predictions will assuredly be fulfilled. Oh, let us remember this. Our Saviour said of Jerusalem, "Not a stone shall be left upon another," and in 40 years this prediction was fulfilled. We know, too, that many other predictions of our Blessed Lord were also fulfilled. We are all very content to say, we are "miserable sinners," but we don't like any one to point out our sin. Our thoughts, our words, our works—we are to bring every thought into subjection to His will. Every idle word we shall be held accountable for. Words of anger and of hatred, as well as every kind, every good word, all, dear friends, will be remembered. Oh, let us remember this. As to our works, those who feed the hungry, clothe the naked, will assuredly be remembered; every shortcoming will be remembered, as the good work we do. But we must not think only of those outside our homes, but we must bear with the perhaps exacting mother, the troublesome brother; if we have crosses we must bear them patiently. If we are never tried, it is no credit to us to be good-tempered. Each must make the most of the talent given her, instead of wrapping it, or them, the five, or the ten, up in a napkin, and hiding them away. We will suppose that two newspapers are given, the one fifty, and the other one hundred, newspapers to dispose of; if they do what is required of them they will each receive their reward; the one as the other. Whatever your talent, be up and doing, use it to-day. Our works are the outcome of our life. "Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory, with exceeding joy." Mrs. Broughall gave also the 25th verse of the 5th chap. of Jude, concluding her most earnest remarks by reading in a reverent manner the beautiful Legendary poem, "The Master of the Mill." At the close of the reading by Mrs. Broughall, much other business was disposed of. The Chinese Mission at the Pacific Coast is greatly in need of help to carry on the work. One could not but regret that owing to their having been badly hung, hence falling to hard frozen ground, two church bells have cracked. Mrs. Cummings gave a graphic account of her visit to the temporary quarters of the Armenians at Boston; showing that Mr. Galisson, of that city, also one of that persecuted race, has been a veritable angel of mercy to his poor countrymen who are refugees. God grant that that demon of cruelty, the Sultan of Turkey, may soon be brought by Christendom to feel the lash. A dainty luncheon being partaken of, many wishing the hospitable ladies of St. Stephen's branch a reluctant farewell, departed to their respective homes.

LONGFORD MILLS.—A very handsome chalice and paten, with Communion linen, were presented recently to the incumbent, the Rev. Arthur Gadd, by the St. Peter's branch, Toronto, of the Woman's Auxiliary, for use in his extensive mission, consisting of Longford Mills, Washago, Cooper's Falls, North Orillia and Hamlet. The chalice and paten are of solid silver, with the letters I. H. S. very prettily engraved upon them. It is needless to add that the munificent gift is greatly appreciated, as it supplies a long felt want in the mission.

OSHAWA.—St. George's.—John Cowan, \$20; W. F. Cowan, 5; Rev. J. H. Talbot, 5; Bishop Bethune College, 9; Miss Venner, 5; R. S. Williams, 5; Robert Woon, 2; C. A. Jones, 1; John Mothersill, 1.25; Mrs. E. B. Morgan, 1; Wm. Miller, 1.25; Mrs. H., 1; R. C. Babbitt, 1; C. W. Scott, 1; L. & M. Collins, 1; E. C., 1; C. W. Owens, 50c.; A. Hinds, 50c.; Mrs. Brimscombe, 25c.; M. A. Eby, 25c.; Miss E. Woon, 25c.

PORT HOPE.—Communicant of St. Mark's, \$1; S.