

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

**DEATH OF ARCHDEACON READ.**—On the 7th January of the news of the death in Penzance, Eng. of Ven. Herbert Read, D.D., Archdeacon of Prince Edward Island and Rector of Milton and Rustico, in the 71st year of his age. The venerable gentleman had been suffering for a long time from diabetes, and when he went to the Old Country last autumn few, if any, of his friends expected to see him again. The news of his death was, therefore, not a surprise.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

**NEWCASTLE.**—The annual business meeting of the Young Women's Guild of St. Andrew was held at the Rectory on Thursday, January 6th. The Rector was in the chair, and there was a fair attendance of members. A report of the year's work was read by the Assistant-Secretary, Mrs. Sweet, and gave a very favorable and encouraging report of the work accomplished by the Guild during the past year. The membership of the Guild had kept well up to the average, and the numbers attending the weekly meetings have been very satisfactory. The annual sale in September as well as an oyster supper in October had been very successful. Over \$200 had been devoted by the Guild towards the liquidation of the debt on the new iron fencing erected round the church and school house lots during the previous year. The Guild, however, had not been free from trial, chief among them being the loss of Mrs. Fenn in every way a most valued and faithful member, who had removed with her husband to Brandon, in the Northwest, and then the death of the Rector's mother during the close of the year deprived the Guild of one who ever took a most active interest in its work. It is encouraging, however, to note that several new members had joined during the year. The sermon at the anniversary service on St. Andrew's Day was preached by the Rev. F. W. Vroom, of Shediac.

The Treasurer's report showed total receipts, including balance of \$13.03 on hand from previous year, of \$325.03, being proceeds of sales, oyster supper and collection on St. Andrew's Day, which, considering that the membership of the Guild has never at any time been large, shows what an amount of work can be done by a few faithful members of the Church united together by a common interest. The expenditures, chiefly in connection with church fence, amounted to \$320.29, leaving balance in hand of \$4.66.

The officers for the present year were then elected by ballot, those present having previously, according to rule, signed the constitution and rules of the Guild. The following were duly elected:—President, Mrs. Davidson; Vice-President, Miss Minnie Maltby; Secretary, Mrs. Harley; Treasurer, Mrs. Sweet. May the good work go on and prosper!

On Tuesday, January 11th, the annual Sunday-school treat was given by the members of the congregation. There was a large attendance of teachers and scholars, and full justice was done to the good things provided. When tea was over a large Christmas tree was unveiled, well freighted with good things for the children. The Rector distributed the articles to each child in turn. When this part of the programme had been got through with, the children were called to order while the Rector distributed the Sunday-school prizes—twelve in all—to the successful scholars. He spoke very gratefully and encouragingly of the progress the school had made during the past year. The attendance had been good, and greater interest manifested in the school work. Seventeen scholars had been added during the year, making the roll for 1886 seventy-four in all. The prize winners were as follows:—

*Bible Class*—Florence Winter, Carrie Matheson.

*First Girls' Class*—Amy Winter, Gerthe Maltby.  
*Second Girls' Class*—Veronce Johnson, Maud Johnson.  
*First Boys' Class*—Alfred Maltby, Otto Gjertz.  
*Second Boys' Class*—Benjamin Maltby, Frank Winter.  
*Third Boys' Class*—Brownlow Maltby, John Sweet.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

**QUEBEC.**—*St. Matthew's.*—This church, which has been closed for the past two weeks on account of the heating apparatus having got out of order, was again re-opened on Sunday last and is now open daily as usual from 8 a.m. till 6 p.m.

During the time the church was closed services were held in the parish room.

**OBITUARY.**—On Monday last, all that was mortal of the Rev. Narcisse Guerout, was interred in Mount Hermon Cemetery. The deceased gentleman was in his 75th year, and was, some years ago, Rector of Berthier (en haut). Since retiring from active duty he has made his home in this city with his son-in-law, Commissioner General, M. B. Irvine. The impressive service of the Church of England for the burial of the dead was held in St. Matthew's Church on Monday afternoon, when the choristers and the following Clergy were present, viz., the Lord Bishop of Quebec, Revs. Dr. Allnatt, Williams, Housman, Petry, Fothergill, Richardson, Vial and Barcham.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

**ORONO.**—On the evening of the 8th instant a large surprise party assembled at the residence of Mr. Daniel Hall, adjacent to the village of Orono, in the Parish of Orono Mission of Perrytown, when they presented the Incumbent, the Rev. R. A. Rooney, with a purse containing \$58, accompanied with an address, expressing the high consideration in which Mr. Rooney was held and their warm appreciation of his valuable services and ministerial work.

**WESTON.**—The Rev. W. H. French has been appointed incumbent of the parish of Weston, in the stead of the Rev. W. E. Greene, removed to St. Louis, Missouri.

**MEDONTE.**—The Christmas offertory for the Rev. J. Jones has since been increased by \$10.50, making the whole \$36.85—the largest ever made in the parish, which speaks well for people and parson.

**TORONTO.**—It has been decided to hold a general mission next autumn in this city, each Rector being left free to choose his own missioner, subject to the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese; and one committee on the whole work has been formed with the Bishop at its head, to secure missioners, and to manage details. The Parochial mission intended to have been held in the parish of St. Matthias has given way to this new and general scheme.

**St. Matthias.**—The Church of England Workingman's Society is fairly afloat in the parish, and is likely to be an important factor in our own work. There are already twenty-three working members and seventeen honorary members, a total of forty altogether. The meetings have been invariably well attended, and have been marked by great enthusiasm.

Steps are being taken to make the first reception on the last Thursday in the month (January 27), a great success. All workingmen are cordially invited and are asked to bring their friends.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

**GALT.**—*Church of England Y. P. L. Society.*—This Society has recently been reorganised under the presidency of Rev. J. Ridley, Rector of the parish, and bids fair to be a valuable auxiliary to the Church. The Rector having secured perfect unanimity on the part of the congregation to discountenance in every way the raising of funds for church purposes by means of tea-meetings, bazaars, raffles, etc., does not lose sight of the fact that gatherings for social intercourse and mutual improvements are very desirable. He has therefore inaugurated a series of literary entertainments which will be held monthly in Trinity Church school room, under the auspices of the above named society. The first was held on Monday evening, 24th inst., and consisted of solos, duets, readings, recitations, etc. Following this will be a course of entertaining lectures by the following divines, whose services have been so happily secured by the Rector:—Rev. Robt. Ker, late Rector of Trinity Church, Quebec; Rev. Canon Du Moulin, of St. James Cathedral, Toronto (conditionally), and Rev. Prof. Clarke, of Trinity College, Toronto. Others are expected to follow.

**COTTAGE SERVICES.**—The Rector has commenced a series of cottage services among his parishioners in the suburban part of the town. The meetings are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and are meeting with encouraging success.

A Band of Hope has also been organised in connection with the Sunday-school, which will meet on the first Monday in every month.

On Sunday last, 23rd inst., the Rev. Prof. Roper, of Trinity College, assisted the Rector in the services at Trinity Church, and preached morning and evening.

Through the family of J. G. Dykes, Esq., a very handsome brass lectern was recently presented to the Church. It is of chaste design and exquisite workmanship.

A handsome brass tablet was recently received by Adam Warnock, Esq., from Miss Dickson, who is now in Europe, in memory of the Hon. William Dickson and his sons, William Walter and Walter Hamilton. It has been placed in a suitable position on the wall of the church. This is the third tablet erected in this church. The idea is certainly a beautiful one, and should be encouraged.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

**UFFINGTON.**—The Rev. J. Greeson thanks those kind friends who have so generously helped forward the work in this mission by their contributions of clothing and other useful articles, viz., Miss Macfarlane, Oxford, Eng.; Mrs. Haig, Kilburn, Eng.; the Rev. J. T. Strong, Brantford; Mrs. Sullivan, Toronto, and Mrs. Boddy (C.W.M.A.), Toronto.

The Superintendent of St. John's Sunday-school, Ravenscliffe, acknowledges with warmest thanks the Christmas box received from C.W.M.A., Toronto.

PROVINCE OF RUPERT'S LAND,

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**WINNIPEG.**—The quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Diocese of Rupert's Land was held at the Hudson Bay Land office on the 12th January, the Very Rev. Dean Grisdale, Bishop's Commissary, in the chair. There were present, Dean Grisdale, Archdeacons Pinkham and Cowley, Revs. Canon O'Meara,