

anguish wherever sin has interfered with grace. It was an appeal to our true missionary instincts, and should not dismay but quicken us to earnest effort. "There is bright hope for the future in those words 'He shall be satisfied.'" The results of Christ's "travail" are already seen in the spread and power of Christianity notwithstanding the enormous proportions of heathenism. It is ours to press on in faith."

On Wednesday morning a good number assembled for Holy Communion at 8.15. And at 10.30 the Deanery Board met and continued its work of receiving and discussing reports till 11.30, when the first Annual Meeting of the Lay Helpers' Association for the District was held. At this latter meeting officers were appointed and arrangements made for the enrolment of members and for the next annual meeting. The officers are: President, ex-officio, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese: Vice Presidents, R. W. Hencker, Esq., and Rev. Canon Thorneloe; Secretary, A. Dorey, Esq., of Sherbrooke (to whom all communications on the subject of the Lay Helpers' Association in future should be addressed); Treasurer, H. A. Elkins, Esq.; there is also an Executive Committee of six members.

In the afternoon the Deanery Board continued its discussions, which were most interesting and profitable. Able papers were read by the Ven. Archdeacon Roe, D.D., on the subject of Church Extension in the District, and by the Rev. C. H. Brooks, M.A., on: "Why we belong to the Church of England." Both these papers are, at the request of the meeting, to be printed; the latter in tract form for general distribution.

In the evening of Wednesday the Annual Missionary Meeting was held in the Church Hall, more than 20 clergy, with the Bishop, who was in the chair, being on the platform. After a Hymn and Prayer, the Secretary of the St. Francis District Association read the report for the year in which it was stated that more than \$25,000 had been raised, in the District, during the year, for Church purposes. This sum, though rather less than the sum raised last year, was felt to be a large amount considering the depression of trade. The speakers of the evening were the Rev. Canon Von Imland, the Rev. G. Osborne Troop and the Lord Bishop. Canon Von Imland gave a clear and telling account of the establishment of the Universities' Mission in Central Africa

under Bishop Mackenzie. It was a story, well told, — of hardship, perseverance and self-denial and was calculated to awaken the spirit of Missionary enterprise in those who listened to it.

Mr. Troop, in a speech of thrilling earnestness, shewed how great things had already been done by Missions; reminded his hearers that unspeakably greater things remained to be done by the power of prayer, and that we have Christ's promise that even in this world, much more in the next, whosoever shall make sacrifices for Christ and his Gospel shall be abundantly recompensed. The Bishop summed up admirably in a few weighty words and the meeting closed with the Benediction.

On the whole the Anniversary was one of the most successful ever held. The proceeds, amounting to about \$60. were given to the Missionary Diocese of Algoma.

#### MAGDALEN ISLANDS.

The Rev. Jno. N. Hunter, B.A., the newly appointed clergyman in this Mission, arrived at Grindstone Island early in December. On Sunday, the 9th, there were two hearty Services, each attended by about 70 people, and the Sunday School numbered 30. There was a special vestry meeting at the Parsonage on the 12th, when the assessment papers were unanimously signed on behalf of the Congregation at Grindstone Island. As soon as weather permits, the Missionary hopes to visit Grosse Isle and Entry.

#### Postscript.

All communications intended for our February issue should reach us not later than January the 22nd. We would again impress upon our readers and especially the clergy the necessity of sending to us promptly news of general interest, *c. g.*, accounts of Christmas and New Year Services, results of the Epiphany Mission Appeal, &c.

As this is the first number of our second volume, we should be glad to receive the names of new annual subscribers as soon as possible, and we hope the clergy will notify us early of the number of copies they require for their parishes.

An interesting account of the Bishop's recent visit to Three Rivers and Radnor Forges is held over till next month.