

The Rev. Canon Sheraton died on 24th January.

In the Inter-Diocesan Sunday School Examinations in Advent about fifteen of the St. Alban's Sunday School took part. Miss Carrie Hamilton won the first prize in the Teachers' Examination on lessons of the past year, with 235 marks in a possible maximum of 300. Miss Marjory Evans obtained a prize in the Scholars' Examination, First class, with 150 marks in maximum 200. Miss Annie Rusaell obtained 129 marks, and Miss Beatrice Lean 120. In the Second class Miss Ethel Mumford obtained 86. A bronze medal given by the St. Alban's Sunday School, was won as the third prize in the Scholars' Examination by Miss Edith Callow, of St. Mary Magdalene (Toronto) Sunday School.

It has long been the custom to give the Choir boys some entertainment about Christmas time. This year a happy thought came into our minds,—why not arrange some social gathering which would enable the men of the choir to realise to some extent that their services are appreciated. Accordingly a supper was arranged for, and by the kind and much appreciated services of the Ladies, the suggestion was carried out with great success on Saturday evening 13th January. Canon Macnab presided, in the absence of the Bishop who was unable to be present, and a pleasant evening was spent. Before separating, Mr. Sproule Nesbitt, who was present as a guest, took the opportunity, as a representative of the congregation, of addressing the choir, complimenting them on their work voluntarily given, and of assuring them that their services were most highly valued and appreciated. Mr. Chadwick spoke to a similar effect as a representative of the Chapter. Mr. Kemp replied, thanking the Congregation and Chapter through their representatives, for the expression of their appreciation, and the encouragement thus given.

RETURNS OF P. M. C. 1905

January, \$15.50; February, \$19.80; March, \$19.85; April, \$18.45; May, \$11.55; September, 14.35; November, 18.90; December, 22.90. Total, \$141.30.

THE CATHEDRAL LEAGUE.

A meeting of the Officers and Committee of the Cathedral League was held at Canon Macnab's on Saturday afternoon, the 20th of January, when various questions of interest were discussed. The increase of membership is very encouraging as the League now numbers eighty-six.

It was decided to hold the Annual Meeting as soon as possible after Easter, somewhere between the 23rd and 28th of April, when it is proposed to have a Communion Service with special address, and after luncheon in the Crypt the business meeting will take place. It was also decided that each member's obligation of five dollars should be sent in on or before the 2nd of April.

Soon after the League was formed Mrs. McCollum with three other members of the St. Alban's Branch, gave a most enjoyable and successful afternoon tea. Within the last few weeks a delightful skating party was given at Wychwood which was also a great success.

Then came Mrs. Macnab's charming "Kettledrum," naturally realizing a goodly sum.

Other functions are being talked of in connection with raising money for the Extension Fund, and if carried out will no doubt bring forth the desired result of wide spread and keen interest in the League.

On Thursday 22nd inst an attractive entertainment will be given in the Crypt for the S. S. Children's Pier. A splendid programme of Music, Tableaux, Character Sketches, Recitations and Fancy Drills will be given. Admission 15 cents.

Our readers will do well to keep Thursday, March 8th free of other engagements, so as to attend the Illustrated Lecture to be given by Canon Macnab in the Crypt. Subject "The Glorious Cathedrals of the Motherland." The Canon is familiar with all the principal Cathedrals of England and has taken many photographs of their architectural features. 100 lime-light views. Admission 10 cents. In aid of the Altar Guild.

The question having been asked, we think it well to inform all contributors to the Extension Fund, and Piers, that none of such contributions go into the ordinary funds of the Chapter, but are specially deposited at interest. None of such money can be used for any purpose other than that for which it is given.

At different times we have had expressions of opinion from one person or another, representatives, we are assured, of a very small class or section of the people to the effect that Churches and Schools should not be exempt from taxation, and it was asserted, or so expressed as to lead us to suppose that in Toronto such exemptions amount to some Twenty-five million dollars. A return has been called for on the subject by the Board of Control which shows the matter in a way very different from what we had been led to expect, for it appears that a great part of the exempt properties is composed of those belonging to the City, which are manifestly untaxable under any circumstances. Then a large item is made up of Government properties. The Churches and Schools, after all, appear as only a comparatively small portion of the whole exemption; and even they are not wholly exempt, as they pay for local improvements.

The quarterly meeting of the Chapter was held on Friday 9th February. The principal business was the consideration of the suggested ground plan of the Cathedral, which, so far as is necessary for the present, seemed to meet with general approval. Authority was given to the Architects to proceed with the preparation of detailed plans. A resolution was passed approving of the action of the congregation, who are now given the necessary authority for laying out such moneys as they raise for extension.

Mr. Worden has added two more pinnacles to the stalls. He has thus, in his own unassuming way, done much for the adornment of the Cathedral.

Such continued interest and generosity furnishes an example which might well influence others.