

considered at the council will be as follows: Review of the rise and progress of the Order on this continent; Chaplain-General's report of the work of the guild in Canada; reports of committees; election of officers and new executive committee (nomination for the same to be made from any active branch in the Dominion); consideration of proposed amendments to the constitution; consideration of ways and means for the extension of the work and principles of the Order in Canadian parishes. In connection with the above it is proposed to reduce the cost of instituting new branches and to give local chaplains and priests' associates authority from the executive to organize parochial branches. Clergymen desiring to have a branch of the guild in their parishes can apply to the Rev. A. W. MacNab, Chaplain-General, St. Catharines, Ont., or to Mr. J. W. Walsh, secretary of the executive committee, St. Catharines.

"I AM NOT A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH."

And this is considered a sufficient excuse for plunging into every species of vanity. It is thought that Church membership imposes restraints which do not belong to persons who are not Church members. But are you not a Church member? Were you not baptised? Then you are one, and all the obligations of membership rest upon you. You reply, however, that "this was done without your consent." True; but your consent is not necessary for entering into a covenant with God. In some cases, it is not necessary even to your making a covenant with man. By your natural birth, you became an American citizen, and are obliged to keep all the laws of your country, and yet your consent was never asked to those laws. So, in Baptism, God imposes duties upon you without your knowledge; because, being your Maker and Preserver, He has a right so to do, much more than an earthly parent has to correct and instruct his child. You may indeed neglect your duties, but you cannot elude your responsibilities. But you mean that you are not a communicant, and, because not, have a greater license than if you were one; you can do that with impunity "which a communicant cannot do." But is this so? Does the Church understand God as giving His commands thus:—"Thou who art a communicant, shall have no other gods but me?" By no means, for He addresses all His people: and you yourself acknowledge the obligation to obey some of these laws, and why not all? Why make a distinction where God has made none? No; your duty to repent comes not from admission to the Holy Communion, but from the relation you sustain to God as your Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier. It is true that participation in the communion increases our obligation, because, though it does not impose new duties on us, it gives us strength to perform those that are old; and, sinning against additional grace, we have, of course, increased condemnation. By communion we publicly confess our obligation to keep all God's commands, and receive also help to fulfil it: but while by such confession more is expected of us than if we did not so confess, the obligation itself to obey God, in all respects, is unaffected, and the penalty still continues. To pursue a course of worldly pleasure, and then to excuse ourselves on the ground that we are not communicants, is to justify the sin of worldliness by the excuse that we are committing another sin. You differ from a communicant in no other respect than this:—that, whereas he acknowledges that all God's commands bind him, and repents that he has not kept them as he should, and seeks in the Holy Communion grace to do better, you do not confess that all of them bind you, nor repent of your sins (though requiring repentance as much as he), nor seek the grace of repentance in God's appointed way.

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—The general impression in reference to the election of a Bishop is that the Bishop of Niagara is certain of election. Should he decline the election, in the end it is thought the Rev. A. H. Dunn, Vicar of All Saints', St. Acton, W. London, England, will be the Bishop.

MONTREAL.

LACOLLE.—The Rev. W. C. Bernard, M.A., of Adamsville, has been appointed to this parish.

LACHUTE.—The Rev. A. B. Given succeeds the Rev. Rural Dean Sanders in this parish and has entered upon his work.

BEDFORD.—Twelve persons were presented by the rector of the parish, Rev. H. W. Nye, M.A., Rural Dean, to the Bishop, for confirmation in St. James' Church, on Tuesday evening, 17th May.

WARDEN.—A new church was opened here on Thursday week, the Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, M.A., Rural Dean Longhurst, M.A., Rev. Canon Mills, M.A., of Montreal, and other clergy being present. Service was held both morning and evening; the afternoon being devoted to social entertainment, from which the ladies realized \$80.

The Foundling and Nursery.—The Rev. James Barclay presided at the annual meeting of the Montreal Foundling and Infant Nursery Thursday afternoon, the first held in the new home on Argyle avenue. Reports were read from the secretary and treasurer. The secretary's report told of the removal from Kensington avenue, Cote St. Antoine, and expressed the gratitude of the ladies to Mr. Joseph Wray for assistance kindly rendered. Miss Rideout's appointment as matron was referred to, and thanks extended to those ministers who had taken part in the religious services held in the house. At the present time there are eleven nursing mothers in the home; the capacity is fifteen. The need for a laundry, in connection with other improvements, was urged.

The finances showed a debt on the building of \$10,000, the sum of \$4,000 having been paid. The ordinary receipts were \$2,828.30, and the expenditure \$83.26 less.

The doctor's report stated that there were 135 children taken into the home during the year, which, with the thirty-seven who were in at the beginning of the year, made a total of 172. The majority of these had, as in the past, come from the Montreal Maternity and Western Hospitals. During the year 79 died, a mortality of 45.9 per cent. Of these 59 were under one month, 17 under two months, six under three months and five over three months. At present the health of the children was good.

Short addresses were made by the Rev. James Barclay, the Rev. S. P. Rose and Messrs. W. Darling and Seth P. Leet. It was suggested by Mr. Darling that auxiliaries be formed outside of the city for collecting funds, as the entire province participated in the benefits of the institution.

The following ladies were elected a committee of management: Mesdames Colin McArthur, Thomas Pringle, H. K. Ward, C. C. Campbell, E. D. Lacy, Thos. Montgomery, A. Rhodes, J. S. Hall, W. F. Torrance, F. B. McNamee, H. W. Stroud, Miss S. Smith and Miss H. E. Hall, Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Evans and Miss Jones. The gentlemen advisory committee was named as follows: Revs. J. C. Antiliff, D.D.; James Barclay, Canon Ellegood, Arthur French, J. Edgar Hill, Dr. Hunter and S. P. Rose; J. C. Cameron, M.D.; A. D. Blackader, M.D.; H. L. Reddy, M.D.; and Messrs. George Hague, E. L. Bond, George Bishop, Seth P. Leet, Colin McArthur, James McBride, F. F. McNamee, C. N. D. Osgoode, A. Rhodes, H. W. Stroud, William Darling, George Young and W. F. Torrance, Dr. K. Cameron and Dr. E. P. Williams.

ONTARIO.

KINGSTON.—Rural Dean Carey, rector of St. Paul's, has been offered the rectorship of the pro-cathedral, Halifax. He is undecided.

The sixth annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions will be held (D.V.) in St. Thomas' Hall, Belleville, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 7th, 8th, and 9th of June proximo. It is hoped that each branch will be represented by three delegates (the president and two elected by the branch). Delegates and intending visitors are requested to send in their names and addresses to the corresponding secretary, Miss Anna B. Yielding, 370 Slater St., Ottawa, at as early a date as possible, that hospitality may be provided and programme forwarded. Special prayer is asked that this meeting may be for the glory of God and the furtherance of His work.

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TORONTO.

The Rev. R. Renison, B.A., of Nepigon, who has been appointed assistant minister in the Church of the Ascension, in this city, will be prepared to enter on duties about the middle of June.

TULLAMORE.—*St. Mary's.*—The S.S. anniversary in connection with this congregation will (D.V.) be held on Sunday, June 12th, with the following services: 10 a.m. morning prayer; 10.45 celebration Holy Communion and sermon; 3 p.m. children's service, short addresses and distribution of prizes; 7 p.m. evening prayer, sermon to young men. Offertories

in aid Sunday school fund. The annual Garden Party will be held on the following Monday evening, June 13th, on the grounds surrounding the residence of Moses Shaw, Esq., lot 15, fifth line Chinguacousy. A pleasant time is anticipated.

St. Alban's Cathedral.—A sad accident on the Queen's Birthday resulted in the death of Edward Wood, a chorister of St. Alban's, of 11 years of age. He was watching a young man using a pea rifle, when by an accidental discharge of the rifle, he was shot in the head, and died three days after. The wound was a painful one, but the little fellow bore his sufferings with the utmost patience, and met his fate so bravely and cheerfully as to call forth the admiration of all who saw him. On the Sunday following his death, the choir bench in which his place had been was draped with white hangings, and, besides an appropriate hymn at each service, parts of No. 240 H.A. and M. were sung as an anthem in compliance with a request made by him. Rev. Canon Body, who preached at the evening service, made a special reference to him in his sermon. The funeral took place on the following day, the service being at the cathedral, the choir attending both there and at the cemetery, duly vested, the bishop himself officiating.

All Saints.—A class of 60 people was confirmed in this church last Wednesday evening by the Bishop of Toronto, after which his lordship gave an address to a large congregation. This is the largest class confirmed this year. Rev. Arthur H. Baldwin, the rector, assisted in the confirmation exercises.

The comparatively sudden death last Thursday of Mrs. Baldwin, wife of the Rev. A. H. Baldwin, of this church, has caused a shock to a wide circle of relatives and friends. She was taken seriously ill some months ago, but had recovered, and latterly had been enjoying better health. Mrs. Baldwin was a daughter of the late Hon. Edmund Murney, and was widely related in many parts of the country. The church work of All Saints', in which she took great interest, will also feel her loss keenly. The greatest sympathy is expressed for the popular and loved rector in his sad bereavement.

St. Cyprian's.—The new church of this parish at Dupont and Christie streets, is fast nearing completion and will be formally opened on Sunday, June 19. During the week services will be held each night under the auspices of the different neighboring parishes.

St. Margaret's.—The choir of this church, Spadina avenue, held their annual supper last Wednesday night in the basement of the church. There was no attempt at decoration, but the affair was thoroughly enjoyable.

Amounts received by the Diocesan Treasurer W.A. for the Diocesan Mission fund debt to date: Previously acknowledged, \$79.90; Barrie, per W. A., \$2.30; Lloydstown, per W. A., \$14.00; St. Stephen's, Toronto (additional), \$1.00; Columbus and Brooklyn W. A., \$5.50; Trinity, Toronto, \$10.00; Donation per Mrs. Williamson, \$5.00; Mrs. and Miss Osler, York Mills, \$4.00; total, \$121.70.

NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—Bishop Hamilton has decided to convene the Niagara synod on June 21. Among the notices of motion are several that will create warm discussion. One of these is by A. Gaviller, of the Church of the Ascension, who proposes an amendment to the law on differences between clergymen and congregations by which the synod will elect by ballot six clergy and six laymen, who will form a commission for considering differences of that description. When a difficulty between rector and congregation assumes a form injurious to the church, the bishop shall appoint a commission of not less than six of these elected by the synod, who shall investigate, and report thereon. After receiving the report the bishop shall decide whether it should be acted upon. If a clergyman refuses to accept the report of the committee he shall be suspended, and a similarly rebellious congregation will be deprived of the light of the episcopal countenance.

HURON.

NEW HAMBURG.—*St. George's Church.*—The annual flower service of St. George's Sunday school was held on Wednesday evening, May 25th. The chancel was tastefully decorated with pot-flowers and a profusion of wild flowers, principally lilies and vases of wild flowers on the re-table. Being one of the "Rogation Days," especially appointed for asking God's blessings on the growing crops, the service was appropriate for this time. Special hymns were taken from the "children's hymn book" and hymns A. and