

Frelighsburg, Knowlton, Dunham, Sutton, East Farnham, Bedford, West Shefford, Mansonville, &c. The day's proceedings commenced with Holy Communion in Holy Trinity Church, where over 50 persons united in the Eucharistic feast at the 9.30 a.m. service. This concluded, the members of the Institute withdrew to the "Young People's Association" Hall where, after devotional exercises, they listened to an admirable paper by Rev. Canon Davidson, M.A., on "Distinctive Church Teaching in Sunday schools." A very earnest, sober and thoughtful discussion ensued thereon for the rest of the Morning Session—laymen joining quite as eagerly as clergy, evincing a remarkable unanimity of conviction that "the Church" must now speak with no uncertain sound, and that her Christian Year, Prayer-book and Catechism should form the scheme according to which religious instruction ought to be proportioned.

The first business of the afternoon was framing a constitution and election of officers for the ensuing year. The following constitute the latter. President *ex officio*, The Lord Bishop of Montreal; Vice-Presidents, 1st *ex officio* Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, M.A.; 2nd elected, Rev. Canon Davidson, M.A.; 3rd elected, Jas MacKinnon, Esq.; Secretary, Rev. R. D. Mills, M.A.; Treasurer, Jas. MacKinnon, Esq.

Committee—Revs. Rural Dean Longhurst, W. Percy Chambers, B.A., W. C. Bernard, M.A., W. Robinson, and Messrs. Hon. Judge Lynch, Geo. E. Robinson, Landon Hall, and W. B. Smith. Waterloo was then chosen as the place for the next annual meeting, and the 3rd Wednesday of January, 1891, the date fixed upon.

A paper by Rev. W. Percy Chambers, B.A., on "Sunday School services special and regular," was next in order, and being read was treated with a considerable discussion. The general opinion apparent from the discussion was that the writers position was unassailable. These services should be bright, brief, hearty, musical, and framed after Prayer-book models—aimed to elicit interest, promote worship, and conserve truth—using the Hymn book found in the Church.

The third paper was that of Rev. Rural Dean Nye, M.A., and was a worthy companion of its predecessors. His subject was "Manuals and Leaflets," and a very animated ventilation of ideas succeeded. The writer furnished a lengthy list of Helps, and spoke of their different merits. The discussion evinced in some quarters a preference for manuals—especially the "St. Paul's Series"—and in others for the Provincial Synod Institute Leaflet. All concerned in the view that there were mainly useful in preparing the teacher for his work of instruction. The meeting was so intensely absorbing that the hour for closing arrived almost unnoticed and, after votes of thanks were duly passed to the Church people of Cowansville, for their generous hospitality, to the readers for their admirable papers, and the officers for their diligence, assiduity and efficiency, this day meeting, with an attendance of 150, broke up to again assemble in the Town Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The evening meeting was one of the largest and most enthusiastic gatherings that ever assembled in this village. The large hall was filled not less than 400 being present, and the absorbing interest and unflagging attention of the day was maintained throughout. The Vice-President occupied the chair, and around him were gathered 15 clergy of his Archdeaconry besides the selected speakers; Rev. G. Osborne Troop, M.A., Hon. Judge Lynch, and Professor Davidson, D.C.L., who had left his class-room, caught the evening train and arrived about the middle of the meeting. The service, consisting of hymns, the Creed, Collects and Lord's Prayer, was something inspiring, as heartily joined in by that vast audience.

The Chairman briefly alluded to the marvellous success of the meetings, and assured his

hearers that all returned to their homes instructed by the proceedings, and determined to make Sunday school work more efficient. He, as did all the other speaker, also referred most gratefully to the generosity of Cowansville church people, in making the large influx of visitors their honored guests.

The Rev. Rector of St. Martin's Church, Montreal, first addressed the meeting, and having a 'subject to his mind,' and being confronted with a sea of upturned faces, delivered an oration worthy of himself and the occasion. 'The Sunday school the true band of hope' was his text, and none of those present will ever forget his impassioned appeal to parents in the interest of their child.

His Honor Judge Lynch followed in a good manly speech of a general character regarding the need for thorough religious education in the home and school, and expressed intensest pity for the youth or maiden who had no pleasant memories of the home religious life and had never learnt the divine 'Paternoster from a mother's lips.'

Dr. Davidson, Q.C., delivered the third of a most remarkable series of addresses, opening with a few thoughts retrospective and alluding feelingly to the tender ties that bound him to Cowansville. The task he mainly set himself to fulfil was the exposure of certain fallacies regarding Sunday school work: *e.g.*, 'teachers not needing special preparation,' 'Parents relegating their duty, of training their children, to Sunday school,' &c. All know with what incisive logic, deep earnestness and manly frankness the Prof. speaks, and it is not too much to say that he was heard at his best on Wednesday night.

The chairman, after kindly reference had been made to the labours of the Secretary in reference to the formation of the Institute, expressed the deep sense of obligation all felt to the gentlemen who, at such self-sacrifice, in response to the call of duty, had done so much to delight, instruct and stimulate all present by their inspiring addresses. The Benediction was then pronounced by Rev. G. Osborne Troop, M.A., and the vast company dispersed to their homes grateful for the privilege and benefits of the Institute meetings.

DIocese OF ONTARIO.

OTTAWA.—A very pleasant evening was spent in St. John's School House on Thursday, Jan. 22nd, where the members of the Woman's Auxiliary and others interested in Mission work met together to welcome Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, of Toronto, and hear her speak of the progress of Indian work in the North West. As she, in company with Miss Paterson, Dorcas, Secretary of the Toronto W. A., spent twelve weeks visiting all the Indian Homes and schools supported by the Church of England in Canada. Those who had the privileges of hearing her were quite rewarded for venturing out in such disagreeable weather.

The Archdeacon of Ottawa occupied the chair, and after some hymns and the Missionary Litany, which was said by Rev. W. J. Muckelston, the Rev. H. Pollard, Rector of St. John's Church, and member of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions, gave a short practical address. He explained that the Board was formed about seven years ago for the purpose of systematizing and encouraging mission work. It consists of the Bishops and delegates (who are comprised of two clergymen and two laymen in each diocese) and they meet twice a year in different places. Domestic Missions are those in Algoma and the North West; Foreign, all outside of these. \$36,000 a year is given by them to the Mission Fund; of this \$21,000 is devoted to Domestic, \$15,000 to Foreign missions. All the money for the former is sent to the Bishops; the other is given through the various English societies. All the money sent in this way represents the

whole Church of England; those sending it may specify to what object it is to be applied. Two special points of interest were mentioned.

1 The Rev. Mr. Waller, born and educated in Canada, has been sent out to Japan—the first Foreign Missionary sent by the Canadian Church.

2. A young lady has applied to the D. & F. Board for authority to attend the Kingston Hospital for a two year's course of training to enable her to go out as a missionary, and she is there now.

Mr. Pollard spoke of the impetus given to Church work by the W. A., expressing the opinion that it brings out latent missionary spirit and energy. Then calling attention to the new Church magazine lately started in Ottawa, he urged all present to become subscribers. Another hymn was sung and then Mrs. Cummings was introduced by the chairman. As the incidents mentioned in the course of her address has been given in various letters and in addresses in other places, it will not be necessary to give it in detail. It was delightfully interesting from beginning to end and given in a clear, decisive manner which carried her hearers with her, and made them sharers in the scenes she described, while the sense of humour which pervaded it all caused many a smile.

They set out from Toronto on the 28th Jane, armed with introductory letters. The first stopping place was Sault Ste. Marie, where the Bishop of Algoma met them. He showed them the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes. Shingwauk is a lovely place and everything in good order, but the poor little girls of Wawanosh have to walk the 3 miles distance between the Homes to attend Chapel at Shingwauk, besides being very poorly supplied with conveniences for laundry and other work. They do the washing for about 100 people in the week. Mr. Wilson wishes to build a new Home for them in the grounds of Shingwauk, but has not yet got funds for the purpose. The Bishop took them in his yacht to see Chief Shingwauk, a very handsome old man of 90, and edified the visitors very much by taking an axe from the old man's hand and cutting a quantity of wood for him. The Indians around there are pretty well civilized and have well kept houses. \$12,000 is required besides what is raised in the diocese, and the Bishop paid a high tribute to his devoted band of missionaries. Mrs. Cummings amused her audience by describing the narrow berth in the yacht Evangelina, on which the Bishop has to sleep sometimes for a month at a time.

Winnipeg, Elkhorn, Qu'Appelle, Keewatin, Calgary, Yale, Victoria, were all visited; then after a flying visit to San Francisco, they returned to British Columbia.

Lytton and Kamloops were to be visited, and the ladies separated for the first time; Miss Paterson going to Lytton, and Mrs. Cummings to Kamloop, where she met the Bishop of Corea and heard much interesting information about his diocese. They also visited Dunmore, the Piegan Reserve and Lethbridge; took the C.P.R. to Qu'Appelle, Winnipeg, North Bay, reaching Toronto about the end of September, having travelled a distance of 7,700 miles.

Rev. J. J. Bogert moved a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Rev. W. A. Rind, of Pembroke, and carried unanimously. The chairman made some remarks which were most decidedly complimentary to the address just given. Then with the doxology and benediction the meeting closed. Mrs. Cummings had a variety of Indian curiosities, with some photos and water color sketches, which were placed to that all who chose might see them.

On Friday, Mrs. Tilton, President of Ontario W. A., held a reception at her house, where all who wished to pay their respects to Mrs. Cummings might do so. Quite a large number availed themselves of the opportunity, and a very pleasant afternoon was the result.