

TORONTO.

Woman's Auxiliary.—The March meeting of the Toronto Diocesan Board was held in St. James' school-house by kind invitation of that branch on the 12th inst. and was very largely attended. The first vice-president presided, and opened with the intercessory litany and special petitions, after which the second vice-president of St. James' branch, Mrs. Hodgins, welcomed the members on behalf of her branch. The corresponding secretary reported that a new branch had been formed at St. John's, Mono, that there were six new life members since the last meeting. The treasurer reported receipts to be \$971.40. The Dorcas' secretary reported a balance on hand of \$233.66, and that five bales, two surpluses and one communion set had been sent away during the month. The Extra Cent-a-Day moneys amounted to \$83.65, and were voted to the Bishop of Algoma for the Nepigon mission. The secretary-treasurer of the juniors reported that the branch at Newcastle had been re-organized, and that St. Margaret's girls' and boys' branches had presented Mrs. Holland, who has worked so long and earnestly, and is now leaving Toronto to live in Montreal, with the life member's certificate and cross. There have been several new books added to the library, and 150 copies of the intercessory paper have been ordered. The Rev. Canon Farncomb, of St. Matthew's, gave the noon address on the Epistle to the Church at Philadelphia. Letters were read from the Bishop of Algoma, the Montreal and Rupert's Land diocesan Woman Auxiliaries, the Rev. H. D. Cooper, of Dryden, Keewatin; Miss Strickland, our Zenana missionary, and others. Mrs. Morrison, of All Saints', spoke on behalf of Athabasca, and Miss Drayton, of St. Simon's, gave current events on the African mission field, followed by Mrs. Davidson, Miss Cartwright, and others. The corresponding secretary then read to the members most beautiful and touching messages from their dear president, and the meeting closed with special intercessions and prayers.

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

MONTREAL.

William Bennett Bond, D.D., Bishop, Montreal.
James Carmichael, D.D., Bishop-Coadjutor.

Outremont.—Church of the Ascension.—The funeral of Mrs. Lockhart, wife of the Rev. A. D. Lockhart, of this city, took place on March 17th, from her late residence to this church, where the funeral service was conducted by the rector, the Rev. James L. Flanagan, assisted by the Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal, and Canon Renaud. His Lordship, Bishop Carmichael, the Ven. Archdeacon Ker, Canon Dixon and many of the clergy assisted. The floral tributes were numerous and the musical portion of the service beautifully rendered by a full choir. The deceased lady was a zealous Church worker in every parish served by her husband before his retirement, and this parish owes much to her interest and sympathy. The Rev. Canon Rollit, brother of deceased, and the Rev. R. Y. Overing, son-in-law, were among the mourners.

ONTARIO.

William Lennox Mills, D.D., Bishop, Kingston.

Kingston.—The general knowledge of the Bible is so slight among the great majority of the children of the present time, that any evidence of improvement in this direction and any agency that may be employed to bring about such improvement should be gladly welcomed.

It is a sad thing that should be down to be chief of the Bible in our day. The Church leads the people to be very cautious and to avoid any kind of new, and in consequence, we often find that the Bible is not taken up by the people. Then we turn away from it, and it becomes the property of those who have no dealings. So far the Scripture Union has been adopted by the Church, and in several parishes in this diocese prosperous branches are in existence. Like any other society, however, it will not work itself, and unless there is some one who has both time and inclination to push it, a branch had better not be begun. Well worked, it may accomplish its purpose, develop Bible reading among the young and lead them to at least some knowledge of Scripture history. The branch organized at St. James' church a year ago by Mr. G. F. Drury, is giving a good account of itself. It has a membership of 147, and all are apparently working members. At a lantern lecture in the school-room, on the 12th inst., by Rev. J. O. Crisp, a number of questions were asked and were promptly and accurately answered, showing at once that the Bible was being intelligently read. Mr. Crisp's lecture was a most interesting talk, first on the history of the Bible and then on various notable Biblical characters and stories. Mr. Crisp, who has the happy knack of getting at the children, and holding their attention, spoke first of the planting of Christianity in Britain, and then of Alfred the Great, who had portions of the Bible translated for his family's use. To illustrate his remarks, Mr. Crisp threw on the sheet pictures of Wycliffe, who was the first to translate the Bible as a whole; of Archbishop Cranmer, whose translation the "Great Bible," in Elizabeth's reign, was used in the Scripture portions of the Prayerbook, and of Archbishop Parker, who was one of the eight bishops engaged in the translation called the "Bishop's Bible." Scenes in the lives of four great Biblical characters, Joseph, Moses, Samuel and David, were shown, also pictures of Samuel Crowther, who from a slave boy became the first native bishop of the African Church, and after a stirring rendering of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," by all the children, the lecturer took up some of the noteworthy events in our Lord's life, many of his slides being made from Hoffman's beautiful paintings. The lecturer reminded his hearers that they had all been dedicated to God in their baptism, and urged them to reverence God's Word, to make constant use of it, and to "abstain from all appearance of evil." Canon Macmorine expressed everyone's deep gratitude to Mr. Crisp, and also spoke of his pleasure at the fact that Mr. Savary, who had succeeded in working up such a large membership in the union, had made up his mind to remain in Kingston. This was greeted with applause, and after the singing of another spirited chorus, Canon Macmorine closed the meeting with the Blessing. A great deal has been made of the statement, much paraded by our dear Methodist friends, that during their recent revival services, seventy-six Anglicans were among the "converts." That may mean anything. But take it as nine out of ten ordinary readers would understand, and we should expect to hear of a number of Anglicans going over to Methodism. But, what do we find? The greater part of the so-called "converts" consists of young girls of twelve and thirteen years of age, and not one regular communicant of the Church. Neither were those classes affected which all people would rejoice to see moved to good; however that might be accomplished. The fact is, a period of abnormal excitement has been passed through, and a few of the emotional characters which may be found in every community have been stirred up

for a time. Perhaps it may do them good, and no one grudges the revivalists, who were certainly earnest and sincere in their work, whatever glory they may get from such successes. In St. James, on Sunday, the 15th inst., the Rev. J. Cooper Robinson, returned missionary from Japan, gave an interesting account of his work. The speaker referred his hearers to the thirteenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, which told of the going out of the first missionaries, and of their home coming. Like them, he had come home, after fourteen years of labor, to tell the wondrous doings of the Lord. Though he was the first Canadian sent out by the Church of England in Canada, he was pleased to say that thirty-seven followed him, but though that was much to be thankful for, the best that could be said was that the Church had made only a beginning. Referring to the dearth of missionaries, the speaker stated that a post supported by the Woman's Auxiliary had been vacant for two years, without a missionary being found to fill it. The first missionary landed in Japan in 1859, and he is still teaching there. Not, however, until 1872, was any sort of freedom given to missionaries. There are now about 50,000 Protestant, 50,000 Roman Catholic, and 20,000 Greek converts in the kingdom. The converts for the most part come from the intelligent middle class. The speaker said that now he has 87,000 souls in his parish, with two lady assistants, as well as nine native teachers. There are 190,000 more in his parish than the whole Church of England in Canada numbers. There are 5,600,000 Japanese being looked after by eight Church of England missionaries. There is no joy so great, no calling so blessed, as going out at the Lord's call to preach the Gospel to the heathen, and have them turn from their idols to accept our Lord Jesus Christ."

On Monday evening Mr. Robinson gave a lecture on "Japan," illustrated with lantern slides. It was very entertaining, and much information on the Church's missionary work in that country was given. This city has been highly favoured during the past winter in having a number of missionaries coming hither and giving accounts of their work. There is no doubt that much interest has been stirred up by their addresses, and the cause of missions is greatly benefited. But there is a good deal in the complaint recently made by the rector of one of the country parishes that these gentlemen are always heard in the same places, and the outlying parishes never have an opportunity of meeting them and hearing directly from them. If the whole diocese is to be aroused to a sense of its duty in this connection, some effort should be made to have "returned" missionaries go to the chief centres in the country parts of the diocese, so that more accurate knowledge and greater enthusiasm might radiate in all directions.

OTTAWA.

Charles Hamilton, D.D., Bishop, Ottawa, Ont.

Wales and Moulinette.—On Tuesday morning, March 10th, the members of St. David's church, Wales, assembled in large numbers to take part in the ceremony of unveiling the handsome window, which they had placed in the west end of their church, in loving memory of their former rector, the late Rev. R. W. Samwell. The present rector, the Rev. Charles O. Carson, B.A., was assisted in the ceremony by the Rev. Rural Dean Houston, M.A., of Cornwall, and Mr. W. Jacob Ransom, of Dickinson's Landing. The service began with the Processional Hymn, 437, A. & M.: "For All the Saints Who from Their Labours Rest." During the singing of the last verse, the clergy marched down the centre aisle of the church to the window, where the rector addressed a few words to the congregation, explaining the purpose of the solemn

ceremony for which at the words: "V window to the Lord God, in the name and of the Holy withdrawn by M energetic efforts. merial was brou dedicatory praye All-Saints' Day, and during the s O Father, Mind turned to the s ment of the He by the Rural De Rev. Rural Dea memorial address wonderful work the late Rev. R. intimately for r gratulated the memorial they I would stand the a lasting and lov so much for the ing of His Chu their late rector rest, yet they we or asleep to th no doubt that t think of what w tor could speak express satisfact God's house. I ple to carry on their late rector to imitate the i their midst, so have departed in perfect consumm and everlasting words, referred and he were or istry at the sar pleasant experie in this parish. in coming to V that had been e he had to do, carry it on, providing for t undertaking. T and the reading for was, in its merit. He tru dow: "Christ just above the would not be of the parish. the little childr three panels of is the text: "S unto Me." The of the window members of St and in loving well, priest. B Rector of this The whole win design and col upon the artist of Montreal.

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