

this deanery:—There are eleven parishes and missions, comprising forty-five stations, in twenty of which there are church edifices, and nine out of the eleven have parsonages. Two churches (in Potawawa and Calabogie Missions) and one parsonage (Cobden Mission) were built during the past year, and one church (Mattawa Mission) re-built. The number of families is reported at something over seven hundred, and communicants at twelve hundred. The value of Church property is fifty-one thousand dollars as compared with forty-six thousand last year. For all the purposes of the Church there have been raised in this deanery, during the past year, nearly ten thousand dollars.

The Rev. C. T. Lewis (Calabogie) read a paper on "Clerical Unity," in the discussion of which all the clergy took part. In connection with the next annual meeting the rector of Pembroke extended an invitation to the conference to meet in his parish, which was agreed to. The date and place of holding the next chapter meeting was left open to further consideration. After a hearty vote of thanks to the Rural Dean for his address and for so ably conducting the work of the conference, the mission priest of Cobden was felicitated in a very moving address, and tendered the hearty sympathy of his brethren. After the minutes had been approved and signed, the conference closed with the singing of the doxology. Thus ended the third annual conference of the clergy and lay representatives of the Church in this deanery, and all doubtless realized the appropriateness of the opening sentence of the Rural Dean's address, wherein he expressed the hope that "our experience of these gatherings enables us to bear testimony to their value as a real agency for the promotion of Church work and life." The interior of the church at Cobden has recently received considerable adornment, making it now one of the prettiest churches in the Ottawa valley, and this, together with the erection of the new parsonage, bears testimony to the persevering work of the incumbent, Rev. J. A. Shaw, for whose return from Toronto with his bride, active preparations are in progress amongst his kind hearted parishioners.

ODESSA.—On Low Sunday the Rev. M. T. M. Harding, assistant priest of the cathedral, Kingston, came out and celebrated the Holy Eucharist and preached a timely sermon on "worship." Ten persons made their Easter Communion.

TORONTO.

Women's Auxiliary Report.—Friday.—The closing day of the Women's Auxiliary sixth annual meeting began with the usual devotional exercises. Mrs. DuMoulin resigned the position of second vice-president; and as Mrs. William Baldwin had received the next highest number of votes, she was declared elected.

At the afternoon session the convention thank offerings were announced as \$66.22. Miss Roper's paper, "The Prayers of Women," was read by Mrs. Broughall.

The following resolution, which was moved by Mrs. DuMoulin, and seconded by Mrs. Daniels, of Port Hope, was unanimously adopted:

"That we, the women of the W. A. of the diocese of Toronto, are roused to a feeling of the deepest indignation at the account received from the Women's Missionary Society of the traffic in Chinese girls for immoral purposes in British Columbia, and hereby determine to petition the Government to look more closely into the laws regarding the importation of Chinese children for such purposes, and so amend them that there will be no possibility of evading them; and it is also resolved, that a petition be drawn up and printed as soon as possible, and circulated throughout the branches of the diocese to be signed by every member of the W. A. and all other Church women; and further, that the other diocesan auxiliaries be asked to co-operate with us."

It was decided to petition the Humane Society to take steps toward the prevention of the cruel custom of binding the feet of Chinese children. Hereafter papers read before the society will be printed for use in the different branches.

The most enthusiastic meeting of the convention was the gathering of city junior branches held in the evening. There were about 600 people present. Rev. C. H. Shortt and the Bishop of Algoma filled the first part of the programme. Both gentlemen delivered interesting addresses. The hymn, "Behold the Natives Kneeling," was sung by 10 little girls dressed in white, each bearing a banner on which was inscribed the name of a heathen land. The special collection, amounting to \$25, will be devoted to the work in Algoma.

Missionary Board of Management.—The Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada met recently, and transacted the business in connection with the missions of the Church.

There were present: The Bishops of Toronto, Niagara, Huron, and Algoma, his lordship of Toronto presiding; the Archdeacon of Kingston; Rev. Canon Sweeny, Rev. Canon Houston, Rev. Dr. Mockridge (general secretary), Rev. Rural Dean Pollard, Rev. E. P. Crawford and Messrs J. J. Mason, R. T. Walkem, Dr. Davidson, V. Cronyn, H. McLaren and A. H. Campbell. A committee was appointed to consider the work among the Chinese in British Columbia, and a grant of money was made to Rev. J. G. Walter, the board's missionary in Japan. A committee was appointed to assist the secretary in preparing a report of correspondence for each half year, to be presented to the board. Several applications for work and money were received and disposed of on the principle that the board deals directly with the bishop of the several missionary dioceses. Missionary work among the Chinese in British Columbia was discussed. It was decided to invite the Bishop of New Westminster to visit eastern dioceses in the autumn. The hymnal for junior branches of the auxiliary was the subject of some remarks, and the matter was referred to a committee composed of the Bishop of Toronto and Dr. Mockridge. Perhaps the most important matter brought up was the proposed union of all the dioceses of the Church of England, and the board's representatives will support the scheme at the meeting of the Provincial Synod in Montreal in September next. A resolution of condolence was adopted with the family of the late Bishop Williams, of Quebec. The Bishop of Huron was appointed a committee of one to convey the board's greetings to the Women's Auxiliary convention.

Society of Systematic and Proportionate Giving.—A conference in connection with the above Society will (D.V.) be held under the auspices of the Synod committee of the Diocese of Toronto, to-morrow evening, 13th inst., in St. Philip's lecture hall, St. Patrick street, corner Spadina avenue. Programme as follows: 1. Hymn; 2. Prayer; 3. Opening remarks by chairman; 4. Paper—"Systematic and proportionate giving in relation to the needs of the Church"—by the Rev. G. A. Forneret, Rector of All Saints' Church, Hamilton; 5. Discussion, led by the Lord Bishop of Huron; 6. Hymn; 7. Paper—"The Church and modern methods of finance" by the Rev. Rural Dean Wade, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Woodstock; 8. Discussion led by the Lord Bishop of Niagara; 9. Closing remarks by chairman, Doxology and Benediction. All are cordially invited to attend. A collection will be taken up to defray expenses. J. Fielding Sweeny, organizing secretary, S. and P. G., Diocese of Toronto.

St. James' Cathedral.—Mid-day Services.—The addresses at the mid-day services on Wednesdays and Fridays until Ascension Day, will be given by Canon DuMoulin. The following is a list of the subjects:—"A living Christ among Men," "Christ beginning the day with Men," "Christ walking with Men," "Christ talking with Men," "Christ eating and drinking with Men," "Christ blessing Men," "Christ ending the day with Men," "Christ in Men's business," "Christ saving Men's lives." The Right Rev. A. C. Garrett, D.D., Bishop of Northern Texas, will preach in St. James' Cathedral on Sunday, May 22nd, morning and evening. The evening sermon will be the fourth of the course to young men in connection with the Cathedral Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Bishop Garrett is one of the most able and eloquent bishops of the American Church. He is an Irishman of the Bishop Magee type.

C. E. T. S.—The annual meeting of the Toronto Band of Hope was held on Tuesday, May 3, in the school house of St. James' Cathedral, the Lord Bishop presiding. There were present the Band of Hope of St. James', with the boys from the Boy's Home, Trinity, St. Stephen, St. Peter, St. Philip, St. Bartholomew, and the Church of the Ascension, and they were addressed, shortly, by Mr. Wilkinson, Revs. I. G. Lewis, T. W. Paterson and I. C. Roper. Canon Cayley awarded the prizes for essays by members, on the words from the collect of the society, "Enable us by our example and work to win others from the sin and curse of intemperance," to Lizzie Punchard of St. Stephen's, Florence L. Plant, of Norwood, and Maggie Reddock, of St. Peter's, and the prizes, two silver badges of the society, and one enamelled badge, were presented by the bishop with words of congratulation to the recipients.

St. Stephen's.—A unique and very pretty entertainment is the "Feast of Days" now in progress in the schoolroom. The entertainment is provided by the Young People's Society, and the proceeds go to the building fund of the church. Despite the unfavourable weather last week the feast was well patronized. The schoolroom presents a novel and pretty sight. There is a beautifully decorated booth for each day of the week, containing articles appropriate

for use on that day. There are also booths for the sale of flowers and confectionery. Choice music was provided, refreshments served, and two concerts were given in the evening, commencing at 8.45 and 9.30. A phonograph afforded amusement for many patrons, and in the afternoon a Punch and Judy show was given for the benefit of the little folks.

The Rev. James G. Lewis, assistant minister at St. James' Cathedral in this city, has accepted the unanimous call of the vestry of the Episcopal Church at Findlay, Ohio, tendered him by the Bishop of that diocese, and has resigned his position at the cathedral. The rev. gentleman will remove to his new sphere of labour at an early date.

RURAL DEANERY OF DURHAM AND VICTORIA.—The next meeting of the Rural Deanery of Durham and Victoria will be held at Lindsay on Thursday, May 19th, at 2 p.m. H. S., 2 Peter iii. 6. Wm. C. Allin, Sec., R. D. D. V.

STAYNER AND SUNNIDALE.—The Easter services in this Parish were hearty and joyful. There were three celebrations, viz., at eight in the morning, and at the eleven o'clock service in Stayner, number of communicants 32, and at the afternoon service in Sunnidale, at which 21 communicated, making a total of 53, the largest number during the present incumbency. The music under W. B. Sanders as choir master and A. E. Swallow as organist, was appropriate and hearty, especially was this the case at the evening service. The music at Sunnidale was also of a joyful and hearty character, suitable to this great festival. In Stayner at 9.30 a.m. a children's service was held, about 50 children being present; they were addressed by the rector, subject "Easter Day." The Easter offerings of the children amounted to \$2.20, and were given to Domestic Missions. The church in Stayner was prettily decorated with plants and flowers.

NIAGARA.

GRAND VALLEY MISSION.—The Lenten and Easter services were well attended this year. On Good Friday the congregation was deeply impressed with the slow music, draped church and solemn services; while on Easter the change in music, in the appearance of the church and in the services, emphasized the greatness of the resurrection. At the 6 o'clock celebration, just as the people had assembled, the rising sun shone directly into the church, illuminating the altar and chancel, which were prettily decorated with flowers. The effect was striking and must have filled the hearts of those present with the thought of what must have been the brightness of that wonderful first Easter morning. There were 47 communicants at the two services. The accounts of the annual vestry meeting showed a surplus on hand. R. R. Hopkins, M.D., and Nelson Reaburn were appointed churchwardens, and R. F. Taylor as lay delegate.

BOWLING GREEN.—The music and responses in the Church of the Good Shepherd have been greatly improved during the last year. A new organ has been bought and paid for. A choir has been formed under the directorship of Mr. Ezekiel Wells, and with Miss Ina Whaley as organist, the choir leads the congregation in very good singing.

READING AND FARMINGTON.—Mr. Hay, recently director of Christ Church Cathedral Chapter of St. Andrew's Brotherhood, is now acting as lay reader in this mission. He is taking up the work with zeal and spirit. Those who know anything of the history of Reading, will be surprised to hear Mr. Hay has had a congregation of sixty.

WEST FLAMBORO.—Christ Church.—At last Rev. Mr. Ross has obtained the help of a lay reader, and now services are held throughout this spacious mission at least once a Sunday.

ANCASTER.—We are always pleased to hear from this parish. It is one of the oldest and most healthy rural parishes in the diocese. The incumbent has entered on the 14th year of his ministry in the parish, and he finds his people united, happy and diligent in good works. It is gratifying to learn that while during the past 10 years there has been a steady exodus of Church people from the parish to the North-West and elsewhere, the congregations have not decreased, but on the contrary there is a yearly increase at both the weekly services and Holy Communion. During the past year nearly \$600 were spent in interior painting and decoration. Last Sunday the Lord Bishop of the Diocese held a confirmation service, when eleven candidates received the Apostolic Rite. The congregations were large considering the unfavourable day, and the bishop's address was as