

Cathedral, Cronyn Memorial Church, St. John the Evangelist, St. James'; London South, St. George's; London West

On Wednesday morning divine service was held in the Cathedral at 10 o'clock. His Lordship, the Bishop of the Diocese, preached a most earnest and impressive sermon from Ex. xxv., 8,— "Let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them." The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to about two hundred and twenty members of the Woman's Auxiliary and others.

The public meeting was held in Victoria Hall on Wednesday afternoon and was largely attended. After the singing of a hymn the 40th chapter of Isaiah was read, and the prayer written by the Bishop of the Diocese for the use of his Auxiliary was offered up. The President (Mrs. Baldwin), then gave a most excellent address. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were highly gratifying, showing a great increase of interest and zeal in the cause of Missions. The Treasurer's report showed that about \$1,193 had been received by her during the past year, against \$845 last year, and boxes and bales of clothing, etc., had been sent to various missions in different parts of the Dominion to the value of \$2,553, being an increase of \$1,421 over last year. These bales were sent to the following dioceses in this order: Algoma, \$98.60; Saskatchewan, \$687.15; Athabasca, \$498.75; Huron, \$263; Qu'Appelle, \$88.35; Rupert's Land, \$31.95.

When the roll was called seventy-seven Branch Presidents and delegates answered to their names, being twenty-seven more than last year. In addition to those Branches represented at the Board meeting on Tuesday, were Christ Church, London; All Saints' Mission Chapel, London; St. James' (Biddulph) and Delaware. An interesting report of the Committee on Literature was given. Three admirable papers were read by delegates, viz, "Duty is Ours. Results are God's," "In Earthen Vessels," and "Our Home Missions." The Rev. McQueen Baldwin, missionary designate to Japan, made an earnest address, and referred to the work in that country of the Rev. J. Cooper Robinson, who last year addressed the Auxiliary.

In the evening a general public missionary meeting was held in the same hall, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese in the chair. Eloquent speeches were made by the Rev. R. Ker, rector of Ingersoll, Rev. R. G. Fowell, Principal of Huron College, Rev. Canon Davis, rector of St. James Church, London South. To the regret of all the Rev. G. C. Mackenzie, of Grace Church, Brantford, was unable to be present and address the meeting as had been hoped. The collection was \$65, (about) an increase of \$20 over last year. A largely attended drawing room meeting was held the next morning at Bishopstowe, when the Bishop spoke some stirring words of sympathy and counsel to the members of the Auxiliary. A question drawer was an interesting feature of the meeting, the

questions placed in it causing animated discussions.

A meeting of the Board of Management was held in the afternoon, when much important business was transacted.

BLACKFOOT RESERVE, GLEICHEN, NORTH-WEST CANADA.

To the Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary to Missions, Toronto's Diocese:—

DEAR MRS. CUMMINGS,—It is with feelings of great pleasure that I write to you now, because what we have been looking and praying for the past two years seems likely to be given us. I mean the Home for Indian girls on this Reserve. I have written again and again to one and another of the Woman's Auxiliary, stating how difficult it was to get the parents to give up their children, but at last, thank God, we have made a commencement, and now Miss Brown is quartered in what was originally our teacher's residence, with three Blackfoot girls, aged about ten and eleven years, as happy and cheerful as girls could well be. The home was opened on Monday, February 13th, when our mission party met there and united in prayer that God would bless our Home, and make it so cheerful and nice for the girls that they would not desire to leave it. There were three girls there that night. The first, named Kien-ixki, is a poor unfortunate child. Her father is a bad man and immoral in every way. He has given one of his daughters to a young Indian to wife, and has also promised the same man this poor child Kimixki. The second, Paits-ake, is the daughter of a man who died three years ago. His name was Chief-Child, and he was slightly deranged. He was very difficult to manage at times, and more than once I was in danger of my life at his hands. I am very glad that his daughter is one of our first girls. The third child is Eikaki, and she is the biggest girl we have at present and very pleasant and cheerful. Last evening she ran into the Mission House to see her father and mother, who were at the Home. As I walked back with her she said, "They are pleased; they don't want to take me away." But now why am I writing all this to you? You see in addition to finding Miss Brown's salary, I want the Woman's Auxiliary to undertake the entire support of the Home. Most of the furniture is *borrowed*, and I have had to order groceries and hardware to the value of forty dollars in order to commence the Home, and I have nothing to pay it with. We want about \$100 for furniture, and \$350 per year if we are to support four girls and Miss Brown. There is no room for more in our present building. Will the Woman's Auxiliary relieve my mind of these temporal necessities, by at once undertaking the complete support of this Home? Faith enabled me to order the provisions, and I believe that those who have heard of our efforts will come to our help without delay. The kind interest so many