

the coming year. I also send herewith one dollar for each subscriber (\$25)."

We trust, we shall find that our other friends are as actively and as successfully engaged in the prosecution of their canvass. Intelligence like this is most encouraging, and makes us feel that our past exertions have not been in vain, with the hope that our new departure will be a triumphant success. *Our friends have it in their power to make it so, by setting to work at once.*

## Diocesan Intelligence.

### NOVA SCOTIA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

**HALIFAX.**—*Bishop's Chapel*—This pleasant place of worship—whose chief beauty is that there is no separation of the rich and poor who meet together therein—has been receiving colour beauty lately, partly by the amateur hands of the Rev. J. Padfield, the head of our Diocesan Girls' School, and of a young son of our excellent Archdeacon, Canon Gilpin.

**Cruelty to Animals: Ladies Auxiliary S. P. C. A.**—A large and influential meeting of this Association was held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms Wednesday afternoon. The President, Mrs. P. C. Hill took the chair, and after the routine business stated that she had asked the Board of School Commissioners for the city to allow the Ladies to offer prizes to the school children for essays on kindness to animals, and had received a reply granting the request. The meeting was pleased with the cordial assent to the request of the President, and decided to offer the following prizes. For pupils over twelve years of age, nine prizes; first prize \$5, 2nd \$3, 3rd \$2, and 4th to 9th \$1 each. For pupils under twelve years of age, nine prizes; 1st \$4, 2nd \$3, 3rd \$2, 4th to 9th \$1 each. Both classes to be open to competition by both boys and girls. It was decided to request His Lordship the Bishop, His Worship the Mayor, and Mr. P. C. Hill, to act as judges of the essays offered.

The first object of the Ladies' Auxiliary being the dissemination of correct sentiments on the subject of kindness to the lower animals, the meeting decided to take a number of copies of the S. P. C. A. Journal, and also to purchase other publications such as the Band of Mercy Review, for gratuitous distribution to the children.

The Ladies deserve the highest praise for their efforts to inculcate a better and more humane feeling on the subject of man's relation to dumb animals.—*Herald.*

### MONTREAL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

**WATERLOO.**—*St. Luke's*—One of the largest and most interesting missionary meetings, outside of the city of Montreal, was held here on the 21st ult. The Church was nearly filled and would have been quite so had not the epidemic of measles been in every house. Among those present was a good sprinkling of "outsiders." The meeting was addressed by the Rev. Dr. Sullivan of St. George's, Montreal, and by the Rev. Mr. Mills of St. John's, and the Principal of Sabrevois College, the Rev. Mr. Tuck. It is expected that a larger addition to the Mission Fund than is even usual in this liberal place, will be the result. Waterloo is well known as having a model pastor as regards diligent, enthusiastic cultivation of the missionary spirit is concerned. He never forgets to bring before his people in the pulpit, and especially in his frequent house to house visitations, their personal duty and privilege in assisting the work of Christ. And the result is, a fine church in which to worship, a beautiful organ and a cultivated choir to lead their praises, a pastor heartily supported, and an ability and willingness to aid others in spiritual things.

Missionary meetings were held this week in

Fulford, in West Shefford parish and in Frost village. At the former the Ven. Archdeacon and the Rev. Messrs. Ross, Brown and Kilner formed the deputation, and at the latter—with the exception of the last-named—the Rev. Rector of Granby filling that place.

**BEDFORD.**—The ladies of St. James' Church held a social on Wednesday evening, 26th inst., at the house of Mr. E. Alcombrack—proceeds in aid of the Church Purpose Fund. The rector, Rev. H. W. Nye, announced a course of Advent sermons on the subjects, "The Gospel invitation, given, refused, accepted, enjoyed." These sermons will be preached on the Tuesday evenings in Advent. We are right glad to notice that the Church in this fine old parish is coming to herself again. In the days of good old Dean Slack, Bedford was one of our strongholds; since then, however, changes of incumbents, and long vacancies, and no services on weekdays or Sundays wrought much ill to the work in that place. There is hardly another circumstances of which the sects take a greater advantage in their wild desire to frustrate the progress of our Church, than that of a prolonged interregnum between the outgoing of one clergyman and the incoming of his successor. These periods of vacancy have been very frequent in this Province, and the Church has suffered greatly in consequence; indeed if it were not that she is a Divine institution and so indestructible, she would have been dead and gone from many of our missions and parishes long ago. God has been good to the people of Bedford in giving them at length, their present pastor, and we predict for the parish a long era of prosperity.

**WAKEFIELD.**—The parsonage at this place was accidentally burned to the ground a short time ago—no insurance. It has been suggested that Rev. Mr. Fuller should make an appeal to the sympathy of the diocese. We are sure it would not be made in vain.

**THE CODEX SINAITICUS.**—The Emperor of Russia has presented the University of Bishop's College with a magnificent copy of this valuable work. The college authorities have written an acknowledgment in Latin, thanking the Emperor for the gift.

**MONTREAL.**—*St. Martins.*—The Rev. J. P. DuMoulin purposes delivering during the Sunday evenings in Advent, a special course of sermons to young men. By the way, won't somebody preach a special course of sermons to old men? The Advent season of all others seems best suited for such a purpose.

**PAROCHIAL REGISTRARS.**—An Act of the Quebec Legislature compels these to be kept in duplicate, the duplicate to be sent at the end of each year to the office of the prothonotary for the district. Some of the clergy grumble at being forced to do this work at all, and especially so at being forced to do it without remuneration. The worst aspect of the case however, is, that for each year's duplicate the sum of \$1.25 must be paid to the Prothonotary, and for "sealing" the Parochial Registry this functionary collects another dollar, total \$2.25, which the incumbent of this parish dolefully says he expects to have to disburse about the first of January next. Cannot some steps be taken to remedy this? Surely if the clergy go to the trouble of making these duplicates, the cash they ought to expect would be to have the necessary stationery furnished them free of charge.

**St. John's, P. Q.**—Doctor Sullivan's promised lecture was delivered here on Monday last. His subject was "Across the Ferry," and was an exceedingly graphic and interesting account of a voyage to England. The attendance, though not bad, was far short of what might have been expected from a town like St. John's.

**COWANSVILLE.**—Some necessary repairs are being executed in this church, and the congregation met last Sunday for worship in the Academy. Rev. Mr. Fyles is hard at work at his duties as Principal of the High School, and seems all the better for his trip home last fall. In this parish two important towns—Cowansville and Sweet-

sungh—from which most of the High School pupils come. It is very satisfactory to Church people that a gentleman like Mr. Fyles is at the head of the institution.

**WEST PATTON.**—The removal to Abercorn of Mr. Simon Sargent is a serious loss to the Church in this place. He was the first churchwarden of Christ's Church, West Putton, and it is in a large measure owing to his zeal and self-sacrifice that the Church was so expeditiously built. Mr. Sargent was a member of the Baptist Society, until the occasion of the last visit of Bishop Bond to this place when Mr. Sargent and his excellent wife knelt down together to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost in the Apostolic rite of Confirmation. On the next Sunday they brought four of their little ones to Holy Baptism, to the great happiness of the missionary in charge. If the Church has lost at West Patton, it has gained at Abercorn.

### ONTARIO.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

**MISSION BOARD.**—At the meeting on the 3rd inst. the Clerical Secretary gave the following financial statement up to the beginning of the month:—

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| By collections .....        | \$ 246 78         |
| By Watkins bequest .....    | 120 00            |
|                             | <b>\$ 366 78</b>  |
| To expenses .....           | \$ 65 00          |
| To salaries .....           | 2,075 00          |
|                             | <b>2,140 00</b>   |
|                             | <b>\$1,778 27</b> |
| Balance 1st September ..... | 3,844 89          |
|                             | <b>\$5,427 86</b> |

The committee appointed at the last meeting to devise a more desirable scheme of appropriating their money, presented the following report: "That they met and fully discussed the subject referred to them. There was a great deal of diversity of opinion amongst the members of the committee as to the principle on which the Mission Fund should be administered, some members contending that the grants should be made to the missionaries, and in doing so their length of service and efficiency should be considered; others contending that the grants should continue to be made to the missions, and should be made with reference to the respective means of supporting their clergyman. The committee considered that, except as hereinafter suggested, it would be unwise to disturb the present system of making grants, until it has been fairly tested. They are of opinion that mistakes may have been made in the classification of missions, but that these mistakes have been caused by want of proper information respecting the needs and resources of the various parishes. If the canon respecting statistics were properly enforced, much information which would be useful in fixing the grants would be gained from the returns which are thereby required; but it is impossible to graduate the grants satisfactorily or fairly until the condition of the various parishes is fairly known and laid before the committee. The committee would suggest that some means be devised for obtaining the required information systematically, and that the new organization of the diocese into rural deaneries might be used for that purpose, the rural Dean being required to collect and send in the statistics to the Clerical Secretary for the use of this board. The committee recommend the following changes in the present system: 1st. That the division of the parishes into classes be done away with, and that the needs of each parish in making a grant shall be considered separately. 2nd. That the allowance to each parish shall be fixed by a sub-committee as at present, and the rate fixed shall continue for three years instead of one as at present. 3rd. That the board shall have power to entertain applications to alter or suspend the allowance at any time, such power to be exercised only in exceptional cases. All of which is respectfully submitted. S. S. LAURIE, Chairman."

The Rev. E. P. Crawford submitted the follow-