

ments from Miss Brown, Piegan Reserve, and from C. A. Lindsay, Little Pine Reserve. The treasurer reported 60c. received. There were three new members from Christ Church, two from St. Luke's, one from St. John's.

Mrs. Wright, of St. Bartholomew's parish gave a very interesting account of the Christmas tree at Biscotassing, from Rev. J. Sanders.

Miss Green's paper on Rupert's Land stated that about eleven missions were formed yearly, whilst in the diocese of Quebec only eleven have been formed in fifty years.

Mrs. Tilton read a paper on Zenanas.

Rev. H. Pollard brought forward the subject of THE MAGAZINE, and it was decided to continue its publication.

St. JOHN'S Chapter of the Brotherhood has been working steadily and systematically all winter. One marked result is seen in the large attendance at the Bible class, which has now a membership of 45.

At the weekly meetings discussions on practical subjects bring out many suggestions of a helpful kind, bearing on Brotherhood work. We hope to send a strong delegation to the next convention.

At the February meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society a very excellent paper, prepared by Miss Thompson, was read on Hygiene. It contained some very excellent hints and advice for the preservation of health; they were common sense, and yet often violated.

At the February meeting there was a very large attendance. The parochial collectors for St. John's parish reported twenty-one new members, and the treasurer's receipts for the month \$31.33.

The President explained what work had been done in connection with the PARISH MAGAZINE during the month, that a thorough canvas would be made, and hoped all church members would take the book, as the price was within reach of all, being only 50 cents.

She also gave a few words of kindly greeting to the new members present.

Interesting mission news from China and British Columbia, subjects for the day, were given by Miss Green and Miss Balker. Athabasca and Africa will be the subjects for reading and prayer for March.

The annual meeting will be held in St. John's schoolroom, Tuesday, April 16th, at 3 p. m.

At Anglesea Square Mission Hall the usual services on Sunday and Thursday have been kept up regularly, and the attendance has been very satisfactory. The Sunday school has increased and there were one hundred and one scholars present on the first Sunday in March.

The Band of Hope has been much appreciated, and has a very large membership. Many of the parents have also taken an interest in the meetings. Addresses have been given by several well-known temperance workers.

At the monthly meeting of the Sunday-school Teachers' Association in February the Rev. F. B. Hodgins continued his explanation of the Epistle to the Ephesians, and the Rev. H. Pollard read a paper on Archbishop Laud. The brief review of his life and times showed clearly that the Church of England owed a great deal to his energy and discretion. The people were divided in the church, some rejoicing in their freedom from Rome's usurped yoke and holding to the old paths of Catholic truth; others hated Rome so strongly that everything that the Papists did must be wrong *because they did it*, and these were known as Puritans; a third party, small but active, tried to restore the Pope's supremacy by fair means or foul. Laud's position was not a happy one; his methods were those of a statesman who held a high secular office whilst being archbishop. He was perhaps over-hasty in carrying out reforms that were sadly needed; he often chose to use power, rather than exert influence; still, nothing could excuse the malice, the injustice, the perjury of those who in their fanaticism raved against one whose superiority, both moral and religious, bred in them envy, hatred, and malice, and led them to a cruel murder. Laud has been justly described as "an absolutely single-minded man, who could and did make great mistakes, but who never knowingly chose the lower part." He was executed on Jan. 10th, 1645, just 250 years ago. The event has been commemorated this year by special services at Tower Hill, London, by lectures on his life and times, and by a most interesting exhibition of relics connected with his history.

A DEVICE adopted by the Church Army to enable the charitably-disposed to help those who ask for alms without incurring the risk of being imposed upon is worthy of imitation by other charitable organizations. To subscribers of five shillings is given a neat little red book, which can be easily carried in a purse or pocket-book. Each book contains twenty numbered tickets with the addresses of the Church Army Labor Homes throughout London. The ticket bears the following assurance: "Previous career never disqualifies. Pauperizing charity is not given. After inquiry, if space permits, a chance is offered to suitable applicants to earn board, lodging, and a few shillings per week, with fair hope of permanent employment."

Perhaps the proposed Associated Charities Association of Ottawa may learn something from this example.