

Remarks were made by Revs. Mr. Everett and J. H. Dixon on the International Sunday school scheme, and the meeting closed with prayer by the Bishop.

**Woman's Missions.**—The annual meetings of the Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Society was held last week, and were most successful and inspiring. A service, with holy communion, was held at 9.30 a.m. in the Cathedral, the bishop officiating and delivering an address. At half-past ten was held the business meeting, at which the bishop also presided. The reports from the country branches were read and proved most satisfactory. Mrs. Tilton, of Ottawa, and Miss Emery, of New York, delivered addresses. Miss Emery dwelt on the progress she noted from the time of her previous visit three years ago; there were more ladies present now from Montreal diocese alone than were there from the whole of Canada. The officers for the year have already appeared in the *Gazette*.

An "at home" was given at Mrs. Henderson's residence on Dorchester street in the afternoon, at which the country delegates and friends of the cause were entertained, some 300 persons being present. A most enjoyable hour and a half was passed.

The public meeting was held in the evening in the Synod Hall, the Lord Bishop presiding. The fact that Miss Emery, of New York, and Archdeacon Kirkby were announced to speak, lent additional interest to the meeting, and consequently the hall was taxed to its fullest extent. The secretary and treasurer were congratulated on the highly satisfactory character of their reports, which showed the society not only to be in a financially flourishing state, but gaining increased sympathy and moral support.

Miss Emery, who elicited much interest, said she was of opinion that the Woman's Auxiliary must have experienced some of the difficulties met with by the society in New York. There was a difficulty in gaining the sympathy of the people in foreign missions; but she advocated a steady earnestness of purpose. They had all heard of the wrongs done the Indians by the people of New York state; it was the purpose of the society to right those wrongs, and if its members wished it they could do so. And so it was with foreign missions; if people wished them to flourish there was no hindrance to their prosperity. Miss Emery said there were two missionary elements in the Church—the unintelligent helper who eagerly drank in all about missions and gave her mite towards their furtherance, and the intelligent worker and giver. So there were equal chances for everyone to do hard, self-sacrificing labor for the cause they all loved so well. It was not always to those who left home and friends that the hard work fell; the members of the society at home also had their trials to meet. She had always found it a good thing to impress on people the fact that if they interested themselves in domestic missions, they were of necessity bound to support foreign missions. This led them to take an interest in the latter through a desire to see how their money was spent. Having made feeling reference to eminent English missionaries, Miss Emery said they in America also considered such men as belonging to them in that the works performed by them were for the one who is Master of all. Americans, too, had their noble missionaries, and they sent out men, models of those good men from England and Canada, who endured trial and persecution in the performance of their work. She advised those who were collectors not to forget to give the poor a chance of helping the work, for it was always the poor who gave most cheerfully to the poor.

The Venerable Archdeacon Kirkby followed with a deeply interesting address. The rev. gentleman's good humor and witty remarks kept up a continual flow of laughter, while his more serious passages called forth the most profound sympathy. He gave his first missionary address in 1852, after which he set out from England, and after a long and tedious voyage reached Fort York in Hudson's Bay, whence he journeyed south to Manitoba. From there he undertook another arduous journey to the Mackenzie River and up to Fort Simpson, where he met a tribe of Indians who had never before been reached by a missionary. Here, after some difficulties, he acquired a knowledge of the language and worked among the people for some time. A ship bringing goods to the settlement also brought scarlet fever which made sad havoc among the Indians. But good came of the trial, and the fever was the means of bringing home the truth to a great number. It was a proud day in his life when he first crossed the Arctic circle. He felt thankful that he was the first to carry tidings of the light into "the land of ice and snow." He related several interesting facts of the surprising accuracy of the Indians finding the way through the pathless wilderness, and made feeling references to their fidelity, gentleness and upright disposition when approached in a fair and honorable spirit. A vote of thanks was tendered to Miss Emery and Archdeacon Kirkby for their interesting discourses.

## ONTARIO.

**TYENDINEGA.**—On Tuesday evening, the 29th inst., Dr. Oronhyatekha headed a surprise party to Mohawk parsonage. When alarm at the unexpected arrival of so many had subsided, the Dr. in a neat speech on behalf of some old friends of the Rev. G. A. Anderson, presented him with a handsome fur overcoat. Dr. O. in the course of his remarks stated that the task of collecting had been so easy, on account of the Rev. gentleman's popularity, that should he require a brick house on a corner lot in Deseronto the sum necessary to purchase it would be readily obtained. A supper was provided by the ladies of the parish, and the evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner with music, vocal and instrumental.

When in 1879 the Lord Bishop of Ontario appointed for the first time Rural Deans in his Diocese, he issued for their guidance the following rules. They are of interest in connection with the question of the duties pertaining to this office.

**I. Jurisdiction.**—1. Inasmuch as the appointment of Rural Deans, their function and their jurisdiction, originate from the Bishop, it is understood that, within the limits of their commission, they are acting by his authority.

2. As no coercive power is involved in that commission, all doubtful or disputed matters are open to appeal, and may be referred to him for adjudication.

**II. Duties of Rural Deans.**—1. Within their respective limits, to take the oversight of, and to advocate (so far as they possibly can,) the interests of the Mission Fund of the Diocese.

To this end, they are empowered to visit officially the parishes under their charge; to hold public meetings of a Missionary character, and to cultivate a warmer feeling of interest in Church work; to visit, when so required by the clergyman in charge, such persons as should be, but are not, contributors to the Fund; to organize Parochial Associations for the more thorough canvassing of the several Deaneries in the interest of the Mission work; and to initiate and foster the practice of systematic giving, that the Mission Board may have some reliable data whereby to judge of what it may, or may not, attempt in the way of Church extension.

2. To see that all the canonically ordered sermons are duly preached; and that the proceeds of said sermons, as well as all monies collected by Deputations, or Parochially by cards, are regularly and promptly forwarded to the Clerical Secretary.

In order to this, it is enjoined by the Bishop that, within one month from the time appointed for any such sermon, within 15 days of any Deputation visit, and on or before April 15th, in the case of Parochial collections, a certificate according to a form to be supplied, to the effect that this has been done, be sent by each clergyman in charge, to his proper Rural Dean.

If within one month such certificate be not sent in, or if stations confessedly within the reach of the clergyman or Missionary in charge be not reported, it shall be the duty of the R. Dean to report such default, through the Archdeacon, to the Bishop, who shall take such action to prevent a repetition of the fault, as to his judgment may seem fit.

3. To collect and forward to the Bishop, on or before the 30th April in each year, reliable statistics as to the number of Church families in each Parish or Mission in his Deanery; what they are able to do, and what they are actually doing, on behalf of the objects recommended to them by the Synod.

4. To take note, in each Parish or Mission, of the sum pledged as stipend to the Missionary in charge; where this stipend is insufficient, to use all effort to get it increased; and especially to see that the Missionary do not suffer through default on the part of the people. Every such case of default, if found irremediable by the R. Dean, to be by him reported, through the Archdeacon, to the Bishop.

**III. Expenses.**—How to be Defrayed.—In every Mission or Station which a Rural Dean may be required to visit officially, Divine Service shall, if possible, preface the work which he is called to do; the collection taken up on each such occasion may be devoted to the payment of his expenses.

**CRYSLER.**—The rectory parlors were one evening last week the scene of a very attractive 'Social.' The large number of friends present listened to well read musical selections, by the young people of the Church choir. After which an excellent programme of readings and recitations were given by the Incumbent, Rev. F. Fraser, a most efficient leader, and a host in himself, in these pleasant social parties. The rev. gentleman was assisted by some of the young ladies and gentlemen present. The ladies in charge of the social, excelled all previous efforts in the abundant and excellent supply of edibles, and the rich and dainty furnishings of the tables. At the conclusion,

it was found a very respectable sum had been raised, to go towards furnishing and lighting the Church. The new St. John's Church when completed, will be one of the most beautiful and comfortable in this part of the Diocese.

## NIAGARA.

**HAMILTON.**—Rev. Hartley Carmichael, brother of the Dean of Montreal, has received and accepted a call from one of the Episcopal churches in Richmond, Virginia. Salary \$3,000 a year.

**NORVAL AND STEWARTTOWN.**—Very instructive addresses were delivered at the Missionary meetings held in the churches of Norval and Stewarttown, on the evenings of February 7th and 8th. The speakers were the Revs. Rural Dean Belt, of Wellington, and C. R. Lee, of Hamilton. A choral celebration of the Holy Eucharist was held at 10 a.m. on Friday, in St. Paul's, Norval. The attendance was good, and offerings liberal. A most successful concert under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of St. Paul's church, Norval, was held in the Orange Hall on Thursday evening, February 14th. The talent was composed of the following ladies and gentlemen, who kindly proffered their services. Toronto Vocal Society: The Misses Green, Miss May Fahey, Mr. C. P. Whelan and Mr. Wm. Fahey; Miss Beatrice Chisholm, Graduate in music of Helmut College, London. The proceeds amounting to nearly \$100—after paying expenses will go towards improving the interior of the church.

**HAMILTON.**—St. Luke's Church.—A new brick church has been erected on the site of the old frame one, and was opened for Divine Service on Sunday, Feb. 17th. Rev. W. Massey, M.A., Rector.

**ANCASTER.**—The Lord Bishop of Niagara visited this parish on the 9th and 10th February. A reception was held on the evening of Saturday, the 9th, when a large number of parishioners called upon the Bishop. On Sunday morning, Matins and Litany were said at 9 o'clock, the Communion and Confirmation offices at 11. In the afternoon a Children's service was held at 3, and in the evening the Bishop gave an account of the proceedings of the Lambeth Conference. Large congregations attended all the services. Eleven young persons were confirmed, (2 from the sects) and 60 communicants attended the celebration of the Holy Communion. This parish is in a prosperous condition, and the parishioners are united and happy.

"The Church of England Defence Association."—In last week's issue we gave an account of the conference the representatives of this association had with their Bishop. The conference was unsatisfactory to the delegation, the Bishop having declined to act as detective and prosecutor, as well as judge. The Association it now fully organized, and a strong effort is to be made to establish a branch Association in every parish. A circular, addressed to the Members of the Church of England in the Diocese of Niagara, has just been issued, setting forth the objects of the Association, and the reasons which move them to form the Association at the present time. Copies will be circulated in every parish in a few days. A very grave responsibility will rest upon the shoulders of the organizers of this Society. They are about to sow the seeds of division and strife in every parish, causing all Church work to be paralyzed, and our Diocesan funds to be seriously injured. And what do they hope to accomplish? To reduce all the services in the Diocese to the level of two churches in Hamilton. More than this. The chief object of the Association is to make the Bishop's path as rough and unpleasant as possible, and to destroy his usefulness and power in the Diocese. The leaders in this movement decline to formulate a charge against any of the offenders. They feel that the expenses attending the trial would be heavy, and the result doubtful. They propose instead, to work the Diocese up into such a feverish state that they may without difficulty have a Canon forbidding certain practices [adopted at our next Diocesan Synod].

**MOUNT FOREST.**—The Ladies' Aid, of St. Paul's church, held their annual meeting for the election of officers at the Rectory recently. Mrs. H. Wilkinson was elected President; Miss Reddick, Vice-President; and Miss Mitchell, Secretary-Treasurer. Splendid work was done by the Ladies Aid last year, and the officers elected this year are alive to the best interests of the Church. With the money realized by the Society's work and the proceeds resulting from the sale of the old Church property, the debt upon the church has been reduced this year by \$650. The Ladies Aid last week gave one of a series of Socials

at the residence. The men are now before Lent. A concert was held when the proceeds \$72. The debt Shepherd, at \$250 is paid for all parish is going on to the splendid Reginald S. Rad Seginaw, who affections and of their death.

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