

Expenditure—General church expenses, \$78.28; interest on mortgage, \$42; taxes, \$27.55; synod offertories other than home mission fund, \$9.65; home mission fund, \$33.90; general hospital and missions, \$7.95; stipend, \$596.70; building account, cash in bank, \$144.45.

After the adoption of the reports, the following were elected as officers of the church for the ensuing year: Messrs. Chisholm, Scrimes, Wade, Francis, Pugsley and Ozard; secretary, W. E. J. Hague.

TURTLE MOUNTAIN—A meeting of the Rural Deanery of Turtle Mountain was held in St. Andrew's church, Deloraine, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 23 and 24. Clergy present were Rev. G. C. Hill, Rural Dean, Boissevain; Rev. W. Stocker, Melita; Rev. H. Beacham, Killarney, and Mr. F. C. O'Meara, Deloraine. Lay delegates, Mr. Chas. Bate, Killarney; Mr. Davidson, Bayview, and Dr. Tomalin, Deloraine. The meeting opened with an introductory address by the Rural Dean. A discussion followed on the question of a circulating library for the Sunday schools of the district. It was resolved to establish such a library, all action necessary thereto being left to the Rural Dean and Rev. H. Beacham.

The question of a parish paper was also discussed. It was decided that it would be to the interests of the parishes to have a local church paper, and it was resolved that "The Western Churchman" shall be supported if a reasonable club rate can be procured.

Wednesday, March 24. Afternoon Session—The meeting opened with a paper, "How to Draw Men to Church," by Mr. O'Meara, of Deloraine. The essential points were:—(1.) We should have in our hearts love for the Lord Jesus. Men should be able to see this. (2.) We should be consistent liveis. Show our Christianity to be a reality. Let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works. (3.) The plain and simple gospel of Christ should be preached. (4.) We should study men's peculiarities, mode of living, etc., acquire some knowledge of their occupations. (5.) We should impress upon them the importance of their individual presence, if only as an example. (6.) Should bring ourselves into touch with them. Show a friendly interest. Discussion, Rev. W. Stocker. The last point was an important one. We must not associate ourselves, however, with anything of a questionable character. Mr. Bate—It was all to be as St. Paul, "A Jew to the Jew and a Gentile to the Gentile," but be very careful to preserve inviolate, as he did, the essential principles of both religious doctrine and religious practice.

Rural Dean—A man ordained is a man still, but a man set apart for special service. Sports are right in themselves, but there is a question as to time and place. When a Christian minister participates in sports, he should do so as a Christian minister. He must raise others to his level; not allow himself to be dragged down to theirs.

A paper, "Preparation for Holy Communion," was then read by Rev. W. Stocker, Melita. There is a certain relationship between things spiritual and things temporal.

We partake of food because we are hungry, so should we partake of the spiritual food at the Lord's table, because we hunger for it. The gospel message is crystalized and consolidated in the prayer book. Note the shorter invitation. Repentance, faith, and love are here enjoined."

In the discussion following this paper a "preparatory service" was suggested and was held to be beneficial.

"The Envelope System, Its Uses and Abuses," was then treated in an able paper by Mr. Chas. Bate, Killarney. A serious responsibility rests with the people of a congregation in the matter of meeting the expenses of the Church. It is a grave question as to how the money can best be raised. Personal experience has proved the "envelope system" the very best. Its chief advantages are:—(1.) Members are induced to set apart a certain amount every week for the Church. (2.) If any fall behind in their weekly contribution, the wardens discover it and are able to notify them accordingly. (3.) Knowing this, members are not so apt to neglect their duty in the matter of giving. (4.) The wardens know exactly what amount can be depended on. A short discussion followed.

This ended the programme for this meeting.

In view of the fact that in two of the parishes of the Deanery public balls were being held and patronized by members of our communion, the following resolution was passed:—"That the clergy and laity assembled at this Rural Deanery meeting, held in St. Andrew's Church, Deloraine, March 24, 1897, express their deep regret that any dances or secular entertainments of any kind should, directly contrary to the teaching of our Church, be allowed to take place during the solemn season of Lent. And they would earnestly beseech all, specially members of their own communion, to use this blessed season as one of heart-searching and self-denial."

The meeting was then adjourned to meet again (D. V.) at Melita, on or about June 29 and 30.

In the evening divine service was held in St. Andrew's Church, at which all the clergy assisted. There was also celebration of Holy Communion. The Rural Dean preached from Gen. 39:9, "How can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"

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