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Woman's Auxiliary.—The love of Christ constrains us.—The Board meeting for the month of May was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., in St. James' school house, the president, Mrs. Williamson, being in the chair. The attendance was not large, but a very satisfactory amount of business was transacted. The newly elected corresponding secretary was introduced to the members of the Board. Mrs. Newman is the widow of the late Canon Newman of London, Ont., and was at one time Dorcas secretary for Huron diocese. Since her removal to Toronto she has been connected with St. Stephen's church, and in taking this responsible position she may feel assured that she will have the assistance of her experienced predecessor and the cordial support of every member of the Board. The items of business which Mrs. Newman was called upon to report were the conference held on the 11th inst. between the Executive Committee of the Auxiliary and the Mission Board. The chief point of discussion at that conference was the parochial missionary collections, a report of which was presented to the Mission Board. The Executive Committee had nominated the standing committees for the coming year, and the delegates to the triennial meeting which will be held (D.V.) in Montreal during the third week in September. The treasurer reported the receipts for the month to be \$920.57; the parochial missionary collections amounted to \$174.51, and the extra cent a day fund to \$35.66, making a total of \$1,130.74 for the past month. By resolution of the meeting the E. C. D. Fund was voted to Rev. J. M. Donaldson, St. Vitson, B.C., to be applied to the building fund of a church in that place for the use of English settlers, and as a means of gaining influence over the Chinese employees in the canning factories. Interesting letters were read from Miss Alice Turner of the Blackfoot hospital, Rev. C. H. P. Owen and Miss Gibson, who are also engaged on the Blackfoot Reserve. Miss Patterson and Mrs. Heber Hamilton both wrote of the work in Japan. Great interest was taken in a letter from Rev. S. A. Lawrence, a missionary at Minden in the rural deanery of Haliburton, Toronto diocese. In his backwoods mission he is certainly doing a most self-sacrificing work, and to aid him and further the work there a student is to be sent out for the summer months. It has been arranged that Mr. Madill is to take the position, and is to receive \$100 for his services. This sum is being raised through the auxiliary and the president very cheerfully reports that during the past four weeks over \$60 of this sum has been paid in. The devotional address was given by Miss Osler on the Epistle for the week, St. James i. 17-24. She dwelt on the use of the various means of grace and gave some helpful suggestions on Bible study. By resolution of the Board the following ladies were appointed members of the standing committees during the coming year: Literature Committee, Mrs. Holmstead, Mrs. S. G. Wood, Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. Edward Leigh, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Boulton, Miss Gordon, Miss Osler; P. M. C. Committee, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Hubert Macrae, Mrs. Ryerson, Mrs. Montizambert, Miss Loane. The following officers were elected as representatives at the triennial meeting: Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Cummings, and Mrs. Banks; substitutes, Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Davidson, and Mrs. Hoskin. The following ladies were elected delegates to the same meeting: Mrs. Septimus Jones, Mrs. Broughall, Mrs. W. A. Baldwin, and Mrs. Montizambert, with Mrs. Boddy, Mrs. Ingles, Mrs. Allan (Millbrook), and Mrs. Nixon, as substitutes. The attention of members is drawn to the fact that the next meeting may be held on the first Thursday in June, as the synod will probably be in session during the second week, which is the usual time of meeting.

The annual convention of Wycliffe College students was held in that institution on Friday evening last, and was largely attended.

The Rev. Dyson Hague, of Wycliffe College, is giving a series of lectures on "The Reformation and the Book of Common Prayer" in the Church of the Redeemer.

York Mills.—St. John's.—The mission held in this parish at St. John's church from April 23rd. to May 2nd was the means of bringing crowded congregations, taxing to the utmost the seating capacity of the church. People came from all parts of the country within driving distance, and the special car that ran each evening from Eglinton, was always more than full. The mission preacher was the Rev. T. W. Powell, the assistant rector of York Mills. It is seldom that a priest conducts a mission in his own parish, but if the practice is to be judged by the results here it is one that might more often be followed. Mr. Powell is a quiet but very earnest and convincing speaker and is free from the mannerisms that are often seen in those who make a special business of mission work, and he had the advantage of knowing his congregation and of being known by them. It is too early to speak of the results of his efforts, but all indications are of a greatly deepened spiritual life in the parish.

At the Confirmations held on Sunday, the 8th, twenty candidates were presented at St. John's, York Mills, and twenty-six at St. Clement's, Eglinton. A large proportion at both churches were adults and many of these had been brought up in other communions.

NIAGARA.

JOHN PHILIP DUMOULIN, D.D., BISHOP OF NIAGARA.

Hamilton.—In the much regretted continuance of ill health His Lordship has been advised to seek further rest and change. It is expected that Bishop Sullivan or the bishop of Toronto may take the confirmations awaiting His Lordship. The synod has been postponed until the fall, when it is earnestly hoped our own bishop may preside.

Christ Church Cathedral.—The Cathedral W. A. packed two large barrels for Rev. Mr. Muckleston on Tuesday last. The Boys' Brigade held its annual entertainment in the school room, and a most enjoyable evening was spent on Tuesday. A capital programme was well rendered by Company 41.

Last Sunday night there was a large confirmation class presented for this sacred and solemn rite, forty-two in number. The candidates entered the west door in procession, followed by the choir and clergy and cross-bearer, they in turn being followed by the bishop. The church was filled to overflowing. The bishop's address was most intense in its earnestness. The conviction made itself felt that our reverend father in God realized to the full the individual responsibility resting on every one before him who was to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost by the imposition of his hands.

St. Thomas'.—The congregation of this church has asked the Rev. Canon Dann, of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, to accept the rectorate of their parish. It is thought he will do so.

St. Matthew's.—The Rev. W. Bevan took the Friday evening service in the absence of the Rev. C. Whitcombe, at Belleville. The Social Science Club, Rev. C. Whitcombe, presiding, have recommended the adoption of domestic science in our schools.

Queenston.—The Rev. Dr. Johnstone, of Welland, gave a most eloquent lecture on the American War of 1865. The lecture was given under the auspices of the ladies of St. Saviour's Church congregation. A good sum was realized by this effort.

Chippawa.—Trinity.—The Rev. Canon McKenzie has been quite ill with a severe cold, and consequently no service was held last Sunday in Trinity church.

Lowville.—The Rev. J. Seamans' little son is suffering and his illness calls for most generous sympathy, which is sure to be accorded the family by all his brother priests. The isolation in clerical life can only be truly realized by those who have suffered.

Galt.—Trinity.—The rector is conducting a large class of candidates for confirmation and delivering to them a course of practical church lectures every Friday.

Ascension Day is being generally observed in all our churches throughout the diocese. Its better observance by the W. A. was earnestly pleaded for by Mrs. G. Gwynn in a recent paper read before that society.

Niagara Falls.—All Saints'.—Confirmation services were held in this church on Sunday morning, May 15th, by the Lord Bishop of the diocese.

The Rev. Father Geoghegan, of Hamilton, has been paying a visit to the Rev. Canon Bull. He started on Saturday last on a trip to Ireland and will be away for some time.

Welland.—A meeting of the Church Guild of this parish was held on Thursday evening at the rectory for the purpose of election of officers for the ensuing year. Rev. Dr. Johnstone, master of the Guild, presided. The meeting was successful, a large number being present, showing the active interest taken in the Guild, which is the working body of the parish. Mrs. Arthur Murray was elected president, Mrs. Rogers, vice-president, and Mrs. J. E. Cohoe, sec.-treas. The meeting closed with prayer for the success of the work. At the adjourned vestry meeting in this parish Mr. Harry Maccomb was elected people's warden, and Mr. J. F. Gross was re-appointed warden by the rector.

Arthur.—Grace Church.—The Rev. H. C. Dixon held a mission here commencing on Monday evening, 2nd of May, and lasting throughout the week till Sunday. The illustrated lecture on St. Paul proved an attractive introduction to the services, and though the church was filled at the first service the attendance steadily increased each evening, filling benches along the sides and chairs in the aisle. Wm. Dixon's practical and spiritual addresses made a deep impression not only on the members of Grace church, but apparently on all the community. The services on Sunday were especially impressive, a large number remaining for Holy Communion at the morning service, when, in his address, Mr. Dixon referred to the decision of the rector to remain in Arthur. A men's service was held at 4 p.m. which was very helpful to the large number of men of all ages and classes who were present. After evening service Mr. Dixon by special request addressed a mass meeting of the different denominations, in the Town Hall, where, after an introductory service in which the Presbyterian and Methodist ministers took part, above 700 people listened to the eloquent and heart-stirring address of the missionary of Toronto diocese. A very marked impression has been left in the community, and Grace Church will always look on Mr. Dixon's visit as a "red letter occasion" in the annals of the parish.

HURON.

MAURICE S. BALDWIN, D.D., BISHOP, LONDON.

Wingham.—The annual Sunday school convention and deanery meeting of the Ruri-decanal Chapter of Huron was held in St. Paul's church school room on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 10th and 11th, Rev. Rural Dean Hodgins of Seaforth presiding. Among those present during the