

me from the burden of this death?" So we cry, and then back to us comes the old answer, so sweet, so strong, so cheering, so sufficing, "Unto you a Child is born, unto you a Son is given, the only begotten Son, that you who believe in Him may not perish, but have everlasting life." A Son is given, given as the bread from Heaven that you who are hungry and faint-hearted may eat thereof and not die. Unto you a Child is born in the City of David, to save you from your sins, to become yours, to become that in you which you cannot be of yourself.

"Born that you no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth."

He comes with power, not only with light, but with power; not only the wisdom of God, in which the worlds were made; not only the revelation of God who lighteth every man, but also the power of God, to arrest the flood of evil that works mightily, thrusting its way against hostile arms. With power He comes from Heaven that you who receive Him may have power to become the sons of God.

That is the child who is born to us, dear people,—a child who is at once the wisdom, the light, the power of God. And what, then, is the message which the good news carries to you as you turn from the old and face the new year?—surely just the one supreme message, the message of hope, hope amid a world that grows daily more hopeless in itself, hope to those, alas! so many, who have for long forgotten the very sound of the sweet name we preach; hope for an earth that through much tribulation is, nevertheless, assured of its final consummation in Christ; a hope for men who grope on in darkness; a hope for them because, at last, on them the light is shone; hope for all sinners weary through sin, who will receive into their sick souls the power of the new life; hope for you because to-day you may begin again, you may begin a life wholly unknown to you: you may begin because to you a Child is born; a Child—there is a new thing on the earth, a clear star is open,—a Child is born, a new Child, endowing you with His own freshness and health, and innocence; a Child in whom all is made new again, and made wholly new; born once for all on Christmas Day, but born again and again in every soul that seeks and cries to the Father in faith and repentance. Where else can you look for such an offer as we bring you?—an offer that the old may pass away from you with its sin, and a new day may break out in glory within that darkened heart of yours,—where else but in that Child Who is for ever young, for ever new, and for ever strong. Turn, then, turn again, ye prisoners of hope, "turn ye, saith your God, for why willye die, O House of Israel; turn and start afresh, turn and make your first step into the new year in the name of the hope which is set before you, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

**NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.**

**DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.**

No Report.

**DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.**

St. JOHN.—Church of England Sunday School Association.—The annual meeting of the Church of England Sunday school teachers' association was held in Trinity Church school house. Rev. Canon Brigstocke occupied the chair and there was a large attendance of clergymen and teachers. The meeting opened with a hymn, after which the president read a portion of the scriptures. Then followed prayer, and the minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed.

**THE REPORTS.**

from the various schools were read. The following is taken from the statistics.

Trinity Church school—by Rev. A. J. Gollmer: schools on the roll at Advent in 1887, 95 boys and 145 girls, number on roll now 90 boys and 127 girls. Average attendance 63 boys and 92 girls. Teachers 8 males and 20 females. Amount raised \$185.74. The school supports an Indian boy and girl in Algoma for which purpose \$137 73 was raised.

St. Pauls (Valley) Church school—By Rev. A. J. Reid: scholars on the roll in 1887, 149 boys and 156 girls—on roll at present 129 boys and 143 girls, average attendance 86 boys and 102 girls. Teachers 1 male and 26 females. Amount raised \$206 20.

St. Barnabas school—By Rev. Mr. Reid: scholars on roll at present time 16 boys and 16 girls, average attendance 21. Teachers 1 male and 2 females. Amount raised \$145 53.

St. James Church school—By E. Willis: Scholars on roll at present, 137 girls and 95 boys; average attendance, 142. Books in library, 820, over 300 of which were purchased this year. Receipts during year, \$279.45; expenditures, 264 73.

St. Mary's church—Morning school, by A. P. Tippet—Scholars on roll in 1887, 68 boys and 94 girls; at present, 57 boys and 101 girls; average attendance, 35 boys and 64 girls. Teachers 4 male and 11 females; amount raised, \$75.

St. Mary's church—Afternoon school, by Rev. Mr. Raymond: Scholars on roll in 1887, 52 boys and 80 girls; Scholars at present time, 61 boys and 83 girls; average attendance, 33 boys and 56 girls. Teachers 2 male and 10 female; amount raised, \$57 83.

St. Jude's Church Sunday school, Carleton—by E. J. Wetmore: scholars on roll, 1887, 39 boys and 33 girls; now, 43 boys and 41 girls. Teachers, 1 male and 8 females. Collections, \$33 84 net, including that for Protestant orphan asylum.

St. Luke's Church school, Portland—by Rev. Mr. Raymond: scholars on roll, 1887, 98 boys and 162 girls; at present, 140 boys and 182 girls. Average attendance, 202. Teachers, 7 males and 24 females. Books in library over 1000.

St. George's Church school, Carleton, by Rev. O. G. Dobbs: scholars on roll, 1887, 77 boys and 86 girls; now, 80 boys and 85 girls. Average attendance, 48 boys and 48 girls. Teachers, 3 males and 10 females. Amount raised, \$77 17.

All the reports were of an encouraging nature, showing excellent results accomplished during the past year, and the prospects hopeful for equally good results in the future.

**THE SECRETARY**

presented and read the annual report of the Association. The past year has been one of the most encouraging in the history of the Association—now in its sixteenth year. The proceedings at the regular bi monthly meetings were of unusual interest, the subjects of discussion having been of a varied character and of practical importance. A marked feature in the proceedings of the year was the prominent part taken by lady teachers, no fewer than six of whom prepared valuable papers on subjects assigned them. Realizing how largely the work of training the lambs of Christ's flock is carried on by Christian women, we rejoice to find there are those amongst the members of the Association ready to make known methods—whereby successful results may best be attained, defects remedied and difficulties overcome. It is a source of satisfaction to observe as years pass on that our S. S. Association increases in usefulness and influence. Two years ago the average attendance at ordinary meetings was a little over sixty, the present year it has been just one hundred. Renewed and increased interest was earnestly desired on the part of all Sunday-school teachers in promoting the ob-

jects of the Association, viz: (a) The advancement of S. S. interests; (b) The promotion of Christian fellowship amongst teachers; (c) Mutual improvement in reference to S. S. teaching; (d) The holding of united S. S. services, and devotional and other meetings for teachers. An interesting resume was given of the various meetings of the past year. In concluding their report the Executive Committee invited the attention of all teachers to the subject of the annual examinations to be held in May next. Arrangements would probably be made similar to those of last year for holding preparation classes.

The Treasurer submitted his report, showing the receipts for the past year to have been \$96.37, the expenditure \$62.05, and the balance in hand \$34 22.

The Secretary, Rev. W. O. Raymond, stated that a summary of the statistical returns showed scarcely any variation in the aggregate from those of the preceding year. The attendance at some of the schools showed a slight decrease, at others a corresponding increase. The average attendance was five more than the previous year, and considering the fact that the attendance at several schools had materially fallen off in consequence of the outbreak of scarlet fever, this fact was an encouraging one. The total amount of contributions for missions, school purposes, &c., was about \$1400.

On motion the reports were received and such passed of them as were of sufficient interest ordered to be printed.

Miss Murray read a carefully prepared and very suggestive paper on Defective Manner in Sunday School Teaching.

The following officers were elected:—

President—Rev. Canon Brigstocke.

Vice-Presidents—W. M. Jarvis, C. F. Kinnear, T. W. Daniel, T. B. Robinson, E. Willis, Thos. Patton, A. P. Tippet, Miss Barlow and Miss Murray.

Secretary—Treasurer—Rev. W. O. Raymond.

On motion of T. B. Robinson, the Executive Committee were asked to devise some plan for the organization of a class for the preparation of teachers.

Certificates were granted as follows:—1st class, Miss J. Barlow, John C. Kee, Miss M. E. Knowlton, Miss K. Disbrow. Second, Miss Sarah Taylor, Elementary, Miss Tingey, Miss Sadlier, Miss Frost and Miss Smith.

It was resolved, on motion of Mr. Jarvis, to have Miss Murray's paper on Defective Manner in Teaching, published.

**DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.**

SHERBROOKE—RURAL DEANERY OF ST. FRANCIS (Continued):—

The Report on Church Expansion was then brought up by Aschdeacon Roe. The three Missions formed two years ago were reported as filled up as follows—Barnston, Rev. T. Eames; Newport, Rev. T. Rudd; Fitch Bay, Rev. W. A. Adcock. In all these centres encouraging results had followed from the lifting up of the Church's banner. The most marked results had been seen in Barnston where within a year from the inception of the work two churches and a parsonage had been built and occupied. One of these churches had been built with trust funds left in the hands of the Bishop of Quebec, but the rest of the work was due to local effort; a number of adult baptisms was reported from Barnston. In Fitch Bay which was to be worked by Mr. Adcock under the direction of the Incumbent of Magog, soon to be the (Rev. R. C. Tambs) a very encouraging prospect was held out for the Church to proceed in her work. The Newport mission had not flagged in spite of the change made, Mr. Rudd having faithfully and earnestly followed up the labours of the Rev. A. H. Robertson. The Rev. A. Stevens and Capt. Parker urged the division of the parish of Hatley into two missions, Hatley and Waterville; Sunday