

stitute. The Rev. A. Tansey, who was to have introduced the subject, wrote at the last moment to say that he could not possibly be present owing to the dangerous illness of two of his parishioners. The Rev. A. W. Woods took his place, and in a speech in which he pointed out the value of union and association in S. S. work, brought the subject before the meeting, the Rev. W. Clarke following him and further explaining the terms and privileges of affiliation with the Institute. The result was the formation of a subscribing association connected with the Institute, to receive the full benefits of affiliation. The Rev. Rural Dean Hewitt was elected president, Mr. C. E. Bastin, of Pilot Mound, Hon. Sec'y & Treasurer. During the discussion on the formation of an executive committee, the Rev. W. Clarke suggested that the clergy, superintendents and one teacher from each school be members, but it was pointed out that this would make an unwieldy committee and the laymen probably not being able to attend, there would be a difficulty in getting a quorum. As the clergy, having to meet in chapter once a quarter, could with an extra expenditure of time or money hold the meetings then, it was finally settled that they, with the Secretary-Treasurer, should be the committee.

The question of Sunday School literature was left to the "Committee" a resolution was passed that each Sunday School be asked to contribute a fund to help to defray the traveling expenses of its own delegates to the semi-annual conventions. On Wednesday morning Mrs. G. Idle Scot read an excellent paper on "Infant Class Teaching in the Sunday School," which was fully discussed, and a motion carried that it be printed in the Church Monthly. It appears in our present issue, and is well worth reading by all, in connection with the convention there was a celebration of Holy Communion at 8:30 on the Wednesday morning, the Rector being the celebrant, and a social at the Rectory on Tuesday evening, a few of the ladies kindly baking, etc., for the occasion. It was a pity that so very few lay delegates were present, as every preparation had been made to accommodate a great many more, and those who did come said they had enjoyed their visit to Morden very much, having spent both a pleasant and profitable time there. It was decided to hold the next convention at Pilot Mound in the summer of 1897. The clergy remained till Friday, the 13th, and held five sessions of the chapter at which specially prepared papers were read and discussed and business of general interest to the Deanery transacted. The Revs. Messrs. Hewitt and Owen were appointed a committee to look into the question of the cost of a magic lantern and slides for the use of the Deanery, to be partly paid for from surplus of Church Monthly moneys. The question of obtaining a canteen to sell Church literature in the Deanery was also discussed and it was decided to make it known that a

suitable man was needed for this work.

The working of the Church Monthly for next year was thoroughly gone into and all arrangements that it was possible to make at the present time were made.

It was decided to call in the Sunday School Libraries by Sept. 1, 1897, to be looked over and redistributed by the Deanery Librarian.

On Thursday evening there was even song and sermon, preached by the Rev. A. W. Woods.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Sunday School Association, it was moved by Rev. A. W. Woods, seconded by Rev. A. de B. Owen carried "That this committee recommends for the present the use of the Institute leaflet; also that the Church Catechism and Prayer Book be thoroughly taught in our Sunday Schools." It was thought best not to recommend any particular lesson helps for teaching the Catechism and Prayer Book but to leave that to the individual schools until the committee were in the position to recommend the very best. The clergy will be very glad to receive the names of any such books (with samples) so that they can bring them before the next meeting.

DIocese OF QU'APPELLE.

MOOSOMIN.

The late Major Bell, of the Woodbine Hotel, was buried on Saturday, Nov. 14th, in the Whitewood cemetery, with Masonic rites. The coffin was first taken to the English church, which was filled with people who came to testify their respect. The first part of the English church burial service was read by the rector, Rev. Jas. Williams, who also gave a short address which was much appreciated by the hearers. At the grave the rites of the church were first concluded, and the Masons' ritual was then gone through by Bro. Miller. The Masonic clothing of the deceased brother was placed in the grave, as was also his scroll, and at the appointed time in the ritual the brethren each dropped a sprig of evergreen, emblematic of immortality, on the coffin. The weather was bitterly stormy and prevented many coming in from the country, but the attendance was such as to show the respect in which the deceased was held. The deceased was in his 63rd year. He came from Ontario in 1833, and he lived at Grand Forks and Winnipeg, and also kept hotels in Whitewood, Virden, Morden, Gretna and Crystal City. He was much appreciated as a hotel man by the travelling public.

A very pretty wedding took place at Katopwe church lately, when Miss May Bonnycastle, only daughter of Mr. Harold Bonnycastle, of Katopwe, was married to Mr. G. Arnold Brinton, of the same place, and formerly of Southampton, England. The bride was charmingly attired in white satin, and was attended by her cousin,

Miss Florence Skinner, of Indian Head, who wore a dress of white silk. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. John White, as groomsman. Rev. F. Weils Johnson officiated, and the church was crowded with the numerous friends of the happy pair. Mr. and Mrs. Bonnycastle afterwards entertained the wedding-guests at their residence.

The Bell Fund of St. John's Church, Fort Qu'Appelle, now amounts to \$100, \$72 having been added as the result of the labors of the Women's Guild on Fair Day. The bells will cost \$50, and are to form a memorial to the late bishop.

Two weddings took place on Nov. 11 at the Pro-Cathedral, Qu'Appelle, when Mr. A. Mills was united to Miss Katie Cooper, and Mr. W. Currie to Miss M. Thomas. The day, which was a lovely one, seemed an omen of a happy future for the young people.

QU'APPELLE STATION.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

The Women's Guild of the English church gave a most successful "birthday party" in the town hall on Tuesday last. The evening commenced with some good music, Mr. C. Thring scoring the success of the evening with Chevalier's popular coster song, "Wot Cher?" An excellent supper, to which ample justice was done, was provided by the ladies, after which, those who cared for it, "tripped the light fantastic toe" until the early hours of Wednesday morning. In spite of very bad weather the hall was well filled, and doubtless this will not be the last birthday party we shall have.

ONTARIO SCHOOLS

Anglicans Want Religious Instructions Made Part of Exercises

Toronto, Nov. 9. — A deputation headed by S. H. Blake, and composed of members of the clergy and laity of the Church of England, waited on the Provincial government yesterday and urged that the subject of religious instruction be placed on the curriculum of the public schools. The request of the deputation was that the Bible should be made a regular text book in the schools; that portions of it should be read regularly every day and explained to the children, and verses committed to memory by the children. They desired, too, that this should become part of the regular routine of the school day, and that it should be made obligatory on the teacher to see that it was carried out. This religious instruction the deputation desires shall be given by ministers of the Gospel or by their representatives, and that each minister shall, during the time set aside by the regulation they are seeking to have included in the school system, have charge of and shall instruct the children of his own communion. As it