

BISHOP'S COLLEGE LENNOXVILLE.

The meeting of the Missionary Union for Trinity Term, which is also the annual meeting, was held on Whit-Tuesday, May 31st. A celebration of the Holy Communion was held at 11:15 a.m. Rev. Prof. Read, Epistoler, Rev. A. J. Balfour, Rector of Richmond, Qua., the Gospeller. The last named gentleman who was the invited preacher for the day took for his text the last two verses of the Gospel according to St. Matthew. The chief thought that was urged was the fact of the present life of Christ, both at God's right hand, and also in the Church. It was the forgetting this present life and thinking of Christ's life as a past series of events that caused so much lifelessness amongst Christians who were professed members of the Church. It was felt by all that an impulse had been given to their spirituality by the tone of the discourse. After an Evensong at 7 p.m., at which the hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" was sung and special Missionary collects used a meeting was held in the hall. The accounts of the year were brought forward. The income was \$48; expenses \$7; net income to be applied to Madagascar \$41. The history of the connection of the Union with Madagascar is interesting: it was brought about through the friendship of Dr. Nicolls, with Bishop Kestell Cornish, and has been continued for more than ten years. Mr. Balfour spoke of the cause of comparative failure in Church work as arising from following human methods rather than Divine methods in giving and in spiritual work. He commended the example of the Jewish Church—tithes as a duty or debt—then a free will offering beyond the tithes, as being the least which ought to satisfy the Christian conscience. He said we ought to give directly to God, and to make our offerings as much as possible in Church, so that they might be dedicated as an act of holy worship. The address was very practical and was calculated to be of great benefit to those about to go out into mission work.

A paper was read on the English chaplaincies on the continent of Europe by Mr. G. J. Sutherland. Some interesting information was given as to some of these chaplaincies, which dated from several centuries back: they were not all established since 1815. Mr. Balfour was able to speak from personal experience of the spiritual life at present shewn in some of these English colonies especially at Dresden and Brussels.

The following elections were made:—Vice-Presidents, G. H. Murray and P. Stone; Secretary, W. G. J. Sutherland; Treasurer, J. M. King; Committee: C. J. Carson, H. E. Wright, T. Ball.

Ascension Day was commenced in the College by a celebration of the Holy Communion, at 7:30 a.m. The hymn "Hail the day that sees Him rise," was sung at the beginning of the service, which was of a joyous character throughout; 36 communicants, amongst whom were representatives of all parts of the institution, remained to partake of the Eucharistic Feast.

Our annual meeting of Corporation took place on April 21st, one of the best meetings we have had. The reports of the Chairman of Trustees, &c., have already appeared in our columns. A substantial foundation has been laid for the endowment of the new Professorship of Pastoral Theology, to which we welcome Dr. Allnatt in September.

We have also to chronicle a successful Temperance Social on April 26th, at which a large number of Sherbrooke friends were present with us. Also a very interesting and instructive lecture on Imperial Federation on April 21st, by R. R. Dobell, Esq., of Quebec. We would remind our readers and all our friends that Convocation is held this year on Friday, June 17th. Business meeting on June 16th. We hope to see many of our friends. Alma Mater Society meeting on June 16th.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TORONTO.—*Synod.*—The Synod of this Diocese is summoned to meet on June 14. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 10 a.m. in St. James' Church and the Synod will meet for business in St. James' School House at 11.30 a.m. There will be evening service with a sermon in the Cathedral at 8 p.m.

TORONTO.—The first annual meeting of the Diocesan Board of the Church Woman's Auxiliary to Missions was held on the 26th ult., in St. James' Cathedral, after Service with Holy Communion at 10 a.m., the ladies adjourned to the schoolhouse for business, when the President, Mrs. Renaud, gave an address to the members in which she reviewed the necessity for such an organisation, its present work and prospects for the future, urging upon them the duty of greater consecration to God and more zealous work in his service. In conclusion she reminded them of two truths which come home very significantly to this society; Without me ye can do nothing, and, I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

The roll was then called, and in addition to the officers when about 121 delegates answered to their names. The reports of the various branches were very encouraging.

At the afternoon session the following officers were appointed: Honorary President, Mrs. Sweatman; President, Mrs. Renaud; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Baker; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Boddy; Treasurer, Mrs. Skac; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Cummings; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Thorne.

It was resolved that each local society shall carry on its work in its own way either by a Parochial Missionary Association, Women's Missionary Association, or Churchwomen's Mission Aid, or by all three, but shall consider itself a branch of the Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary; all money or the vouchers being sent to the Diocesan Treasurer, and not more than three delegates appointed to the annual meeting. Also that the "Church Woman's Mission Aid" be represented on the Diocesan Board by three delegates chosen from the General Committee.

From the report read by the Recording Secretary, it appears that the organisation known as the Church Woman's Auxiliary to Missions, extends through all the nine dioceses into which this part of Canada is divided—Huron, Algoma, Niagara, Toronto, Ontario, Montreal, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia. There is a Central Board to whom each Diocesan Board reports annually and through whose treasurer money is sent to the Mission Board, and it is hoped soon to have a parochial branch in every parish. The Toronto Diocesan Board has only been established one year, but already there are twelve branches in the country, and thirteen in the city. The object of the Society is to spread missionary intelligence and zeal among the women of the Church as well as to assist missions. The young ladies of the Church are coming to the front and twenty-three mission bands, doing good work, are reported. Toronto is the only diocese in which a missionary Society was already in existence, and it will take some time to adjust the new order of things to the ideas and requirements of the old Societies, but all difficulties are fast being amicably settled.

The Treasurer reported for Zenana mission work:—From All Saints', \$6; St. Mark's, Parkdale, \$50; St. James', \$683.64. For lady teacher among the Blackfeet:—From St. Paul's, \$31; All Saints', \$28; St. Stephen's, \$10; Brampton, \$15; Christ Church, Bolton, \$3; St. James' Cathedral, \$30. For Jubilee Widows' and Orphan's Fund:—From All Saints', \$11; St. Philip's, \$63.35; St. James', \$102.25; Church of the Ascension, \$250; St. Bartholomew, \$35. For other missions:—From St. James', \$1,233.17; All Saints', \$20.15; St. Matthias', \$41;

St. Mark's, Parkdale, \$220.30; other churches, \$89.80. Total receipts \$2,897.73.

A public meeting was held in the evening, the Bishop of Toronto in the chair. After a short address, His Lordship presented the reports of the Diocesan Secretary and Treasurer, which were read in the afternoon, after which addresses were delivered by Rev. Canon Dumoulin, Dr. Mockridge, J. D. Cayley, and S. Jones, and Mr. C. R. W. Biggar.

St. George's.—The services on Whitsun-Day were highly impressive, and the sermons were on the subject commemorated by the Church on that day. At the early celebration the persons confirmed the Sunday before made their first communion, a short and stirring address being previously given, especially to them by the Rector. A very large congregation was present, probably the largest ever seen in this church at an early celebration, unless at Easter.

The ladies of the congregation, under the direction of Rev. R. Moore, held a successful sale of work and concert in aid of the Church Home, in St. James' school-house, which was kindly lent for the occasion on Tuesday, May 31st.

A meeting of the friends of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine, was held in St. George's Schoolhouse, on Monday, May 30th, to consider the providing of a larger building for use as a hospital. Rev. O. P. Ford, occupied the chair. In the past eighteen months, 112 cases have been nursed, more than half gratuitously, and more room is urgently needed. A resolution was passed commending the work of the Sisterhood, and approving the scheme to provide a larger building.

In the Church of the Redeemer, Sunday, the Bishop of Toronto confirmed 31 candidates. The Bishop was assisted by the pastor, Rev. Septimus Jones, M.A. The singing of the choir, under the direction of Mr. E. W. Schuch, was particularly fine, the anthem sung being Warren's "Come, Holy Spirit." The solo parts was taken by Mr. C. W. Coleman, Miss Berryman, Miss Grundy and Mr. Schuch.

WINDEMERE.—St. Olaves' by the Lake, is the name of the Anglican Church in course of erection at this place. The structure itself will be a neat half-timbered building of the early English order of architecture, and will be ready for divine worship by the middle of July. The above name has been sanctioned by the Bishop and takes the place of the first suggestion, St. Jude's.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

The Synod of the Diocese of Niagara opened its annual session on the morning of the 30th ultimo. Service was held in Christ Church Cathedral in the morning, at which the sermon was preached by Rev. Canon Dumoulin, of Toronto. Bishop Hamilton presided at the opening of the afternoon session in the school-house of the Cathedral. After routine Rev. W. R. Clark, of Ancaster, and Mr. J. J. Mason were elected honorary secretaries, and Mr. Mason, secretary-treasurer. In his address the Bishop said that the Mission fund showed an increase of \$684 over last year's contributions, which enabled the Church to open new missions in various places throughout the diocese. During the year 336 males and 524 females were confirmed, of whom 176 were brought up outside the Church of England. The discussion at Vestry meetings of matters foreign to the jurisdiction of vestries was condemned by the Bishop as prejudicial to Christian character and mutual confidence. On the subject of marriage he pointed out that the civil law could not release Church of England clergymen from obedience to the laws of the Church, which requires that banns of marriage must be published in the Church three separate Sundays during the time of morning service, or