

year's work, viz.:—Baptisms, 23; confirmed, 28; deaths, 15; pastoral visits, 370 Church Temperance Society organized, with a membership of 62. Scripture Union of 52 members. The Church Missionary Society has been vigorously carried on the past year at Clarenceville, and one organized at St. Thomas a month since, the work being for the Indian mission under the direction of the Rev. E. F. Wilson, at the village of Shingwauk, Ontario. The endowment fund has been largely increased by the sale of the Henryville property. St. George's church has been freed from debt, and St. Thomas, Noyan, reduced to a trifling amount, very shortly to be paid off. The Sunday schools formerly carried on only during the summer months have been successfully continued the whole year, while the Bible class held Sunday evenings in the rectory assumed such proportions latterly that it developed into a Sunday evening service in the church. The interest and activity taken in local work has had its influence on contributions for Church work at large, with a corresponding increase.

LACOLLE.—The choir of St. Saviour's Church gave a concert on the 26th ult. in Dr. Gaudreau's hall, which was a great success. The attendance was not as large as was expected, owing probably to the bad roads, but those present passed a very pleasant evening. The Rector, the Rev. J. W. Dennis, occupied the chair. Miss Brewster, Miss F. Van Vliet, Miss Elvidge, Miss Daggett and Miss Fortin, with Messrs. Dennis, Delesderniers, E. O'Connor and C. P. Green took part in the programme, an extended and varied one, and all did well.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

MEETING OF THE MISSION BOARD.—At the meeting of the Mission Board, held last week, it was stated the year's receipts were \$11,023. The board has a deficit of \$4,330.46. Special effort will be made this winter to wipe this out. Over \$3,000 of it arises from the increased grants last year, and the prevalence of *la grippe* preventing many large meetings from which increases were expected. Aid by private subscription was promised to the Odessa church people. As soon as the funds will permit, several new missions will be opened. A committee adopted the report recommending the appointment of a diocesan lecturer on Church doctrine and history as soon as the funds will allow. Meanwhile the Bishop is to appoint qualified clergymen and laymen for the duty. Parochial societies for home study are to be formed, with an examination in each rural deanery; and cottage services will be held by laymen under the direction of the parochial clergy.

It is proposed to consolidate all the funds save the Episcopal fund, and thus secure a uniform dividend. The Rectory Lands Committee has \$16,000 to invest in city mortgages. The Episcopal fund secures an income of \$3,282 to Bishop Lewis. He receives \$859 yearly from other sources. The Widows' and Orphans' Committee allotted \$3,070 this year. The Bishop will issue a special pastoral urging increased offerings to the missionary fund.—*Gananoque Journal*.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

PETERBORO'.—The Mission at St. John's Church has closed, and Rev. Prof. Duvernay, the Missioner, delivered his last address to a large congregation on Wednesday evening, Dec. 3rd. During the twelve days which elapsed since the mission opened, a series of most earnest and successful services have been held, and impressive charges have been delivered to the large number of persons who have filled the church nightly. Such services and

addresses cannot have fallen entirely on barren ground, and, as the rector remarked on Wednesday evening, the congregation may expect rich blessings to follow. The Missioner's fare well words were spoken with earnestness, and evidenced that his heart has been in the work during the days he has been in Peterborough.

On Wednesday evening he chose for his final address the words as rendered in the revised version: "Ye shall be my witnesses."—Acts i. 8. In closing, the Missioner said the time had come for him to close his work, but the work would not be closed, but be diverted into the ordinary means of grace, and he hoped the brightened light of the congregation would be seen by the attendance at the week-day services. The seed of the mission had been scattered broadcast. Some had fallen on rocky ground, some on the hard beaten path, some among the thorns, but some had fallen on good ground and would bring forth good fruit. Some had advanced to peace and salvation, and some had had their spiritual life revived and strengthened. The Rector had promised to write to him in two months and tell him of the fruits of the mission. What had been man's work would then have passed away, and God's alone would have remained. He told them he would always be interested in the congregation, and wished them every success in their winter's work upon which they were just entering. He acknowledged the services of those who had worked to make the mission a success. Foremost he mentioned the clergy, who had made such grand preparations for and had so ably assisted in the services. Then he referred to the young men who had acted as ushers, the singers in the choir, the newspapers for their excellent reports, and the prayers of other Christians all over Canada and in England. They would gather up all the praise and lay it where it rightly belonged, at the pierced feet of Jesus, and through Him present it to the Father in Heaven.—*Ex.*

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

His Lordship the Bishop will hold an ordination in St. George's Church, Guelph, on Sunday, the 14th of December, at 11 a.m., and a confirmation in the evening. The Rev. Professor Lloyd, formerly of the Japanese Naval College at Tokio, and now of Trinity College, will preach the ordination sermon.

The Bible Association of St. George's Church, Guelph, will give a reception in honor of the Bishop of Niagara on the evening of Saturday, December 13th.

GUELPH.—*St. George's Church Bible Association.*—At a meeting lately a statement was presented showing a nice balance over expenditure in connection with the late concert held by the Association. Rev. R. Seaborn announced that the sum of \$31.40 had been collected by ten of the members from among the congregation towards payment of the improvements lately made on the church. This amount, together with \$72 already handed over to the churchwardens, makes \$103.40 collected in various ways by this Society towards the above object. Under Mr. Seaborn's efficient instructions, this important Association is prospering, not merely as attentive hearers, but as practical workers for the Church.

MOUNT FOREST.—The Rev. Wm. Bevan, lately out from England, but more recently Rector of West Flamboro', has been licensed as Rector of the parish of Mount Forest and North Arthur by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Niagara, vice the Rev. Edwin Radcliffe, B. C. L., who has resigned to take a curacy and rest in England. The reverend gentleman is a Welshman by birth and has been educated at the best schools, and taken his Theological course at the Durham Theological college in England. He has written

able works on Theological subjects, is a thorough Christian, a gentleman and talented preacher and is besides a free mason. In every way he will be an acquisition to the town and the congregation of St. Paul's Church are indeed to be congratulated upon the selection of their new Rector. The church wardens received word from the Bishop on Monday last of the Rev. Mr. Bevan's appointment.

FAREWELL.—On Thursday night the ladies belonging to the Farewell congregation met at the residence of Mr. Jao. R. Morrison, the Rev. Edwin Radcliffe, B. C. L., Rector, in the chair, and formed themselves into a society to be known as The Willing Workers. President, Miss Jennie Shaw; Vice Pres., Miss Rachel Morrison; Sec. Treas., Miss Cassie Morrison; Committee, Misses Eliza Jane Morrison, Ellen Morrison, Maggie Manna, Amanda Morrison, Delilah Morrison, Lizzie Shaw, Jennie Morrison, Farewell. Chaplain, the Rector of the parish. The Willing Workers held their first open meeting on Tuesday evening, November 26th, at the residence of Miss Shaw the president.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

W. A. M. A.—On Wednesday, 26th Nov., a large gathering of the members of the Woman's Auxiliary met by invitation at Bishopstowe to make the personal acquaintance of Miss Busby, the lady missionary sent by the W. A. M. A. of the Diocese of Huron to assist the Rev. S. Trivett, of the Blood Reservation, near Fort MacLeod. It is to this mission the Memorial church parochial missionary organizations have so liberally contributed, and in acknowledgment of which letters too long for insertion, but full of interest, have been received. A member of this branch of the Auxiliary sends us notes of the Bishop's touching valedictory address given on the above interesting occasion. After heartily congratulating the members on what must be to them an event of the deepest import, and one for which their hearts must be full of the profoundest gratitude, His Lordship touched on what was the real *raison d'être*, the jewel in the casket, the keynote of all the work undertaken by the Board of Foreign and Domestic Missions, to which those he addressed were an auxiliary, viz., the extension of the Kingdom of Christ. There had been great obstacles to overcome; a lack of knowledge had caused in the earlier stages a lack of work, but much had been done since then. The whole church was now aroused, the lethargy and supineness of the past had given way to a living activity. The cry is, "The Master is coming," as the very sound of His footsteps reaches the attentive ears of His people. There is growth everywhere, showing the deepening, widening power of the mighty call to prepare for Him. The Gospel has to be preached in all the world as a witness unto Him, and what nation has not been visited by the heralds of the Cross? Myriads of people may not have heard the message, but so far "all nations" have been reached. Once planted, God has promised that it should grow as the lily, its branches spread as the cedar of Libanus, and its beauty as that of the olive tree. Spiritual activity, said the Bishop, begets spiritual health; the more you become involved in the work of sending out missionaries, the more will grow the spiritual life within your own souls. You have begun this new work. Your Woman's Auxiliary has passed its probation period, as it were, and has embarked in a very real and specific work for Christ. You are sending out your first missionary, and are launched out into a new era of your existence. Miss Busby goes as your messenger to the largest Indian reservation of our land—the Blood reservation, Fort MacLeod. May she go forth in the strength and under the