

OUR READING CIRCLE.

LESSONS IN THE "ATHANASIAN CREED" FOR FEBRUARY, 1889.

Feb. 1. No. 33 to That	15. 36 to end.
" 2. " 33 to end.	16. 37 to III.
" 4. " 34 to Spirits	18. 37 to V.
" 5. " 34 to All things	19. 37 to VII.
" 6. " 34 to This	20. 37 to IX.
" 7. " 34 to end.	21. 37 to end.
" 8. " 35 to The preacher	22. 38 to This law
" 9. " 35 to Because	23. 38 to That man
" 11. " 35 to And because	25. 38 to For life
" 12. " 35 to end	26. 38 to And if
" 13. " 36 to But before	27. 38 to If it were
" 14. " 36 to Because	28. 38 to But

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

December 5th, 1888, to January 8th, 1889.

Sales and Accounts collected	\$166 18
Contributions;—Wm. Rothaermel, 25c.; R. C. \$55; E., \$1.25; E. T. Martin, \$4.50; A. Beales, 30c.; G. K. Hachborn, \$5; Conrad Schweizer, \$1.25; Widow Wm. Rothaermel, \$2; N. Ruby, \$1.75; Parkdale Society, \$5.50. Mission Boxes:— Willie Caldwell, 40c.; Clement and Laurie Allbutt, \$1.25.....	78 45
Balance due Treasurer.....	16 97

\$261 60

EXPENDITURE.

Balance due Treasurer.....	\$ 71 79
Our Missionaries	136 67
Rent, \$25; Stamps, etc., \$2.45; Gas, \$1.40.....	28 85
Printing, \$10; Customs, \$14.29	24 29

\$261 60

Accounts due to be paid nearly \$400.

CHURCH NEWS.

HAMILTON—A clergyman of the Reformed Episcopal Church in this city, who for some time has been interested in New Church doctrines, has felt compelled to resign his pastoral charge on account of clerical hostility incurred by his teaching. He and his wife have become attendants at the New Church meetings held here.

MONTREAL—An organization has been formed here, under the name of the Montreal New Church Young People's Society, for the promotion of social intercourse and mutual improvement. The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Mr. R. Capon; Vice-President, Miss Gould; Secretary, Mr. W. H. Hill; Treasurer, Miss C. Hill; Committee, Miss Taylor, and Messrs. Geo. Carter, and A. Hill. Fortnightly meetings are held at the house of the Pastor, the Rev. Edwin Gould, when papers on various subjects are presented and discussed by the members. The Society is small as yet, but the members are hopeful that it will increase both in numbers and usefulness, and become a valuable adjunct to the Church.

On Christmas day, service was held in the Church in the morning, and was fairly attended. As some of the children were out of town or unable to be present, our Christmas celebration was postponed until Thursday, Jan. 3, when all the children, with as many of the grown people as chose to attend, were invited to the house of Mr. Edward Carter, the children and their parents being asked to come at four o'clock, and the rest at half-past six. The children all arrived quite punctually, and games and music, interspersed with the singing of hymns and songs from the *Welcome*, followed. About 6 o'clock tea was served to the little ones, who seemed duly to appreciate the good things provided, and afterwards to the older people. Games were subsequently kept up, with short intervals, till about nine. At this period, order

having been called, Mr. Carter proceeded after a few pleasant words of preface, to distribute to the children and young people, a number of gift books which he had ordered from Boston for the occasion, each child being the recipient of a nice book.

After the singing of one or two more hymns, and finally of "Auld Lang Syne," the festivities came to an end, having been greatly enjoyed by the little ones in particular. A bag of sweets and nuts was handed to each of the children as they went out, by the thoughtful host and hostess.

TORONTO—The Christmas celebrations here, were in every way a success. On Sunday morning, Dec. 30th, a special service most jubilant in character, was held in thanksgiving for the Lord's Incarnation, 112 persons being in attendance. The Introit, Selections, Anthems and Hymns, were all appropriate to the occasion, the anthems being "O come all ye faithful" (Novello's arrangement), and "It came upon the midnight clear" (Sullivan). Mrs. Caldwell's kind help was much appreciated, in taking the leading soprano part during the singing. The Pastor preached on "The Lord the Redeemer as the Healer of our Infirmities." The repository for the Word, the pulpits, font, and arch above the platform, also the adjoining schoolroom, had been appropriately decorated with evergreens by the young people, and presented a most pleasing appearance. The Sacrament of Baptism was afterwards administered to an infant, and to a venerable old man, 71 years of age, formerly a Christian Israelite, but who during the last 18 months has embraced the faith of the New Church. In the afternoon there was a very large gathering in the Sunday School. It is gratifying to state that the attendance of scholars was in excess of any previous record, viz. 109.

On Sunday afternoon, Jan. 6, eleven young persons were confirmed, and received their first communion. 40 other friends participated in the most Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with them, making a total of 51 communicants.

The annual meeting of the Society was held Tuesday evening, Jan. 8th, when the usual reports were read, and routine business transacted. The average attendance at worship during the past half-year has been: Morning, 91; Evening, 69. There are 81 members on the roll, including 14 non-resident; 17 have been added during the year. Mr. T. M. Martin, North Drive, Rosedale, was elected President; Mr. C. Huchison, 103 William Street, Secretary; and Mr. J. H. Saul, 10 Buchanan Street, Treasurer.

The Children's Christmas Festival was held Thursday, Jan. 3rd. Supper was served in the schoolroom between 6 and 8 p.m., and an interesting programme was afterwards gone through in the church, to the great enjoyment of the large audience which had assembled. There was some excellent music both vocal and instrumental, and a short address was delivered by the Pastor; also by the Rev. H. S. Hyatt, to whom a cordial welcome was extended as the Minister of the Parkdale Society; and by the Rev. J. S. David, who received expressions of goodwill, and earnest wishes for his prosperity in his new field of labor in Minneapolis. The proceedings concluded with the dismantling of the very fine Christmas tree, which had been set up on the schoolroom platform. Toys and bags of candies were freely distributed amongst the younger children, whilst to each of the elder scholars a suitable book was presented.

BAPTISMS.

In the Elm Street Church, Toronto, by the Pastor, Sunday, Dec. 30th, Edwin Lowe, born Jan. 28th, 1817; and Arthur, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John White, born April 16th, 1888.

CONFIRMATIONS.

In the Elm Street Church, Toronto, by the Pastor, Sunday, Jan. 6th: Frederick Baker, Arthur Baker, Arthur Beales, Marion Best, Nellie Best, Jennie McColl, Miriam Randall, Frank Robinson, Eleanor Strutt, Jessie Strutt, and Georgina White.