

A large number of delegates from outside the city were present; the city delegates were about 70 in number.

The afternoon session began with devotional exercises, after which letters of cordial greeting from other dioceses were read.

Mrs. Williamson, president of the Woman's Auxiliary, then delivered an address of welcome to the delegates. She said there was reason to feel encouraged in the fact that there was a general desire among the members to be better informed on missionary topics. She referred in feeling terms to the deaths of three members of the Auxiliary: Mrs. Lumley and Miss Harriet Boulton, of Toronto, and Mrs. Ward, of Port Hope. Mrs. Daniel, of Port Hope, replied to the address on behalf of the delegates.

The report of Mrs. Cummings, the secretary, was encouraging. During the year nine senior and four junior branches were organized, which made a total of 71 senior and 80 junior branches. Last year 2,187 adult members were enrolled, and the number this year was 2,414. Of the 28 life members 17 had joined this year. Mrs. Cummings announced that Bishop Reeve, of Mackenzie River, would arrive in Toronto on May 14, to spend a couple of days, and that Miss Perkes, who went to Athabasca as a missionary, was to be married to Rev. G. Holmes, of that diocese, on May 19.

Mrs. Grindlay, treasurer, gave the total receipts for the year as \$8,483.26, of which \$853.08 has not been expended.

Miss Paterson, secretary of the Dorcas Society, presented its annual report. There had been 182 boxes, containing 9,515 garments, sent out to the North-west. The Indian department had remitted the freight on the boxes sent to treaty Indians.

Mrs. Hodgins stated that the Literature Committee had received 48 books for distribution.

Miss Tilley, secretary of the junior branches, reported that 666 new members had been enrolled during the past year.

Mrs. Hodgins, of the Leaflet Committee, said Toronto had purchased 2,000 of the 5,200 sold.

Miss Roger, treasurer of the extra-cent-a-day fund, gave the total receipts for the year as \$841.96, and this amount had been dispensed according to vote at the monthly meetings.

A vote was taken on the disposition of the life membership fund of \$425, and it was decided to apply the amount in purchasing a house on the St. Paul mission of the Blood Indian reserve.

In the evening a combined meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary and the Board of Management of the domestic and foreign missions was held in St. James' schoolhouse. It was a great success. The hall, a very large one, was filled to the doors, the attendance numbering nearly 1,000. Seldom, if ever, have such powerful and eloquent appeals for earnest missionary work been heard in Toronto. The meeting was a most encouraging evidence of the Church's zeal, energy and enthusiasm in carrying out the command to go into every land and preach the Gospel. The Lord Bishop of Toronto presided, and seated around him on the platform were: The Lord Bishops of Niagara, Huron and Algoma, Rev. L. S. Osborne, of Newark, N. J.; Rev. Canon DuMoulin, Rev. Dr. Langtry, Rev. Septimus Jones and others. The Lord Bishop of Toronto, in opening the meeting, congratulated the Woman's Auxiliary on the splendid work they were doing, and referred to the large attendance as an evidence of the enthusiasm with which the missionary work was being carried on. The annual report of the auxiliary was read, and received with great applause.

Rev. L. S. Osborne delivered a thoughtful and mind-stirring address, in which he pointed out the absurdity of "the antiquated aphorism, 'Charity begins at home,'" especially when applied to mission work.

The Lord Bishop of Algoma expressed the gratitude of his missionary diocese to the Woman's Auxiliary. Hundreds of hearts had been brightened by their loving kindness. Bishop Sullivan held the audience spellbound as he described the trials sufferings and death of Dr. Livingston, and asked how anyone mindful of the great explorer's patience and endurance, could be discouraged even at the seemingly dark future for some portions of Algoma.

The Lord Bishop of Huron was the last speaker. His, too, was a wonderfully good address. A hundred years ago, he said, Voltaire had prophesied that the question of to-day would be "who would read the Bible?" To-day was here, and the question was not who would read the Bible, but who would read Voltaire. The presses were turning out millions of copies of the Bible, while the dusty tomes of Voltaire were left to the spider and his web.

Many times during the evening applause greeted the speaker's effective words.

THURSDAY.—The Church of England Woman's Auxiliary to Missions resumed business at ten o'clock this morning, and, after devotional exercises, Mrs. Cummings, the secretary, read the minutes of the previous day's meeting, which were approved. It

was also then stated that the offering at the meeting on Wednesday evening amounted to over \$137.

Reports of parochial branches were read, and, considering the sickness prevalent last winter, these gave evidence of increasing missionary interests.

The president announced the death of Bishop Williams, of the Quebec diocese, and by a standing vote it was resolved to send a telegram to the widow, expressing the sympathy of the Toronto branch of the W. A.

At the beginning of the afternoon session Mrs. Bannister, of Brampton, and Mrs. Reid, of Bowmanville, were chosen scrutineers to count the ballots cast in the election of officers. The contest resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. Williamson.  
Vice-presidents—Mrs. Broughall and Mrs. DuMoulin.

Secretary—Mrs. W. Cummings.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Grindlay.  
Convener of the Dorcas Committee—Mrs. Cayley.  
Secretary of the Dorcas Committee—Miss Paterson.  
Secretaries of the junior branches—Miss Tilley and Mrs. Forsyth-Grant.

Treasurer of the extra-cent-a-day fund—Miss Roger.

Convener of the Literature Committee—Mrs. Halliwell.

Secretary-treasurer of the Literature Committee—Mrs. Hodgins.

Literature Committee—Mrs. Edward Blake, Miss Osler and Mrs. Robertson.

Delegates to the triennial meeting in Montreal in September—Mrs. Cummings and Miss Paterson; substitutes, Mrs. Hodgins and Mrs. Broughall.

Mrs. Hodgins read a lengthy paper on "Our Hindu Sisters," in which it was stated that in 1891 there were 203 lady missionaries, 411 Bible women and 3,800 zenanas or homes open in India. There was but one lady missionary in 1835.

In the discussion on the question "Should Missionary Money be Designated by the Donors?" Miss Osler and Mrs. Broughall supported the affirmative, while Mrs. Cayley and Mrs. Body took the opposite view. The meeting decided to recommend a middle course.

The garments sent out by the W. A. were distributed in dioceses of Toronto, Algoma and in the North-West.

During the day the following delegates arrived: Mrs. Reid, of Bowmanville; Mrs. King and Miss Hill, of Port Hope; Mrs. R. Wakefield, Mrs. Baird and Mrs. Thompson, of West Toronto Junction; Miss Steele, of Kirkton; Miss Gaviller, of Hamilton, and Miss Helen Murphy, of Innisfil.

In the evening the delegates attended an at home in All Saints' church given in their honor. The various Sunday school rooms were prettily decorated and about 450 people were present. There were present the Bishops of Toronto, Huron and Algoma, Revs. John Pearson, Arthur Baldwin, H. G. Baldwin, Dr. Mockridge and other visiting clergymen. After an organ recital by Mr. Fairclough, addresses were delivered by the Bishops of Toronto, Huron and Algoma. Refreshments were then served.

St. Stephen's.—Sunday afternoon, 24th ult., a children's Easter service was held in this church. Rev. James S. Broughall, superintendent of the Sunday school, explained to the large congregation of little ones the wonderful event which is commemorated at Easter. In appropriately simple language, and by means of a few stories, he succeeded in giving them an intelligent idea of the resurrection and of its great significance. The collection will be added to the fund which is being collected to purchase an organ for the infants' class-room.

ASHBURNHAM.—Rev. J. W. McCleary has resigned the rectorship of St. Luke's, and a committee appointed for the purpose reported at a meeting of the congregation, recommending the appointment of Rev. Prof. Symonds, professor of theology in Trinity College, Toronto. The recommendation was unanimously endorsed by the congregation, and it is understood that the reverend professor is willing to accept and the bishop willing to make the appointment.

GREENWOOD.—At the annual vestry meeting held on Wednesday evening, April 20th, Messrs. Snell and Clark were re-elected churchwardens, and Messrs. R. Droitt and Wm. Clark, jr., sidesmen.

PETERBOROUGH.—St. John's.—Easter morning opened bright and cheerful at St. John's, with the cheering accompaniment of the familiar sounds of the old bell, which had lately been cracked and re-cast. At the eight o'clock service the church was more than half filled with communicants and over one hundred more were received at mid-day, making in all the largest number of communicants in the history of the church. At the morning service the church was

crowded, the aisles having to be seated with chairs to accommodate those present. As a change from the simple, quiet services of the Lenten season, the joyfulness of Easter was marked by music of a grand and elaborate character, which was well executed by the large choir which was present under the direction of Rev. C. B. Kenrick, with Mr. F. Clarke at the organ. An Easter anthem, "Christ our Pass-over," was beautifully rendered during the offertory, and the climax of the music was reached during the communion service. The offertory in response to the third semi-annual appeal to reduce the parochial debt, amounted at the morning service to \$995. In the afternoon a most interesting children's service was held, when the church was again well filled with the young folks who came particularly to offer up the money saved through Lent. This amounted to \$83.28, the St. John's Sunday school contributing \$54.48 and the South Ward Mission \$28.80. Rev. J. C. Davidson, the rector, addressed the children and questioned them on the subject of the story of the first Easter day, in his usual manner, from the body of the church. The whole service was most bright and hearty and warmly entered into by the children. In the evening the church was packed to the doors, the aisles being seated with chairs. The service, with Easter music, was read by Rev. C. B. Kenrick. The singing again was exceptionally good. The sermon by the rector was founded on the words:—"Rejoicing in hope." After speaking of the great Easter cause for rejoicing in hope on the ground afforded by Christ's resurrection being a pledge of their own, the preacher went on to suggest that there was a strong necessity for resurrections today in the lives of men and also in the life of the Church. Thinking men, within as well as without the church, could not but be, he held, dissatisfied with the past. There was too little life in it. Religion had been too much looked and acted upon as if it were a business concern, as if the Church were a religious club, and as if Christian people could live their lives in a conventional fashion governed by the maxims of the world. But there was good ground now for them to rejoice in hope for the future. The congregation of St. John's had already given evidence of their desire to shake themselves clear of the shackles of the past, so that unfettered by the financial and other difficulties and possessed of the equipments which present social conditions demanded, they might go forward in the future to touch and help human life at every point. If as men said, the nineteenth century Church was dwelling in the shades of the sepulchre apart from the life of the world, they knew that she was alive there, they knew that she was coming forth from that sepulchre by the power of God, rolling away the obstacles before her path and throwing herself into life's work in union with her great risen head, Jesus Christ. There was much interest manifested to know the financial results of the day, and general satisfaction was felt among the congregation upon knowing it had reached the handsome sum of \$1,250.00, reducing the parochial debt to \$7,100.00. Two years ago this debt amounted to \$11,050.00.—Peterborough Review.

St. John's.—Wardens, G. A. Smith and H. Rush. Delegates, His Honor Judge Weller, Dr. Boucher and Dr. Halliday.

NEWMARKET.—St. Paul's.—Receipts for the year, \$1,548; collections Easter day, \$147; communicants Easter day, 78. Churchwardens, Wm. Dene, jr., W. A. Brunton (re-elected). Lay Delegates, G. J. Robertson, W. J. Stickwood, Robert Moore.

HOLLAND LANDING.—Christ Church.—Communicants, Easter day, 80. The churchwardens, John Taylor and Wm. Lane, who were re-appointed, showed a surplus (including available assets) of \$92. Lay Delegates, James Parnham and Owen Lloyd.

SHARON.—St. James'.—Mr. F. A. Kirk has been conducting services for several months, with satisfactory results. On the first Sunday after Easter Canon Farncomb administered the Holy Communion to 13 communicants.

NORTH YORK.—Industrial Home.—Canon Farncomb administered the Holy Communion in Easter week to 13 of the inmates, who expressed great pleasure in having this opportunity of partaking of the Sacrament.

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GUELPH.—St. James'.—A more appropriate day than Easter Sunday could not have been selected upon which to open for public worship the newly erected church of St. James, the Apostle, and that epoch in the history of the parish in the time to come, so long as any of the present adherents are alive, will be remembered as a day for thanksgiving and pleasurable feelings, inasmuch as they were then