

the manner in which the Biblical enactments were to be carried out. These explanatory instructions to Moses, termed the Oral law, had been transmitted by tradition through Joshua, Phineas, Eli, and others, and had been finally embodied in the Talmud. The followers of traditional, or, as it was termed, "orthodox," Judaism, scrupulously observed these hygienic regulations, not only because they could not reject the sanitary enactments of the Pentateuch without assailing its authority, but also because implicit obedience to the traditional interpretation of the laws of the Bible were an uncompromising requirement of their creed.

In the course of his remarks, Mr. DeSola referred to the prohibited sources of food, the prohibition as to blood, the Jewish method of slaughtering, and the thorough examination of the carcass after slaughtering, and pointed out the wisdom and beneficial effects of the Jewish system, as evidenced by careful statistics regarding the largely reduced death-rate amongst the Jews during epidemics of cholera, small-pox, &c.

The lecturer was frequently applauded, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded him on the motion of Mr. Chipman.

In expressing the thanks of the audience in his usual felicitous manner, Dean Carmichael paid a graceful tribute to the lamented father of the lecturer, the late Rev. Dr. DeSola.

**St. John the Evangelist.**—The effort to form a Young Men's Association, referred to some weeks past, has proved successful, and last week the following officers were elected: President, Rev. Edmund Wood, M.A.; First Vice-President, Rev. Dr. Wright; Second Vice-President, Rev. Arthur French; Secretary, E. B. B. George; Treasurer, A. H. Plimsoll. Committee—J. H. Plummer, Sutherland Taylor, W. R. Travers, John Haskell. The society starts with a membership of about fifty, with bright prospects for the future. The President delivered a very interesting address on the work to be done by the Association. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 20th, at which the President will give a reading, and Mr. Wm. Spence an essay on Symphony, to be followed by a general debate.

**DIOCESAN COLLEGE.**—On Thursday evening last, the Rev. J. Haslam, one of the English Missioners, delivered an address on the Second Advent of our Lord. Besides the students of the College, there was a very fair attendance. On the platform were his Lordship Bishop Bond and the Rev. Canon Henderson.

**CORE ST. PAUL.**—Epiphany was marked at the Church of the Redeemer by a Children's Service at half-past six in the evening, followed by the Sunday-school Festival in the Parochial Hall. A number of beautiful carols were well sung by the children, and a short address delivered by Dr. Davidson at the service, after which all marched in the Hall, where tea was served by the ladies, and games indulged in by the youngsters, until the time arrived for dismantling the very beautiful and well-laden Christmas-tree which had been delighting the eyes of those present. It was found to bear upon its branches not only presents for each of the children, which—it is needless to say—were thankfully received, but also what was an entire surprise to the recipient at least—an envelope containing an address and \$55 in gold, the gift of the Sunday-school children and of members of the congregation to Dr. Davidson, as a token of their affection for him, and of their appreciation of his labors among them.

**SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.**—The first annual meeting of this Association takes place on the 25th January instant, in St. George's school-room. Amongst other attractions will be, we understand, several carols to be sung by representatives from the different Sunday-schools.

**HOCHELAGA.—St. Mary's.**—The decorations of this little church were beautiful, and, to add to the completeness of the whole, kind ladies gave most handsome and expensive covers for the altar, the lectern and pulpit, crimson plush silk velvet, and the sacred letters, "I. H. S.," in white silk velvet and gold, for the front of the altar, and crosses of the same material for the other decorations. There was the largest congregation present on Christmas morning that had ever been during the incumbency of the rector's twenty years.

A successful Christmas breakfast was given to all the Sunday-school scholars by the teachers, and the distribution of prizes and Christmas cards took place on New Year's Eve, when a congregational social was held, followed by a midnight service, closing a few minutes after the new year had begun.

The choir acquitted themselves well at all the services. The boys and men, to the number of some fifteen in all, marched in on Sunday (St. John the Evangelist's Day) for the first time, when a fine Masonic service was held, and the Church filled with the congregation and some of the fraternity from Montreal.

The Sunday-school hall as well as the church was decorated, the hall being very nice and comfortable, and the children all seemed to enjoy themselves.

Although both a French Presbyterian service and a Methodist have lately been begun, the Church does not seem to have suffered an iota by the opening of these services, and the Sunday-school is increasing regularly. Three years ago we opened our Sunday-school for members, and now have over eighty on the roll, and an attendance of between forty-five and fifty-five weekly, with a staff of qualified and earnest teachers. Let everything be, "Thanks be to God."

**EDWARDSTOWN.**—A very successful Christmas-tree entertainment took place here on Tuesday, the 29th December, for the benefit of the Sunday-school children, on the occasion of the opening of their Sunday-school Missionary box. A very pleasant evening, enlivened by dialogues, singing, readings, recitations, etc., in which many of the children took part, was spent, after which Santa Claus appeared and distributed the presents from the well-filled tree. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to the clergyman of two very handsome sleigh robes from his English River and Edwardstown congregations. Mr. Sutton expressed his pleasure and gratitude, not only for the value of the gift, but also for the kindness and good-will which had prompted such an unexpected and serviceable a present.

**MONTREAL.**—Collections and subscriptions received at the Synod Office during the month of December, 1885:—

*For the Mission Fund.*—Dunham, \$13.18; Frelighsburg, \$5.25; Aylmer, \$3.75; Cowansville, \$7; Swetsburg, \$2.05; Stanbridge East, \$4.80; Sutton, \$3; South Stukely, \$10; Adamsville and East Farnham, \$24.02; Miss Cuthbert's subscription, \$40; St. Stephen's, Montreal, \$20; Christ Church Cathedral, \$114.04.

*For Widows' and Orphans' Fund.*—Sorel, \$7.73; Rev. Canon Empson, \$5; Rev. F. H. Clayton, \$5.

*For Superannuation Fund.*—River Desert and Northfield, \$2.50; Lachute, \$4; West Farnham, \$6; Buckingham, \$2.20; Kildare, 80c; Bardley, \$1.55; Aylmer, \$4; Hemmingford and Hallerton, \$2.30; Mille Isles and Morin, \$1; Rev. J. Ball, \$5; West Shefford, \$3; Rev. J. Smith, \$5; Sutton, \$1.50; L'Eglise du Redempteur, \$1; St. Thomas, \$5; Upton, \$1.25; Hudson and Como, \$5; Clarendon, \$2.25; Boscobel, \$1.42; Rev. C. P. Abbott, \$5; Do., on account of arrears, \$5; Grace Church, Montreal, \$5.25; Rev. Canon Belcher, \$5; Do., on account of arrears, \$5; Rev. Joseph Merrick, \$15; Chambly, \$3; Rev. Canon DuVernet, \$5;

Lachine, \$5; Rev. Canon Empson, \$5; Christ Church Cathedral, \$34.83.

*For Foreign Missions Fund.*—Sutton, for S. P. G., \$1.

*For Domestic Missions Fund.*—Sutton, Grace Church Sunday-school, \$1.50, for Indian Boys' School, Algoma.

*For West Farnham Parsonage.*—\$5.20.

*For General Hospital.*—Sorel, \$7.73.

*For Small-pox Hospital.*—Boscobel, \$2.

*For Theological College.*—Cowansville, \$3; Swetsburg, \$1.

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**PARISH OF RICHMOND.**—A substantial tower is being erected on St. John's Church, Richmond, costing somewhere about \$400. The wood-work is now completed, and nothing remains to be done but to be tinned.

The erection of a church in Marlborough and the 4th line of Goulbourn has been talked about, and will no doubt be carried into effect before many years.

A Communion set and alms basins have been purchased by the Wardens at Ashton Church, which are an improvement on the ones previously used.

A Christmas-tree and festival in connection with St. John's will be given on the 7th of January. The rector, the Rev. G. Jemmett, is indefatigable in his work of stirring up the parishioners, particularly the young people, to realize the importance of active Church life, and in trying to elevate the standard of the members, and thus make the parish, what it ought to be, a model one.

**MABERLY MISSION.**—On Thursday, Dec. 17th, a surprise party, consisting of a number of the congregation of St. Stephen's Church, Bathurst, headed by Mr. Henry J. Strong and Mr. Thos. Cavanagh, drove up to the Mission House at Maberly. On their arrival tea was provided. At the request of Mr. Strong and Mr. Cavanagh, the Rev. H. Farrer, of Lanark, who was present, read an address from the churchwardens to the Rev. C. E. S. Radcliffe, B.C.L., Mission priest in charge of the Mission at Maberly, expressing their high appreciation of the reverend gentleman's labors, and a hope that he might be spared to exercise the duties of his holy office among them for many years to come. The address was accompanied by the presentation of a handsome bear-skin robe.

Another address of similar tenor, and accompanied by a purse of \$10, was presented on the same occasion to Mr. P. T. Mignot, Lay Assistant.

Both gentlemen made suitable replies.

**OTTAWA.—St. Alban's.**—The second entertainment of the Young People's Association was held in St. James' Hall on Tuesday evening, the 5th ult. Tennyson's "Dream of Fair Women" was presented in a very attractive manner, as also was a fairy operetta entitled "The Christmas Pudding," of which the Rev. J. J. Bogert is said to be the author. Mr. Colson repeated, by request, the topical song from the "Mikado," "As some day it may happen," and his very clever local hits were vociferously applauded.

The Children's Guild held its usual monthly evening in the school-room on Saturday, the 2nd, and added materially to its increasing fund for the Domestic Mission work in the Province.

The Annual Sunday-school Festival was held in the school-room last Thursday evening, and was very largely attended, both by the children and parents. After a bountiful tea had been partaken of, the children were marched up in classes into the church, where the beautiful evening service was sung by the children. Afterwards the distribution of prizes took place, the prize list being very long this year,