

Deanery Meeting.

The regular winter meeting of the clergy of the Rural Deanery of Haldimand was held on Tuesday and Wednesday Feb. 12 & 13, in Caledonia, beginning with a service in St. Paul's church on the evening of the first day. At this service Rev. Arthur Francis spoke on the Church's duty concerning missions, Rev. P. L. Spencer on the progress of missions during the 19th century, the Rev. Rural Dean Scdamore on the missionary outlook for the 20th century.

The principal matter of business on Wednesday was the consideration of the scheme proposed by the Standing Committee of the diocese for marking the beginning of the new century and the completion of the 25th year of the life of the diocese. Rev. L. E. Skey, agent and collector, was present by appointment. After explaining that the desire of the committee was to raise a fund of \$40,000 or \$50,000, the chief part of which would be devoted to the support of aged or disabled clergymen, he appealed to the clergy present to subscribe according to their ability. All willingly placed their names on the list. The sums subscribed vary from \$60 to \$90. Three years will be allowed for payment. These sums are to be in addition to the regular and ordinary payments now made by the clergy. Rev. Mr. Skey expects to make a thorough canvass of the diocese and solicit subscriptions from the lay members of the church as well as from all the clergy. He has in a few days obtained in Hamilton promises to the extent of \$5,000. The next meeting of the Chapter was appointed to be held in Jarvis on May 1st and 2nd.



Port Maitland and South Cayuga

CHRIST CHURCH W. A.

The February monthly meeting was held at Mrs. J. Bradford's on Thursday, 7th. There were 10 members present. A dollar and a loaf was voted the Lady Missionary's Fund and a similar sum to the Bishop's Fund for diocesan missions.

The second annual meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Henry King, Sr., on Thursday afternoon, 14th. Cold, colds, and deep snow prevented many of the members from attending and only 7 were present—Mesdames H. King, J. King, Bradford, Hamilton, Lyons, Brennan, Jr., and Miss D. Splatt. The meeting opened with the usual devotional service. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were satisfactory, showing that in spite of difficulties, good work was being done. The following is the secretary's report in full:

The second annual report of the Port Maitland branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

During the year ending in February 1901, we have held seven business meetings, the aver-

age attendance being nine; twelve sewing meetings with an average attendance of six. All our sewing meetings were closed with prayer, and our business meetings were preceded by the missionary litaney. Received sixteen post cards and six letters, and wrote seven letters and four cards. A bale of clothing and groceries was sent to Rev. G. Holmes of Lesser Slave Lake, last May, for which a grateful acknowledgment was received in October, and our branch decided to continue to work for the same mission. Seven leaflets and one magazine have been subscribed for by our members for the year 1901. One of our members has removed from us, with the good wishes of all her fellow workers.

MISS DEBBIE SPLATT,
Secretary of Port Maitland branch.

The officers for the coming year, elected by ballot, are as follows:—

President—Miss Agnes Docker.

Vice-President—Mrs. John Bradford.

Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. Brennan, Jr.

Secretary—Miss D. Splatt.

The incumbent named Mrs. H. Hamilton and Mrs. M. Armour as his nominees on the board of management. Mrs. J. Bradford and Miss D. Splatt were elected delegates to attend the annual meeting of the Diocesan Board in Hamilton. Miss Ida Splatt and Miss Myrtle Taylor were chosen as auditors.

A very good sewing meeting was held at Miss Splatt's on the 21st.

ST. JOHN'S W. A.

Six members were present at the February monthly meeting at Mrs. Dickhout's.

The annual meeting took place on Friday, 14th. A service was held in the church at 11 a. m., at which ten out of the thirteen members of the branch were present and partook of the holy communion. Through the kindness of Mrs. R. Logan the members were entertained at lunch at her home, and the business meeting was held there in the afternoon. The following is the secretary's report:—

Once more the revolving wheel of time brings us to the close of another "Auxiliary year." May each one of us, in glancing over the past, resolve through divine assistance, to make this the first year of the new century, one of marked success.

This year, there are thirteen names on the roll, an increase of two over last year. In August we were called upon to consign to the tomb one of our most helpful members, in the person of Mrs. Crawford, whose loving counsel we so sadly miss. In the removal of Miss Lizzie Bate from the parish we lost another valued helper.