

The Annual business meeting of the Girl's Friendly Society was held in the Synod Hall, Monday, January 9th, the Bishop in the chair, who opened the meeting with prayer. The President (Mrs. Henshaw) then read her annual address, followed by the Secretary (Mrs. Niven) who read the annual report, as well as the reports from the different Branches. Letters were read relative to the Union with Central Council, Toronto, after which a most interesting and instructive paper was read by Mrs. Skelton, subject, "The Aims and objects of the G. F. S." Miss M. Abbott then read a selection on "Woman's Influence." It was with deep regret the meeting read the resignation of Mrs. Niven, Gen. Secretary, who is unable to continue in office; a vote of thanks was passed for the untiring services she has rendered in the discharge of her duties ever since the G. F. S. was organized in this Diocese; her place as Gen. Sec'y has been taken by Miss Alice McDonald. The meeting was brought to a close by Rural Dean Lindsay who pronounced the benediction.

The annual Festival of the Girls' Friendly Society was held on Tuesday evening, January 10th, in St. George's school room. His Lordship Bishop Bond presided, and there were present, Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, Rev. J. G. Norton, Rural Dean Lindsay, and Rev. L. N. Tucker; Mrs. Henshaw, President; Mrs. Skelton, Vice-President; Miss McDonald, Secretary, Mrs. McIver, Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Lindsay, and about 200 members and associates. Addresses were delivered by the Dean and Dr. Norton, and the Rev. L. N. Tucker exhibited by magic-lantern some very excellent views of London and Rome. Refreshments were provided by Mrs. Henshaw, and before leaving she presented each member with a New Year's card. The evening was much enjoyed by all present.

**COTE ST. PAUL.**—The first of the series of Entertainments to be given during the winter in the Parochial Hall under the auspices of the Glee Club, took place on the evening of the 12th, and was well attended and enjoyed thoroughly by those present. Amongst those who took part in the programme were the following:—Mrs. Spedding, Miss Porter, Miss Gilmore, Miss Gregg, Miss Higgins, Miss Sanders, Miss Grace McGovern, Miss Susie Gilmore, Miss Jeannie Sanders, and Messrs. Gregg, Huby, Gilmore, Parker, W. Clark. The next entertainment takes place on the 26th.

**BEDFORD.**—The next meeting of the Bedford Clerical Union is to be (D. V.) held in Cowansville Rectory, on 7th Feb. As the Church is far from the Rectory the Holy Communion will be foregone.

The discussion as to what St. James it was who wrote the Epistle of that name still occupies the fraternity.

**DIocese OF ONTARIO.**

**BARRIEFIELD.**—St. Mark's Church was prettily decorated for the Christmas Festival, and the services were bright and joyous. The congregation was large and there were, at the two celebrations, 58 communicants, a larger number than there has been for many years, in this parish.

The Christmas offertory was also larger than usual. This congregation is gradually learning to give through the offertory, as, last October, in answer to an appeal from the rector and wardens, to give through the offertory, instead of having a harvest picnic, they gave \$100. This, for the parish, was a most liberal offering.

The Annual Missionary Meeting was held, Wednesday Evening, January 4, when interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. Rural Dean Nesbitt, Rev. B. B. Smith, Henry Wilmot, Esq., M. P. P., Mayor Mayne, R. M. C.,

and Dr. Smythe. The offertory was fifty per cent. larger than last year.

**KINGSTON.**—Very successful Missionary Meetings were held during last week in St. James' and All Saints' Churches. The attendance was good, and the collections in advance of previous years.

St. James Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, held an entertainment on the evening of the 9th, a number of readings and musical selections were given. This society is fast increasing in numbers.

Rev. A. H. Coleman, of North Augusta, paid a visit to the city, and preached in All Saints' on the 15th.

**PLANTAGENET.**—A sad gloom was cast on the little community of Church of England members and others in our parish, when it became known, that on St. Stephen's day the beloved wife of our respected pastor, the Rev. C. O'Dell Baylee had passed peacefully away after a severe illness of a few days. The Rev. Mr. Baylee had received the sad news of his mother's death, in Ireland, a short time before. Mrs. Baylee was greatly respected by all who knew her best in our parish. Deep sympathy was manifested by all denominations of Christians upon the occasion of the funeral. Many stood visibly affected when they saw the Rev. Mr. Fleming standing and baptizing her new born child by the side of the deceased mother.

**DIocese OF NIAGARA.**

**HAMILTON.**—Christ Church.—At the regular meeting of Christ Church Cathedral Total Abstinence Society, Rev. W. J. Taylor, rector of Wardsville, delivered a telling and interesting address on the Temperance and Total Abstinence question, adducing figures and facts, mingled with anecdotes and illustrations, which greatly strengthen the cause. The Rev. Canon Mockridge, D.D., presided. There was a capital attendance, and several persons signed the pledge.

**DIocese OF HURON.**

**WARDSVILLE.**—The three week-day services, usually held in this parish, have been closed for the present, and the addresses upon the Apostles' Creed have been finished. Three confirmation classes weekly take their place. The Epiphany offertory was a very liberal one, being the largest ever taken up for this cause here.

**EXETER.**—The Rev. F. F. Davis, of Thornedale, preached in Christ's Church on Sunday, January 15th. His sermons were much appreciated, and the congregation deeply interested.

**LONDON.**—His Lordship the Bishop of Huron has issued a pastoral calling the clergy of the Diocese together to observe with him a "Quiet Day" on March 7th. There will be service in the Cathedral with Holy Communion, commencing at 9 a.m. The Rev. Principal Fowell will deliver the address.

The clergy will meet in Cronyn Hall at 10 a.m. Proceedings to be conducted by the Bishop. The subjects to be considered are:—1. The work of the Holy Spirit; 2. The Preparation of Sermons; 3. Life in Abiding Union with Christ; 4. Parochial visiting; 5. The value of example; 6. The power of reality of prayer.

In the Evening at 8 p.m.—General Missionary meeting under auspices of Women's Auxiliary.

Thursday, March 8.—Cronyn Hall, 10 a.m., General Conference on Missions. 8 p.m.—"At Home," Bishopstowe.

The London Free Press says: The service in St. James' Episcopal Church, London South, on Sunday evening was one of especial interest,

and was largely attended. The Sunday school children to the number of about one hundred were arrayed in the front of the Church, and, the usual order of service being dispensed with, took the chief part in the programme of song, which had been prepared with great care by the rector, Rev. Evans Davis, and the organist Mr. W. Ellis, and beautifully illustrated the early portion of the life of Christ on earth.

**RURI-DECANAL MEETING.**—The regular January meeting of Ruri-Decanal Chapter of Middlesex was held in Christ Church on January 12th. The Rural Dean, Rev. Canon Smith, presided, and after devotional exercises the following gentlemen, among others, answered to their names: Revs. Canon Innes, Evans Davis, C. W. Ball, Principal Fowell, Canon Richardson, Charles Miles, G. B. Sage, W. Lowe, S. R. Asbury, A. G. Smith, J. Hale, R. D. Freeman; Messrs. W. J. Imlach, W. Robinson, H. Harris, W. Bell, and A. McCormick. After reading and confirming the minutes of last meeting some time was occupied in collecting statistics, according to the prescribed form. The question of extending the Church's limits in places where no services are held, was then taken up, the north-east portion of London city being among the places specified. It was urged that every possible effort be made to place the services within reach of all, and a resolution was passed that the Executive Committee of Synod be requested to consider the desirability of having printed the shortened form of service, authorized by Provincial Synod, for free distribution at such services. The election of officers of the Sunday-school Association in this Deanery was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows, viz.: Clerical President, Rev. Canon Smith; Lay Vice-President, Mr. W. J. Imlach; Secretary, Rev. Wm. Lowe; Treasurer, Rev. Charles Miles; Executive Committee, Revs. S. R. Asbury, L. DesBrisay and J. Hale; Messrs. F. Kains, H. Wilson and R. Thomas. A discussion ensued on the subject of Sunday-school work, after which the best plan of conducting Missionary meetings was considered at some length, and arrangements suggested for holding the same throughout the country. It was resolved that the May meeting of the Chapter be held at Delaware, and the Rev. S. R. Asbury and another appointed to read papers on suitable subjects. The meeting then adjourned. In the evening a pleasant and profitable time was spent at the Rectory in social conversation and devotional exercises.

**EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS.**—If the Lord will, the following order will be observed by the Bishop in his visitation of the Diocese for Confirmations for 1888:

Clergymen in each Parish or Mission are requested to have all the candidates from their several stations prepared and ready to be presented at the service, as arranged in the following lists.

It is the Bishop's wish that a list of all the candidates, with christian names in full and plainly written, be handed to him on his arrival, which lists, if necessary, will be subject to correction after the service.

The Bishop places the responsibility of punctual attendance at each service on the clergyman in charge, and particularly requests that nothing be allowed to interfere and prevent the Bishop from being present and ready for service, as named in printed lists. For February the appointments are:

*County of Norfolk, &c.*—Sunday, Feb. 12th, St. Paul's, Port Dover, Rev. J. R. Newell; Sunday, Feb. 2th, St. John's, Woodhouse, Rev. W. Davis; Sunday, Feb. 12th, Trinity, Simcoe, Rev. J. Gemley; Monday, Feb. 13th, St. John's, Port Rowan, Rev. W. Stout; Tuesday, Feb. 14th, Christ Church, Lyndoch, Rev. E. Softley, B.D.; Tuesday Feb. 14th, St. Alban's, Delhi, Rev. E. Softley; Wednesday, Feb. 15th, St. John's, 11 a.m., Tilsonburg, and Trinity, 7 p.m.,