

Sunday, Feb. 25—Celebrate the Holy Communion at Cathedral at 8 a.m. Preach at S. Matthew's Church at 11 a.m. Preach at Cathedral at 7 p.m.

Church Society.

CENTRAL BOARD.

A meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society was held at the Cathedral Church Hall, on Tuesday, the 16th January, the Lord Bishop in the chair, when the Annual Report was submitted, and, after being considered, was adopted, and ordered to be presented to the Annual Meeting of the Church Society, on Wednesday, 7th February. Several letters of thanks were read for Grants made at previous meetings. A report of the Education Committee was adopted, sanctioning a change of teachers at the Church School at Marbleton, in the Parish of Dudswell. Recommendation was made of Vice-Presidents and members of the Central Board, to be elected at the Annual Meeting, and a vote of sympathy passed with the family of the late Rev. E. C. Parkin, whose death was mentioned in the last issue of the *Gazette*.

DIOCESAN BOARD.

Two meetings of the Diocesan Board have been held in the month of January, at which its attention was chiefly engaged in considering the correspondence with the Clergy and Wardens in regard to the increase of Assessments proposed for the next three years. Unavoidable delays have occurred and a final settlement in the case of several congregations has not yet been arrived at, but two or three weeks more, it is hoped, will see these financial details brought to a satisfactory conclusion. In the mean time it is gratifying to be able to state that the Missions, as a whole, are cheerfully responding to the necessary requirements of the Board, and that, with few exceptions, proofs of a most commendable spirit are being given.

Association of Church Helpers.

The third annual meeting of the Association of Church Helpers was held in the Cathedral Church Hall, on Wednesday, Jan. 17th, at 2.30 p.m. The President, Mrs. Colin Sewell, opened the meeting with prayer, and after sundry resolutions, the Secretary, Mrs. Patterson Hall, presented the following report:—

The work of this Association has gone on quietly and satisfactorily during the past year, and we sincerely trust its usefulness has been felt throughout the Diocese, from the different missions of which appeals are constantly coming in, and also grateful letters are received by us, in acknowledgement of help which it is our privilege to give. We number 180 members, 70 of whom hold mite-boxes; with regard to the latter, we regret that the number of members who hold them is not larger, and there is also difficulty in collecting some of the boxes. These are called in three times a year, at one annual and two general meetings. As you are aware, our Association depends greatly upon this source for funds to carry on its work, and, however small the amount put into each box, still every little helps.

Two general meetings, one in May and one in October, ten Committees, and one special meeting have been held. We regret very much having no representative from Trinity Church at our Executive meetings. Two members of that congregation have been asked to fill the position, but have declined, and, therefore, this congregation has not been represented at our monthly Committee meetings.

The collection for the Church Society was again undertaken by our members, and, for this past year, it has fallen off slightly. We think this is chiefly owing to a special collection having been made during the year for the Memorial Mission Fund; and also, to the death of some members of the Church Society, who have always contributed liberally to its funds.

It is with much sorrow we record the death of four of our members: Mrs. E. A. Jones, one of our Vice-Presidents; Mrs. Charles E. Levey, Mrs. Barrow and Miss Harriet Stevenson, all of whom took a great interest in the work of our Association.

Our Annual Fair was held on the 20th of September. Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Countess of Aberdeen honored it with their patronage. The result of the sale was most satisfactory.

Parcels of clothing, gifts of money, house linen, cutlery and furniture have been sent to different clergymen, but applications have not been made so much for these, as for church furnishings, altar cloths, fair linen, stoles, etc. We wish to take this opportunity of thanking the agents of different lines of steamboats for their kindness in delivering parcels free of charge, and also the members of St.