

CHURCH NOTES.

JULY, 1897.

The annual meeting of the W. A. Association was held in the Church Hall on Wednesday, June 9th, The Dean in the chair. A satisfactory and encouraging report was read, in the absence of the Secretary, Miss Robinson, by Mrs. John Black. The Treasurer's report showed a balance in hand of over \$200, after the making of grants to New Denmark, Andover and Stanley. Reports were also read from the various branches, shewing activity and zeal. The election of officers resulted as follows :

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. John Black, Mrs. T. B. Winslow, and Mrs. A. Barker.

Secretaries—Miss Robinson and Miss Wilmot.

Treasurer—Mrs. Whalley.

The Girls' Branch held its annual meeting during the previous week. The report of the Secretary-Treasurer was read and received. Officers elected for the ensuing year are : Mrs. John Black, President ; Miss Nellie Sterling and Miss Myra Sherman, Vice-Presidents ; Miss Mabel Sterling, Sec'y-Treasurer. The branch has had a very successful year, the interest in the work having been well sustained.

When the Rev. Mr. Bate took charge of the Parish of Upham he found a silver paten, on which was inscribed the following legend : " Humbly offered for the Church of God by three little boys." On enquiring what was the history of this piece of plate, a letter

of Bishop Medley's was produced by the Churchwarden, which stated that in the year 1852 the Bishop was in John Keble's parish of Hursley, in England, and was pleading the cause of his poor missions, and specially the need of communion plate. After the meeting closed three little boys, sons of Rev. Peter Young, then Curate of Hursley, but who afterwards succeeded Mr. Keble as Vicar, came up to the Bishop, and said they would give him all the silver they had. One brought a much-battered silver cup, another a knife and fork, and the third some spoons. These articles the Bishop gladly accepted, and had them made into a paten, on which was placed the inscription above mentioned. It was given, on the Bishop's return, to the Mission of Londonderry, in the Parish of Upham, where it has been ever since in constant use. It is interesting to know that the three little boys are still living. One is the Ven. Archdeacon Young, who has been a missionary in Australia for the last twelve years, and has just returned to England for his first visit. The second is the Rev. James Peter Young, Vicar of Great Grimsby, and Pretendary of Lincoln, and the third is Rev. Frederick Young. Thus these three boys have become honoured and useful clergymen, while their self-denial as children supplied a need in a poor country Mission, which is only one instance out of many which could be cited during the long episcopate of Bishop Medley.

Sunday, June 20th, being the 60th anniversary of the Queen's coronation,