

Also to the treasurer and secretaries, who have given much time and attention to their respective duties." Mr. S. Strathy presented the treasurer's report, showing that the expenditure during the year was \$2,713 17. The receipts were \$5 38 less—there being an overdraft at the bank of that amount. The liabilities of the institution are \$312 89, but there is \$376 due for patients' keep. The election of officers resulted as follows: Mr. H. E. O. Baul, recording secretary; Mr. J. W. Percy, corresponding secretary; Mr. Stuart Strathy, treasurer. Members of Board of Management: Messrs. J. M. Lottridge, D. P. Crerar, John Stuart; Mesdames J. Stuart, E. Martin, McGiverin, Lottridge, P. D. Crerar, R. Quinn, M. Wright; Misses Chowne, Brown, Donville, Whitcombe. Votes of thanks were tendered Miss Chowne, the matron; Rev. Father Geoghegan and the officers. It was stated that Miss Chowne has laboured at the institution for years without remuneration. The chairman spoke briefly, hoping that the infirmary would be well supported in future by citizens.

At the afternoon session of the quarterly meeting of the Church of England's Woman's Auxiliary to missions in the cathedral school room, 10th December, Miss Leslie, a C.E.Z.M.S. missionary from China, gave an interesting account of the work going forward in Fuh-Kien province. She has been there for five years, and has brought back quantities of interesting curios, idols, etc. She says that the Fuh-Kien province alone has 15,000,000 inhabitants, almost all heathen. There are now nine C.M.S. stations, and many more missionaries are needed. The work is of four different classes: Day school, boarding school, visiting and teaching in surrounding villages, and hospital. For the latter a lady doctor is much needed. Miss Leslie said there was always a certain amount of danger to missionaries in China, but the native Christians were very careful, as a rule, to warn them of any approaching danger or unpleasantness. She gave amusing descriptions of Chinese customs and etiquette of the higher classes. When a missionary visits a Chinese lady, she must expect to be asked how old she is, and whether she is married, and, if not, why not? The Chinese ladies gamble with cards and dice to a terrible extent, and, in many cases, use opium the same as their husbands. The difficulties in connection with learning the language are excessive, a very slight difference in tone giving an entirely different meaning. The whole system of learning is by imitation. The teachers themselves must be Chinese, as there are many colloquialisms that no phrase book could teach. At 8 p.m., of the same day, in the Church of Ascension school-house, Miss Rose, C.E.Z.M.S., secretary for Liverpool and Cheshire, showed a number of excellent views of China by limelight, and accompanied them with a most interesting address. Rev. Mr. Wade presided and the lantern was managed by J. Linger. The room was filled with a large and attentive audience.

LOWVILLE.—St. George's.—On Wednesday, the 9th inst., the new St. George's Church was opened for divine service. Throughout the summer, on a beautiful site in front of the old church, stone was laid upon stone until a stately edifice on Gothic lines, the design of Mr. C. J. Gibson, architect, Toronto, lifted its head above the surrounding country. The spacious chancel gives ample room for the excellent choir, who, aided by the members of the choir of St. John's, Nassagaweya, helped materially in the bright and joyous services of the occasion. These began with morning prayer by the rector, the Rev. J. Seaman, assisted by the Rev. P. T. Mignot, of Milton; Rural Dean Massey and Rev. T. Geoghegan, of Hamilton. The opening sermon preached by the Rev. J. C. Farthing, rector of Woodstock, on the words, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, which was and is and is to be," Rev. iv. 8, was of a most interesting and instructive nature, and was listened to with rapt attention by the large congregation assembled. In the evening Rural Dean Fennel, of Georgetown, and Rev. Mr. Bennet, of Chedoke, conducted the service, while Rev. J. C. Farthing preached a very instructive and appropriate sermon from the words, "What mean ye by these stones?" Josh. ix. 6. The clergy present, besides those who took part in the services, were Rev. Messrs. Norton, of Greenville, and Fatt, of Burlington. The services, in spite of the terrible condition of the roads, were well attended, many coming from a considerable distance. On the following Sunday the special services were continued. The Rev. P. T. Mignot, of Milton, preached both morning and evening to a large and attentive congregation, who, despite the almost impassable state of the roads, had assembled, thus testifying to the lively interest taken by the whole community, in the opening of this beautiful church for public worship to Almighty God. New St. George's Church, with its seating capacity of 225, will cost in all about \$3,500, which sum, however, would have been increased to nearly \$5,000 had it not been for the noble efforts of

the Building Committee, aided by the congregation, in placing the stone and sand upon the ground free of charge, except for quarrying. Amongst the gifts towards furnishing should be noted a beautiful marble font weighing 1,200 lbs., designed by W. Webb, of Hamilton, the gift of Rev. J. J. and Mrs. Morton, of Greenville, in memory of their beloved son, Rupert; a set of altar linen from the W.A. of Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton; a beautiful memorial window for the chancel, the gift of Mrs. J. Naisbitt, in memory of her husband, who, for many years, was a constant worshipper in the old church; also a beautiful bishop's chair by the Sunday-school. The basement and tower are still unfinished for lack of the necessary funds at present.

To the Congregations within the Diocese of Niagara.—My Dear Brethren:—Christmas is indeed a joyous festival. The mighty occasion of this worldwide joy was and is God's Supreme Gift of His Only Begotten Son. This high and holy example has led to the bestowal of Christmas gifts the world over. They are a feeble yet loving imitation of God's "unspeakable gifts." Never are they more strongly and truly so, never are they more pleasing to God than when presented by the faithful to their spiritual pastors. This application of the Christmas offerings has been customary in Niagara Diocese since its formation. It is now my pleasing and happy duty, dearly beloved, to call your attention to this kind and gracious act by which each one may make the approaching Christmas more truly happy to himself, and to the good and faithful minister who throughout the year has ministered to him and his in high and holy things. The remuneration of our clergy is notoriously inadequate. The glad Christmas tide brings with it a most fitting opportunity, which I feel sure you will welcome lovingly, heartily, liberally, to fulfil the apostolic injunction: "Let him that is taught in the word minister unto him that teacheth in all good things." Commending to you this holy, happy privilege, and most cordially wishing you and yours a truly happy Christmas, I am, my dear brethren, your faithful friend and bishop, J. PHILIP, NIAGARA. See House, Hamilton, 10th December, 1896.

OAKVILLE.—Miss Leslie and Miss Rose, of the C. E. Z. M. S., visited Oakville, Dec. 11th, under the auspices of St. Jude's branch of the W.A. An address on mission work in Fuh Kien, China, was given by Miss Leslie in the afternoon, and one on India, by Miss Rose, in the evening, when twenty-five beautiful views were thrown by a magic lantern. The collection amounted to \$15, a very practical proof of the deep interest felt by all present in the work among our sisters in the East.

STONE CREEK.—A very interesting confirmation service took place Wednesday evening, 16th December, at the Church of the Redeemer. Seventeen young people made their profession of faith. The bishop's address, replete with good advice, was eagerly listened to by all. There were present, besides Rev. C. E. Belt, the parish priest, Rev. Thos. Geoghegan, rector of St. Peter's, Hamilton, and Rev. J. H. Fielding, of Mount Albion. As this was Bishop DuMoulin's first visit, quite a number of people took advantage of the opportunity offered of being presented to his lordship after the service.

HURON.

MAURICE S. BALDWIN, D.D., BISHOP, LONDON.

BRUSSELS.—A very pleasing event took place prior to the departure of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin from Brussels. The Woman's Auxiliary and Ladies' Guild of St. John's Church, desiring to show their appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Griffin's labours amongst them during the past two years, presented them with a beautiful oak bed room suite (the articles being cumbersome there was no formal presentation), accompanied by a suitable address, which read as follows:

To Mr. and Mrs. Griffin:—We, the members of the Woman's Auxiliary and Ladies' Guild of St. John's Church, Brussels, desire on the eve of your departure from amongst us to express our heartfelt sorrow for the loss we are about to experience by your removal from this parish. We feel keenly sensible that your departure from our midst will be a serious drawback to our prosperity in the parish. When we remember the personal sacrifices of your own comfort and the labour and zeal which you have devoted to every interest of our church, we feel that your removal will be a loss that cannot easily be estimated. The parish in all its interests will much miss your many kindnesses and your labours of love as you have gone in and out of our homes during the past two years. When we say you have endeared yourselves to each and all of us, we but feebly express the feelings of our hearts. You have left us an example of Christian zeal, cour-

age, womanly love and experience, to which we feel we cannot attain, but we will endeavour in the future to imitate, as much as in us lies. We all unitedly and heartily express our best wishes for you and yours, and earnestly pray that our Heavenly Father, wherever your lot may be cast, will follow you with His choicest and best blessings, both temporal and spiritual. We desire that you will accept this oak bed room suite, which we present in the name of the Woman's Auxiliary and Ladies' Guild of St. John's Church, as a small token of our love and esteem, and by which we hope to be remembered by you in the future, with our best wishes and prayers to you and yours for your future welfare. Signed on behalf of the Woman's Auxiliary and Ladies' Guild: Mrs. T. Farrow, president; Mrs. Geo. Rogers, recording secretary; Mrs. J. A. McNaughton, treasurer. Rev. Mr. Griffin made a feeling and appropriate reply in expressing thanks for the kind words contained in the address and the splendid gift. He and Mrs. Griffin would long remember Brussels.

ALGOMA.

GOULAIS BAY.—The little parsonage at Korah was the scene of a happy gathering a few days ago, when the Rev. J. P. Smitheman, with his family, took possession. The local branch of the Women's Auxiliary, under the direction of Mrs. Smitheman, has worked hard to build the parsonage. It has cost about \$500, and half that sum remains to be raised. We are hoping for \$100 from Bishop Sullivan, who has been very kind to us. During the fifteen months that Mr. Smitheman has been in Algoma, he has not only built Korah parsonage, but Goulais Bay Church, and hopes soon to build another at Tarentorus.

RUPERT'S LAND.

ROBT. MACHRAY, D.D., BISHOP, ARCHBISHOP AND PRIMATE.

MIDDLEBURY.—One of the best temperance meetings of the St. Paul's C.E.T.S. branch that has yet been held in this parish took place on Friday evening, Dec. 4th, when our old friend, the Rev. J. J. Roy, and Mr. Redfern Mulock, Q.C., of Winnipeg, were present and gave two stirring addresses. The room was well filled long before the hour of meeting, and by the time the ceremonies opened it was packed to the doors, many having to stand. The proceedings opened by Mr. Mulock reading a passage of Holy Scripture from Gal. v. 16-26. Prayer was then offered by the Rev. J. J. Roy. The president, before introducing the speakers, opened with a few appropriate remarks, and then called upon the Rev. J. J. Roy to address the meeting. The reverend gentleman said he was going to speak to-night especially to the younger members. Taking a bunch of keys from his pocket he said there were various kinds on this bunch. One opened his cash box, another his desk, another his trunk and so on. Coming upon a certain big one in the bunch, he said he would have to say a good deal about it. Then hanging the key up so that all could see it, he pointed out how this key locked out health, wealth, happiness, honour, goodness and salvation. It also locked in disease, poverty, crime, misery, disgrace and death. "What was the name of this key?" the reverend gentleman asked. "It is one we all know and it is a very dangerous key. It is the whisk(e)y that brings so much evil." Then Mr. Roy proved from Scripture and other statistical evidence all he had said of this whisk(e)y. The gentleman's remarks were listened to with rapt attention. Mr. Mulock then rose and gave a splendid and stirring address. He said he had often challenged on the public platform anyone to come forward and say that they could look back on three generations which had been abstainers. Once only had that challenge been accepted. "There's a work," he continued, "for everyone to do in this parish, for there are always some against whom it is written—no drunkard can enter the kingdom of heaven." He gave an instance of a man who in his own Bible class had once spent \$80 a month on drink, but now, having become an abstainer, he was able to build his own house, and his wife was thanking God daily for it. He showed how the drink bill of Canada was forty millions, and the revenue from licensing only seven millions. The people were asked to spend forty millions in drink in order to give the Government seven millions of revenue from licensing. Mr. Mulock then made a strong plea for prohibition, showing conclusively from authentic statistics how it would increase the trade and material progress of the country. Finally, he told a story of how a farmer came to a doctor and said, "Doctor, look down my throat and tell me if you see anything." The doctor examined his throat but found nothing. "Look again," said the farmer. "The doctor complied with the same result. "Well," said the farmer, "two farms went down that throat and you see nothing for it." Concluding, Mr. Mulock made