

NIAGARA]. DIOCESAN MOTTO.—“*Lo! I am with you alway.*”

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The 13th Annual Meeting of this Diocese was held April 19th and 20th in the Cathedral. It was opened on Tuesday evening by a service in the Cathedral, the sermon being preached by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, from the text “Let us not be weary in well doing.” After a celebration of the Holy Communion on Wednesday in the Cathedral by the Lord Bishop, assisted by Rev. Canon Bland, the meetings were opened in the school house. The Bishop gave an address following the lines of his sermon of the evening before. He hoped that the cheerful note would be kept up, and that the thought of possible failure would not be entertained. He urged rather that more should be undertaken, that the women of the Auxiliary should branch out a little and have larger views, larger hopes and larger trust in God. Great regret was expressed by all at the enforced absence of the President, Mrs. McLaren. In this connection we might mention that she sent an exquisite bouquet of roses for the Vice-Presidents' table, with her loving greetings, which were read later in due order, by Miss Ambrose. She expressed her deep thankfulness that her life had been spared, and was much touched and gratified that the Thank-offering of the W.A. for her recovery had taken the form of an extra effort to make up all the pledges, some of which had fallen in arrears. She gave as a text for the year, “Be strong and work for I am with you.” A message from the Board while in session was sent to her, and on the reading of it to the members, all joined heartily in singing the Doxology. Mrs. Wade, 1st Vice-President, occupied the chair and discharged the duties in a very able and gracious manner. All the other Dio. Officers were present with the exception of Mrs. J. M. Stewart, Cor. Sec., who was detained by illness. A resolution of sympathy and regret at her absence was passed. The Parochial reports were read by their Secretaries or substitutes, and were on the whole very encouraging. Diocesan Officers reported as follows: Rec. Sec.—There are now 41 Senior Branches with 1,082 members, and 28 Junior Branches with 723 members. Total membership of the Board 200. Cor. Sec.—132 letters and post cards written, 15 of these were to members who had been bereaved or had suffered from illness.