

was considered eminently satisfactory. The Treasurer's statement was only partial, as all of the collections had not been reported.

A resolution expressive of the sympathy with the friends of the late Archdeacon, in their loss was ably spoken to by the Rev. J. W. Johnstone, and seconded by the Rev. A. C. Jones, and adopted. Also one to petition the Legislature for permission to use the interest of the endowment fund. The question of the general state of the Church elicited timely and vigorous speeches from the Revs. Reagh, Johnstone, Lowe, McKenzie, and Simpson, and from Messrs. C. Palmer and E. J. Hodgson, Q.C.

A resolution was passed appointing a special committee to solicit funds for the payment of a travelling missionary.

The tone of the meeting was very hopeful and progressive.

ST. ELEANOR'S AND SUMMERSIDE.—As our hard-working clergyman, Rev. C. F. Lowe, is still in Deacon's orders, we have to depend on the neighboring clergy for those duties which appertain to a Priest. On the fourth Sunday after Epiphany, Rev. T. B. Reagh, the Rector of New London Parish, was here and had two celebrations of the Holy Communion, one in St. Mary's, Summerside, at 9:30, and another in St. John's, St. Eleanor's, after the 11 o'clock service, at the latter of which he preached. The number of communicants in each church was over forty. Mr. Reagh also preached in the afternoon at St. John's and in the evening at St. Mary's. He is very much liked here and our people are always glad to see him. We are to have Bible classes in both ends of the parish during the remainder of the winter, and after that a good number are expected to present themselves to be prepared for Confirmation in the Summer.

The collections for the Diocesan Church Society this year are expected, when the collector's returns are all in, to amount to upwards of \$40. The unfavorable time of the year must be taken as explanation for the comparatively small sum.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

PORTLAND.—*St. Paul's.*—His Lordship Bishop Kingdon visited this parish on Sunday January 30th, and took part in all the services of the day. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 7:30 a.m., the Bishop being celebrant the Rev. Canon De'Veber, gosseller, and Rev. A. J. Reid, epistoler.

About ten o'clock His Lordship entered the Sunday-school and addressed the children on the Missions of the diocese, and especially on the one in which they are taking great interest, namely the long vacant mission of Ludlow. For this mission the children of St. Paul's Sunday-school (now numbering, we are glad to hear, 297) have promised to pay for the font, (\$100), if possible, with their Lenten offerings, and when this sum is completed they wish to try and raise \$50 a year towards the Missionary stipend. The Superintendent, Mr. M. Chamberlain, and the Sunday-school Teachers have adopted this plan in order to cultivate a true unselfish spirit in the hearts of the little ones, "Freely they have received, freely let them give." And we certainly wish them god-speed.

The Bishop's address was listened to with wrapt attention by the children, and the first collection for the font was made after the close of the school.

At the morning and afternoon services His Lordship delivered two of his learned and practical sermons, and in the evening administered the Holy Rite of Confirmation to a class of 26 candidates. The Church was crowded on the occasion, and the service was of a most bright, hearty, and solemn character.

On Monday evening the Bishop addressed the Ladies Sewing Society, on the Missions of the Diocese. The lecture was delivered in the Rectory drawing-room and was illustrated by the Bishop's diocesan map. The result of the lecture was that steps have been taken to form a branch of the "Women's Aid Association for the diocese of Fredericton," of which Lady Tilley is President. The visit of the Bishop was much enjoyed by the whole parish, and all hope it will not be long before they see his cheering face again.

DIME READING.—The third of the series of popular Dime Readings was held in the school-house on Tuesday the 1st inst. Some 250 persons were present and all thoroughly enjoyed the cheap and excellent programme provided by the committee. The very amusing tableaux of the "Ten little Niggers," depicted in two scenes, and accompanied by the singing of the well known ditty, was uproariously applauded. The Committee which includes the Rev. A. J. Reid, Miss Harriet Peters, Miss Helen Sidney Smith, and Miss L. De'Veber may be congratulated on the very successful results of their entertainment.

The last of the present series has been announced for Feb. 15th, when a new and excellent programme will be provided.

THE Deanery of Chatham met in Bathurst on 25th and 26th ult. Notwithstanding the severity of the weather and the difficulties of travelling, all the brethren were present except two, and they were detained at home on account of sickness. There was early celebration on both days, the celebrant being habited in the vestment and his assistant in an alb. On the former of these two occasions, the service was rendered with full choral accompaniments. The services in the evenings were also full choral. The music at all the services was exceedingly good, showing great progress and advancement in this department of parish work. On Tuesday evening Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, M.A., preached an eloquent sermon from 2 Cor. xiii, 5, and likewise Rev. C. D. Brown, M.A., on Wednesday evening, from John i, 29, latter part.

At the meetings of the Chapter the greater portion of the time was devoted to the reading and study of Holy Scripture. Romans ii was read in the original, and in connection therewith a monograph by the Rev. A. F. Hiltz, on the usage of *nomos* in this Epistle. Psalm xi in Hebrew was read and compared with the corresponding Psalm in lxx. Several matters of importance were brought forward and discussed in a desultory manner, but no action was taken thereon.

SALISBURY.—A very successful concert was given in the village of Salisbury on the 11th ult., in aid of the Mission Hall. The vocal parts were taken by fourteen Children under the leadership of Miss Minnie Smith, who had trained them with great care. The vocal, lancers and Sir Roger were admirably gone through and elicited loud applause.

By special request the concert was repeated at Peticodiac on the 26th ult., to a large and appreciative audience. The Village of Salisbury has, for want of Church accommodation, been neglected for some years, until last July, when a Mission Hall was opened by the Right Rev. the Bishop Coadjutor. It is now the intention of the Rector to build a small Church in this place, for which funds are much needed. The frame for a small Church, site to build upon, shingles, flooring, &c., have been donated by the members of the Church and other friends resident in the village.

ST. JOHN.—The annual meeting of the Church of England Institute, was held on the evening of the 10th Feb., Rev. Canon Brigstocke presided. After the reading of reports, the election of officers took place as follows: President,

Rev. Canon Brigstocke, lay, vice-president, T. W. Daniel and C. F. Kinnear; council, C. E. L. Jarvis, A. P. Tippet, R. P. Starr, Chas. A. Macdonald, E. G. Kaye, W. H. B. Sadler, J. R. Smith, Charles Masters, G. J. Coster and A. H. Demill. Resolutions were passed as to the best means to be adopted for the securing of new members.

The council in their eleventh annual report of the Institute, say they have satisfaction in stating that its work, though marked by no special features during the past year, has been duly maintained. Like all other institutions, it has to share in friendly rivalry with other organizations, parochial and otherwise, and the council cannot, therefore, but be grateful for the measure of patronage bestowed upon it. At the same time, we cannot but feel it to be a matter of pressing importance that its members, we mean especially its ex-officio and ordinary, should more heartily co-operate in its work. We have the pleasure of reporting several new branches of work in connection with the Ladies' Association, but we venture to think that the Institute is eminently fitted to be the centre of such work as a Church of England Temperance Society, a White Cross Army or a Church of England Relief and Aid Society; all of which await the co-operation of the ex-officio and ordinary members. We would not either have it forgotten that one of the objects of the Institute is to provide innocent recreation and amusement—an object of much importance in these days when the passion for entertainments of every kind is so great. We cannot, therefore, but regret that neither of our committees on lectures, or literary classes and recreation has seen fit to organize during the past year any course of lectures or series of entertainments.

The roll of members consists of 9 ex-officio, 1 honorary, 81 ordinary, and 195 associate members, making a total of 286. During the year 7 ordinary and 24 associate members have been elected. We hope to see the roll of members much increased during the ensuing year.

(To be continued.)

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

THOROLD AND PORT ROBINSON.—The Bishop has appointed to this important parish Rev. P. L. Spencer, late incumbent of Elora, and Rural Dean of the county of Wellington. The service of induction into the rectorial rights and privileges was performed on February 1st by the Bishop, assisted by Canon Read, D.D., of Grimsby; Canon Honston, M.A., of Niagara Falls; Rev. G. A. Bull, of Niagara Falls, South, and Rev. W. J. Armitage, of St. Catharines. His Lordship preached from Hebrew xiii, 17, "Obey them that have the rule over you, etc." He dwelt upon respective duties of pastor and people; referred to the anxieties and trials inseparable from the office of a minister of Christ, and expressed the hope that the new Rector would meet with all his good wishes and ready co-operation in all his good works. Before leaving Elora, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer were the recipients of many tokens of sincere regard and esteem from the parishioners and other inhabitants. Their welcome in Thorold, and at Port Robinson was hearty and kind. Mr. Spencer begins the duties of his new position under circumstances that promise a useful career for himself and a prosperous era for the parish.

A Nova Scotia Rector writes, enclosing the names of five new subscribers, and promising five more, adds: "I wish to add that the tone of Churchmanship in the paper (the CHURCH GUARDIAN) is SIMPLY ADMIRABLE. I am doing my utmost to circulate it." Who will follow his good example?