

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—Trinity.—At the annual meeting of the Trinity Church Sabbath school teachers, Mr. A. Hannington, for the past twenty years superintendent of the school, handed in his resignation, and Canon Brigstooke, on behalf of the officers and teachers of the school, presented him with a handsome marble clock and an address. Mr. Hannington replied, acknowledging the gift. Mr. Ira Cornwall was chosen superintendent of the school.

Mission Chapel.—The conversazione in the school room of the Mission church Tuesday evening, 2nd December, to welcome Father Davenport back again after an absence of three months, was a most enjoyable affair. It must have been most gratifying to Father Davenport to know that he is held in such high esteem by his congregation. After discussing the eatables, which the Ladies had kindly provided, H. W. Frith, on behalf of the congregation, and in a very happy speech, bade Father Davenport a hearty welcome. While every one had the highest feelings of respect for Rev. Mr. Raven, who had charge of the church during Father Davenport's visit and who had performed his work to the entire satisfaction of all, still all were glad to have their loved priest back again. In replying, Father Davenport delivered a very interesting address, telling of the great work the Church was doing in England and of the great pleasure it was to him to be back with his flock. It was most gratifying to him to be accorded such a welcome. L. Allen Jack, Rev. Mr. Raven and Rev. Mr. Mathers also delivered short addresses. In taking leave of the Mission, Rev. Mr. Raven was most affected. The singing of the Doxology brought a most happy evening to a close.

St. Jude's.—A number of Sunday school scholars of St. Jude's Church passed up their little stone missionary jugs to Mr. Edwin Wetmore on the evening of the 4th Dec., in the Sunday-school room, and with a hammer he dexterously broke them. When the contents were counted up there was found to be about \$21, which will go to Rev. Mr. Wilson for his little Indian schools in the Northwest. Little Miss Dodge won the blue ribbon for the fullest jug.—*Globe.*

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—Trinity.—The *Star*, referring to the work of this parish, says: The musical portion of a church service is always of primary importance; indeed true public worship can scarcely exist in its highest sense without music. True church music, too, is a universal preacher. The great majority of people are susceptible to its powers, and the religious influence of a hymn or chant often lingers long after their notes have died away, and reach a corner of men's hearts to which spoken words would never find an entrance. An enlarged place is being given to music in the services of many of our churches, and the increased attendance shows that these services are appreciated and are beneficial. The congregation of Trinity Church have for some time given special attention to the musical portion of their service. Their evening service is especially musical and almost cathedral in its character; the attendance is large, especially of young men. The choir is composed of ladies and gentleman, Mr. Henry Miles being leader, and Mr. Sefton, organist. On Friday evening the Trinity Church Association gave their first public entertainment. Bishop Bond is patron of the Association; the Rector, Canon Mills, honorary president, and Rev. E. A. King, M. A., acting president. Mr. King conducts the Bible class, meeting on Sundays at 3 p. m. He is a very gifted teacher and his discussions and blackboard illustrations are

creating great interest in the classes. Their Band of Hope is in a flourishing condition under the admirable management of the Misses Lemessurier and Mrs. Stuart. It meets every Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Dorcas Society not only assists the poor of their parish, but assists in the mission work of the diocese and of the North-West. It has just responded to an appeal on behalf of the new Protestant Hospital for the Insane. The Society was asked to furnish one room at a cost of \$27. They have already raised \$70 and will furnish three instead of one. "The Children's Twenty Minutes Society" meets at 10 o'clock on alternate Saturdays for a brief religious service and for sewing, etc. At present they are working for the benefit of the children's ward in the General Hospital. Mrs. Bone, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Bulmer, and Miss MacPherson are in charge of this juvenile association. On the third Sunday of each month a children's service is held instead of the Sunday school. They furnish the music and are made to feel that it is their own peculiar service. The Bishop generally holds his ordination services at Trinity. The Church is well adapted to this purpose, having perhaps the largest seating capacity of any Anglican Church in the city, and besides Canon Mills is the Bishop's examining chaplain. On the 15th ult., there will be an ordination service at which Messrs. S. L. Mitchell, J. W. Dennis, and A. H. Manning are expected to receive Deacon's orders. This winter no admission fees are being charged at their entertainments, and the church is wholly supported by voluntary offerings.

St. Jude's is the only Protestant Church in St. Cuneogonde and it has shared in the general prosperity. The building up of that section has extended the limits of her usefulness and increased the number of her attendants. There are now four hundred and seventy-eight families on the Rector's visiting list and the regular attendance at the Sunday services is about six hundred. In comparison with most of the Anglican parishes of the city St. Jude's is not wealthy, but during the year just ended the income of the Church was increased by the sum of \$1400, and their financial affairs are in a very satisfactory condition. The Church is supported wholly by voluntary offerings. The pews are allotted, but the holders contributed by means of the envelope system only such sums as they freely assess themselves. The Ladies' Aid has abandoned bazaars and all such means of raising money, and instead of these each member contributes five cents a week to their fund, last year \$418 being raised in this way. Their principal church organizations are the Temperance Society, meeting on alternate Thursday evenings, the Band of Hope on Friday evenings, and the Ladies' Aid on the last Monday of each month. The Rector, Rev. J. H. Dixon, is president of the Church Association, Messrs. E. R. Wright and J. H. Bedford vice-presidents, N. Wright treasurer, and H. T. Tucker and J. Parratt, secretaries. This Association, jointly with the other societies, give five free entertainments each month in the lecture room. At each meeting a prayer is offered up and a hymn sung, and then follow musical and literary exercises. An original essay is always read by a member. Printed invitations from each of the societies to attend their free meetings have been distributed by their church workers among the greater number of the non-attendants of the parish. At the last meeting of their Band of Hope 250 children were present. Mr. John Forgrave is at the head of the society. They have a branch of the Ministering League, established by Lady Meath in October last. Mrs. Dixon is president and Miss Henshaw secretary. Their branch of the Girls' Friendly Society is in charge of

St. Stephen's.—St. Stephen's Church Association met on Wednesday evening, 4th Dec.,

under the presidency of Ven. Archdeacon Evans. The following officers were elected for ensuing year: President *ex officio*, Ven. Archdeacon Evans; hon. vice-president, Mr. J. Tough; first vice-president, Mr. H. Brophy; second vice-president, Mr. H. Brophy; third vice-president, Mr. F. B. Clarke; recording secretary, Mr. J. F. W. Thompson; financial secretary, Mr. J. Crosten; treasurer, Mr. F. Upton; librarian, Mr. G. Heathcote; ladies' committee—Miss Butcher, Miss Gross, Miss Mount, Miss Strachan, Miss K. Poole and Miss E. Griffiths; gentleman—Messrs. Strachan, E. Ryder, E. Mount, J. Gubian, E. Seale and J. Heathcote.

Christ Church Cathedral.—At the monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Christ Church Cathedral held Dec. 5th; the treasurer's report showed that there was a balance on hand of \$137 35. After some discussion it was resolved that each member of the diocesan branch should be asked to contribute \$2 a year for the lady teachers' salary at Washakada Home, which sum is to be in addition to the amount promised by the parochial branches for the same cause. After the reading of an interesting paper by Mrs. Johnson, which referred to the importance of educating the children of missionaries, the meeting closed.

St. George's Y.M.C.A.—The following additional particulars of the work of this Society were furnished by the report of W. H. Walkley, Secretary, presented at the 25th Annual meeting: Missions are carried on at 27 Iberville st., Montreal, and also at 3813 Notre Dame st., St. Henri. The latter has only recently been started, but already promises great success. The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$71.88, after an expenditure of nearly \$200 more than in the previous year.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON SOUTH.—The addition to the Rectory is nearing completion. It consists of study and dining room below, and two bedrooms above. This will make St. James' Rectory one of the most comfortable in the Diocese. The congregation deserve much credit for themselves in parochial and missionary enterprise. For while attending to home duties they have not been forgetful of the missionary work of the Church, as may be seen in the report published in the "*Missionary News*," according to that report the collections from St. James', are the second largest in the Diocese of Huron.

SARNIA.—The Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Association of St. George's Church lately sent two boxes of clothing, &c., to the Diocese of Algoma, valued at \$75.

The members of the congregation held a sale of work last week at which they cleared \$264.

There is the desire on the part of the Rector of St. George's to erect a small church some place in the south end of the town, which is required in order to keep pace with the growing necessities of the place. Judging from the past energy of the people connected with St. George's, this desire will be carried into effect in the near future.

BRANTFORD.—His Lordship, Bishop Baldwin, held a Confirmation and preached in Grace Church here, on Sunday, the 18th inst. Crowded congregations took part in the services, which were very enjoyable, and reverently rendered, and listened to the earnest words of the Bishop.

As the result of the conference by the committee, which met in Brantford on the next day, to confer upon the subject of establishing a "Lay Helpers' Association" for the Diocese, Bishop Baldwin, who was chairman, appointed the following gentlemen to obtain information