

very faithful attendance, notwithstanding the distance—three miles or more and frequent stormy weather—the classes for instruction and preparation and also for the very full and the extra number of lectures given.

#### DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

OTTAWA.—*Christ Church*.—The regular meetings of the Lay Association and of the Bible Class in connection with Christ Church, were held on Friday evening, the 30th ult., and Sunday afternoon the 1st inst., respectively. Lively interest was taken in the instruction conveyed. The subjects treated at these gatherings, by the Curate, the Rev. W. J. Muckleston, M. A., were taken from 1st Corinthians, vii. and Saint Matthew, v., vi., and vii. The evening of meeting of the Lay Association was changed last week to Saturday, as an experiment, many of the members finding it inconvenient to attend on Friday evenings. The fine choir of Christ Church has just been increased by the addition of three soprano voices of good quality and power.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.—The members of the Church of England Sunday-school Association of Ottawa, held their third meeting for the season in the school-house of the Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Mackenzie Avenue, on Monday evening the 2nd inst., when thirty-nine teachers and five clergymen were present. The President, Mr. W. H. Morgan, Junr., occupied the chair, Miss Goodeve wielding the Secretary's pen. The meeting having been opened with prayer, the Chairman called on Mr. C. E. Living to open the business of the evening by reading his paper on, "How to prepare a lesson and teach it." Mr. Living regretted, that owing to the little time he had in which to prepare his essay, he was unable to give the subject the consideration its importance demanded. He pointed out the necessity of a teacher being well acquainted with his subject, thoroughly soaking himself with it, as it were. A careful preparation of notes is indispensable and most careful preparation necessary in order to secure attention from the class, for unless the teacher knows the lesson perfectly, he cannot have complete attention from his scholars. If he does not know a subject, he cannot teach it. He referred to the necessity of Sunday-schools being supplied with good libraries for the use of teachers, Commentaries on the Bible and Bible Dictionaries, Concordances, etc., being amongst their most prominent characteristics. He then explained the necessity of having perfect control of a class, scholars should not think they know more than their teachers. A general discussion of the paper read by Mr. Living ensued, the meeting assuming a somewhat conversational tone, in which Archdeacon Lauder, the Rev. H. Pollard, Rev. A. W. MacKay, Mrs. Tilton, Rev. T. Garrett, Rev. J. J. Bogert and several of the lady teachers, whose names your correspondent did not learn, took part. The hour of adjournment (9.30 p.m.) having arrived, the Chairman brought the discussion to a close with a few fitting remarks. After singing the doxology, the benediction was given and the Association adjourned to Monday, the 2nd March, when the paper of the evening will be "A Lecture on Church History." We are requested to state that all teachers of Sunday-schools connected with the Association are members and are earnestly invited to attend the meetings, and all friends of the Church of England Sunday-schools will be made welcome at all times.

A meeting of the adult members of the congregation of Saint James' Church, Kingston, was held at the school-house on Monday evening, the 2nd inst., and was well attended. Mr. Shore Loynes, churchwarden, presided and opened the meeting with prayer. Mr. Sargeant, the Secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved. The committee appointed to take measures towards filling the vacancy in the Rectorate, reported verbally that it was unanimous in nominating the Rev. O. G. Dobbs, of Saint

John, New Brunswick, and the Rev. John R. McMorine, M. A., of Prince Arthur's Landing in the Missionary Diocese of Algoma, to His Lordship the Bishop, as agreeable to the congregation for appointment to the incumbency of Saint James' Church. The report was then considered and finally adopted almost unanimously. The churchwardens and lay delegates were requested to sign the resolution and to forward it to the Honourable G. A. Kirkpatrick, Q. C., speaker of the House of Commons and one of the lay delegates representing Saint James, for his signature and presentation to the Bishop at Ottawa. The committee was empowered to continue in office until an appointment should be made.

The annual Diocesan Missionary meeting was held in St. Paul's Church, Kingston, on Sunday, the first inst. There was a good attendance. After Evening Prayers, the Rector, the Rev. W. B. Carey, M. A., introduced the deputation. The Mayor of Kingston, Mr. Smythe, delivered an excellent address. He said many times appeals from laymen secured better results than those from the ministers, because people often thought the ministers were advocating their own cause. He had, he said, been on the Mission Board for four or five years and could testify to the good work that is being accomplished in the Diocese. The Mayor closed an interesting and practical address by reciting a hymn appropriate to the occasion. The Rev. E. H. M. Baker, Incumbent of Tyndinaga, was the next speaker. He said it is twelve years since he addressed a congregation in Saint Paul's Church. A missionary meeting was a time of stock taking as it were—to see if ground was being gained or lost, and if gained, if the increase in capital was in proportion. The progress in the Diocese during the last twenty-two years was from forty-nine parishes and missions, to ninety-one; fifty-seven clergymen, to one hundred and three; one hundred and fifty churches have been built, and \$157,000 given towards missions. Notwithstanding that the days in which people had to travel one hundred miles to church to secure the services of a minister were gone, in some instances fifty miles have to be travelled now. Within the last four years twelve missions have been thrown on their own resources, and one of them—Camden East—has contributed the largest sum for missionary purposes, namely \$160, in that Deanery. Vankleek Hill and other missions are desirous of becoming self-sustaining. It is desired to place a Missionary at Clarendon, a lay reader at Madoc and clergymen at Eganville and Cornwall, there being in the last named two thousand cotton mill operators and others, who are without an opportunity to attend the ministrations of the Church.

Mr. Baker next referred to the Mohawk Indians, who have not asked for assistance, but are willing to help their white brethren of the Diocese who are in need of it, while the Indians at Tyndinaga have never asked for one cent. The speaker also remarked that few young men in Ontario seemed desirous of entering the ministry and that the City of Ottawa had only one man in the Ministry and that man was himself. At the conclusion of his remarks, a deputation of the scholars connected with Saint Paul's Church Sunday School, headed by Master Thompson, handed in the sum of \$25.00, as their contribution to the Indian Mission in Algoma.

On the afternoon of Sunday, the 25th ult., Mr. P. T. Mignot, lay reader, Mission of Maberly, preached a most impressive sermon in the school-house, his subject being the "Conversion of St. Paul," being appropriate to the day. He said that conversion is not necessarily a sudden work; that Paul was converted suddenly, but it was for a special purpose. There was required some such a man to carry the light of the Gospel into all the world. His character, his ability, his zeal, his earnestness, his devotion and his boldness were just what the Lord required. Conversion meant a change of heart, a change of life, a change of the whole man. It must be a change that men can see; it must be a giving up of sin and an active serving of God. Mr. Mignot's remarks were able, earnest and finished.

A nice plot of ground has just been purchased for the site of a church to be erected in the village.

Christ Church, Gananoque, received more than offerings during the past year, among the number being a handsome brass alms basin of beautiful design, with the words "God loveth a cheerful giver" embossed round the rim, and the words, "From M. E. M. Xmas, 1884," engraved beneath. This is the gift of Mrs. McGill Mowat, of Trenton. Mr. W. S. Macdonald has placed a very handsome and carefully designed stained glass window in the church in memory of Col. Stone, one of the old settlers and founders of Gananoque. The window is the work of the famous Munich firm of F. X. Zether & Co., makers to the Bavarian Court, and is very costly. The middle figure is a portrait of Col. Stone, the shading of which is enough to stamp it as a work of art, and one that is not often seen in Canada.

The annual Diocesan Missionary Meeting was held at St. James' Church, Morrisburg, on Monday evening, the 5th ult. The meeting was begun with Evening Prayer. The Rev. A. C. Nesbitt, Rector of Smith's Falls, delivered an address, in which he portrayed the hardships endured by some of our diocesan missionaries. The offerings were slightly in advance of those of last year. A marked improvement is noticeable in the musical rendering of the services at St. James recently, the choir, under the guidance of Mr. Howard, executing some new pieces in a very creditable manner.

Trinity Church, Buckville, was the scene of a happy gathering on Tuesday evening the 13th ult. when a very enjoyable social entertainment was given by the congregation. The Rev. G. J. Low, Rector of St. Peter's Church, delivered an address on "Experience and Experiment." Mr. James Reynolds gave a reading, while excellent music and songs were furnished by the Rector, the Rev. E. P. Crawford, M. A., Mr. Hutchins, Mrs. Byron, Miss Clough, Miss Buell and Miss Gilmour.

The Sunday School teachers in connection with St. Paul's Church, Almonte, have presented their late highly esteemed Superintendent, Mr. James Rosamond, senr., with an elegant silver pitcher, suitably inscribed, accompanied by an address. Mr. Rosamond made a very feeling reply and hoped the Sunday School would continue to prosper.

Saint James' Church Sunday School, Carleton Place, numbers three hundred and twenty scholars exclusive of the Bible Class taught by the Rector, the Rev. Arthur Jarvis, B. A. There are twenty three teachers.

#### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

ORILLIA.—The Mission recently held in this parish has aroused great interest, and so far has been most successful. The *Orillia Times* says: From the opening down to the hour these lines are being written, St. James Church has been the centre of religious interest, and has daily been visited by crowds of persons, anxious to hear the message brought into our midst and delivered with such power. Of course the true success of a Mission does not lie in this alone. The success for which we are to look is to be seen, after the Mission itself is over, in "fuller churches and more frequent baptisms, more reverent confirmations and more devout communions, in larger abundance of the fruits of the Spirit, which are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." For these and other like marks of success those interested in the mission must look and pray. Services have been held during the week twice daily, at 3 o'clock and at 6.30. At all public services, the liturgy of the church has supplied the prayers and it has been a subject of remark how wonderfully the collects suit the topics of the sermons and addresses. In the afternoon services, a very brief liturgical form is employed, the whole duration of