

what was to be done? In the midst of the dilemma, Archdeacon and Mrs. Leach, hearing from Miss Cross of our trying position, most kindly invited us to hold the practices at their house. We gladly accepted the invitation, and spent three very delightful evenings at their residence. Nothing could exceed the kindness of Archdeacon and Mrs. Leach, and they will ever be remembered with gratitude and pleasure by the Cathedral Band of Hope.

ABSENT MEMBERS.

It was thought important that our absent friends should fully realize the fact that, having been once united in a great and blessed cause, such ties cannot be severed by distance, and that those going out from among us are bound to carry the temperance message wherever they go; and thus the influence of the Cathedral Band of Hope would, in course of time, be diffused far and near. In accordance with this opinion, a committee was formed for the purpose of corresponding with members removed from the city, consisting of Miss J. S. Watson and Mr. Chas. Anderson.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The Society has been presented with two very beautifully illuminated texts, the work of Rev. Wm. Millard, Secretary of the Canada Sunday-School Union, who sent them by his daughter, Mrs. A. F. Wills, of this city, a very active member of our Association. We desire also to express our heartiest thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Skelton, for the great service rendered to the Society by their kindness in receiving Mr. R. Graham as their guest during his prolonged stay in Montreal, in order to be present at the drawing-room meeting of the senior members.

Mr. and Mrs. Joyce have been very generous in a variety of ways; also Mr. Horace Joyce; all of which we acknowledge with hearty and sincere thanks.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, we ask our friends to strengthen our hands by their prayers, that in starting afresh on the work of another year we may "Set the Lord always before us," seeking to do all things with a single eye to His glory, and with a firm and loyal trust in His precious and unfailing promises.

The whole respectfully submitted.

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