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# ONDENTS.

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for extra parochial objects was nearly 30 per cent. greater in 1892 than in 1891, thus showing increased zeal for the welfare of the Church at large. The number of persons added to the Church in baptism has been satisfactory, as many as 43 being returned from the mission of Waterville. The number of centres of worship and teaching kept open has involved much activity on the part of the clergy, it being not at all uncommon in the district for one clergyman to take three or even four services in different places on Sunday. Special musical services have been held in such centres as Sherbrooke, Cookshire and Hatley, with a view of strengthening this important branch of divine worship. Mr. Dorey, of Sherbrooke, has rendered great and valuable help in this matter. Bishop's College chapel and school have been restored after the fire at great cost, and in great efficiency. The work of the students as lay readers has been recognised as an important factor in the missionary work of the Church throughout the deanery. A more marked interest in the training of children was apparent on the part of the clergy, both on Sundays and week days. In some cases methods of direct giving have superseded indirect methods, in which the giver obtains some return for his money. Efforts made to disseminate good literature have been successful. The whole tone of the reports suggests increased and successful missionary work. The society's officials were thanked and re-elected. On the evening of the 6th, a service was held in St. Peter's Church; there were 27 clergy in their surplices. The Bishop preached an eminently practical sermon. The prayers were said by the Rev. F. G. Scott, M.A., of Drummondville, the lessons being read by the Rev. W. T. Forsythe and the Rev. H. S.

On Wednesday, Dec. 7th, the deanery board held two sessions at 10 and 2.30; before this at 8.15 a celebration of the Holy Communion was held, at which about forty members of the Board were present. The Bishop was present at all the meetings and took the most practical interest in everything brought forward, and gave most useful advice on several mat-

At least 50 members of the Deanery Board attended, and the interest was kept up throughout. The Report of the Lay Helpers' Association was presented by R. W. Heneker, Esq., D.C.L. This was discussed at some length; it was resolved to push this organization during the coming year, and also to organize a woman's branch of the Association. Bishod Dunn's experience in the diocese of London is likely to prove most invaluable to the lay organizations in the Diocese of Quebec.

The Ven. Archdeacon Roe brought forward a very cheering report on Church extension in the district; two more missions are on the point of being opened; several others had been opened during the last few

The Rev. Principal Adams reported on the state of the University and School of Bishop's College. The Rev. Canon Thorneloe reported on the prospects and needs of Compton Ladies' College This College was seen to be doing good work, but it suffered from competition from schools where teaching was given gratuitously. The interest of Church people was again called for in Church educational institutions.

The Rev. A. Stevens reported upon a successful Sunday School Conference at Hatley, and it is hoped to hold similar conferences at Stanstead, Cookshire, and Danville during the year 1893.

Mr. Dorey reported the successful work of the Choir Association and read a paper on the right and wrong kind of Church music.

The Venerable Archdeacon Roe read a very interesting paper on "The Best Way to Interest our People in the Study of Church History."

The colporteur work which had been started during 1892 was also reported upon. The Bishop made some very practical suggestions on this branch of Church work, and showed how the venerable S.P.C.K. would be glad to lend help to any well organized

In nearly every case the matters reported upon led to very interesting conversations, in which many

of the clergy and laity took part. The evening of Wednesday was devoted to a Missionary Meeting in the Church Hall, which was

The Bishop took the chair, and after prayer the Rev. Canon Thorneloe read his valuable summary of the Reports of the Church Work in the District, much of which is clearly of a missionary character in itself. After this the Rev. Charles Brooks, M. A., Missionary at Barnston, gave a very interesting and thoughtful address on the different religions which are to be found in Constantinople and on the work of various Christian bodies in that city and in the Turkish Empire generally. He thought the Christian liberality of the English Church was illustrated by the fact that he, a Church Missionary in the Eastern Townships, was called upon to give an account of the work of a Congregational Missionary in Constantinople. He spoke of the difficult problems which the Greek and Armenian Churches, as well as the

Mohammedan religion, presented. The Rev. I. M. Thompson of Waterville gave an address on "Work amongst the Indians in British Columbia," showing the marked changes which had taken place there. The Bishop concluded with a brief address. The choir gave a missionary anthem; several hymns were sung. There were 28 clergy present. The anniversary and meetings were very successful.

Lennoxville-Bishop's College.-The Missionary Union held its day on Nov. 30 (St. Andrew). Early Celebration at 7.15: Evensong at 5. Sermon by the Rev. F. G. Scott, M.A.; very thoughtful, suggestive and hopeful of the victory of Christ. At 7.30 p.m. a meeting very well attended in the College Hall. A paper on S. Columba by Mr. Bayne, B.A., and a very instructive address on work in Constantinople by Rev. C. Brooks, M.A., now of Barnston, P.Q.

#### MONTREAL.

A movement has commenced among the former pupils of Bute House, Montreal, to found a scholarship in connection with McGill University, Montreal, in memory of Miss Annie M. McIntosh, who for a number of years was the beloved Principal of Bute House, and whose earnest, faithful efforts have helped to build up the Christian womanhood of this country in the best knowledge of head and heart. Contributions towards this object will be thankfully received by Miss Mary Scott, editor Woman's Journal, Ottawa, Canada.

### ONTARIO.

Kemptville.—On Wednesday, Dec. 14th, the Honourable Winifred Sugden gave an account of her work in India to quite a large number of persons in St. James' Hall. The people were charmed by the gentle and lady-like way in which she set before them facts that had fallen under her own personal observation, facts involving such extreme cruelty as to make the heart bleed. The people's attention did not flag, and twice they asked her to "Go on!" From what she said it could be easily inferred that no people on earth exhibited greater marks of the ravages of sin on their poor nature than the Hindoos, only to be healed by the life coming from the Incarnate Son of God, whilst the exquisitely tinted and misleading Light of Asia—Mr. Arnold's poem—faded away into gross darkness as the true principles of Brahma were truthfully brought out. Miss Sugden addressed an assembly of women alone the next day.

## TORONTO.

St. Mathias.-Rev. F. G. Plummer, assistant minister of this church, appeals, in the absence of Rev. Mr. Harrison, the rector, for donations to the poor fund of the church. He says there is much distress in that part of the city. Donations may be sent to Mr. Plummer, 174 Arthur street, or to Mrs. Harrison. Money, St. George's Society Christmas tickets, gifts of clothing, boots, etc., will be gratefully received, or will be sent for if wished.

RURAL DEANERY OF TORONTO.—A joint conference between the clergy and laity was held in St. James' Cathedral school house last week to discuss the subject of lay work, and it was resolved that joint conferences of the laity and clergy of the deanery would tend to promote the best interests of the Church, and should be held from time to time, and that the folwork in the Church, its development, organization and methods," "Sunday School Work," "City and Suburban Missions," "Benevolent Institutions and the Relief of the Poor," "Social Problems," and, in general, living Church problems of the day.

Church of the Ascension .- The mission helpers of the church held their annual at-home and sale of work in aid of the diocese of Algoma, on Tuesday last. The Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Kirkpatrick were present.

Church of St. John the Evangelist .- A very successful bazaar in aid of the funds for this church was held in St. Andrew's Hall, last week. The mayor formally opened it. Much credit is due to the ladies and members of the congregation who took an active part in getting it up, and bringing it to a successful

All Saints'.—The Literary Society of this church held its regular meeting last Thursday evening, when the rector delivered an address.

BRAMPTON .- Christ Church .- It is to be very much regretted that this congregation has again to feel the loss of another family by change of residence, by the removal of W. W. Nation, Esq., manager of the Dominion Bank of this town for some years, and who he been of very great assistance financially and

practically, having been for several vestries rector's churchwarden, in the the time of Rev. Canon Johnston. Mrs. Nation also will be greatly missed in the Sunday school, Women's Guild and Auxiliary, where she has always exhibited those traits of character that have endeared her to the children of her class and to the co-workers in the church. Miss Drummond, the sister of Mrs. Nation, has also given up her class and gone to Toronto with the family. It is understood that another family of seven will shortly leave the church for other parts. Christ Church has been a considerable loser in numbers, for several reasons, during the past eighteen months, without any adequate gains; unfortunately the successor to Mr. Nation belongs to the Methodist persuasion, and therefore not likely to be of much assistance to Christ Church.

A neat folding card has been prepared and is given away by the Diocesan Committee to assist in promoting systematic and proportionate giving. It is intended for private use only, and contains a list of all special collections during the year, with columns for entering amount of offertory, &c. It is in fact a form for private accounts of all offerings for Church and charitable purposes. A limited number of these cards may be had free on application to Rev. W. C. Allen, Millbrook.

RURAL DEANERY OF DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND. -The clergy of the Deanery are reminded that Jan. 22nd is the date for Missionary Services generally throughout the Deanery, as arranged at last meeting. The Scheme of Deputations, etc, will appear next week. Wm. Allen, Sec. R.D.D.N.

Church Sunday-school Association.—The regular monthly meeting of this society was held recently in the Church of the Redeemer, Rev. Septimus Jones presiding. The usual normal lesson was ably conducted by Rev. Mr. Inglis. In continuation of the series of lectures on Church history, being conducted by the Association, Rev. Mr. Shortt read an interesting and profitable paper on "The History of the Church in Scotland from the Restoration." The paper dealt chiefly with the trials and successes of the Church in North Britain during the Commonwealth, and the regimes of the houses of Stuart and Hanover. Reference was also made to the phenomenal advancement of Scotch episcopacy during the present and preceding decade. A short discussion followed, emphasizing the latter part of the address, and was participated in by Rev. Dr. Langtry, Dr. Mockridge, and others.

St. Luke's.-The young men of St. Luke's parish have inaugurated a series of monthly musical have inaugurated a series of monthly musical evenings to take place during the winter, the first of which was held on Monday last, and proved a great success. Mr. Horrocks occupied the chair, and among those taking part in a well-arranged programme were Mr. T. E. Sampson, who rendered some guitar solos in capital style; Mr. Arthur Semple, piccolo solos; Mr. Alex. Harding, piano solos. The Italian orchestra was present, and played some fine selections during the evening, After partaking of refreshments the concert was brought to a close. The Entertainment Committee have secured the services of the best amateur orchestra in the city services of the best amateur orchestra in the city for the next concert on Tuesday, Jan. 8rd, and will be pleased to meet the members of other Guilds on this occasion. A silver collection will be taken up.

Cannington.—A "surprise party" was held at the house of the Rev. J. Vicars, a former rector of the parish, last Friday evening. The "surprise" was intended for the incumbent, the Rev. W. Creswick, and consisted of an address, signed on behalf of the con-gregation, expressing confidence in the rev. gentle-man's "thorough soundness of doctrine and efficient management of the parish," appreciation of his zaalous discharge of parochial duties, and respect for his manly independence under trying circumstances. The address was accompanied by a purse of money, collected for that purpose by a committee of ladies. This event, gratifying to all concerned, establishes a happy relationship between pastor and people in this parish which, it is hoped, will long continue.

## NIAGARA.

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