

The success of our work will be in proportion as love to Christ is the mainspring of it. The Holy Communion was administered to the members by the Bishop and Dr. Norton. The collection was \$9 35.

At 1 p.m. luncheon was served in the Synod Hall. At 2 30 p.m. the Bishop opened the business session with Prayer, and kindly presided throughout the meeting. The roll of delegates was called, which showed thirty-nine churches represented. Letters of greeting were read from the Synod; from the Provincial officers of the W. A., and from the sister auxiliaries of Quebec, Huron and Niagara. Mrs. Holden's address followed, welcoming, as President, the members of the W. A. and friends to the meeting, and congratulating them on the success which had marked the past year. The Recording secretary's report showed fifty-three branches in the diocese; seven of that number have been formed since the last annual meeting. During the past year, Mrs. Houghton and Mrs. M. A. Murray entered into their rest. Both were devoted to Mission work. The former was for some years recording secretary for the W. A., and was one of those who helped to organize the W. A. in this diocese. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." Mrs. H. J. Evans and Miss Stayner are names lately added to the list of life members. Mrs. C. E. Dawson, diocesan treasurer, reported the receipts of the past year, \$2,096.85, the expenditure, \$2,091.41; leaving a balance of \$5.44. The reports of the various branches were adopted, and the election of officers for the present year took place. His Lordship the Bishop re-appointed Mrs. Holden president, which evidently gave general satisfaction. Miss McLeod, Mrs. Everett and Mrs. C. E. Dawson were unanimously re-elected to office. At 4.30 Mr. Carus Wilson, B.A., addressed the members. She gave a most impressive, instructive and entertaining address. Her words, she said, were on that occasion intended to arm friends rather than confute foes. She mentioned four chief objections generally brought forward by those opposed to foreign missions, and showed strongly and clearly how superficial, ignorant and groundless those objections were. She ended by saying the essence of Christianity was that each Christian should make another.

At 8 p.m. Rev. J. Cooper Robinson (returned missionary) gave an interesting lecture on Japan, illustrating his remarks with some very fine lime-light views. The collection was \$33.15.

The second day's session was taken up in reading Branch reports, and in listening to three excellent papers: "How to Maintain the Interest in a Country Branch," by Mrs. G. Stephens, of Waterloo; "Our Indian Homes," by Mrs. Roe; and "Another Pioneer Canadian Bishop," by Miss A. McCord, Mrs. Baldwin (wife of the Bishop), also said a few appropriate words to the members. An 'At Home,' which was given by the W. A. from 5 to 7 p.m., had increased pleasure given to it by the presence of Lady Aberdeen. Thus ended happily the 9th annual meeting of the W. A.

Diocese of Toronto.

TORONTO.—The annual meeting of the Ministering Children's League of Canada was held in Toronto January 22nd. There were present the two Central Secretaries, Diocesan Secretary, Treasurer, and Secretaries of seven branches in the city. Mrs. Woolverton, Organizing Secretary for the Diocese of Niagara, was also present. The following officers were re-elected: Mrs. Wood and Miss Cayley, Central Secretaries; Mrs. Payne, Treasurer; Mrs. Macdougall, Representative of the M.C.L. on the Board of the Women's Auxiliary to Missions; Miss Cayley, President; and Madames Fuller, Lillie, Francis, and Payne, delegates to

the Toronto Local Council of Women. Mrs. Fuller was elected to fill the office of Diocesan Secretary, vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Francis.

The M.C.L. and the Junior Auxiliary to Missions have affiliated on a basis drawn up by the Executive of both Societies, hoping thereby that the work of the children of the Church may be more united. Two branches of the League which have lapsed for the past year have been reported as revived, and it is to be hoped that they may do as good work in the future as they have done in the past. It was decided that the annual meeting shall take place in the 3rd week of January of each year, and that all associates shall be asked to come to the meeting; other meetings to be held quarterly during the year.

The League in Toronto and Port Hope supports a cot in the Victoria Hospital for Sick Children, and helps a bed in St. John's Hospital for Women. The children of All Saints and St. Simon's have done splendid work this winter in helping the poor and needy both in the city and at St. John's Mission, Seaton village. St. Peter's League contributes largely to the Zenana work in India.

BRAMPTON.—At the invitation of the Rev. M. Walsh, of the English Church, Brampton, and of the different ministers of the town, the Rector of St. James Church, St. Mary's, recently gave a temperance lecture in that town, of which we condense the following account from the *Brampton Conservator*: Mr. John Smith, M.P.P., occupied the chair, stating that he was glad to be present. Rev. W. J. Taylor was then introduced, and those who were present had the privilege of listening to an address of great value. He said his address would be upon the a, b, c, d of the question: a, abstinence from alcohol; b, beer and the Bible; c, Christ and the Church; d, drink and distress. We are saved that we may save others. This applies equally to families and countries as to individuals. The earnestness of the Christian Church means the salvation of drunkards. Temperance men are sometimes told that true temperance consists in taking a glass in moderation, and that in so far as they are able to do this, they are strengthened morally and physically. The speaker said he had been a moderate drinker for some years. He was now a total abstainer from conviction. He then spoke at length upon the physiological, moral and Scriptural aspects of the question, eliciting much applause.

A vote of thanks to the speaker was moved by Rev. Dr. Boyle, seconded by Rev. Mr. Clark, and to the chairman by Revs. Walsh and Rankin, both of which were received with applause.

Diocese of Algoma.

The Rev. Rural Dean begs to acknowledge with hearty thanks the following sums received in response to his appeal on behalf of a family in his Mission of Emsdale, G.T.R., who are in a most sad state now, laid down by typhoid fever, and who lost everything they had by fire on 27th Dec. last: Mrs. H. McDonald, Brockville, \$4; H. Rowe, Orillia, \$7; Mr. Freeman, Scotch Block, \$1; Mr. Moberly, Collingwood, \$5; Miss Smith, Oakville, \$5; from a friend, Ottawa, \$2; Mrs. Taylor, St. Mary's Rectory, \$1.25; Mrs. E. Osler, York Mills, \$1; L. O'Brien, \$1; name and place not given, \$1; from a member of the W.A., \$1; Philip Tocque, Toronto, \$1; Mrs. Simson, Cayuga, \$1; a friend, \$2.

UNHAPPINESS comes of a desire to have one's own way and to gratify one's own longings rather than to leave the issue with God.

Diocese of Rupert's Land.

PERSONAL.—The Lord Bishop of Columbia and Miss Perrin passed through Winnipeg on their way to England this week. His Lordship is ordered by his physicians to take a sea voyage after his late severe illness.

APPOINTMENTS.—Rev. A. S. White, B.A., Incumbent of Carman, to be Incumbent of St. Paul's; Rev. F. C. Mercer, B.A., to be Incumbent of Elkhorn.

Ven. Archdeacon Fortin, of Winnipeg, preached the opening sermon at Christ Church, Vancouver, B.C., on the 17th.

Diocese of New Westminster.

The annual report of the Diocese of New Westminster, for 1894, has been forwarded to London, England for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, by Rev. G. Ditcham. It contains some interesting statistics, from which the following have been culled: Church members, 6,966; communicants, 1,853; Sunday school scholars, 841; baptisms, 341; burials, 110; marriages, 80; confirmed, 84; offertories, \$12,411.37; Easter offerings to clergy, \$637.35; donations, subscriptions, etc., \$7, 151.84; amount received from outside sources, \$1,859, which is about \$2,000 less than the previous year; amounts received from other sources, \$7,720.05; given to foreign missions, \$311.50; given to hospitals and home missions, \$828.61; amount of local contributions to clergymen's stipends, \$9,015.07. The Indian member of the Church number 1, 70.

YALE.—The parsonage here was in part destroyed by fire lately, that part of it known as the old railway hospital was demolished. By the aid of many willing workers, the old parsonage part was saved, also the church, without damage except to the paint. The vicar, Rev. C. Croucher, lost the contents of two bed-rooms, the reading room and the workshop, and the people of Yale deplored the loss of the reading room, which has been a real boon to many of them this winter. Rev. Mr. Croucher's loss amounts to several hundred dollars. The building was insured for \$500.

Among the *Canons of the Diocese* there is a very useful one defining the relations of the people to the parsonages, and what repairs should be done by the Rectors and people respectively. When an Incumbent is appointed "the parsonage, the buildings, fences and gates shall be put in his possession in good repair as certified by the Archdeacon."

Through telegrams to the daily press we learn that no decision was arrived at at the Synod held this last week for the election of a Bishop in succession to the late Rt. Rev. Dr. Sillitoe. It would appear that four or five names were submitted, but so far as we can learn the real voting appears to have been in regard to only two, viz: the Rev. Dr. Stone of England and the Rev. Canon Thornloe, M. A., of Sherbrooke, P. Q., the former of whom obtained the necessary number of clerical votes and the latter those of the laity; there being a disagreement the Synod finally determined to refer the matter under the Canon to the Bishops of the Civil Provinces with three others to be associated with them. We shall await full particulars, but would have been pleased to have been able to record the election of the Rev. Canon Thornloe, a learned and able Priest well-known to the Canadian Church in Eastern Canada and one who would have made, we feel sure, an efficient Chief Pastor.