

## News from the Home Field.

### Diocese of Fredericton.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE.—The regular monthly meeting of the council of the C. E. I. was held on the evening of the 5th inst., the president, Ven. Archdeacon Brigstocke, in the chair. The following were elected as ordinary members; James H. McAvity, R. W. Crookshank, R. W. Hanington and Dr. R. I. Robertson, and the following as associate members: Misses Ethel Jarvis, Theresa Wakeling, Blanche Jones and Bessie Schofield. The Treasurer's monthly statement showed all bills paid to date, and a balance of \$40.52 on hand. Great satisfaction was expressed at the success of the mid-day services held under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood in the lecture room of the Institute. The following standing committees were appointed for the year:

No. 1—Library: The Rev. the President, George A. Schofield, Hon. Judge Peters, E. H. Flood, J. Twining Hartt, the Librarian.

No. 2—Religious Instruction and Devotion: The Rev. the President, the Rev. A. G. H. Dicker, the Rev. W. O. Raymond, W. M. Jarvis, T. B. Robinson, C. P. Clarke, J. Arthur Coster.

No. 3—New Members: Alfred Porter, J. Roy Campbell, W. S. Fisher, R. E. Coupe, J. M. Magee, M. B. Dixon, B. C. B. Boyd, C. F. Gorham, J. A. Coster, H. C. Tilley.

No. 4—Lectures and Recreation: W. S. Fisher, G. L. Robinson, A. P. Tippet, G. A. Schofield, J. Twining Hartt, H. C. Tilley, W. A. Ewing, J. M. Magee.

No. 5—Finance: Alfred Porter, M. B. Dixon, Geo. E. Fairweather.

No. 6—Rooms: M. B. Dixon, Geo. A. Schofield, Geo. E. Fairweather, T. B. Robinson, W. S. Fisher, R. E. Coupe.

### Diocese of Quebec.

The *Scottish Guardian* says that the Earl of Aberdeen, Governor General of Canada, has become patron of the Church Society of this diocese, and has also been elected a life member.

#### MARBLETON.

The St. Andrew's Brotherhood of this Mission have opened a reading room, and hold a business meeting every Tuesday night each week. The reading room is open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 6 o'clock to 9.30, and it is anticipated much good will result therefrom.

### Diocese of Montreal.

#### MONTREAL.

PRISONER'S AID ASSOCIATION.—We have received a copy of the report of this Association for the year 1893. It was organized in the end of December 1892, "for relief of prisoners belonging to the Church of England, and also to assist in providing healthy literature for the perusal of the inmates of the jail." The Bishop is the honorary President: Mr. J. S. Hetherington one of the lay Helpers' Association being the President. There are representatives from the several churches in the city upon the Council and also from the Theological College. The Association seems to have done excellent work during the past year: 146 prisoners were personally dealt with, of whom 117 were definitely helped in some way, besides advice and counsel given to all. The report says:

A better idea of the Association's work may be had by giving a more detailed statement of the work done, thus:—21 men have been referred to the clergymen in whose parishes they live, and their interest engaged by communicating the facts of the case to them; 9 have been given letters to the Sailor's Institute, and 4 of these have secured ships through the instrumentality of the Secretary, Mr. Ritchie Bell, who is fully in sympathy with our work, and has given us valuable aid; 4 have been sent to St. George's Home, 3 to St. Andrew's Home, and 9 to the House of Refuge; 102 days board and lodging have been given to men who were absolutely destitute and friendless, generally one or two days to each man, thus giving them a chance to look for work; 14 men have secured employment for themselves while under our care, and the Association has found work for 10 others; 8 men, who were badly in need of clothes, have been supplied; 2 who were sick, have been sent to the General Hospital, and three have been sent to friends in the country at the Association's expense. \* \* \* \* \*

Our work is capable of being largely extended by providing more suitable accommodation for the men after their release, and by following up each case more fully than we have yet been able to do.

We ask you to help us:—by your prayers, that the workers may be given wisdom and success; by your attendance at our Committee meetings, if you are prepared to do practical work; by informing us of vacant situations or opportunities for work; by sending us books and papers, and your subscriptions to enable us to carry on the work effectively. We confidently look to you for your sympathy and help in the name of Him who has said,—"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

St. John the Evangelist.—The second presentation of "The Crucifixion" a Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer, the music by the well known organist and composer, J. Stainer, was given in this church on the evening of the 2nd of March, when there was present a very large congregation. The service commenced with the recitation of the Creed, followed by the Versicles and some special prayers said by the Rev. Arthur French, B. A. in the body of the Church, outside the choir screen, after which the cantata itself was commenced. The choir consisted of ladies and gentlemen who sat outside the choir proper, on the main floor of the Church. The musical composition is one of great beauty and admirably fitted to the selections made from the Gospels and Epistles in regard to the Passion of our Lord. In the course of the service, several hymns are provided to be sung by the choir and the whole congregation, all of which were joined in heartily and reverently; as reverently as if forming part of a service proper. This was specially noticeable in regard to "The Litany of the Passion" and "The Adoration of the Crucified" appointed to be sung by the congregation, all kneeling. The recitatives, and in fact all the individual portions of the Cantata were well rendered, and the choruses sung with considerable effect.

#### VAUDREUIL.

A very pleasant and successful reception was tendered to the Rev. J. Carmichael and Mrs. Carmichael by the members of the church in the Mission of Vaudreuil, on Thursday, March 1st, on the occasion of his assuming the charge of the Mission. The reception was held in the church Sunday-school room, Como, and was well attended. The Rev. J. Pyke, the incumbent, presided. The meeting was opened with the usual prayers. The rev. chairman explained the special object of the meeting; and paid a

high eulogium to the Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal. He then gave a brief sketch of the progress of the Mission from 1841, the date of its formation. In that year there was no church building in the Mission. Now there were two substantial stone churches, provided with all requisites for the due and orderly celebration of divine ordinances. Morning service had been celebrated every Sunday and Holy Communion administered on the first Sunday of each month since 1841.

From 1866 evening service had been regularly held in St. Mary's church, Como, and an early celebration, once a month. Each church had its organ and choir, and in both were beautiful memorial windows. The Divine blessing was invoked and the hope expressed that under the ministrations of the new pastor the church would prosper.

Mr. Carmichael made an appropriate reply. Songs followed and then refreshments. Mr. Carmichael gave an amusing reading, and the entertainment closed with the National anthem.

The following ladies assisted, Miss McNeill, organist of St. James; Miss Mary Davidson, organist of St. Mary's; Mr. George Hodgson, The Misses Hodgson and Lancaster, Miss Pyke. Mr. Carmichael has already made a favorable impression, and there is now a prospect of greater unity and harmony.

### Diocese of Huron.

LAY WORKER'S ASSOCIATION.—From the third annual Report of the Huron Lay Worker's Association we find that the number of licensed Lay Readers in the Diocese is now 52, as against 47 in 1892, and 38 in 1891. There are also 87 unlicensed as against 70 in 1892, and 65 in 1891, making a total Lay Readership of 139 during the past year. Lay Readers are found in 69 parishes of the Diocese, and the report says that these are found not merely in centres of activity, but that "the Lay Reader is a more familiar figure than formerly, even in less populous and more conservative regions."

Under the rules of the Synod, a licensed Lay Reader may be utilized by the clergyman of any other parish within the deanery than that in which he is licensed, and the Bishop may also grant a license for the whole Diocese, provided that the Lay Reader may not act in any parish without the consent of its Incumbent.

The number of Lay Sunday School Superintendents in the last year was 140 in 112 parishes, and of Lay Bible Class teachers 98. It also appears that there were during 1893, in the Sunday schools of the Diocese, 287 male teachers, a decrease since 1891, in which year there were reported 347 from about the same number of parishes and congregations.

The Chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew numbered in 1892, 15, and though, through absence of full returns, the number for the past year was not fixed, it is taken as being about 20. Of this organization the report says: The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is so unique an association, and its methods as well as aims are so specific that it may exist, and we will dare to say should exist in perfect harmony with any other guilds, societies, or associations that may be already established. It may form the chapter of a guild, or a branch of any other society, and not in one single particular interfere with the many other means of doing good. It is eminently and specifically evangelical inasmuch as its one idea is communion with and work for God that men may be brought to Christ. It is thoroughly Churchly inasmuch as it acts only under and with strict regard to Church cognizance and authority. It were well if in this Diocese chapters of the Brotherhood could be greatly multiplied."

Besides the foregoing there are a number of parochial societies such as Christian Endeavor,