

The Secretary must be business-like. It may seem a small thing, but it is not, for their must be method and arrangement in the work, as no Branch can prosper where the Secretary is unbusiness-like. The Secretary should be very careful about her accounts; to enter in her list at once every fresh Member and Associate; to be punctual in sending the percentage on Members and Honorary Associates' subscriptions, and the Report Forms, annually, to the Diocesan Secretary, and to be very accurate in keeping their books.

A few Rules may be added.

1. Branch Secretaries to be elected for one year only, by the Associates of the Branch, and to be eligible for re-election.

2. Branch Secretaries to give notice to the Diocesan Secretary on giving up office.

3. Branch Secretaries to send a list of all the Working Associates of the Branch, with their addresses in full, to the Diocesan Secretary, and the number [only] of the Honorary Associates, before the 1st December.

N.B.—It is important for Branch Secretaries to be punctual in filling out the Report Forms and sending them in time; also to write the Associates' names and addresses in a legible hand.

Christ Church Cathedral.—As in former years, the Rev. J. G. Norton, rector of Christ Church Cathedral, is preaching every day in Lent at the 5 p.m. services in the nave of the Cathedral, which is usually well filled with reverent and attentive worshippers, showing that these services supply a need in our city. Each service lasts three-quarters of an hour—from 5 to 5.45 p.m.—and consists of the shortened form of Evening Prayer, with good congregational singing, and an extempore address delivered by the rector from the chancel steps. The reverend gentleman has announced his intention of making a further effort to utilize the cathedral for devotional and evangelistic purposes. It appears that nearly all the west end merchants pass the cathedral every morning on their way to business, and, at the earnest request of a few of them, there will be a 20-minute service, with a short address by the rector, every morning at 8.45 a.m., during the last four weeks of Lent. These services, with the addresses, will not exceed 20 minutes.

The "nursery" of the Sisters of St. Margaret is now open and ready for its good work. Thirty infants have already been received. All denominations are taking an interest in the work. Those children were formerly sent to the Grey Nuns, although of Protestant parentage.

The interesting course of lectures on "Christian Unity," at St. George's Church, have been interrupted by the illness of Dean Carmichael.

The monthly meeting of the St. John the Evangelists Men's Association was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., in the Synod Hall. Mr. Joseph Gould gave a pleasant and instructive lecture on the Music of Beethoven. A delightful feature of the lecture was the illustrations by Mr. Gould's highly trained choir.

The daily five o'clock service and Lenten addresses have proved so successful at the Cathedral, that the rector has begun a short morning service, with an address at 8.45, to accommodate the men of the congregation who pass the doors of that Church daily in their way to business.

ONTARIO.

NAPANEE.—The whole community was shocked and saddened on Monday afternoon by the announcement that Dr. A. S. Bristol had been suddenly stricken down while making a round of professional calls. The physician stated that a bloodvessel had probably burst, causing a fusion of blood on the brain, and this had, no doubt, affected him early in the day. He lingered till about four a.m., without recovering consciousness, and then passed peacefully away as if in a sleep.

Few men were better known in this section than Dr. A. S. Bristol. In the earlier days of his professional career he had one of the most extensive medical practices in this part of the Province. Among his professional brethren he ranked high, his opinion always being regarded with confidence and respect. His genial greeting and his sympathetic counsel, have, for long, been known in every part of the county, and his sudden demise is, for this reason, the cause of more than usual interest and sad regret.

In his religious life, Dr. Bristol may be described as a practical Christian. He had an extensive acquaintance with modern controversies, more so, perhaps, than most laymen, and from sincere conviction

he had become a warmly attached member of the Church of England. Like the best members of that Communion, his piety was deep and heartfelt, rather than ostentatious, and bore its evidence in action, rather than in profession. A churchman more loyal to his Bishop, his Rector, the Synod and its laws, could not be found. As an instance, the following circumstance may be recorded. There was a time in the history of the Church in Napanee, when many considerations of friendship and policy would have induced a concurrence with an influential personage who strongly urged the placing the patronage of the Rectory in the hands of lay trustees. The Synod of the Diocese had, not long before, by an overwhelming majority, given the patronage to the Bishop. This having been done deliberately, and after prolonged discussion, was enough for this loyal Churchman, whose example of obedience to law was followed by other members of the vestry. It was the same with Free Seats. Whatever his predilections were, they gave way to what the majority of his brethren decided in lawful assembly. With him, the question then was settled and there was no thought of a facetious opposition. Such men are rare in these days of self-conceit and pride. While exceedingly tolerant of those who differed from his views, Dr. Bristol was a consistent and steadfast adherent of his own convictions. He was eminently a man of principle. He never allowed himself to be swayed by any personal fancies, likings, or dislikings, from what he believed to be the path of duty. The Church was with him a higher consideration than any minister: good, bad, or indifferent. Yet, for the Church's sake he loved her ministers, and his hospitable doors were ever open to every clergyman who chose to enter. Quite recently, it will be remembered, he entertained all the clergy who were present at the Ordination, including the Bishop of Toronto, the Provost of Trinity College, and the young men newly ordained. That was a day of great happiness to him, and it was enough to see his radiant face, to know what pleasure the gathering afforded. We believe that ever since any resident clergyman came to Napanee, Dr. Bristol was the same warm personal friend to each and all, through evil report and good report, staunch and true, and freely giving his professional services to them and their families. It is not to be wondered at that the funeral of such a Churchman should be largely attended on Wednesday, and that Mary Magdalene's Church should be filled by a congregation whose demeanor showed how deeply they felt the solemnity of the service. This was conducted by the Archdeacon, who found the greatest difficulty in controlling his emotion as he pronounced the opening sentence "I am the resurrection and the life," saith the Lord, and led the mournful procession up the aisle. Two beautiful and appropriate hymns were sung, joined in very generally by the congregation. Space forbids our doing more than give the numbers of these hymns, 400 and 140 (Hymns, Anc. and Mod.), the first, "Christ will gather in His own," speaking of resignation to the Divine will and wisdom, while the second "Jesus lives! no longer now, can thy terrors, Death, appal us," cheers with the blessed hope of reunion, and immediately after the grand lesson from I. Cor. xv., the Archdeacon gave a brief extempore address. He declared his inability to speak of his dear brother, who had been at once his faithful personal friend, a loyal Churchman and a consistent Christian. But he might say something to those present about themselves. He then repeated the Saviour's words, "Take ye heed, watch and pray, for ye know not when the time is," lest, coming suddenly. He found you sleeping; What I say unto you, I say unto all, "Watch, Be ye ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh." These latter words were pressed with great earnestness on the congregation, the speaker evidently being deeply moved, and he asked his hearers to put the serious question to their own hearts—"am I ready." This was the all-important and vital question for those present; not, "was he ready?" That was a question which only God can answer, and, however much in our love and tenderness we might be disposed to believe that he has been found ready, this certainly, said the preacher, is my own belief, but I prefer to press on you to-day the practical question, which concerns every one here. Are you ready? our Lord says, "Be ye also ready," and ready we ought to be, with all our means of grace, our privileges, our Sacraments, our Bibles, our Churches. The Archdeacon closed his fervent and appropriate address by showing what was the reward of readiness, the hope before the Christian when the tears and trials of earth are over, and then invited the congregation to join in saying the second hymn, which the preacher's words made doubly impressive. This was followed by the committal and prayers of the Burial service, which altogether, we venture to think, will be remembered by those present. It was a most solemnizing conclusion to an occurrence that has startled our whole community.

THE MATTAWA MISSION.—In a highly interesting letter on this mission, the Rev. W. H. Quartermaine says:—

And now to sum up. In the space of two years we have added two churches to the three churches and mission house already built. The debt on our church and mission house at Mattawa has been reduced from \$3,000 to but a trifle over \$2,000, and below I give statistics for the two years past from our parish registers, and this year, ending Easter '87, will, I trust, shew still further advance.

	1884-5.	1885-6.
Number of Services.....	220	579
" " Communion.....	177	388
" " Baptisms.....	22	43
" " Burials.....	6	9
" " Pastoral Visits.....	283	650
" " Families.....	77	85
" " Individuals.....	348	414
Amount of Offertory.....	\$247	\$348
Miles travelled on duty in the Mission.....	5,226	6,180

Still, with all this, we have yet a large amount of work to accomplish. The finishing of our Church and Mission House at Mattawa, the finishing of St. Augustine's, Dieux Riviere, and the final payments connected with the Mattawa property. Another church has to be built this year, and we are compelled to add to each of our out-station churches, a small mission room where we can sleep, for our greatest difficulty is in securing a bed. Mr. Bliss has fixed on this plan, and it will accomplish our want, and enable us to spend more time at our out-stations than we have been able to do before, and to have our extra services during Advent and Lent, and our classes for instruction, &c. Applications have come in for services at two other points, and as soon as another assistant arrives from England it is the intention to increase our services, and be able to answer the applications by willingly responding to the calls that have reached us. But for all this, help is wanted. Who will help us? Already, for the second time, through the kindness of the Rev. C. Darling, the Lenten offerings of the children of St. Matthias' Toronto, have been promised, and a thank offering from Miss Harrison of \$25; from Canon du Moulin of Toronto, also, help is anticipated. Will not each of our readers send a donation, as a thank offering to God for the many blessings, spiritual as well as temporal, for the year past, and we ask our many friends in England, &c., to again assist us. Who will give their Lenten Offerings for our backwoods mission?

Churchmen and Churchwomen, you whose lots are cast in pleasant places, you whose privilege it is to worship in grand places, made glorious with all that art, taste, and riches can lavish upon them, we ask again your alms and prayers. All may not be able to give the former, but all can offer up a prayer for the continual increase of missionary life in the Church in this country, and for more zeal, strength, and courage for those laboring as the Church's pioneers, to build up her waste places, and draw into One Fold their scattered and, for many years, unshepherded flocks.

CLARENDON MISSION.—Situated in the backwoods about 80 miles north of Kingston, covering a very extensive area, in which the population is too scattered to admit of its attending the services at one central church, has been subdivided into six stations, viz.,—Plevna, Ompah, Struthadden, Ardoch, Fernleigh, and Pinehurst.

PLEVNA.—Has a beautiful little church—Holy Trinity, opened and consecrated in the autumn of last year, but the font, fences, and a few other requisites have yet to be supplied.

OMPAH.—Has had a rough church erected, but it is incomplete in many particulars.

ARDOCH.—Has no church, the congregation, averaging about thirty regular attendants, meeting for service on alternate Sundays, in the schoolroom, which is very inconvenient.

STRUTHADDEN.—Has recently had a church built, which is, as yet, unpaid for.

FERNLEIGH.—The congregation has to use a schoolroom, until a church can be provided.

PINEHURST.—Offers only a private house as a substitute for a church.

Funds are urgently needed for all the above objects, and the smallest contributions (if only a few stamps to cover postal expenses, the struggling farmers composing the congregations being quite unable to subscribe towards the buildings), will be gratefully received by G. W. Dawson, Esq., Churchwarden and Crown Land Agent, Plevna, Ontario.

P. O. Orders should be made payable to him at Kingston P. O. The missionary in charge is the Rev. Morris Taylor.

This statement is made in the hope that it may attract the attention and win tangible sympathy from benevolent readers of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN.