

ST. JOHN.—The St. Paul's Needlework and Woman's Aid Society held their annual meeting on the evening of the 14th inst., at Mr. R. P. Starr's, where about 45 ladies were present, Mrs. W. Hazen in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting having been read the secretary reported that the Christmas sale had been successful, having realized \$200, including the knitting work, that the subscriptions had all been paid, and \$20 had been received in donations, that the proceeds of the year amounted to \$270. The committee of management reported that a grant of \$500 from the funds of the Society had been made by them toward the repairing and painting of the church. A letter of thanks from the vestry was read; also a communication from the vestry giving a minute report of the repairs of the church and the expenses incurred, amounting to \$34. The report and letters were ordered to be entered on the minutes. On motion, it was resolved to place \$60 in the hands of the Committee of management for Missionary purposes, the balance of the year's proceeds to be placed in the Savings Bank, increasing the deposit to \$767. The committee, Miss Coster and Miss Simonds, on the "Girls' Branch," reported progress and were requested to continue their efforts. At the election by ballot Mrs. W. H. DeVeber was chosen president; Mrs. G. Sydney Smith and Mrs. Wm. Hazen, vice-presidents. There was a tie between Mrs. Hazen and Mrs. J. Harrison, the latter retiring in Mrs. Hazen's favor, Miss Murray, secretary. Committee of management—Mrs. J. C. Allison, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Brock, Mrs. W. L. Busby, Mrs. Harris Allan, Mrs. T. R. Jones, Mrs. J. Harrison, Mrs. Gray Merritt, Mrs. W. O. Drury, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. R. P. Starr, Miss Wright.

BATHURST.—A rood screen has been placed in the Church of St. George the Martyr, and was first seen in position on Christmas Eve.

It was given in memory of Frank J. Miller, choirman, who perished in the terrible Carquet Railway disaster of last year, by his brother and sister, Mr. John and Miss Emma Miller.

This very handsome piece of work, was made by Messrs. Ross and McPherson, of Sussex, N. B., who are well known for their ability in turning out all manner of articles for church adornment and use. Any persons desiring altars, lecterns, reredos, or screens, &c., have only to send their designs to above firm, to receive goods perfectly made, of thoroughly dried lumber, and at very moderate prices. The screen is of black ash polished, with side bays and centre gable. A closed front, of tongued and grooved vertically boarded panels, set into heavy posts, surmounted by a trelles-like border of quatrefoils, and battlemented ridges, is on each side of choir front, and in the central space are gates of same design. Posts turned and carved rise from this and support the upper part, consisting of five arches; four lesser ones on each side, and a wide central one under a gable, which in turn supports the rood.

The arches are in all cases notched after the general architecture of the building. The corners are pierced with, in each case, three narrow slits, and the beam above richly ornamented and battlemented. The rood itself is five feet in height, and of plain and massive finish. A brass plate is to be affixed to the screen, having this inscription:

"To the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Frank Joseph Miller. Obit. Dec. 18th 1867, aged 21 years. Jesu meroy!"

At the midnight celebration at Christmas a dedication and memorial service was held before the screen.

This church has also, during the last three months, been painted and decorated inside. The chancel is done in two shades of terra cotta, and the nave in two shades of green. The interior is now very attractive, and almost perfect too in furnishings; the only defect being a

pulpit, which we hope to have some day. The usual Christmas services were held and the priest's heart made glad by many handsome and useful presents, among them being a purse from members of the congregation; gift of clothing from choir, and four bags of all sorts of produce from New Brandon, and various donations from Tete-agouche and Salmon Beach.

L. C. E. G. F. SOCIETY.—The annual festival of the Ladies Church of England Girl's Friendly Society was held in St. John, on January 8th, in the Church of England Institute, and was attended by a large audience, composed principally of ladies. Rev. Canon Brigstocke delivered a brief introductory address, which was followed by vocal and instrumental selections by Mrs. Morrissey, Miss Coy, Miss Halliday, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Gass, Misses Underhill and John A. Wilson. Miss Murray presented the girl of the Society who had been married during the year, (Mrs. Anderson), with a handsome framed card. During the evening refreshments were served. The society had a membership of 57 girls and 20 associate members.

An increasing interest is taken in this Society; the girls meet every Tuesday in a pleasant large room; they sit in groups, some form a knitting class, others learn various kinds of both plain and fancy needle work. Lately a large class were interested in cutting out dresses by chart. Some of the associate ladies play and teach the girls hymns, and a fortnightly Bible class is held. The motto of the G. F. S. is "Bear ye one another's burdens," and the object to bind together "women and girls for mutual help." It is chiefly designed for working girls, but many others join in order that the object of the Society may be carried out. We commend the G. F. S. to the attention of Canadian churchwomen.

NASHWAAKSIS.—On the last Sunday in Dec. the Church at Nashwaaksis the Right Rev. Dr. Kingdon, Bishop Co-adjutor of Fredericton administered the rite of confirmation to five candidates. A large congregation was present. His Lordship delivered a very impressive sermon.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—The Rev. H. H. Johnston and Mr. Robertson offer their sincere and heartfelt thanks to the kind friends and parishioners of L'Avenir, Ulverton and Kirkdale, who so generously gave them such useful and needful gifts, viz: a fur coat, cap and mitts, so necessary in the long drives—oats for the horse, enabling him to perform his share; and a lovely hall lamp to Mrs. Robertson, thus assisting her in making the parsonage (as it should be) bright and cheery, and best of all, kind sympathy and encouraging appreciation, which helps so much to brighten all labor. To all these kind givers Mr. and Mrs. Robertson feel deeply indebted and trust and believe that in such giving they may be "twice blessed."

WINDSOR MILLS.—A. A. Briggs, Esq., Lay Reader, of St. George's Church, was the recipient of a very handsome hanging lamp from some of the members of the congregation. For the presentation they organized a surprise party on the evening of the 11th instant, when they were very cordially received, and had an agreeable entertainment. The collections for Foreign Missions in response to the Epiphany Appeal were larger throughout the Mission district of Brompton and Windsor than any former year. Namely Windsor Mills, \$3.85; Women's Auxiliary, \$2.50; Brompton Church, \$3.25; Brompton Falls, \$1.50; Hardwood Hill, \$1.40. Total \$12.50 for S. P. G. Heathen Missions. On the evening of the 17th a social was given by Mrs. Nelson Riff for the benefit of the Organ Fund, at which nearly \$16 was raised. This

fund now reaches \$60, mostly raised by the Ladies' Association from the proceeds of socials. It is purposed getting a new cabinet organ for the church at Windsor Mills during this Epiphany season as the one in present use is too small for the church.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—*Grace Church.*—We regret to learn that Rev. Canon Belcher, for many years Rector of Grace Church, Point St. Charles, is dangerously ill. He has been suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia, and last week was so low that it was feared his illness might take a fatal turn.

Cathedral Parish.—Rev. Canon Cooper lectured last Friday evening in the Synod Hall, his subject being: "Scenes in the Diocese of the Saskatchewan"; illustrated by stereopticon views. In the course of his lecture Canon Cooper made touching reference to the last illness and death of Rev. Dr. McLean, first Bishop of Saskatchewan. The audience were very attentive during the lecture, and seemed to thoroughly enjoy it. Canon Cooper having been detained in Montreal through the illness of his wife, is improving the time by furthering the interests of the Church Emigration Society, and also by such lectures as the one referred to explanatory of work in the Great Northwest.

LACOLLE.—The Ladies' Guild of the Church of St. Saviour have issued their annual report showing receipts of \$249.88, derived from fees of members, socials, lawn party and bazaar. They were able to make a payment of \$180 to the Churchwarden towards paying off a debt on the Church. The Secretary, Miss Brewster, in concluding her report expresses the hope that "the ladies will not grow weary in well-doing, but continue doing their best in God's service, considering the toil a duty and a pleasure, in view of the end, and trusts that others will join them in their good work"; and we trust her hopes may be realized, and that there may be a large increase in members and in earnestness of work for Christ and His Church.

IN MEMORIAM.—*Canon DuVernet.*—We cannot allow the announcement of the Rev. Canon DuVernet's death to pass without a few words to his memory. To those among whom he laboured and to whom he was known, the following brief sketch may awake interesting recollections of the past. Edward DuVernet was born in Ceylon, where his father, Captain DuVernet of the Royal Staff Corps, afterwards Quarter-Master General of the army in India, was then stationed engaged in military engineering. His mother was a sister of the late Chief Justice Parker, of New Brunswick; by the latter, who after his father's death became his guardian, he was sent to King's College, Fredericton, now the University of New Brunswick, where he graduated, and was ordained deacon in 1850 by the present Metropolitan. His first work was in connection with Trinity Church, St. John, N. B., being licensed as curate to Dr. Grey. In 1851 he was ordained to the priesthood by the late Bishop Falford, and for thirty-five years laboured earnestly and successfully in this diocese, in the Mission of Hemmingford, as Rector of Clarenceville, and Chambly, being made Rural Dean, and appointed honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral.

In 1886 he retired from active duty, being a great sufferer from sleeplessness, which gradually undermined his health until he fell peacefully asleep in Jesus, soon after the dawn of the New Year.

His remains, accompanied by his son-in-law, the Rev. Simon Gibbons, Rector of Parraboro, N.S., with whom he was living at the time of his death, and by his eldest son, the Rev. F. H. DuVernet, of Toronto, were taken to Lockport, N.S., where he was buried beside his wife, Frances Eliza Ellegood, whom he survived only