

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.—The Annual Festival of the G. F. S. was held on Thursday evening, January 8th, in the Synod Hall, at 8 p.m., when a large gathering of the members and friends of the Society took place, more than 100 members being present. In the absence of the Bishop, who was out of town, the Rev. Dr. Norton, Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, President. He announced that the first item on the programme was a very pleasing one, viz., tea. This was duly appreciated, and the girls gathered in little groups round the tables and many pleasant greetings were exchanged between members of the various branches. Three new branches were represented at this Festival: St. Martin's, St. Jude's and St. John's. After tea, coffee and cake had been duly discussed, Dr. Norton gave the girls a most interesting and practical address, reminding them of the force of example and how every one of them was leading others either to good or to evil. He spoke of the power of love and sympathy, and how they must never be discouraged in seeking to help one another, and to carry out the motto of the Society "Bear ye one another's burdens." No matter how frivolous or indifferent a girl appeared to be, none were beyond redemption, and the power of love had a marvellous effect. Too many Christians were like icebergs in the Gulf of St. Lawrence chilling the air all round them. A spirit of Christian charity was what we all needed. Dr. Norton spoke of the great loss the Society had sustained in the death of the Rev. R. Lindsay, R. D., who had taken such a warm interest in the work of the G. F. S. ever since it was started in Montreal, and how much that evening they missed Mrs. Lindsay, and her large band of members from St. Thomas' Church. He felt sure that the sympathy of all was with the bereaved family.

A beautiful piece on the violin was played by Miss Bengough, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Bompas, which was greatly appreciated. This was followed by a trio, violin, piano, and Miss Savage, as vocalist, whose singing was warmly applauded. The piano was a splendid instrument most kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. O. W. Lindsay, 2268 St. Catherine St., to whom the thanks of the G. F. S. are due for this great addition to the pleasure of the evening. Carols by members of the various branches followed, and then a short address by the President, Mrs. Leslie Skelton, in which she strongly enforced on the girls the necessity of upholding the standard of purity, in conduct, thought and conversation. She also gave a reading which afforded great amusement. At 10 p.m. the pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing "Son of my soul," and then Dr. Norton pronounced the Doxology.

The Annual service was held in the Cathedral, on Sunday afternoon, 4th January, when the ser-

mon was preached by the Bishop from the text "Come ye yourselves apart and rest awhile." The Rev. Dr. Norton and the Rev. G. A. Smith took part in the service, and there was a good attendance of members of the G. F. S.

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Sister Rose Gertrude, the young woman about whose work among the lepers of Molokai so much has been written, has been induced to reply to the charges made against her for renouncing her work. Her article, the first from her pen, is to be published in **The Ladies' Home Journal** for February, and will contain a full explanation of what she has accomplished among the lepers, and why she was obliged to forsake her work.

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