

merry peal. The old year was forgotten in welcoming the new. Some of the churches held watch-night services. At St. George's church addresses were given by the Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, Ven. Archdeacon Evans, Rev. G. Osborne Troop, and Rev. C. J. James. At St. Jude's addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Dixon, O'Malley, Evans, and Mr. George Hague.

St. Thomas' Church.—On Sunday, January 2, after wishing his congregation a Happy New Year, and praying that God might bless them with every spiritual gift, the rector notified them that after due consideration and prayer, he had determined with the sanction of the wardens, to open the church daily for private prayer and meditation, trusting that God might bless this effort on behalf of wearied bodies and souls. The rector was confident that there were many homes where the inmates had no opportunity of obtaining the necessary privacy and quiet for communion and fellowship with God. There is the anxiety of the necessary expense for heating, etc., but if this was of God, He could and would provide, as He has done in a marked way in times of anxiety and pecuniary difficulties in the past year. St. Thomas' Church is free of debt.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent at Verdun, on Wednesday, when, through the kindness of the Ladies' Committee of the "Robert Jones Convalescent Home," and their friends, fourteen children were made the happy possessors of numerous gifts, the fruit of a tree known only at Christmas time. A kind word accompanied each gift, and at the close, the Rev. J. F. Renaud addressed the children in his usual earnest, loving manner on the sacredness of Christmastide. The children were then left to amuse themselves for the remainder of the afternoon, the committee and their guests adjourning to the reception room for social intercourse. The R. J. C. Home has now carried on its quiet, unobtrusive work for three years, bringing health and strength to many a young life that would otherwise be left to struggle with its trouble unaided. Admission to the Home can be procured through Dr. W. H. Drummond or Dr. H. B. Carmichael, either of whom will give all necessary information.

To the Members of Synod: Gentlemen,—We have to advise you that the thirty-ninth annual session of the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal will be held in the Synod Hall on Tuesday, the 18th day of January, 1898. There will be a public celebration of Holy Communion in the cathedral on Tuesday morning at half-past ten o'clock, when the Bishop intends to deliver his charge to the Synod; and evening service will be held in the cathedral at eight o'clock; preacher, Rev. James Carmichael, jr., rector of Vaudreuil. The Synod will meet for business at two o'clock in the afternoon, and on succeeding days at ten o'clock each forenoon, unless it be otherwise ordered by the Synod. At 8 p.m. on Wednesday a missionary meeting, under the direction of the Synod Committee on Domestic and Foreign Missions, will be held in the Synod Hall, at which the first of a course of lectures on "The Missionary Episcopate" will be given by Rev. J. Ker, D.D., on Bishop Patteson, with lime-light view illustrations. A full attendance of members of the Synod is earnestly desired. The annual meeting of the Diocesan Sunday School Association will be held on Thursday evening at eight o'clock.

Unfinished Business of Last Session.—Rev. W. P. Chambers will move: That in the opinion of this Synod the growing importance of woman's place and power in the Church should be officially recognized, and the work and influence of Churchwomen in the Diocese of Montreal should be organized under the guidance and the authority of the Church in the diocese.

To this end: 1. The officers of this Synod are hereby authorized to secure from the Legislature of the province permission to elide section 2 from the "Church Temporalities Act of the Diocese of Montreal." Act 53 Vict., chap. 123.

2. The Committee on Deaconesses shall become

and be known as a "Committee on the Organization of Woman's Work," with instructions to prepare, for the consideration of next Synod, a plan with estimates for providing for the training and maintenance of women to be appointed by the Bishop to minister in the parishes of the diocese requiring their services; and also to suggest means for the diocesan recognition and organization of woman's work in general.

Synod Office, 18th December, 1897.

Notices of Motion.—The Rev. R. Hewton will move: That the decree of the Lord Bishop of Montreal, of which the following is a copy, be sanctioned by the Synod:

Decree of the Lord Bishop of Montreal for the division of the Parish of St. Stephen, Lachine:—"To all whom these presents may in anywise concern, I, William Bennett Bond, by Divine permission, Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Montreal, send greeting: Whereas, it is advisable to divide the Parish of St. Stephen, Lachine, in the manner hereinafter mentioned, be it therefore enacted, under the authority vested in the Synod, by the Provincial Statute, 35th Victoria, Chap. 19, that the said parish shall be and the same is hereby divided as follows:

1. The Parish of St. Paul, Upper Lachine, shall consist of that portion of the Parish of St. Stephen, Lachine, lying within the following limits: bounded on the north by the northern boundary lines of the town of Lachine, the municipalities of Summerlea (formerly Dixie), and Dorval; on the west by the western boundary line of the municipality of Dorval; on the south by Lake St. Louis, and on the East by the eastern side of Dawes' avenue, Lachine, extended in a straight line to the northern boundary line of the town of Lachine.

2. The Parish of St. Stephen, Lachine, shall consist of all such parts and portions of the Parish of St. Stephen, as presently existing, as are not included in the boundaries above described of the said Parish of St. Paul. Given under my hand and seal at the city of Montreal, this seventeenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

(Signed) W. B. Montreal.

The Rev. Rural Dean Sanders will move: That section 5 of the constitution, page 18, which reads as below, be expunged:

5. The salaries to clergymen employed as missionaries shall not be less than the following, viz:

	Per annum.
For deacons .....	\$500
For priests under 10 years' standing .....	600
For priests above 10 years' standing .....	700

We are, gentlemen, very truly yours, J. Empson, Clerical Secretary; Richard White, Lay Secretary.

#### ONTARIO.

T. LEWIS, D.D., LL.D., ARCHBISHOP OF ONT., KINGSTON.

Brockville.—On Wednesday evening of last week a meeting of much interest and great importance to the Church took place, which was of a missionary character, and its chief object was to give the Archbishop of Ontario an opportunity of making a special announcement in regard to the financial affairs of the diocese and relate the reasons for the appeal that is to be made to the Mother Church in England by the Archdeacon and Judge McDonald. A short service was sung, after which the Archdeacon in a brief address, introduced the Archbishop of Ontario, Rev. Dr. Lewis. The Archbishop, in his opening remarks, referred to the missionary work of the diocese, emphasizing its importance and the necessity there was for liberality towards its support. The old Diocese of Ontario had been one of the most flourishing in Canada. By the recent division of the diocese, it had lost about two-thirds of its wealth, and it was now reduced to the position of being a merely agricultural diocese, outside of a few centres of population, such as Kingston, Brockville, Belleville, etc. They were really not in as good position as even the Diocese of Algoma. There was much need of missionary enterprise. In the past the mission work had been the mainstay

and backbone, and any progress that had been made was due largely thereto. He had worked in the diocese as priest and bishop for 48 years, and knew whereof he spoke. It was difficult to carry on the work without giving the missionary clergy adequate remuneration and encouragement. He knew splendid men working for God and the Church for \$420 a year. It was necessary to make an appeal for increased contributions and for the exercise of self-denial on the part of all. As he neared the close of his career he naturally felt anxious for the future of the diocese. If the see became vacant to-morrow they would have to pay \$20,000 to the new Diocese of Ottawa, leaving a sum quite inadequate to maintain a Bishop in this Diocese of Ontario. The Widows' and Orphans' Fund and the Superannuation Fund were also in bad condition. The question arose, how was this difficulty to be met, for there is no wealth in the diocese. It seemed to him that the only way to get along is to so interest every Churchman and Churchwoman in the diocese that everyone will give something. There was, however, another project on foot. On July 16, he will have been 50 years in holy office. It had been suggested by some that it would be a good opportunity of making recognition of his personal services to the Church. To this he had said, "no," but added that if the diocese chose to make a recognition of his jubilee by doing something towards strengthening the funds of the diocese, he would be delighted. A couple of gentlemen in Kingston and a lady—his wife—had taken the matter up, and the result was that a strong resolution had been passed by the Diocese of Ontario, with his consent, proposing to raise \$100,000, of which \$25,000 is to be contributed in the diocese, and the balance obtained in England. He had no doubt this could be accomplished if they had sufficient faith and honesty of purpose. It had been arranged to send a deputation, consisting of Archdeacon Bedford-Jones and Judge McDonald, to England to represent the condition of things to the people there and ask for help. They had a strong case to lay before the Church in England. If it had not been for the success that had attended their efforts in the old Diocese of Ontario, if there had not been 300 churches built during the past 40 years, there would have been no necessity for a Bishop at Ottawa, and the consequent division of the diocese. The deputation will go with the good-will and best wishes of the diocese, and with a sense of the absolute necessity of funds to carry on the work of the Church. The Archbishop closed his remarks by urging upon all the necessity and importance of systematic giving if they would see the Church prosper as it should, and asked for hearty sympathy and prayer for the members of the deputation while on their mission to England.

Camden East.—Under its present incumbent, the Rev. F. D. Woodcock, this parish has not paused in its progressive career. And now the third church erected within as many years, was opened for Divine service on Thursday, the 30th ult. The design of the church is an adaptation of one by Frank Darling, Esq., architect, and reflects great credit on his taste. The style is early English, the characteristic of which is chaste simplicity. The plan of the church is cruciform, its transepts providing for a vestry on one side, and an organ chamber on the other. The size of the nave is 54 feet by 24 feet, and the chancel 24 feet by 18 feet. The main entrance doors open into a south tower of ample dimensions, whose height is 38 feet, battlemented above. The seats will hold about 150, but accommodation can be afforded, if necessary, for at least 100 more. The material used in the building was red pressed brick from Deseronto. The opening services were attended by Rural Dean Forneri and the Rev. W. G. Swayne, of Selby. The musical services were excellently rendered, and had the assistance of a cornet accompaniment by Mr. Max Vanluven, of Yarker. The Rural Dean said the opening collects, which were taken from the consecration services. After these prayers Mrs. Woodcock sang with pleasing effect the Agnus Dei. The communion service was taken by the rector, the Epistle and Gospel being read by the Rev. Mr.

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