

for their own classes are motives powerful with some, while the assurance that they can do much to retain the strangers and to ease the responsibility and work of their teacher in this respect, will influence almost all, for many teachers will say with me that they have often been as humbled as they were gratified by the warm affection of their scholars, their readiness to please and satisfy, and their willing response to a chance request.

"I've heard of hearts unkind, kind deeds
With coldness still returning;
Alas! the gratitude of men
Has oftener left me mourning."

On the duty of the superintendent towards new arrivals I speak with great diffidence. Whether clerical or lay, his time is probably far too precious to be spent in visiting the chance scholar who may never come again. I cannot look upon it as any part of his work so to do. If he endeavour, in a large Sunday-school such as this, to visit those permanent scholars who are sick or in sorrow, he does, we must admit, all that can reasonably be expected in the way of visiting. This difficulty remains: How is he to know the casual? How to do anything at all to keep him in the school? At a meeting of the Sunday-school Association held last January in St. Peter's school-house, a very good plan was under discussion. I understand that it is carried out in the Sunday-school of the Church of the Ascension, which, from the number in attendance, and the good work done, is a bright example to the city. I quote from memory, and should the plan be described incorrectly, must trust that some one practically acquainted with its working will set me right.

In this school each teacher is provided with an envelope in which to enclose the class collection, and on the outside is printed, with blank spaces to be filled by the teacher with the information demanded, the following words: Date, class, taught to-day by, number present, late, absent, new scholars, collection. These envelopes are taken up early in the school-hour and handed to the secretary, who makes up the number of teachers and scholars present with the number late or absent, and also sends in a notice, "New scholars in such and such classes." The energetic secretary who spoke on that occasion, stated that it took but a short time to make up these returns, which were then handed to the superintendent, who was thereby enabled to see at a glance in which classes he would find new scholars, most of whom at this stage of their attendance, might fairly be classed as casuals.

He visits those classes immediately, and takes down the names and addresses of the new-comers, and places them in the classes he thinks best suited to their age and attainments, so far as these can be then ascertained, unless he find any special reason, such as the presence of a friend or an acquaintance with the teacher, which may make it expedient in some cases to allow them to remain for the time at least, in the classes in which they are found. It might be well to keep the list and to ascertain after a Sunday or two whether the new arrivals were attending regularly, and whether they were fitted for their classes and satisfied in them: the one enquiry being made of the teacher in the absence of the scholar, the other vice versa.

If superintendents, teachers, and scholars honestly carry out the principles on which these suggestions are based, with such varying details as circumstances may demand, they will surely have done all that they well can to retain the casual and to make him a permanent scholar. All save one thing, and that, like charity among the Christian virtues, the very bond of all, without which all our doings are nothing worth, I mean the habit and spirit of prayer. Let us remember, in the words of an earnest writer of our own day, that "The best work in the world is not done with ten fingers but with two knees, in frequent intercessions, in the calm effort to trim the lamp of holy purpose and of patient waiting, well knowing that the God who hears the prayers of His people will not only grant them to perceive and know what things they ought to do, but will also give them grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same."

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From our own Correspondents.

DOMINION.

QUEBEC

Personal.—The Rev. T. A. Williams, St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, arrived by the Allan "SS Parisian" to assume duty in the diocese. He has been for some time a missionary in South Africa.

The Lord Bishop of the diocese is expected home from France about the latter end of June.

The Rev. Roland J. Fothergill, formerly curate of St. Peter's Church, Quebec, and now curate of St. Peter's Church, Sherbrooke, has been visiting his Quebec friends, and on the second Sunday after Easter preached in St. Matthew's in the morning, and in St. Peter's Church in the evening.

Women's Auxiliary.—The annual meeting of the Diocesan Branch of the Women's Auxiliary, was held in St. Matthew's parish room, on Tuesday afternoon, the 14th inst. There was a good attendance. An account of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

The Cathedral.—Quite a number of alterations are contemplated in the Quebec Cathedral. Among them is the removal of the present unsightly pulpit which almost completely hides the altar from the congregation. A brass lectern is also to be put in as a memorial to the late Rector, the Rev. G. V. Housman, M.A., and will replace the present old fashioned reading desk. Since the advent of the rector, the Very Rev. Dean Norman, everything seems to be advancing, and there is no doubt the cathedral will become more like an English Church of the present day, and not like it has so long been a relic of the time of George III. We are also pleased to note that Hymns Ancient and Modern are now in use, replacing the S.P.C.K. Hymn Books, whose use has been many years ago discontinued almost everywhere else.

St. Matthew's.—The closing meeting of the Kindergarten Class will be held in the parish room, on Saturday afternoon, the 18th inst., and at the same time will be given the Annual Exhibition by the children of the class.

MONTREAL.

IRON HILL AND WEST BROME.—The Lord Bishop visited this parish, on Sunday, May 12th. At 10.30 a.m., the Church of the Ascension, West Brome, was filled with a large congregation who occupied not only the pews but also the aisles and even the outer porch; the Church was beautifully trimmed with flowers and plants in bloom, and two handsome frontals adorned the pulpit and prayer desk. The Apostolic rite was conferred on fifteen candidates. His Lordship addressed the candidates and also preached an earnest and eloquent sermon; after which the Holy Communion was administered to a large number including the newly confirmed. The Bishop was assisted by the Incumbent, the Rev. Frank Charles. At 3 p.m. another large congregation greeted the Bishop at Holy Trinity Church, Iron Hill, which was also made bright by willing hands prompted by loving hearts. Here a class of seven was presented by the Incumbent, the service closed with the administration of the Holy Communion.

ONTARIO.

MERRICKVILLE AND BURRITT'S RAPIDS.—The Easter services in this parish were largely attended. The communicants numbered 220, 60 being at the 8 o'clock celebration. At 7 p.m. a choir of over 30 voices rendered a service of song very creditably. Both Churches looked very well in their Easter decorations. At the vestry meetings the finances were found to be on the whole in healthy condition. The debt on the new rectory which cost, including lot, &c., about \$4,600, is reduced to \$1,800. Churchwardens of Trinity Church, J. T. DePencier, and R. W. Wabcham; of Christ Church, T. A. Kidd, and N. Beaman; Hamlet Burritt, Esq., was re-elected delegate to the Diocesan Synod.

EGANVILLE.—Easter vestry meeting in this parish was most satisfactory. The churchwardens for the first time being able to announce the account of clergyman's stipend with no balance in arrears. Messrs. Jno. Brydge and Thos. Warren were elected wardens of St. John's Church, and Messrs. Jno. Martin and Thos. Griffith, of Lake Dore Station. The delegates to Synod are Messrs. Jos. Acton, Chas. W. Boland, and Thos. Green. The mission having learnt of the Incumbent, Rev. R. D. Mills, M.A., being appointed to the parish of Ashton, took active steps to show its good will and make both the rev. gentleman and Mrs. Mills the recipients of many valuable gifts—amongst these a fine gold watch to Mrs. Mills in recognition of her services as organizer. The next step taken was to leave no stone unturned to induce the rev. gentleman not to sever his connection with the parish. And so strong was the feeling displayed,

and so energetic the measures taken, that Mr. Mills reconsidered his determination and decided to remain in charge of the border missions.

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TORONTO.

St. James'.—The Synod will meet in the school house on Tuesday, June 11th.

TORONTO.—St. James'.—The annual meeting of the combined Bands of Hope in connection with the different churches was held in the school house last Thursday evening. There was a large attendance. Interesting addresses were delivered and the children sang a number of appropriate selections. The address of the evening was that of Rev. Dr. Sweeny, rector of St. Phillip's Church.

Funeral of the late Mrs. O'Reilly.—The funeral of this deeply lamented lady was attended by nearly all the city clergy, and a large number of other sorrowing friends. Mrs. O'Reilly was instrumental in distributing clothing and other forms of help to the poorer missions, to the value of over \$50,000, through the Society of which she was Secretary-Treasurer, to the work of which she devoted great energy and untiring zeal. Her aged father, Mr. Rowsell, to whose declining years Mrs. O'Reilly was so great a comfort has universal sympathy, as well as the bereaved family.

TORONTO.—Women's Auxiliary to Missions.—The third annual meeting of the Toronto Diocesan Branch of the Women's Auxiliary to Missions, was begun on May 2nd by Divine service in St. James' Cathedral. An eloquent address by Rev. Dr. Sweeney, of St. Philip's, was followed by the celebration of the Holy Communion. The Lord Bishops of Toronto, Huron, Algoma and Niagara, and a large number of clergy were present, also about one hundred ladies. At 12.30, the business meeting in the school house was opened by devotional exercises. The roll was called and formal notices read. The President, Mrs. Williamson, read an address of welcome to the visitors from other diocesan Auxiliaries and delegates from outside parishes, on whose behalf Mrs. Marsh, of Lindsay, made a suitable reply. Greetings from sister Auxiliaries were read. An adjournment was then made for luncheon which was served in the adjoining class-rooms. At the afternoon session the President read an address, and the Secretary and Treasurer read their reports, all of which showed the work of the Auxiliary to be growing and extending throughout the diocese. Mrs. Baldwin (wife of the Bishop of Huron) then read a very interesting paper on Auxiliary work, discussion being invited on the subjects introduced in it. The delegates responded by asking questions which showed that a real and lively interest was taken in it. Mrs. Cayley then read the report of the Dorcas Branch of the W.A., showing an increase on the work of previous years. The "At Home" in the evening was well attended, delegates and their friends were received by the Bishop of Toronto and Mrs. Sweatman. Addresses were given by Mrs. Twing, founder and honorary Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary of the United States, by the Rev. Bucknall Smith, missionary of Central Africa, and by the Bishop of Algoma. Miss Francis and Rev. E. P. Crawford contributed songs, and Mrs. Forsyth Grant's collection of Hawaiian curiosities was viewed with interest and pleasure. On Friday, May 8rd, service was held in the cathedral by Rev. Canon DuMoulin. Upon adjourning to the school house the reports of the various branches were read showing a large increase not only in membership but in the amounts collected and Dorcas work done. The election of officers took place after luncheon the following ladies being returned: President, Mrs. Williamson; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Thorne; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Cartwright; Treasurer, Miss Holland; Assistant-Treasurer, Mrs. Boyd; Secretary, Mrs. Cummings; Assistant-Secretary, Mrs. Robertson; Secretary of Dorcas Work, Miss L. Paterson; Secretary of Literature, Mrs. Helliwell; Superintendent of Children's Guilds, Mrs. Forsyth Grant and Mrs. Francis. Delegates to the Tri-annual meeting of the Provincial Board to be held in September next were ballotted for, the President being a delegate *ex officio*; several names were submitted resulting in Mrs. Cummings and Mrs. Cayley being elected as delegates, with Mrs. Boddy and Mrs. Macnab as substitutes. While the scrutineers