

representatives to the Diocesan Board, Miss Charleson; delegates to the annual Diocesan meeting, Miss Marjorie Wilson, Miss Rigby; substitutes, Miss Julia Parmalee, Miss Eligh. A very instructive and interesting address was given afterward by Mrs. Buxton Smith on "Mission Work," also a vocal solo by Miss Lumely, the Rev. A. W. Mackay presided.

St. Bartholomew's.—The annual meeting of the Senior and Junior Branches of this branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, held last week, was a very successful one. The Rev. Canon Hanington presided, and the various reports showed increasing interest and attention being paid to the work. A feature of the meeting was the presentation to Mrs. Matheson, the Junior President, of a life membership as a token of appreciation of her untiring zeal and interest in the work. The presentation was made by Miss Andrews on behalf of the Senior Branch. During the evening pleasant addresses were made by Miss F. Greene descriptive of the Richmond Convention; Miss Julia Parmalee, on Junior work, and by the Rev. E. H. Capp, of St. John's, on Mission work generally. All three were much appreciated, as were piano duets by Miss Holt and Miss Elliott. The election of officers resulted in the following: Seniors—Honorary President, Mrs. Hanington; President, Miss Andrews; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. McGee, Mrs. Sharpe; Secretary, Mrs. Matheson; Treasurer, Miss McQueen; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. Burpee; Box Secretary, Mrs. Brewer; Literature Secretary, Mrs. Ellis. Juniors—President, Mrs. Matheson; Secretary, Miss Short; Treasurer, Miss Hatton; Literature Secretary, Miss Downing; Dorcas Secretary, Miss Eva Bradley; Superintendent Babies Branch, Miss McGee. The delegates to the annual diocesan meeting and the representatives to the Diocesan Board will be appointed at a subsequent meeting.

Other women's organizations in the parishes are also active in good works. The Woman's Association of St. George's held its annual meeting last week in the Parish Hall. The reports for the year were most satisfactory and the prospects for the next year good. An excellent paper on "The Race Problem" was given by Miss Ruby Rothwell. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Honorary President, Mrs. Snowdon; President, Mrs. W. E. Hodgins; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Fred. White, Mrs. J. B. Fraser; Secretary, Mrs. C. Stuart; Treasurer, Mrs. F. J. Graham; Hospital Committee, Miss Nicholson, Mrs. White, Mrs. Cousins, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Hemsley, Mrs. Basken, Mrs. Neeve; Work Committee, Mrs. G. B. Greene, Mrs. Loucks, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. J. J. Harrison, Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. Nettle, Mrs. Code; Tea Committee, Mrs. Tomlinson, Mrs. J. G. Butterworth, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. W. Bishop. At the conclusion of the meeting tea was served and some time spent discussing plans for this year's work.

NIACARA.

Ancaster.—St. John's.—The Woman's Auxiliary held their annual meeting last month. President, Mrs. Belt; vice-president, Mrs. E. Eggleston; secretary, Mrs. C. L. Olmsted; treasurer, Mrs. S. Terryberry; auditors, Mrs. Seaward and Miss Mussen; rector's nominees, Mrs. Beven and Miss Lyons; delegates, Mrs. Belt and Miss Mussen. The sum of \$105.31 had been raised during the year, \$82 of which had been handed to the wardens to help meet unusual expenses. The church will be re-shingled in the spring. A special devotional meeting for the W.A. is being held on Wednesday afternoons in Lent, and the following clergy from Hamilton are taking part: Ven. Archdeacon Clark, M.A., the Revs. H. J. Leake, M.A., E. M. R. Burns, M.A., J. W. Teneyke, M.A., and John G. Waller, M.A. (Japan).

RUPERT'S LAND.

Winnipeg.—Christ Church.—Very encouraging reports were presented at the annual meeting of the W.A. of this parish, which was held on the 27th ult., at which the Rev. S. G. Chambers presided. The sewing meetings had been well attended, and two bales, valued at \$52.30, were sent to missions. The annual sale of work was very successful, the sum of \$150 having been netted. A choir tea had been given, and a sacred concert also. The treasurer's statement showed an increase of \$160 over last year, the receipts being \$510.12. The personal element in the meetings had increased. Miss Millidge, the organizing secretary, addressed the gathering. She advised those members who cared to do so to take up the work of visiting the sick in hospitals. She spoke of

the interest taken in the Parsonage Fund, toward which \$725 has been collected. There were thirty-three stations where clergymen were needed, but in many cases no housing accommodation was provided, and the Parsonage Fund was started for this purpose. The officers elected at the meeting for the ensuing year were: Honorary president, Mrs. Chambers; honorary vice-presidents, Mesdames R. R. Taylor, Williams and Banks; president, Mrs. Doidge; vice-president, Mrs. Talling; secretary, Mrs. F. Taylor; treasurer, Mrs. Cockman; "Leaflet" secretary, Miss Taylor; superintendents of work, Mesdames Doidge, Creary, Atkinson, and Beresford; delegates, Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Hodgson.

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With the Travelling Secretary.—Tillsonburg was left on Saturday, 28th March, with every prospect of a good Chapter working in that parish, and St. Thomas was reached in the afternoon, the first call being made upon the Ven. Archdeacon Hill, rector of Trinity Church. A conference was then held between the Archdeacon, the Rev. W. A. Graham, rector of St. John, and the Travelling Secretary, and plans arranged for work in that city. Sunday morning, 29th March, Mr. Thomas addressed a large congregation at Trinity Church; in the afternoon speaking to the teachers and scholars of St. John's Church, at the evening service an address was given to the congregation of St. John's, a good number being present, men especially being noticeable. St. Thomas presents a specially favourable field for Brotherhood activity, and it is hoped that as a result of the visit, active Chapters will be working in both parishes, and that in course of time Junior Chapters may develop. Ridgeway was reached on Monday afternoon, 30th March, a most kindly reception being given by the rector, who accompanied the Travelling Secretary in calls upon the men of the parish. A regular service, with full choir, was held, Mr. Thomas giving the address, fully explaining the objects of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and afterwards meeting a number of men, who showed great interest and asked a number of questions. It was decided to form a Chapter, and a further meeting will be held to complete arrangements. Next day, Tuesday, 31st March, Blenheim was reached, and the Chapter (although small in numbers) was found to be doing good, steady work. The rector, who has only lately taken charge of Trinity parish, spoke in the strongest way of the great assistance the Chapter had been to him, and of the good work done while there was a vacancy. A number of men gathered in the schoolroom, and listened with great interest, as the present state of Brotherhood activity was presented to them, and every effort will be made to get a few more earnest men connected with the Chapter so that still more effective work may be done. Blenheim furnishes an excellent example of what a small Chapter in a small place can do. Train was taken early next morning for Essex, and a service held there on Wednesday, 1st inst., the Travelling Secretary being the guest of the Rev. G. B. Ward. A number of men were called upon, an address was given at the week-night service in St. Paul's Church, and it is hoped that the visit will result in the revival of the Chapter, which at one time did good work in Essex. Mr. Forbes B. Geddes, an old Brotherhood man in Essex, was got in touch with, and acquaintance was renewed, and every effort will be made towards placing, at least, a small Chapter on the active list again. The following day Amherstburg was reached, a hearty welcome was given by the rector, 25 calls were made upon men, and in the evening an address was given in the old historic Christ Church, now nearly 100 years old. Mr. Thomas presented the Brotherhood work, clearly and forcibly, and as a number of men with good opportunities were met with, it is hoped that the Chapter, which is at present dormant, will shortly be in working order again. On Friday, 3rd inst., Walkerville was reached, the Travelling Secretary when passing through Windsor, having the pleasure of meeting with the Rev. W. H. Snellgrove, rector of Church of the Ascension, Windsor, and the Rev. D. H. Hind, rector of Sandwich. In the course of accompanying the Travelling Secretary in his calls upon the men in Walkerville Mr. Thomas met an old friend, Mr. H. W. Strudley, formerly president of the Detroit Local Council, and a leader amongst Brotherhood men, and who is doing his utmost towards the promotion of the Brotherhood in his new home. An

excellent meeting was held in the schoolhouse on Friday evening, 3rd inst., and in a short time St. Mary's, Walkerville, will have not only a Senior Chapter, but a Junior Chapter also. On Saturday conferences were held with the Rev. J. A. P. Chadwick, rector of All Saints', Windsor, and with Mr. H. C. Campbell, the Dominion Council member for the district. On Sunday, 3rd inst., Mr. Thomas spoke at the Church of the Ascension, Windsor, at morning service, at Sandwich at 4 p.m., and at All Saints', Windsor, at the evening service, afterwards meeting all the Brotherhood men and boys of the district, at All Saints'.

[In reprinting this elegy from the Church Times we use no adjectives, we make no comment, we adorn no tale. But we ask our readers to read it, as we have done, repeatedly, and each to take such action as conscience dictates.]

IN MEMORY.

Of a Priest, upon whose soul our pitiful God show mercy; and this we beg, as we hope for mercy on ourselves.

A few days ago there passed to his account a priest who must be nameless, and he died in greatest destitution and want. He was a man who, with others, had defiled the Church he served by language and actions unspeakable; after his ejection from the living and degradation from his office he went lower and lower in the social scale until, just lately, he was found utterly destitute and incapable in a common lodging-house, whence he was removed to the workhouse infirmary, and there he died. God grant to us that he has not lived and died in vain. One can only think of such a case in fear and trembling, knowing that but for the power to co-operate with the Grace of God we, too, may fall. And in reading of such an one, far be it that we should presume to judge him or others, lest amongst those others we find ourselves. Here then was a man of considerable abilities; capable, enthusiastic, a hard worker; one who threw himself into the work of his parish with fiery zeal; and with others, set about building a House of God. His zeal may have been in excess of his wisdom, but he presently found himself together with his Churchwardens burthened with a heavy debt. Then followed the effort to clear off this parochial debt, nay this debt incurred on behalf of the Church; for is it not the Church's responsibility to supply the necessary places wherein the means of grace may be dispensed, and may any one calling himself a Churchman refuse to bear his share? However that may be, the efforts of this vicar and his Churchwardens met with ill success. A duller nature might have worn itself out in another way, but the brilliant, excitable temperament of this man exceeded almost every bound, the disgrace and misery of undeserved poverty bit venomously and deep, his temper soon made home unbearable, his conscience reacted, and resource was made to alcohol to get a little oblivion, false peace though it might be. Now, what must happen to a priest so living and yet obliged to perform his offices, but doubt, despair, infidelity ruin of body and soul? "None liveth to himself and none dieth to himself." This man's burden is ours as well as his, and his life and death ought not to be in vain. As a body corporate we Churchmen and Churchwomen are responsible to God for such. Is the Church so helpless and weak that she cannot sustain her own members? Surely, such a thing as an active priest being left to break down under the burden of debt incurred in necessary parochial work should be impossible among us. And, to go further, ought it to be permissible for a tiny parochial committee to undertake such pecuniary responsibility? Should not all building for God's purposes be undertaken by a Diocesan Committee elected from every township. We have faithful laymen of some business ability among us; the raising of money for such purposes might well be centralized and include both private contributions and—why not?—a commercial transaction, in the shape of a Diocesan Finance Company. At all events, it ought not to be left to isolated individuals, and the Church at large apparently indifferent whether they sink or swim in the struggle. With a financial crisis pressing in most parishes about school buildings and parish halls, with churches to be built in this extending suburbs of our large towns; this great grief to the Church—this sad loss to her ranks—this sin against God must be taken to heart and amended.

If I care more about being made happy in heaven than about being made holy on earth I shall have no joy.—Bishop Benson.