

THE January meeting of the Ottawa Girls' Friendly Society this year was held in St. John's schoolroom, and there we had the usual distinctive features of our Christmas gathering, viz., cake and coffee, and the exhibition of the work of the four G.F.S. branches for the Anglesea Square Christmas tree. Quite a goodly share of the presents were brought in by the girls, and for these we have since received grateful acknowledgments from the Rev. A. W. McKay. During the evening we had a magic lantern entertainment from Mr. L. Fortier, which was much enjoyed. As some perplexity was caused by the notice in the *Citizen* some weeks ago (not inserted by the secretary) of the St. George's Girls' Friendly Society, it may be well to explain that the society, being a small one, the four branches from Christ Church, St. John's, St. Albans, and St. George's find it more satisfactory to meet together once a month. Owing to the kindness of the Rev. Owen Jones, a kindness continued under his successor, St. George's schoolroom was offered for our use, and there are held our monthly meetings. Mr. Pollard is our chaplain, and our officers are from Christ Church, St. John's, and St. George's.

THE Archbishop of Ontario, at the request of the House of Bishops, has issued a pastoral

requesting the prayers of the Church for the suffering Armenians, and also contributions for the support of those who are left destitute by the cruelty of the Turks.

The clergy of the Diocese of Ontario are asked to appeal to their congregations on behalf of several objects during Lent:

1. Children's offerings for Indian Homes.
2. Divinity Students' Fund.
3. The suffering Armenians.
4. The diocesan debt.

Besides these, the annual parochial collections are to be made, and the subscriptions to the Ottawa Episcopal Endowment Fund are urgently required. Our annual missionary meetings have just been held, and on March 22nd the very important Widows and Orphans' Fund will be urged on Church people's notice. Probably a letter self-denial, or Lenten discipline, from unnecessary expenses would meet these calls, and rejoice the hearts of the free givers.

"Boys flying kites haul in their white-winged birds:
You can't do that way when you're flying words.
'Careful with fire' is good advice, we know;
'Careful with words' is ten times doubly so;
Thoughts unexpressed may sometimes fall back dead;
But God Himself can't kill them *when they're said*."

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