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Tweed.—St. James'.—A very successful tea was given by the members of the Girls' Auxiliary of this church lately, and from a financial point, too, it was most satisfactory.

SASKATCHEWAN.

Lloydminster.—On Thursday morning, July 4th, the Deanery gathering resolved itself into a Deanery Branch Conference of the Woman's Auxiliary. The meeting began with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m., when the Rev. H. S. Broadbent addressed to those present a suitable and clear message on the call and reality, and often commonplaceness of real consecration.

At 11 o'clock the first business session was held. The first matter was the appointment of officers and the following were elected:—President, Mrs. English; vice-president, Mrs. Edwards; treasurer, Mrs. Barnes; secretary, Mrs. Clephan; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. Gibson, the rectory, Lloydminster. The furnishing of our prairie churches was then discussed and various suggestions were made in regard to adding to the comfort and reverence of our congregations by the construction of some simple form of kneelers. The curtaining-off of little vestry corners was also mentioned. The question of suitable methods of raising money for Church purposes was also discussed and at the outset it was clearly recognized that there will always be differences of opinion in these matters. The aim of the discussion was to arrive at some standard of uniformity. In a missionary diocese where parishes were largely dependent on Mission funds the point was emphasized that individual parishes were not free to do what they may think fit. That certain limitations must be accepted as part of the Christian Church's place in the world was also put forward. This question came up again in the afternoon, and we were all thankful to see the positive side emphasized and we discussed and suggested things which were very obviously legitimate and many new ideas and methods were contributed by the various speakers.

In the afternoon after a group photograph had been taken, Miss Mitchell, one of our deaconesses, who has as her special interest the Junior work of the W.A., opened the session with an address of a general character. Miss Mitchell conveyed to us a message of greeting from our Diocesan President, Mrs. Edward Matheson, of Battleford. Mrs. Clephan followed with a paper on the devotional side of a W.A. Branch. The reader referred to the hazy ideas existing in some quarters as to the object of the W.A., and expressed the first object as the raising up of a band of prayer warriors. Mrs. Clephan proceeded to sum up the ideal of the W.A. in the word "Love," expanding the thought in the acrostic, Love of our Neighbour, Obedience to the Will of God, Victory in the difficulties of daily life, and Enthusiasm in the reality of our consecration. From 3.45-4.15 we enjoyed afternoon tea at the hands of the Lloydminster Branch of the W.A.

At 4.15 Mrs. Edwards of Islay was called upon for a paper on the practical problems of a Prairie W.A. At the outset it was remarked that the reading of the W.A. Constitution would clear up many misunderstandings, and give a conclusive answer to many questions. Faint-heartedness in regard to making pledges for support for missionary work outside our own parish was mentioned, and the value of a definite tithe clearly shown. The reader dealt with various plain difficulties in a most practical way, and mentioned the rule in one branch that no member who entertained the W.A. should give an elaborate tea so as to make it easy for all to entertain. Mrs. Edwards also brought forward as mentioned above the difficulty of raising funds, and it was here that the various useful suggestions were made.

The next paper was read by Mrs. Greenstreet, of the Amfleet Mission, on the subject of the W.A. as a missionary organization. The paper was full of carefully gleaned facts of the history and present operations of the W.A., and it was brought home by emphasizing the missionary character of our own Prairie Missions, and that we could do real work for the missionary cause by encourag-

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ing our own missionary-in-charge in his work. The calling out of girls for missionary service was also referred to.

Miss Mitchell closed the session with an address on the details of the Junior work of the W.A. She referred to the Babies' Branch, and how they may be passed through the various grades. Miss Mitchell laid special weight upon the reading of missionary books to children and suggested that missionary books might be purchased through Miss E. Newnham, Box 39, Prince Albert, Sask., and given as birthday presents to children.

In the evening the St. John's choir gave a reception to the Deanery members and W.A. delegates and visitors, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The Bishop gave some brief words of encouragement, and the Rev. G. F. Trench expressed on behalf of both the Deanery and the W.A. their gratitude to the rector and Church-people for their great kindness and hospitality, and to the choir for the very enjoyable programme. During the W.A. Conference messages of greeting and affection were sent to Mrs. E. Matheson and Mrs. J. A. Newnham. To sum up, we are deeply thankful for the gathering and for the fact that it has brought many Church-people together who would not in the ordinary course meet. The figures may be of interest, 6 Deanery clergy attended, 3 other clergy visitors, 7 lay-readers or students, 4 laymen, 8 W.A. delegates elected by branches, 14 ladies responded to the invitations sent out to come and hear about the W.A. In all some 42 attended the gathering and with them various members of the local Lloydminster W.A. Branch. Twenty-five of those who attended stayed over one night or more and received hospitality, and eight others received other hospitality. We trust that the gathering may bring forth fruit in greater W.A. interest, and that many who may be discouraged by a sense of loneliness may go back to carry on the work of God with new courage and faith, and to seek to set forward the desire of Hymn No. 356 in our new Book of Common Praise:—

"From ocean unto ocean
Our land shall own Thee Lord,
And, filled with true devotion,
Obey Thy sovereign word.
Our prairies and our mountains,
Forest and fertile field,
Our rivers, lakes and fountains
To Thee shall tribute yield."

A WELL-DESERVED HONOUR.

The King has been pleased to award the Kaisar-i-Hind Medal of the First Class "for Public Service in India," to Miss C. F. Ling, who is the senior missionary of the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society at Ootacamund, South India. Seven of the missionaries of the Society have previously received the Silver Medal, but Miss Ling is the first to whom the Gold Medal has been awarded. She went out to India in 1881, and has had charge of a great deal of educational work in and around Ootacamund. She is, however, best known for her work among the Todas, which she began in 1890. At that time they had no written language, but in spite of great difficulties she reduced their dialect to writing, and translated for them the Gospel of St. Mark. Since then a good deal of translation has been done. Miss Ling has also started a school for the Todas at Pykara, which has received recognition from the Government.



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ONTARIO.

William Lennox Mills, D.D., Bishop, Kingston.

Kingston.—Service was held in St. George's Cathedral, on Wednesday morning, the 10th inst., at 9.30 o'clock, and the Synod of Ontario met at ten o'clock, with Bishop Mills in the chair. As previously arranged, the meeting was pro forma, so an adjournment was made, the regular meeting to be held next February. The Board of Missions then assembled, members present being the Bishop in the chair, Dean Bidwell, Archdeacon Carey, Canons Grout, Loucks and Starr, Rural Deans Dobbs, Armstrong, Jones and Patton, Revs. A. L. McTear, C. J. Young, F. D. Woodcock, J. D. Wright, the Chancellor, the Treasurer, F. F. Miller, and Lt.-Col. McGill. Reports of various sub-committees were received, that of the apportionment committee showed that about \$4,500 had been received to date. A special grant of \$100 was made to the Rev. W. R. Seaborne, of Marysburg, to assist in paying for the services of a lay reader. After other formal business votes of sympathy were passed to the family of the Rev. Stearne Tighe and to the Rev. J. R. Serson, in his long illness. The Mission Givings Committee met on the previous evening. Dean Bidwell presided. There were also present the Chancellor, the Archdeacon, Rev. F. D. Woodcock, Rev. W. F. Fitzgerald, T. W. Savary, J. O. Crisp and other clergy, and Messrs. Carson, Gardiner and other laymen. The Dean was requested to draw up a circular for different parishes, Rev. W. F. Fitzgerald and Rev. T. W. Savary to be a sub-committee, with the Dean, on the matter. The Sunday School Committee held a meeting when Rev. Canon Starr, Rev. W. F. Fitzgerald, and Rev. T. W. Savary were appointed a sub-committee to deal with a canon on the Sunday School scheme.

St. George's Cathedral.—A beautiful new Lectern Bible has been presented to this cathedral church by Mrs. Norton-Taylor, and it was used for the first time on a recent Sunday.

St. Luke's.—On a recent Sunday morning the Lord Bishop of the diocese held a Confirmation service in this church when he bestowed the Apostolic Rite upon 15 candidates, namely, 3 males and 12 females. A large congregation was present.

Belleville.—St. Thomas.—It has been decided to erect a new Parish Hall in connection with this church which will be much larger than the old building, and a credit also from an architectural point of view. It will be erected on the east side of the rectory grounds.

OTTAWA.

Charles Hamilton, D.D., Archbishop, Ottawa.

Ottawa.—Ashbury College, Rockcliffe Park, Ottawa, has closed another successful year. The closing exercises were held yesterday afternoon and the occasion was appropriately observed by a number of parents and friends of the boys in attendance. The School gymnasium was well filled when the Headmaster, Rev. G. P. Woollcombe, M.A., (Oxon), took the chair. Mr. Woollcombe, in a short address, reviewed the work of the year. He paid a feeling tribute to the teaching staff, to whose zeal and ability the high standard maintained by the institution was largely due. He spoke of the successes won by Ashbury boys at universities during the past year and confidently expressed the hope that a large graduating class this year would uphold the best traditions of the School. In athletics the year had been an exceptionally good one, while this year's Cadet corps had won universal praise. Mr. Woollcombe next spoke of the new chapel, which is being erected by donations from a large number of friends of the School. He expected it would be ready by September next. At the conclusion of the address Sir Sanford Fleming distributed the prizes, giving helpful and encouraging advice to each successful student. Col. Sherwood, C.M.C., donated a large number of very handsome cups as trophies for the Cadet corps and for proficiency in shooting, and gave an interesting address which was greatly appreciated.

Following the above, a handsome clock was presented the Headmaster by the boys of the

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