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CLERICAL VISITATIONS.

PROTESTANT HOSPITAL.—The Clergy visit in turn each week.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND CONVALESCENT HOME.—The Clergy in turn.

NORMAL SCHOOL.—The Religious Instruction Class every Friday during the session, Rev. H. Pollard.

GAOL.—Rev. J. J. Bogert.

HOME FOR FRIENDLESS WOMEN.—Ven. Archdeacon Lauder.

PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME.—Rev. J. M. Snowden.

HOME FOR THE AGED.—Rev. T. Bailey.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.—Rev. H. Pollard.

The midday Lenten services, from 12.35 to 12.50, in St. John's Church, have been fairly well attended during March, the average being about seventy. Probably during Passion and Holy Weeks the congregations will be larger.

The collectors are around with the cards for the Mission Fund annual subscriptions. The rural deans have issued a "strong whip," urging increased contributions, as every mission but one in the diocese is filled, and that means that every grant but one made by the Mission Board will be required this year. This is unusual, and shows the progress and growth of the diocese. Generally a sum is granted above what may be reasonably expected from the diocese, because it is so seldom all are called for during the year; but, unless an increase is made in the annual subscriptions, there will be a large deficiency in May, and perhaps some missions will have to be closed. Church people hardly realize the importance of this fund. It is administered very carefully by a board elected annually at synod, half clergy and half laity.

The special services during Lent, in Christ Church, have been well attended. In addition

to Matins, which is said daily throughout the year, Evensong has been said at 5 o'clock. At this service, this year, devotional readings have been given from Bishop Huntingdon's "Helps to a Holy Lent." On Wednesday evenings, service is in the church at 8 o'clock, with sermons.

It is gratifying to note the increased attendance at the Holy Communion during Lent, both at Sunday and Holy Day celebrations and those on Thursday mornings.

OWING to the energetic efforts of the parochial chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the attendance at the Men's Bible Class has been largely increased. During Lent the class has been on Thursday evenings. After Easter it will be resumed on Wednesday evenings. It is earnestly hoped that all men in the parish will take an active part and share in the work by attending themselves and bringing other men.

THE Women's Bible Classes meet on Tuesday evenings and Friday afternoons. Both are well attended. The lessons at the former are on "The Life of Our Lord," and at the latter on St. John's Gospel.

DURING Lent the weekly cottage meeting at the Flats has been held in different houses, with the result that many more people have attended, and greater interest has been shown.

THE Dorcas Society, which meets each Friday afternoon, has had what might be called a phenomenal success. Many busy hands are engaged, week by week, in making up garments for missionaries in the Northwest and for ordinary Christians in Ottawa, so that our redskin brethren in the Northwest, as well as white people in our own midst, have cause to thank the ladies of the Dorcas Society.

EVERY Saturday morning the Ministering Children's League meet in the schoolroom, to the number of thirty-five or more, to sew on behalf of the Children's Hospital and the Indian Homes.

THE congregation are going to make another united effort this year, at Easter, to reduce the debenture debt of the church and church property by \$1,500. Special prayers have been