

vited. It will be held at Mr. George Hurd's house, where addresses from the clergy and other attractions are in store for those who come.

[We have received a full report of the Annual Meeting of the Church Society of this Diocese, which we are obliged to hold over till next week.—Ed.]

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—*St. George's*.—The Dean's Sunday afternoon lectures to young men continue, and in that of the 30th ult., he treated the subjects of Fasting and the Liturgy. In referring to the former (fasting) he is reported to have said that, to judge by common talk, fasting is regarded as characteristic of the Church of England or the Church of Rome, whereas the fact is that fasting is part and parcel of the discipline of the Methodist and Presbyterian Bodies, just as much as the Church of England. This he proved from the standards of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, the latter church distinctly teaching in its general rules that fasting or abstinence is expected of all who desire to continue in Methodist societies—in other words, that every Methodist in good standing is bound to fast. As to the second subject, he claimed that although liturgies may not be characteristic of the three great Protestant churches, that the general principles of the liturgy, that of putting into the mind the thoughts of prayer, if not the words, was characteristic of all. The full development of this principle produces a liturgy; its partial development, specially prepared forms for special occasions, and its arrested development, authorised topics for prayer, so fully described as almost to amount to a form of sound words. The full development of the principle is found in the Church of England, which makes no arrangement for public extemporary prayer. The partial development is found in the Methodist system which authorizes both liturgical and extemporary prayer, and the arrested development is found in Presbyterianism, which fashions and moulds the thoughts of extemporary prayer—in one case (the ignorant) allows the use of a form, and in all cases guides with scrupulous caution the devotions of the people. He closed by claiming that the three systems agreed on the great principle that in some way the Church should guide the devotions of the people. The systems differed as to the extent of that guidance, but the differences were not of that nature which should shut out all hope of a generous and Christian readjustment of existing practices.

ST. MARGARET'S NURSERY FOR FOUNDLINGS.

—This Nursery has been opened at 463 St. Urbain street, under the control of the Sisters of St. Margaret of Boston. There are at present thirteen infants under the care of the sisters, five of whom are accompanied by their mothers. It is a special object of this work to continue, as far as possible, the connection between mother and child. The institution is entirely undenominational.

The formal opening of the institution took place on Wednesday afternoon, the 2nd instant, in the presence of a considerable number of ladies, friends of the movement, The Rev. Arthur French, the Rev. J. G. Norton, Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, and the Rev. E. Wood, M. A., took part in the especial service. Mr. Norton delivering the address, in which he feelingly referred to the unworshipful, self-denying spirit of the Sisters in undertaking this good work; expressed his belief that the hand of God was clearly seen in the undertaking, and asked the support of all Christians for the work of the Sisters, who were quite independent of any particular church or parish, and who desired the help of all.

The ladies afterwards visited the children in

the nursery, and expressed themselves pleased with the arrangements for their comfort.

St. James the Apostle.—The annual Sunday-school Festival took place on Wednesday evening last. The entertainment was excellent, including magic lantern, songs, and recitations. The pupils were presented with parcels of toys, sweetmeats, &c., and refreshments were also served during the evening.

DIOCESAN WOMEN'S AUXILIARY SOCIETY.—The first annual meeting of the Diocesan Women's Auxiliary Missionary Society took place on the afternoon of the 18th ult., in the Synod Hall, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese in the chair. The Rev. J. G. Norton, Rector of Montreal, read the annual report, which referred to the fact that on the 5th of this month the Society will have been one year in existence, having been started with the view of extending Mission work by interesting the Churchwomen in the city and diocese in it, and stirring them up to more active exertions in that direction. The work the association aims to accomplish, next to the cultivation and diffusion of a missionary spirit, is to aid the Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign Missions by means of prayer, money, and work. It is not intended to interfere with parochial societies, but rather to have such societies work with or through this Diocesan Association, which has been formally recognized by the Provincial Synod. The Association has, during the past year, directed the attention of its members to various fields of labor, including our own diocese, Algoma, Saskatchewan, Arthabasca, the Mackenzie river, with its self-denying band of missionaries, and all other dioceses in the "Great Lone Land." In foreign missions the interest centres in the Church of England Zenana Society, the work in Eastern Equatorial Africa, China, Japan, &c. The parishes in the city co-operating with the association are the Cathedral, St. Stephen's, St. James', St. Martin's, Trinity, St. Thomas' and St. Matthias, while in the diocese work is going on in Dunham, Ormstown, Waterloo and Sorel. Regret was expressed at the loss by death of Mrs. Helliwell, one of its most active members, and also of Bishop McLean, of Saskatchewan, and the report concluded with a statement of the work done in the various parishes, the contributions received and the purposes to which they were applied.

The Treasurer's report showed receipts of \$606.63; disbursements \$588.61, leaving a balance on hand of \$18.02. Both reports were unanimously received and adopted.

Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Norton and Rural Dean Lindsay, the former referring to the three ladies, Mrs. Henderson, the President; Mrs. Holden, the Treasurer, and Mrs. Houghton, the Secretary, to whose efforts is largely due the present efficient state of the Association.

The Bishop then announced that the following had been chosen as office bearers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Henderson; Vice-Presidents, the Presidents of all affiliated societies, and the wives of the clergymen of the affiliated parishes; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Houghton; Corresponding Secretary, Miss McLeod; Treasurer, Mrs. Albert Holden.

The Rev. Dr. Henderson spoke upon the martyrs of Uganda and the cruel death which so often falls to the lot of missionaries. After the hymn, "The Son of God goes forth to war," the Benediction was pronounced and the meeting adjourned.

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DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

EAST SIMCOE DEANERY.—The Winter Chapter of East Simcoe Rural Deanery was held in Orillia on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 1st and 2nd instant, with divine service in St. James' Church, where a very able sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Reiner, Rector of Barrie. There was a very large attendance of the clergy. Proceedings on Wednesday began with morning prayers, after which the clergy met in the Sunday-school house for transaction of business. Routine being over, those clergy who had been specially deputed to visit the missions fixed upon at the October Chapter, made their report as follows:—The Mission of Shanty Bay and East Oro agreed to contribute towards stipend, \$150 per annum over and above what they have given in the past, and the Mission of Penetanguishene \$90 in like manner. The success of the plan being so well assured it was decided to pursue it in the Missions of Coldwater and Craighurst, and that report thereof be made at the next session of the Chapter, which it was decided should be held in Barrie, on the 19th and 20th of April. A very interesting and instructive paper on "Re-union," was read by the Rev. E. M. Kingston, of Penetanguishene, and which raised an animated discussion. The following scheme for the annual missionary meetings was decided upon: February 8th, Crown Hill—speakers, the Revs. W. Reiner and C. H. Marsh. Feb. 13th, Matchedash, Coldwater and Waubaushene—sermons by the Rev. C. H. Marsh. Feb. 15th, Waverley; 16th, Elmvale; 17th, Craighurst—addresses by the Revs. J. Jones and W. H. A. French. Feb. 18th, Minesing—speakers Revs. J. Jones and A. C. Miles; Penetanguishene, the Rev. C. H. Marsh. Feb. 20th, St. George's, Medonte—sermon by the Rev. E. M. Kingston. The Revs. W. Reiner and E. M. Kingston were deputed to confer and arrange with the Incumbent of Shanty Bay and Oro mission relative to meetings in his congregation. The absence of the Rev. J. A. Hanna was much regretted, and the following deputations were appointed to wait on him and make necessary arrangements for holding missionary meetings; the Revs. J. Jones and E. M. Kingston; for canvassing the mission of Midland in a similar way in which the other mission are being done; the Rev. E. M. Kingston and G. E. Lloyd. The importance of the new method pursued in this Rural Deanery for bringing home to the members of the Church in the various missions the needs of the mission fund, cannot be better estimated than by stating the facts of the case as follows: There are nine missions in this Rural Deanery, each consisting of several congregations, the clergy of only two of which are wholly independent of the mission fund, the remaining seven clergy receiving assistance from that source to the amount of \$2,080 for the present year. It is hoped that the Church people in East Simcoe will for the future consider themselves too self-reliant and self-respecting to accept on behalf of their clergy the whole of this monetary aid from a fund which is generally in an embarrassed condition—the present debt of said fund being now some \$6,000. The thanks of the Chapter were cordially tendered to the deputations who visited the missions of Shanty Bay and Penetanguishene.—*Orillia Packet*.

ELMVALE.—The Rev. A. C. Miles, of this place was presented by his Wyevale congregation with a handsome fur coat, on the Monday after New Year's. The gift was accompanied by a complimentary address, expressing the appreciation by the congregation of the services with which Mr. Miles voluntarily furnishes them. The services are held in a school house in King Township, between Elmvale and Wyevale, most of them being too far away to go to the other places in the Mission. Service is held every Monday evening during the summer. The attendance during the summer averages from eighty to one hundred.