

tween 1815 and 1850 it remained pretty nearly stationary. Since 1850 it has improved again, but apparently the dead give more than the living, for the improvement is mainly the result of legacies. Last year (the year ending on March 31st, 1890) the total income amounted to £212,000 odd, and the expenditure to a little over £227,000. Thus there is a deficit of £15,000 on the year's working, and the Society, in an abstract of the report which has been courteously handed to us, declare that unless some improvement occurs they will have to withdraw from some of the fields in which they now provide the Scriptures. The Society has before now been attacked on the ground that it is not sufficiently a British Bible Society. The falsity of this charge is shown by the fact that the Society circulates immense numbers of Bibles all over the country in English, Welsh, Gaelic, Irish, and (for the Channel Islands) in French. Local auxiliaries are ever at work, and in the case of poor, payment (where free distribution is not made) is taken in weekly instalments by collectors. Institutions for the blind, the deaf, the dumb, for widows, for orphans, and other afflicted classes, are liberally supplied, and the Bible is freely placed in prisons, hospitals, infirmaries, asylums, hotels, boarding-houses, public libraries, police stations, and railway stations. Colportage is encouraged in rural districts, in ports, in many of the manufacturing towns, and in cases where large numbers of the people are brought together by special work—the construction of the Manchester Ship Canal, for instance. The journals of these colporteurs are instructive. Often when abroad they barely escape with life, and quite recently the alarm bells of a village near Trieste were set tolling because two of the Bible Society's colporteurs, "two dangerous men," had arrived. Even at home the Society has met with serious opposition at times—as in 1810. This hostility has happily long gone by, and the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, sinking its former feelings of dislike, now doubtless rejoices over the total of nearly four million books distributed by the Bible Society last year. Friendliness with all parties is the Society's motto, and the result is shown by the fact that sermons and addresses in their behalf have been delivered and printed during twelve months by the Archbishop of York, Dr. Vaughan, the learned Master of the Temple; Dr. Westcott, the Bishop of Derry, Dr. Mitchinson, Dr. Allen, and Mr. Spurgeon.

Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—The Church Home.—An event of no little interest was the dedication of the new Church Home, 17th inst. The building on University street having become too small for the purposes of the institution, the present building—the old Major home—was secured. It is admirably suited for the end aimed at—a home for aged ladies belonging to the Church who lack this world's goods. The mansion is commodious and the grounds broad and beautiful.

His Lordship Bishop Bond presided over a large gathering of ladies and clergymen at the Home yesterday. The following gentlemen were present:—Dean Carmichael, and the Revs. Dr. Norton, Principal Henderson, Principal Lariviere, Canon Empson, Canon Anderson, J. A. Newman, Mr. Sanders (Lachute), Mr. McManus, John Ker, Mr. Smith (Christ Church Cathedral), G. Osborne Troop, L. N. Tucker, S. Massey, E. A. W. King, and Mr. Bushell, of Bath, Eng.

After devotional exercises the Bishop reviewed the position of the institution. About twelve or thirteen years ago, he said, certain benevolent members of the Church subscribed money for the purchase of a house for ladies in reduced circumstances. The institution—116 University street—was opened in 1878. Its maintenance has hitherto been dependent upon annual subscriptions from the city churches. The work had its trials and difficulties; but it had ministered to many aged and afflicted women. In course of time the house became in need of repairs, but so large a sum was necessary for that purpose that it was thought desirable to look for a new place. The Bishop welcomed the audience to the new Home, and hoped they would continue to take a warm interest in the work. He trusted that the Church Home would multiply its benefits. When the Church grows in generosity and hospitality I hope we may increase the number of our homes and plant them according to our need. It only requires the liberality of charitable persons to enable the Church Home corporation to take under its sheltering wing as many homes as there are classes of persons homeless and friendless. The Bishop paid a warm tribute to the memory of the late Miss Ross, who for twenty years was the faithful secretary

and friend of the Home. He trusted that the house would become the happy home of many women in the time of need, whether that need be from infirmity, bereavement or old age. He hoped it would commend itself as a place of gracious and active benevolence to those men and women of the Church of England whose lines had fallen in pleasant places, who had homes of their own where in sickness and mature age they had all the affectionate and soothing surroundings which gild and beautify the evening of life. In conclusion the Bishop paid a high tribute to the Committee of Management, specially mentioning Mr. Charles Garth and Mr. Robert Reford.

After the dedicatory prayers, Dean Carmichael made a sympathetic and touching appeal for help for the thousands of people who, unfortunately, owing to the mere pressure of room in the General Hospital, had to be turned out of the grand home of mercy. He hoped that the home would receive sufficient support to enable it to carry out the objects for which it was incorporated.

Refreshments were served by the "King's Daughters."

The Late Mr. Spence.—The select vestry of the Church of S. John the Evangelist has passed these resolutions:—

That the vestry having heard with profound regret of the untimely death of Charles James Spence, one of its earliest and most faithful members, whose connection with the church from its foundation has been marked by wise, loving and untiring zeal, desires to place on record its appreciation of his varied and invaluable service. That a copy of the foregoing resolution be sent to the family of the deceased, with whom the deepest sympathy is felt, and that it be published in the city newspapers.

ONTARIO.

FRANKTOWN.—Much regret is expressed at the removal of the Rev. Mr. Quartermaine, who has been doing duty here for a few weeks. Many hoped he would remain, but he decided to accept the offer of Renfrew parish, and removed there last week. He is a thorough missionary, and expects to find full scope for such work in the townships adjacent to Renfrew, a section of country much neglected by the Church.

RENFREW.—Special services were held in this mission on Sunday, the 21st, the occasion being the induction of the new incumbent, Rev. W. Quartermaine, formerly of Odessa. There were three services in the parish church, at two of which there were celebrations of the Holy Communion, the Rural Dean being celebrant at the early service and the new incumbent at the later. The church was fairly filled at both matins and evensong. At the former the Rural Dean, previous to the induction ceremony, preached an appropriate sermon on the ministerial office, its duties and responsibilities, and the duties of the laity to their clergy. Rev. Mr. Quartermaine preached in the evening. In the afternoon the clergy were driven, by one of the wardens, to Horton church, five miles, where they found a congregation of upwards of thirty assembled, but oh! such a desolate looking church, without its equal in the diocese. The Rural Dean addressed the people, expressing regrets at the information given him that they had had no services for many months. He assured them that they would have them regularly henceforth, and that the mission board had them in view when they gave so large a grant to Renfrew. He urged them to believe that their clergyman came there that day to take up and carry on a good work for God and His Church in their midst. At the conclusion of the service there were touching evidences of the pleasure experienced by the people on learning that the services were to be resumed. On Monday a very satisfactory vestry meeting was held in Renfrew, and the new clergyman begins his work with a correct understanding of the position of financial matters in his new charge. Nearly \$800 has been contributed by this congregation to the extension of their church during the past year, under the incumbency of the Rev. T. F. Gorman. Debt, about \$700.

COMBERMERE.—It is reported that Rev. Mr. Clay, of this mission, has accepted the curacy of S. John's church, Prescott.

PEMBROKE.—In Church circles here there is great life and activity, and a casual visitor cannot but observe the change and improvement. The congregations are very much larger, and already there are evidences of the necessity of further accommodation in the near future. As a preliminary step some valuable land has been secured in a central part of the town, and many are sanguine as to the new church at no distant date.

TORONTO.

TORONTO.—Miss Lizzie A. Dixon acknowledges, with many thanks, the receipt of two dollars (\$2.00) from Mr. N. H. Worden, Toronto, with the very kind promise to remit the same amount monthly, for at least a year, for the Rev. J. G. Brick's mission, Peace River.

PERRYTOWN.—A very successful harvest thanksgiving service was held in S. Paul's church, Perrytown, on Sunday, the 14th of September, when three services were held at the following hours, 10.30 a.m., and 8 and 7 p.m. Very touching and appropriate sermons were preached by the Rev. C. H. Marsh, rector of Lindsay, in the morning, and by the Rev. E. Daniel, rector of S. John's, Port Hope, in the afternoon and evening. The offertory amounted to \$85, the usual annual tea being dispensed with.

Brotherhood of S. Andrew in Canada.—The secretary, Mr. F. DuMoulin, S. James' Cathedral, Toronto, will supply information sufficient to organize Chapters of the above organization to any applying. There are now seventeen Chapters in good working order in Canada, and twelve more about to organize. No Chapter is in good standing before it has received a charter from the Council. Blank forms will be forwarded in a few days to the several Chapters, and upon these being filled in and returned a charter will be granted. Rectors or clergymen in charge of parishes intending to organize should communicate with the secretary at once, as the present time is the most suitable for organization; they will find a Chapter in their parish a great source of aid and encouragement. Chapters intending to send delegates to the convention of the American Brotherhood, to be held at Philadelphia, on the 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th of next month, are requested to advise the Canadian Council to that effect, also to communicate with Mr. Frederick R. Case, P.O. Box 482, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dominion Officers.—President, R. W. Grasset, Toronto; 1st vice-president, Dr. Kittson, Hamilton; 2nd vice-president, Mr. Woodruff, Woodstock; secretary-treasurer, Mr. F. DuMoulin, Toronto.

Council.—Messrs. E. Baynes Reed, S. Heath, A. C. Winslow, Toronto; and C. Parker, Peterboro.

Branches are desired in every parish in Canada, especially in the larger centres. Now is the time to form them. Write to the general secretary, Mr. F. DuMoulin, Toronto, for particulars and instructions how to form a branch.

Rev. Prof. Clark laid the corner stone of new S. Stephen's Church on Saturday afternoon. Full particulars will appear next week.

S. Mary Magdalene.—A most impressive and interesting ceremony was performed in this church last Thursday evening, the occasion being the annual harvest festival. The church was very prettily decorated with autumn leaves and different kinds of fruit. The combined choirs of S. Mathias, S. Thomas, S. Stephen, and S. Mary Magdalene, numbering over 60 voices, rendered a most delightful choral service. The following ministers took part in the service: Rev. Allan Pittman, S. George's; Rev. Mr. Smith, S. Thomas'; Rev. Mr. Webb, and Rev. Mr. Northgate, S. Mathias', and Mr. Darling, rector of S. Mary Magdalene's. The Rev. Allan Pittman preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon, calling attention to the abundant harvest which God had been pleased to grant this year, and stated that all had cause for rejoicing and reason to be thankful. It is but little over two years since the church of S. Mary Magdalene was established, and considering the fact that it was crowded to the doors last evening, being scarcely large enough to accommodate the large congregation assembled, it spoke volumes for the energy and self-sacrifice of the rector, Rev. Mr. Darling. His harvest has been a rich one and his seed undoubtedly cast upon good ground. On Sunday evening Rev. Professor Clark preached a most eloquent sermon to a large congregation.

Toronto Church School.—The annual distribution of prizes in the Toronto Church School, Alexander St., took place on Wednesday, the 24th inst., in the presence of about two hundred friends of the pupils, his Lordship the Bishop presiding. Among those on the platform we noticed Hon. G. W. Ross, Rev. Provost Body, Professor Goldwin Smith, Professor Clarke, Rev. Dr. Langtry, Rev. Charles Pearson, Rev. Mr. Caswell, Rev. Mr. Softly, Rev. Dr. Hodgkin, and Mr. W. H. Lockhart Gordon, Secretary Treasurer, &c., &c.

Letters of regret were read from the Lieutenant-Governor and Mayor Clarke.

His lordship, in opening the exercises, spoke of the history and progress of the school, stating that it was a private enterprise which had been established by a few gentlemen who wished for a high