

fore his God. When will Churchmen realize the responsibilities of that *last act of life*. If this thought were present whenever the last will and testament is written, there would be more bequests to charitable and religious objects.

HALIFAX.—The rumors that our beloved Bishop's name has been connected with the present vacancy in the Diocese of Massachusetts has caused wide-spread alarm among our Church members. His loss to us at this juncture would indeed be well nigh irreparable. It is hoped there is no shadow of ground for these rumors. The Rev. Dyson Hague and Mr. Wiswell have been attending the recent convention of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood in Kingston.

RAWDON.—The Rev. I. Spencer has been presented with a handsome fur coat by his parishioners.

WINDSOR.—The parish mourns the loss, after but a few days illness, of Elizabeth Bowman, one of the oldest members of the church in town. Her brother, the Rev. Canon Maynard, D.D., for many years rector of Windsor, is now the only surviving member of a very well known Nova Scotian family. Their father, Captain Maynard, R.N., was an associate and friend of the celebrated Captain Broke, of the "Shannon" and the other officers of the Royal Navy, at the time of the war of 1812. The long looked for new pipe organ is now placed in the church. It was dedicated on the 12th with appropriate religious services before matins was commenced. The first notes heard from it in divine worship were to accompany the glorious 150th Psalm. On Monday, the 13th, an organ recital was given by two young talented Churchmen, W. Harry Watts and R. G. Allison. Though it lasted for nearly three hours, you could have heard a pin drop at any part of the ceremonies, so marvellously quiet did the thronged congregation of over 700 keep. The organ was built by Messrs. S. R. Warren & Sons of Toronto, who have won for themselves unstinted encomiums for the beauty of design, breadth of compass and excellence of tone of this organ. It has two manuals, 27 stops and two fronts. Its cost is \$3,050, nearly the whole of which will be forthcoming in a day or two. The parish is much to be congratulated upon possessing so grand an instrument, and that without being encumbered with any debt to speak of. To the faithful and energetic members of the Church Women's Working Association the parishioners are deeply grateful, who, by dint of commendable pluck and unwearied toil during several years, have succeeded in raising more than half the above amount. This is the third pipe organ erected by this firm in churches in this diocese within the past nine months, Dartmouth and Liverpool organs being the other two. The old pipe organ has been set up in the school house, where it is both an ornament and extremely useful for week day services, etc., it being quite powerful enough for the building and extremely sweet and mellow in tone.

WOLFVILLE.—*Parish Meeting.*—A meeting was held in St. John's Church, Wolfville, Parish Church of Horton, on Monday afternoon, Feb. 20th, presided over by the rector of Horton, and largely attended by the parishioners from Wolfville and Kentville, to consider the desirability and the possibility of dividing the extensive parish of Horton. Various resolutions bearing on the subject were passed, and finally a petition to the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia was read, adopted, and signed by all present, praying him in accordance with the provisions of the Church Act to divide the present parish of Horton into two; the parish in the eastern end of the township of Horton to be called St. John, Wolfville; the parish in the western end to be called St. James, Kentville.

MONTREAL.

PORTLAND.—On Quinquagesima Sunday the annual sermons and collections took place in all the churches of the diocese, on behalf of the diocesan mission fund, in accordance with the wishes of the Lord Bishop. The Rev. Walter T. King, incumbent of the parish, preached at Christ Church in the morning, on the following words taken from 1 Cor. xii., "If the body is one and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. God hath tempered the body together: that there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another." He said the teaching of this chapter might be summed up in the words "unity amid diversity." Though the Church at one place might have been endowed with spiritual gifts different to some which were granted to the Church at another, yet the separate congregations of Christians were closely united, for "by one spirit" the individual members had been all "baptized into one

body." Association in spiritual privileges involved a corresponding responsibility. An appeal was being made that day to the feeling of sympathy between different members of Christ's body throughout the length and breadth of the diocese. They, as Churchmen, should value the word "Diocese." It represented an area presided over by their chief pastor, and comprised a large number of parishes and missions, which were thus united by common interests. Though they differed in many ways, yet amid their diversities they were bound together by the principle of unity which was found in the Episcopal office. The different parishes and congregations were not isolated, independent collections of Christians, but were all united in a great organization as "one family under one spiritual father." There was to be seen a tendency among some Church people to drift into what had been called "parochialism." Such a tendency should be checked, for it caused religious selfishness. This was an evil against which the Apostle uttered a warning when he said, "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." This Sunday was a periodical opportunity for Church people to be reminded of their duty to the Church as members of a great organization extending throughout Christendom. The Bishop had visited this parish each year. It was to be hoped that the more frequent presence of their "Father in God" would lead Church people to realize their position as members of a diocesan body, which was itself a part of the body of Christ. Such a feeling would help to crush out that unchristian spirit of narrow selfishness which must mar the spiritual life of those who allowed it to exist within them. The privileges of our diocesan organization was that it taught us "to bear one another's burdens." Each parish, however small, was a part of one diocesan system. We were all bound together for good or for ill. Where there was neglect, others shared in the discredit; where there was efficiency, others were influenced by the renewed life. Amid the sad scenes of discord and dissension which abounded in Christendom, it was a refreshing sight to behold the fellowship between members of Christ's body who were separated from each other by the breadth of the world. They might even look farther than the limits of their own Anglican communion; they might extend their view till it was bounded only by the terms employed in one of the beautiful collects, longing for the time when all those who were "admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion" should be united together in outward and visible communion, as they were already united by invisible fellowship—the fellowship of Christ's "Holy Catholic Church." The sermon was concluded by urging those present to beseech the Divine Head of the Church so to order the various parts and members of His Mystical Body that "according to the working in due measure of each several part," whether that part were represented by a diocese, or a parish, or an individual, the whole body might increase "unto the edifying (or building up) of itself in love."

MONTREAL.—At Friday morning's session of the Woman's Auxiliary, Bishop Bond presiding, after the opening devotional exercises, the reading of town branch reports was proceeded with—Christ Church Cathedral, Grace Church, All Saints', St. George's, St. John the Evangelist, St. Luke's, St. Martin's, St. Stephen's, St. Thomas, Trinity, St. Matthias, Cote St. Antoine, Washakada club, Boys' Branch No. 1—all of which were of a very satisfactory character and showed that interest in the work was being well sustained.

Miss A. McCord contributed a thoughtful paper on "Juvenile Work in the Diocese," in which she stated that there were four juvenile associations in the city working in connection with the branches of the auxiliary of All Saints' Church, St. Matthias, St. Martin's and Trinity. There was also the Washakada club, Boys' Branch No. 1 and the juvenile societies engaged in connection with Christmas tree work. In the country there were juvenile and girls' branches at Aylmer, Grenville, Onslow, Shawville, Waterloo, West Farnham and St. Lambert. This would show what was being effected in training the young in habits of self-denial and usefulness. Many of the older branches of the auxiliary had no juvenile members, and consequently the benefit which sprang from training the young in this class of work was lost. In conclusion, some of the methods by which the young might raise money for the auxiliary work were referred to.

The reports of the country branches were then read, and were of a very encouraging character—Aylmer, Cowansville, Clarenceville, Dunham, Grenville, Havelock, Huntingdon, Lachine, Onslow, Papineauville, Shawville, St. Andrew's, St. John's, St. Lambert, West Farnham and Waterloo.

Mrs. H. J. Evans contributed an excellent paper on the "Valuation of Bales," in which she spoke against the system of valuation, and contended that its being done away with would divest offerings of

vain-glory, would secure the most equitable apportionment of the offerings, and would prevent the possibility of invidious distinction between rich and poor branches.

An adjournment for luncheon then took place.

The Afternoon Session.—The first business at the afternoon session was the reading of the report of the Dorcas department, which stated that bales and boxes sent out during the year to the different missions, both outside and inside the diocese, were more numerous in quantity and more suitable in quality than those of any previous year. Each branch had sent its own bales direct to the spot chosen by its members, they defraying all expenses of freight, express, etc. Algoma and the Northwest had been well remembered during the year, and it was pleasing to record that the diocese of Newfoundland was not forgotten in the time of its great necessity and distress. The Montreal diocese had been well supplied by the city branches, juvenile working parties, and one or two individual members who worked for home missions only.

The detailed statement of the Dorcas department showed that most, if not all, of the Dorcas work going on through the diocesan branches was local, and the donors chiefly juvenile working parties.

The Leaflet Committee reported that the leaflet continued steadily on its work, maintaining the place which from the first it was designed to fill, viz., an unpretentious, but efficient missionary auxiliary organ. Since February, 1892, four new branches had subscribed—three in the city and one in the suburbs—and most of the city and many of the country branches had increased their number. In the previous year the total number of subscribers was barely 300, now it is over 400. In conclusion, it was urged that there should be more exertion to increase the circulation of the leaflet than in the past.

The report of the Library Committee was also read, and showed that there was ample room for donations of suitable books.

The reports having been adopted, on the motion of Miss Reynolds, the thanks of the auxiliary were tendered to Mrs. Ritchie of Toronto for her kindness in mailing the Montreal monthly packet of leaflets, and so saving the cost of postage to the auxiliary.

A letter from Niagara was read, followed by the reading of a paper on "How to form a country branch of the Woman's Auxiliary," by Mrs. Everett. She referred to some of the difficulties which beset such an object at the outset, especially in the farming and lumbering districts—scattered population, bad roads, busy seasons and want of money. She recommended that people be encouraged to take mission papers, books and magazines; and where the people were too poor to buy them they should be lent them. Where money could not be contributed to a branch the members might give wool, yarn, feathers, fruit, etc., to be disposed of for the benefit of missions. The children might also be taught to do something by growing garden produce on a small patch of land and giving the whole or a portion of the money realized by the sale of the same to the auxiliary. They could also gather wild grasses and pretty mosses, for which there was a demand in the city. If a taste for missionary literature were created love of the work would follow, and a branch of the auxiliary would be the natural outcome.

Mrs. Henderson read a communication describing the church and schools at Moose Fort, and which showed that books, etc., were greatly needed—Canadian school books, Bibles, simple story books in English, a large stove for the church and presents for the English and Indian children at Christmas.

After the transaction of some minor general business, a vote of thanks was tendered the Hospitality Committee, followed by an address to junior members of the auxiliary by Mrs. Archie Wilson, of the Indian Homes at Elkhorn. She spoke of the great difficulty, on account of superstition, etc., experienced in getting children into the home, and by means of anecdotes sought to arouse the youngsters' interest in the Indian work. She expressed a desire to see more Sunday schools supporting children in the home, the cost of such support being \$50 a year; and she mentioned that clothing of all descriptions was much needed for both the boys and girls.

The session was then closed by the Bishop pronouncing the benediction.

In the evening a reception was tendered to the delegates and friends, music and social chat making the time pass most pleasantly.

Missionary Meeting.—Synod Hall, Thursday.—In the evening a fairly well attended meeting was held, the Lord Bishop presiding; after devotional exercises the annual report of the recording secretary and treasurer were read by Rev. Mr. Tucker and Dr. Davidson respectively, who gave some timely words of counsel and encouragement, in moving the adoption of the reports. Mrs. Archie Wilson then addressed the meeting on behalf of our Indian schools, to collect for which object she has the authority of the Bishop of Rupert's Land and the approval of the

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