

appreciate the value of the work, and of the man now that his energies are free for concentration on his peculiar mission, as *via* *via* exponent of the claims of pure religion on the French people. His first quarter's salary has been forwarded through the exertion of Bishop Potter and others in New York. Bishop Coxe now appeals for \$1,000 for the Paris work in particular. The Apollos of the American Church appeals for help for the Apollos of the Gallican Church. No doubt, now that the spirit is moved and the movement begun under such excellent auspices, this noble work will not fall short of what "A.C.C." calls the good but ephemeral movement, called "the McAll Mission." New York Churchmen alone will probably furnish most of what is needed, but the Church throughout America ought to be eager to "take a hand" in the much needed and glorious enterprise of restoring to the Gallican Catholic Church its long lost "liberties" of thought, conscience, truth.

THE MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE.

We have received the annual report of this most valuable and interesting society, founded by the Countess of Meath. Its value consists in its instilling, in the most practical manner, the sublime spirit of Christian love into the hearts and minds of those of tender years, and it is a worthy means of carrying into effect the ancient precept, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." The children are thus banded together in the Lord's name, that He may be with them, and that they may learn to do His works of love and mercy while the bloom of innocence is theirs, that it may dwell with them forever; for it is only "he that doeth His will" that "knoweth of the doctrine, whether it be of God." This is true experimental religion, as distinguished from that nameless thing which prides itself in its sanctity and stands afar off. No more glorious and fruitful conceptions could animate and direct the human heart than that in which this society originated. The guidance of the innocent and the true development of their tender affections should not be less dear to the heart of the Church than the conversion of sinners. The neglect of the former for chief attention to the latter is probably based on the tacit assumption of the truth of that most fallacious and pernicious adage which says, "the greater the sinner, the greater the saint." May God avert it and lead our people to see more clearly the importance of their children keeping their innocency and early developing their spiritual powers through the active exercise of the warm susceptible sympathies of their childhood, by directing them toward all those objects which appeal to our enlightened humanity, and especially at first such as are likely, considering their years, to be the most attractive to them.

We will now proceed to summarise the constitution and the report, first of all premising that the League is under the patronage of the Right Revs. the Lord Bishops of Nova Scotia, Toronto, Montreal, Ontario, Algoma, Niagara, Saskatchewan and Calgary, and that the Central Secretaries for Canada are Mrs. Alan Macdougall, Rusholme Road, Toronto, and Mrs. S. G. Wood, Pembroke Street, Toronto.

The name of the society is "The Ministering Children's League, Church of England Branch in Canada." Objects: "To promote kindness, unselfishness and the habit of usefulness amongst children, and to create in their minds an earnest

desire to help the needy and suffering. To aid the necessities of the poor by supplying them with warm clothing, comforts, &c." Members—Ordinary Members, Associates, Honorary Associates, Patrons and Officers." Children of all ages and denominations are eligible for membership, and are invited to join. There are Diocesan Councils and Parochial Branches. Motto:—"No day without a deed to crown it." Rule:—"Every member of the League must try and do at least one kind deed every day." Prayer to be used daily: "Loving Father, make me like the Holy Child Jesus, a ministering child, loving, kind, and useful to others. Teach me to feel for the poor and suffering, and may I be ready to do what I can to help all who are in need, for Jesus' sake, Amen." Reports for 1890 received are as follows: Diocese of Toronto, 18 Branches; Ontario, 12; Niagara, 6; Huron, 3; Quebec, 3; Montreal, 3; Algoma, 1; New Brunswick, 1; Saskatchewan and Calgary, 1; making a total of 43 branches with a membership of over 2,000. We regret that we have not space to go into the exceedingly interesting details of these reports, but are obliged to content ourselves with speaking of them in general terms. We can only exclaim, with admiration, after perusing them, how wonderful is the amount of good work earnest children can accomplish! Among the things done, are providing cheering comforts for the sick, providing and maintaining hospital beds and cots, work for Indian Missions, Diocesan Mission Fund, Sunday School Libraries for poor outlying Missions and providing boxes of warm clothing to send for the destitute, and articles for Christmas trees; work for Indian girls and Zenana Missions in India; making garments for a Creche and providing toys for the children of the poor, &c.

Our readers can adequately appreciate this work only by procuring a report, which may be obtained from Mrs. Alan Macdougall, 98 Rusholme Road, Toronto. We earnestly recommend this noble work to the attention of our Church people, hoping it may be more earnestly taken up. It would augur well for the Christian humanity of the future, were Parochial Branches of the League in operation in every parish, while the present blessings derived would be abundant.

REVIEWS.

DECLARATIONS AND LETTERS ON THE VATICAN DECREES, 1869-1887. By Ignaz von Dollinger. Price 3/6. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark; Toronto: McAinsh, 1891.

Readers of the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN will remember the deep regret evoked throughout the world by the death of the great and learned Dr. Dollinger last year; and also the controversy which arose with reference to his final relation to the Vatican decree of Papal Infallibility. The documents contained in the volume before us throw a clear and powerful light upon these questions, and tell us that Dollinger never for a moment swerved from the position which he took up when the Council was first summoned to consider principally this subject. The dogma, as Dollinger declared, was a departure from the principle of Catholic theology. Out of several contradictions of the report that he had succumbed to the Papal threats, we quote one: "The statements in the paper you sent me are malicious lies as regards both Professor Friedrich and myself. This is now the fourteenth time that my submission has been announced by Ultramontane papers, and it will often occur again. Rest assured that I shall not dishonour my old age with a lie before God and man."

HOW TO READ ISAIAH. By Buchanan Blake, B.D. Price 2/6. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. Toronto: McAinsh, 1891.

This is a very useful little volume, giving the text of the book in chronological order, together with the other passages of the Old Testament which illustrate the period and its incidents. Not only will a good deal of time be thus saved to those who are not familiar with the Old Testament history, but considerable facilities are afforded for the true understanding of the text. Mr. Blake is quite right when he insists in our, first of all, trying to understand what Isaiah meant by his utterances, before we go on to understand their full meaning as prophecy.

Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

FREDERICTON.

The executive committee of the Diocesan Church Society held a business meeting in Fredericton on the 4th ult. The Fredericton Deanery Sunday School Teachers' Association met at the Church Hall, Fredericton, Thursday evening, the 19th inst. "Loyalty to the Church in Sunday School Teaching" called for an animated and profitable discussion. The Rural Dean read an excellent paper on the latter part of the first division of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, for which he received grateful acknowledgment on the part of the Association.

Confirmation.—His Lordship Bishop Kingdon held confirmation service at the parish church, Kingsclear, on Sunday, the 22nd of March. About twelve candidates were presented for the apostolic rite. We are informed that after Sunday next, the registers of the parishes of Kingsclear and Ludlow will show a total of 240 candidates confirmed within the period of six years past. This certainly, for two comparatively thinly populated districts, is a good showing, and clearly reflects the energy of the faithful priest-in-charge, Rural Dean Montgomery.

Lenten Services.—Reports from the different parishes of the deanery indicate that the usual amount of special Lenten work is being carried on. At the cathedral, the daily services are always more largely attended in Lent than during other times of the year. The Wednesday evening services, though, (sermons being preached on special Lenten subjects) are the most encouraging, the brethren of the laity manifesting an ever deepening interest therein.

St. Anne's Parish Church.—Lenten addresses have been given on the Friday evenings of the season by Bishop Kingdon, Revs. Montgomery and Parkinson, the sub-dean, and the rector, Rev. Canon Roberts.

St. Mary's Parish Church.—A deep interest has been exhibited by the laity in the masterly and impressive addresses of their rector on subjects suitable to the season.

In the parishes of Maugerville and Burton, the rector has been holding special services twice weekly. A course of sermons is being delivered on "Some of the cardinal doctrines of the Catholic Faith," and on "Self-discipline," &c.

The rector of Kingsclear has been delivering a special course of sermons on "the means of grace."

Personal.—Rev. John de Soyres, rector of St. John's church, St. John, has been suffering recently, we regret to learn, from an attack of influenza.

Rev. J. M. Davenport, priest-in-charge of the mission church of St. John the Baptist, St. John, has been in Boston of late, his services being taken by Rev. F. F. Sherman.

Rev. W. B. McKiel was duly inducted rector of the parish of St. Martin's on Sunday, March 1st.

BURTON.—**Obituary.**—The Church in this diocese has lost one of its oldest and most zealous members in the death of the Hon. Robert Duncan Wilmot, which took place at the family residence, Belmont, Sunbury county, on the 12th day of February. The deceased gentleman was born at Fredericton, N. B., in October, 1809. He was son of the late John M. Wilmot, Esq. (for many years a representative from St. John in the Provincial Assembly), and grandson of the late Captain Lemuel Wilmot of the Loyal Regiment, who settled in N. B., at the close of the American Revolution. Mr. Wilmot at an early age came into marked prominence in the political walks of life. He was for some time mayor of the city of