

asked His Lordship several questions as to the manner of living, climate, condition of the natives, &c. It would appear that there is a post office within 2000 miles of the Bishop's home. Much interest is felt in the work going on in this great northerly diocese of 600,000 square miles.

On Monday evening a Missionary meeting was held in the Cathedral. The Bishop of the Diocese presided and gave a brief address on the great work of the Church. The Dean gave a financial statement showing what the congregation had contributed towards Missionary objects during the year.

The Bishop of McKenzie River was then introduced and gave a most practical and deeply interesting description of the Churches' work during the 23 years he has been labouring in that most northerly district. God has most graciously blessed their feeble labours and they have been permitted to reap some precious spiritual harvests from their sowing. Bread seems to be almost unknown, as a barrel of flour costs some \$50.00. Fish, flesh and berries are the chief articles of food throughout that whole region. The frost is very severe, the mercury going down at times to 56° below zero, which makes it almost impossible to get water, unless by melting ice and snow. Nor is there a horse in his diocese. They travel either on snow shoes-shoes or dog-sleighs. And Missionaries are at times away from home from three to six months.

After the Bishop had finished his eminently interesting and instructive address, the Rev. Principal Millar of Huron College took up the work, as the Church's duty and privilege. He dealt out some severe blows at the skeptical Christians and the indifferent ones about obeying the Master's command—"Go ye, &c."

A collection in aid of the Mission fund was taken up and the Bishop pronounced the benediction.

Rev. Canon Davies of St. James' Church, has been suffering from an attack of la grippe for the past three weeks. He seems to be slowly improving.

THE OPENING of the new buildings of Huron College took place on Tuesday evening, January 26th. The college now presents an imposing appearance, which must be extremely gratifying to friends of the institution. A short service was engaged in, prayers being said by the Principal, and the lessons read by the Bishops of Huron and McKenzie River. The musical part was taken by St. Paul's choir. There was a good attendance of citizens, and earnest addresses were delivered by the Bishops, Principal and Rev. R. McCosh.

ADELAIDE.

Much sympathy is felt for the Rector, Rev. W. Daunt, in the removal by the hand of death last week, of Mrs. Daunt, after a short illness. The prayers of the Church have been offered to the Almighty Comforter that He may support the afflicted Rector in his advancing years and sustain him in this and every other trial.

PARIS.

The Rev. A. Brown has so far recovered from his late severe illness as to be able for duty again.

SARNIA.

At the last meeting of the present board of education a vote of thanks was tendered to the Rev. Mr. Davis for the valuable service he had rendered the board as chairman during the past two years; for his able, efficient and considerate manner of presiding and for the harmony, which, owing to his kindness and urbanity of manner, had always prevailed.

Mr. Davis returned his hearty thanks for their kind words, and stated that while he had accepted the position with many misgivings as to his ability to fill it satisfactorily, he had always tried to work for the best interests of the board, it had always been a pleasure for him to preside at

their meetings, and he had to thank them for the kindly feeling that had always prevailed and for the valuable assistance they had given him at all times.—*Sarnia Observer.*

HURON.

The W. A. M. A. had the pleasure of listening to an interesting address from the Bishop of Mackenzie River, at a Drawing Room Meeting held at Bishopstowe under the presidency of the Bishop of Huron. Much interest was manifested while the Bishop described the work of his enormous Diocese and pleaded for help to enable him to bring more men into the Mission Field.

MIDDLESEX DEANERY.

MEETING OF THE CHAPTER.—The regular January meeting of the Ruri-decanal Chapter of Middlesex was held Tuesday afternoon in Christ Church, London. The Holy Communion was administered at 2 p.m., by Revs. G. B. Sage and W. Lowe.

The business meeting was held at the rectory at 3 o'clock. The Rev. Canon Smith, Rural Dean, presided, and there were present also the Revs. W. M. Shore, of Ailsa Craig; E. Softly, city, S. R. Asbury, Delaware; S. G. Edelstein, Glanworth; H. R. Diehl, Hyde Park; W. R. Seaborne, Thorndale; A. G. Smith, Muncey; Mr. G. Freeman, Parkhill; W. Lowe, Wardsville; F. R. Ghent, Granton; G. W. Roney, Belmont; G. B. Sage and Canon Richardson, of this city; R. S. Howard, of Goderich; Messrs. J. Parker, Dorchester; V. Cline, Belmont, and others. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Canon Richardson. In the absence of the secretary, Canon Davis, the Rev. W. R. Seaborne was appointed secretary.

The usual order of business was then taken up, and matters referring to statistics, the boundaries of parishes and the erection of new missions occupied the attention for some time. The arrangement of missionary meetings, as mapped out by the Rural Dean, was then adopted.

An interesting discussion followed on the best means of advancing the interests of the church in the diocese.

Rev. A. G. Smith reported that the Indians at Oneida are engaged raising a fund for the erection of a new church. The Indians were endeavoring to raise the necessary amount among themselves by a yearly subscription, by the work of the guild and by giving of concerts. They have already about \$40 to start with, and hope in ten years to have the necessary amount. The choir was desirous to give concerts in aid of the church wherever they may be accepted.

Rev. W. Lowe reported that efforts were now being put forth for a new church at Glencoe. They have about \$3,100 subscribed and partly paid in. The church is expected to cost about \$4,000. He spoke of a good work going on at Newbury where the congregation had prospered abundantly of late.

Rev. H. R. Diehl reported the work of trying to erect a new church at Iderton was going vigorously forward; about \$1,500 was already raised by subscription and the guild, and the bricks are already on the ground.

The Rural Dean referred to the bereavement sustained by one of their number in the loss of his wife—the Rev. W. Daunt, of Adelaide. A resolution expressing the sincere sympathy of the Chapter with Mr. Daunt, and praying the divine comfort was carried by a standing vote.

The rest of the day was taken up by a most interesting and profitable discussion in regard to the spiritual interests of the church in the diocese, in which all the members took part.

The Rev. S. G. Edelstein was appointed to read a paper at the next meeting on the subject of the Jews.

It was resolved that the subject for discussion at next meeting be "The Best Means of Retaining the Young Members of the Church," that a question box be established, that Revs. Canon Richardson and S. R. Ashbury have charge

thereof; and that the invitation of the Rev. S. G. Edelstein to hold the next meeting at Glanworth in May be accepted.

One of the most interesting meetings ever held was brought to a close with the Benediction.

Correspondence.

TWO USEFUL VENTURES.

DEAR SIR.—I should be glad if you could find space in your valuable paper to call the attention of the missionary clergy to the recent publication of two wonderfully useful helps for the Sunday school and the evening service.

I rejoice to be in a position to recommend them as being both Canadian ventures and worthy in every way to invite the loyal patronage of the Church.

The first is a series of finely colored charts for the purpose of aiding the Sunday school teacher in the teaching of the church catechism. They are called The Caswall outward and visible sign charts and are published by the Caswall Printing and Publishing Co. of Brantford, Ont.

They are most engaging and attractive and of moderate price and well worth procuring.

Having a set in use in our Sunday school here, we are finding them most useful and I do not hesitate to affirm that the school that has not this grand adjunct to its usual apparatus is, as far as teaching the catechism is concerned, only half equipped.

Nothing that I have ever seen can at all take the place of it. It is its own recommendation, and I would like to see it adopted in every Sunday school in the land.

Added to the charts, six in number, is a very valuable handbook, explanatory of them, and containing besides a vast quantity of information, along with a dozen other plates, on the uses of symbology in general, gathered up out of the experience of years by one who thoroughly understands of what use it may be made in fastening great truths in little minds.

The second matter that I desire to recommend is the publication of the Evening Prayer printed in extenso for every Sunday with four or five hymns, of such as are common to the most widely received hymnals, and the headings of hymns for the following Sunday for the benefit of choir practice. This fifteen page leaflet is issued by Timms & Co. of Adelaide street, Toronto, and costs but half a cent per copy.

For mission and school house and even for church service they are most valuable. Hymn book and Prayer book in one, and all in order of our English use. Many attend our services out in mission districts that have no knowledge whatever of our Prayer Book, and who from a feeling of shyness or awkwardness make no effort to become acquainted with our churchways of worship. To such as these the leaflets are an inestimable boon, and specially when we remember that they can be taken away from the service and then form as excellent a tract for distribution as the church knows of.

These two ventures are a credit to the educational and missionary enterprise of the Canadian Church.

Only a liberal and immediate adoption of them will secure their continuance and I heartily commend both to the attention of my brother churchmen everywhere.

The children in our Sunday schools and our would-be fellow worshippers both in town and country parts are to-day our special care. If we are to hold our own from drifting away and to enlarge the borders of our beloved and most helpful church system, I do not see at present any more practical way than ordering at once the evening prayer leaflets and the catechism charts.

With an apology for taking up so much of your space,

I remain, Mr. Editor,
Yours in the Common Faith,
W. B. LONGHURST.

GRANBY, 25th January 1892.