

part, of Ottawa, Rev. Mr. Crawford, of Brockville and Rev. Buxton Smith, of Sherbrooke, for presentation to the bishop for appointment to the vacancy in the cathedral. Mr. Crawford's name seemed to be most favourably received.

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TORONTO.

G. M. Mosser, Secretary-Treasurer C. E. T. S., has received the following: Port Hope, St. John, \$10.52; Brampton, Christ Church, \$9; Toronto, Trinity College, \$5; All Saints, \$8.29; Waubesa, \$1; Apsley, St. George, \$0.68.

St. Philips.—On the first Sunday in Lent, being Temperance Sunday, Rev. J. F. Sweeny preached on the subject of Temperance—a most interesting and instructive sermon, from which we cull the following facts: Ale drinking was first prevalent in the reign of Henry II.; and there are now 1,500,000 persons employed in and dependant upon the liquor traffic in Great Britain. In the city of London alone there were, in the year 1882, 28,858 persons arrested for drunkenness. The annual number of deaths in Great Britain is 120,000, and out of these 40,500 are caused by intemperance; 20 per cent. of the lunatics in Great Britain have become so from the effects of intemperance. In our own province of Ontario there were last year 12,081 prisoners, and out of that number 9,001 could trace the cause of their degradation back to drink.

OBITUARY.—*Mrs. G. I. Denison.*—It is with most sincere regret that we record the death of Mrs. Denison, wife of Lieut.-Colonel Denison, Police Magistrate, Toronto. The deceased lady had not been in good health for some time, and finally succumbed to a malady which is peculiarly disastrous to constitutions disturbed by preceding sickness. The deceased was universally beloved by a very wide circle of relatives and friends. The bereaved has our sympathy along with that of the entire community whose very just and high respect Colonel Denison enjoys.

OBITUARY.—*Professor Buckland.*—The State has lost one who in his time has done it valuable service, and the Church a faithful son, by the death of Professor Buckland, Deputy Minister of Agriculture. It is a happy circumstance that his last act before death so suddenly seized him, was attendance upon divine service on Friday, 27th February, at St. Luke's Church. The agriculturalists of Canada owe the deceased a deep debt of gratitude for his long, invaluable and often gratuitous labours in seeking to develop better methods and in establishing the College devoted to the training of those entering on farming pursuits. The family have public sympathy. "Be ye also ready," as was our aged brother when called.

THE MARCH OF PROGRESS IN TORONTO.—A few days or nights ago, a pugilistic contest took place in one of the rinks in Toronto, between a being, passing as human, and a citizen of Toronto, who hitherto has been ranked also as a man. These animals fought for a length of time as two dogs might, wounding each other by brutal blows, blood flowed, and all the customary sights of a prize fight were witnessed by a large body of spectators. Amongst the crowd were a number of magistrates, two chiefs of police, who had as companions the pick of the jail bird roughs for miles round. The fight was called "scientific," a word which being used in this connection, explains why science is at such a low ebb in Toronto. In New York the public stopped such a similar scandal. The plea for these exhibitions is that it encourages men to use their fists and not their pistols in a fight with other men. But why use either? If men wish to keep the peace nothing is easier, and why we should pay for police and yet all need to be pugilists is a mystery! The presence of the Chief of Police for Toronto and Hamilton at what more criticised places regard as an unlawful gathering, was a lamentable exhibition in a christian city. If this open defiance of law and order, this degrading brutal sport is again attempted, we trust that the Mayor will do his duty as chief magistrate, and arrest the ring leaders, and the magistrates and police officers, who so far set decency and duty at defiance as to aid and abet an indecent exhibition.

TORONTO ST. BARNABAS PARISH.—The new Rector entered upon the public duties of St. Barnabas on the 8th March. The building occupied for some time by the Reformed Episcopal Church was secured for the temporary use of the parish. This will give accommodation to near upon 200 persons. The site is not all that could be wished, but it is a matter for great

thankfulness that it was available, and it is also a matter for additional thankfulness that the needs of the new parish were sympathetically recognised by the owner of the building, who met the proposal for its occupancy by the Rector in a friendly spirit. We expect to see St. Barnabas a very lively centre of Church work. There is not a shadow of doubt that every true Christian in its bounds will wish Mr. Clarke God speed for his Master's sake. The congregations on Sunday were large and the services hearty.

Ladies' Work Society.—This society held its annual meeting in Toronto on the 5th March. Prof. Goldwin Smith presided. The object of this organization has our most warm sympathy, it is intended to enable ladies of narrow circumstances to add to their income by doing work for which the Society provides a market. The work done is very varied, as the report says, "orders have ranged from darning gentlemen's socks to making the finest dresses for children," painting Christmas cards, making jellies, and all manner of canned articles, as well as the ordinary work of a household. Our only objection is against any attempt whatever, to make bachelors comfortable—misery is all they deserve. The manager said that "to many the sale of their work meant boots and shoes, or stockings for children, to some actually bread or relishes for sick children." The Bishop of Toronto, in moving the adoption of the Report, made one of his customary practical speeches of good sense and good feeling. His defence of artistic needlework ought to make all young ladies strong Episcopalians. There is a very large class, comprising single ladies with small incomes or none, who have been left in need by sudden bereavement, who cannot undertake hard domestic labour, but who, by exercising the accomplishments learnt in happier days, are enabled through this Society to dispose of their work, and so acquire necessities or comforts, and to many delicate ladies comforts are necessities. The Ladies' Work Society helps those who help themselves, that is a work which needs no apology, for in doing this they are the instruments of God's loving providence.

BOLTON.—*Farewell to the Rev. W. H. Clarke, M.A.*—Owing to the death of a parishioner, the meeting called to bid farewell to the Rev. W. H. Clarke as Rector of Bolton, was somewhat shadowed, as the deceased resided close to the town hall, where the gathering would have been held. In this emergency the Salvation Army, in the most generous spirit, tendered the use of their "Barracks," where the people of Bolton met and demonstrated their esteem and respect by making their departing Rector a generous present, and bidding him a most affectionate and grateful farewell, with warmest wishes for his happiness as Rector of St. Barnabas, Toronto. The meeting was attended by all classes, and was in fact a public token of the universal regard in which Mr. Clarke was held.

COLLINGWOOD.—*Missionary Meeting.*—A most interesting meeting was held on Tuesday, the 24th, at the residence of Mrs. George Moberly. After the meeting had been opened by a hymn and prayer, followed by a short address from the Rev. L. H. Kirkby, a society was organized in aid of the "Zenana Mission." The meeting was well attended by the ladies of All Saints' congregation, and thirty-two members have joined. A large subscription was taken up towards purchasing materials necessary to carry out this grand work. The next meeting will be held (D.V.) on the 10th of March at the Rectory.

CREDIT.—Interesting missionary meetings were held in the three churches of this parish on the evenings of the 23rd, 24th and 25th ult. At St. John's Church, Dixie, and Trinity Church, Port Credit, addresses were delivered by the Revs. W. E. Green, W. W. Bates and Canon Tremayne. The most largely attended meeting was at St. Peter's Church, Credit, where much interest in the mission cause was aroused by the addresses of the Revs. J. W. Paterson and W. W. Bates. The offerings at the three churches amounted to \$33.80. Total contributions to the mission fund last year \$224.

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NIAGARA.

The Hamilton *Spectator* took a census of the church attendance in Hamilton last Sunday, and found 7,026 Methodists, 5,226 Roman Catholics, 3,976 Presbyterians, 3,090 Anglicans, 841 Baptists, 2,462 Salvationists, 886 Congregationalists, 308 True Believers, 222 Reformed Episcopalians, 182 German Lutherans, 136 Plymouth Brethren, 118 Hebrews, 45 Disciples of Christ. The *Spectator* points out that of the 2,462 attending the Salvation Army meetings, many be-

longed to other churches, and merely attended through curiosity. If the above census was taken in the same fashion as that in Toronto, a few years ago, it is worthless as far as the Anglican Church is concerned.

GUELPH.—"For so He giveth His beloved sleep." During the last week in February two devout members of St. George's congregation entered into life eternal. Both were taken with sickness unto death the same day; both were prayed for in the church on the First Sunday in Lent; both received for the last time the consolations of the Church in the Blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the last earthly symbols of the new wine, the great master had summoned them to partake of at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb; and both fell asleep within a few hours of each other, and were interred on the same Thursday afternoon. One, however, had passed the three score and ten, while the other was on the very threshold of life and usefulness. Mrs. Mellish came with her parents to this neighbourhood in 1832, and in 1846 was married to Mr. Thomas Mellish, who died several years since. She was always a consistent member of the English Church, never missing a service when her health permitted her presence. She leaves a sister and nephew, Mr. George Garnham, who from his boyhood has been associated with St. George's choir. The other, Miss Nellie Foster, was in her 23rd year, and from her prominence in musical circles, being endowed with a very sweet and highly cultured voice, along with being an organist of rare ability, was well known throughout a large portion of Western Canada. Gifted with an attractive suavity and kindness of disposition, and always ready and willing to devote the talents given her by the Almighty to His glory, she won the loving respect and esteem of all, and her sudden death has excited a sympathetic sorrow we have never witnessed before for one so young. This was evinced by the continuous stream of anxious enquirers who called when it became known that her illness was assuming a fatal character. About on Saturday forenoon, as lively and cheerful as usual, before night the medical men considered her case hopeless. Early on Monday morning she received the Holy Communion in company with her mother, sisters and brother, and a few friends who sought to be admitted to the privilege, the Rector and Curate being the celebrants. In the evening the sweet clear voice that afforded delight to her hearers so frequently, she sang a favorite hymn, "A few more years shall Roll," then "Jesu, Lover of My Soul," and after a short interval "Rock of Ages," thrilled all around her, but it was not completed, for in the midst her voice died faintly away, and her pure spirit passed to Him who gave it.

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

Long before the funeral arrived the Church was crowded, with an immense concourse of mourners filling the seats and standing in the aisles. As a mark of respect for the dead, Prof. Fisher, of Toronto, played two or three voluntaries in exquisite style. Mrs. Harvey then took the organ, and as the sad procession advanced up the aisle, preceded by the Clergy reading the sentences, she played a low dirge of great beauty. The coffin was completely covered with exquisite floral emblems composed of roses, violets, calla lilies, and rare exotics, which had been sent both from the city and distant towns as tributes of sympathy. When the coffin was placed at the foot of the chancel "A few More Years Shall Roll" was sung by the choir, and after Mr. Irving read the 39th psalm, "Jesu, Lover of My Soul" was sung. These hymns were chosen by her own request, and the choir could with difficulty control their voices as they thought of her who nevermore, was to take her seat among them. The Archdeacon then read the lesson, and the funeral proceeded to the cemetery, where the remainder of the service was said.

It is a wonderful illustration of the attractiveness of a pure and blameless Christian life, abounding in kindly acts, that on a week day between 1,400 and 1,500 people of all classes and religious denominations, should have attended her funeral, crowding not only the church, but the porches and sidewalks approaching it.

Two hours later the funeral of Mrs. Mellish took place and was largely attended. The choir remained and funeral hymns were sung. There were also some beautiful floral emblems placed on her coffin.

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HURON.

The Lord Bishop of Huron visited, on the 19th inst., St. Mary's Church, Warnock village, and confirmed 87 candidates. In Grace Church, Fourth Line, East Warnock, on the evening of the same day, twelve candidates. On Sunday evening, the 22nd inst., in Trinity Church, Watford, 33 candidates; four other