

Mr. Hamilton acted as chairman and filled the chair very well. One of the pleasantest features of the evening was the reading of an address to Mr. Lewis by the Rector, the Rev. Elwin Radcliffe, and the presentation of a purse by Miss Elwin Radcliffe, also the presentation of a purse by Miss Rachel Morrison. In the address recognition was made of Mr. Lewis' acts of self-sacrificing love and devotion to his work as licensed catechist for Mount Forest, North Arthur and Farewell, as evidenced by the whole hearted manner in which he had trained the choir, and in forwarding the best interests of our dear old Church in the various and numerous departments of usefulness, which call forth the loyalty and devotion of her children. The many pleasant evenings had in the hall, due to his perseverance and skill were acknowledged, and the hope was expressed that a long and useful career in the ministry might be his portion in life. The address was signed on behalf of the congregation by Rev. C. E. S. Radcliffe, Rector; George Allan, Churchwarden; Jones Morrison, Sidesman.

The concert was a great success and all went away thoroughly pleased with the evening. The clergyman and churchwarden tender their thanks to Mr. Lewis and all who were instrumental in getting up the tea and concert.

Proceeds \$54.

#### DIOCESE OF HURON.

WOODHOUSE.—The wife of the Rector attended, with her husband, a family gathering in Mitchell, on New Year's Day. She shortly afterwards caught cold and this proved fatal. She lingered on for some days, ministered to by the Rev. Mr. Taylor, and surrounded by her sons and other friends. On the 16th inst., she passed away, sensible to the last. A short service was held in the house on the morning of the 18th, and then the remains were taken to London. The funeral service was conducted in St. James Church at noon, His Lordship Bishop Baldwin, Dean Innes, Revs. R. Hicks and W. J. Taylor, of Mitchell, officiating, and the choir assisting in singing the funeral hymn. Rev. Canons Smith and Richardson and Rev. G. B. Sage were also present. The pall-bearers were the six sons of the deceased, Rev. Canon Davis, of London South; Rev. T. R. Davis, of Sarnia; Messrs. W. R. and J. E. Davis, of Mitchell; Henry Davis, of Toronto, and George Davis, of Wingham. The burial service at Woodland Cemetery was conducted by Bishop Baldwin.

#### DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

NIPIGON.—The Rev. R. Renison acknowledges with thanks the following contribution to the rebuilding fund: from Mrs. Overend, Retford, Nottinghamshire, England, per Mrs. Shore, Ailsa Craig, Ont., \$24.

BURK'S FALLS.—The Rev. G. A. Vesey wishes to express his hearty thanks for the valuable box of Xmas tree presents and clothing sent him by the Superintendent and children of the Sunday-school at Peterboro.

Mrs. Vesey wishes also to express her thanks for the kind present of a cake sent her in the same box.

#### PROVINCE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

Including the Dioceses of Rupert's Land, Saskatchewan, Moosonee, Athabasca, Qu'Appelle, Mackenzie River and Calgary.

#### DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

WINNIPEG.—The S. P. C. K. has given a block grant of £1,000 to be at the disposal of the Executive Committee for building churches in the diocese.

Rev. H. A. Tudor, Rector of All Saints is still in England on behalf of his church.

Christ Church.—It is hoped to build a brick church in the spring to cost exclusive of furniture about \$7,000. The Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, secured three thousand dollars in England towards this last summer. He also brought out four thousand dollars worth of gifts for the church. Among these was an illuminated zinc panel for the centre panel of the reredos—the figure of the "Good Shepherd." This was painted by Miss Edith Morris, of Plymouth, who is also painting the two side panels. These will be representations of abiding angels. The reredos was given last year by two members of the congregation.

Holy Trinity.—The schoolhouse has been enlarged at a cost of \$1,300. There is some talk of building a Rectory on the church grounds.

PERSONAL.—Archdeacon Phair, the Archdeacon in charge of the C. M. S. Missions in the Diocese has returned from England, and is in Winnipeg at present.

STONEWALL.—The Rev. J. H. J. Wood, B.A., has arrived from England and taken charge of Stonewall district. The Ladies' Aid Society have purchased a parsonage.

SPRINGFIELD.—The Rev. G. H. Hooper has started a fund for a parsonage, and has about one hundred dollars on hand; \$700 is required.

MINNEBOEA.—Rev. W. Gill has been appointed to this Mission.

SELKIRK.—Rev. George Harvey, formerly of Guelph, is working acceptably in this Mission. Several men are wanted in the Diocese for new and old parishes. The extension of the Canadian Pacific and Northern Pacific branches is continually opening up new centres.

The Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land meets in Winnipeg in August. The Provinces now comprises seven organized dioceses, and this development has taken place in 16 years. The missionary labors of our clergy in Canada seem small when contrasted with the experience of the Bishops and clergy in the three northern Dioceses of Mackenzie River, Athabasca and Moosonee. Bishop Bompas is expected to be at the Synod in August. He has not been within the confines of civilization since his consecration in 1874. It was an oversight that the Provincial Synod of Canada did not appoint a delegation to their Sister Province. We are small in the number of our clergy, but we shall shortly outnumber the Dioceses in the Eastern Province, and it would do a delegation good to meet the Missionary Bishops and clergy from the far north, as well as to note the development in Manitoba and the Northwest. It was moreover a mistake that the Committee on Union of the Church in Canada was appointed to confer with individual dioceses, thus ignoring Provincial Synod, which alone has the right to legislate on this matter. Further the name of the Provincial Synod of Canada should be changed to something which more clearly expresses its jurisdiction over only a portion of the Dominion. The Provincial system is too firmly established to think of change, which would be unwise and impracticable. A federation of existing Provinces, with in time a subdivision, so as to increase the number, is the solution of the union question. The Church would then be united from Halifax to Vancouver having its Metropolitan, and over all a Primate of Canada, presiding over a Dominion Synod.

#### DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee a draft of Trust for the Endowment Fund was presented, and ordered to be sent to the authorities who now hold the funds in Europe.

A seal for the Synod was ordered.

The sum required this year for the Diocese is \$8,700. Estimated receipts: S. P. G. £800; private fund raised in England £500; part of Bishop's stipend £300; equal to £7,780; from Eastern Canada may be expected \$500; leaving a deficit of \$520. The general receipts in the Diocese from offertories for the Central Fund are reckoned as about covering sundry expenses, printing, keep of mission houses, &c. There are now sixteen priests and three deacons in the Diocese.

QU'APPELLE.—The Bishop has been lecturing on the Early History of the English Church, illustrated by a magic lantern lately given by the S. P. C. K. The S. P. C. K. has given a block grant of \$500 for building churches in the Diocese.

MAPLE CREEK.—Fifty dollars have been raised towards paying off the Diocesan debt of one hundred dollars owing on the church.

REGINA.—Two hundred dollars have been paid towards extinguishing the church debt. There are still \$350 due.

The Rector has received \$20 as a thank offering from one of the parishioners on recovering from illness, which has been expended on articles for the church.

Rev. W. Nicolls, B.A., of Whitcomb, has been appointed Principal of the Boys School, Qu'Appelle.

The Rev. A. Krauss has taken charge of Whitewood.

On Sunday, Dec. 22nd, Revs. G. N. Dobie, of Grenfell, and T. G. Beal, of Moosomin, were advanced to the priesthood.

#### DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

KEMPTVILLE.—The Christmas service in St. James Church, Kemptville, were bright and hearty, notwithstanding the prevailing power of "La Grippe." The Rector was agreeably surprised with the progressive efforts made by the small congregation of St. Paul's Marlborough. They had not only decorated the church with considerable taste, but had covered the entire chancel and sanctuary with a nice new carpet, and at the offertory presented by their church wardens a handsome fur coat with the following short and pointed address—

"St. PAUL'S CHURCH, Marlborough.  
Rev. C. P. Emory,

Now we take this opportunity of presenting to you a fur coat as a token of respect to you, and we pray that that the Great Head of the Church may spare your life to enjoy the comforts of this fur coat for many years to come."

Signed on behalf of the congregation of St. Paul's Church by Henry James and William Hinton.

On his returning to the vestry another and yet greater surprise awaited the Rector; two little girls followed him and presented him with a purse of ten dollars from the Sunday School as a token of gratitude for the benefits received from being catechized after the second lesson at the fortnightly service. The names of the little girls who presented the purse are, Agnes Hinton and Mary McFerran. The Rector expressed his thankfulness for the intelligent and loving appreciation of both old and young of the Church doctrine Bible Truth he had strived to set forth before them.

The mortgage on the Memorial Church, Kemptville fell due on the first day of the New Year. Eighteen hundred dollars had been raised towards it during the past four years, and so the mortgage has been reduced to twelve hundred dollars. The amount was raised in several days, by casual offerings by the Sunday School children; by the children's League, which, by the way gave forty dollars, half of which sum was raised by a most attractive entertainment, got up by Miss Keating, the president, and Miss Susie Kerr, vice-president