

scheme in a practical manner by pledging themselves to endeavour to raise sums varying in amount from \$1.00 to \$100.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

WARDSVILLE.—For the second time within two years the Bishop has just held a Confirmation in this parish. Twenty-four persons were confirmed, several of them entering the Church from other religious bodies; among those brought up in the Church, and now confirmed, was a daughter of the Rector. The congregations, which were very large; listened to Bishop Baldwin's earnest and touching address with the deepest attention. Through the labours in the Church, and from house to house, of the Rev. W. J. Taylor, seconded by the work of a united people, who show their love to their clergymen in a most marked manner, this parish has been built up into a very flourishing one; and not a little of its success is owing to the loving sympathy and work of the clergyman's wife, who, in the Sunday-school especially is never weary in well doing. Three week-day services are held throughout Lent.

MORPETH.—The Annual Missionary Meeting was held here recently, the Incumbent the Rev. Freeman Harding, presiding. The deputation was the Rev. W. J. Taylor, of Wardsville, who gave an address crowded with fact, and lit up by illustrations.

HOWARD.—A Missionary address was given in Trinity Church, on Wednesday last, by Rev. W. J. Taylor. There was a good attendance.

RIDGETOWN.—In this pretty little Church, in this handsome town, a Missionary meeting was held last Thursday. The Rev. Auguste F. Burt conducted a short Special service, and gave a brief interesting address, after which he introduced the Rev. W. J. Taylor, of Wardsville, who, for an hour, was listened to with undivided attention as he gave incidents of Christ's work in India, China, Japan and Africa. A liberal response was made to these appeals, and the most interesting Missionary meeting yet held here was brought to a close by singing a Missionary hymn.

POINT EDWARD AND PERCHE.—Lenten services are continued weekly in both these Missions with encouraging results. The Annual Missionary sermon was preached in both Churches on Sunday, February 26th, by Rev. Arthur Murphy, Incumbent of Forest, before large audiences, and the collections for Diocesan Missions were liberal.

EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS.—If the Lord will, the following order will be observed by the Bishop in his visitation of the Diocese for Confirmations for 1888:

Clergymen in each Parish or Mission are requested to have all the candidates from their several stations prepared and ready to be presented at the service, as arranged in the following lists.

It is the Bishop's wish that a list of all the candidates, with christian names in full and plainly written, be handed to him on his arrival, which lists, if necessary, will be subject to correction after the service.

The Bishop places the responsibility of punctual attendance at each service on the clergyman in charge, and particularly requests that nothing be allowed to interfere and prevent the Bishop from being present and ready for service, as named in printed lists. For February the appointments are:

Sunday, March 18, Christ Church, Meaford, and St. Thomas', St. Vincent, Rev. A. C. Chaner, M.A.; Monday, March 19, St. Matthew's, Sydenham, St. Philip's, Walters Falls: Tuesday, March 20, St. James', Euphrasia, St. Augustine, Heathcote, Rev. J. A. Ball; Wed-

nesday, March 21, St. George's, Clarksburg, Rev. G. Keys.

Sunday, March 4, Christ Church, Glanworth, Trinity Church, Lambeth: Tuesday, March 13, St. Anne's, Byron, Rev. C. W. Ball; Sunday, March 19th, St. John's, Glencoe, Christ Church, Newbury, St. James', Wardsville, Rev. W. J. Taylor; Sunday, March 11, St. Matthew's, London E., Emmanuel, London Tp., Rev. W. M. Seaborn; Sunday, March 25, St. George's, London Tp., Trinity, London Tp., Rev. N. Wilson.

Sunday, April 18th, Brantford, St. Jude's, Rev. J. L. Strong, and 7 p.m., Grace Church, Rev. G. G. McKenzie; Sunday, May 6th, London Tp., St. John's, Ven. J. W. Marsh; Sunday, May 13th, Kincardine, Church of Messiah, and St. Luke's, Pine River, 3 p.m., Rev. W. J. T. Hill, B. A.; Monday, May 14th, Beaver, St. John's, and Church of Ascension, Kinlough, Rev. F. G. Newton; Tuesday, May 15th, Walkerton, St. Thomas, Rev. W. Shortt; Tuesday, May 15th, Pinkerton; St. Paul's, Rev. A. Fisher.

DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE.

Lenten Pastoral of the Bishop of the Diocese (The Right Rev. Dr. Anson) Continued:

The Church will never prosper as she ought till it is self-supporting. I am fully convinced that it is far better spiritually for the Church to be *poor*, if self-supporting, than *rich* from without.

Let us see then, if, from self-denials to which Lent calls, we cannot begin, at least, to make our Church richer.

But all self examination, and all self-denials, will be useless unless they are accompanied with more earnest, more constant, more faithful prayer—a closer walk with God.

We must go apart, and be still, and commune with God, if we would hear His Voice above the voices and the clamour of the world, Oh! that the spirit of prayer might at this Holy Season be abundantly poured out upon all souls. What a richness of blessings might not descend on the Church if only our people learnt this Lent to pray better!

And while I am speaking of the duty of Prayer, let me ask for your special and earnest prayer on behalf of the meeting of the Bishops of the various Branches of the Church in communion with the Church of England that is to be held at Lambeth in July of this year. Questions of the greatest importance, not only to our Church, but to all Christian people, are to be there discussed, and all God's people should earnestly pray that the Holy Spirit may in all things guide the deliberations of the Bishops who shall be there assembled.

Finally, brethren, in whatever you determine to do this Lent for the discipline of your souls, be *real*, be *sincere* and, *remember the end*.

Realise the awful evil of sin. Realise the greatness of the conflict against sin to which the Captain of your salvation calls you; against the sin that is still in yourself; the sin that is desolating and destroying souls around you. The devil—your adversary—cannot be subdued except with the most earnest, persevering efforts. You have, perhaps, not yet "*resisted unto blood*," striving against sin.

But the victory is yours if you will but grasp the sword with earnest faith. Our Saviour has conquered *for* us, and He will conquer *in* us. He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin, that He might assure us of the victory, if we will but persevere, looking unto Him.

What is the end of Lent? The Resurrection: the New Life of Righteousness lived in and through Him who died for us.

May you all, dearly beloved in the Lord, having crucified your sins with Jesus, and laid them in His grave, experience also the "power of His resurrection" to enable you to live that new life which they only can live who are "one with Him."

May Easter be, indeed a Day of great rejoicing to each one of you, as, having learned something of the fellowship of His sufferings, and knowing in yourselves what "Christ our Passover" wrought for you by His Sacrifice, you "*keep the Feast*."

May the Lord bless all your acts of penitence with the eternal fruits of righteousness.

DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER.

VANCOUVER.—I had the pleasure of consecrating the new Church of St. James', on New Years Day. The Church is, undoubtedly, one of the handsomest in the Province, and, better than that, it is already so overcrowded that a second has been decided upon. This, of course, necessitates a second clergyman, but the congregation are sanguine of being able to provide the greater part of the stipend as they have provided the whole of Mr. Clinton's, in addition to the burden of building their new Church. Here, as at Donald, we are indebted to the Railway Co. for the Church Site.

CHILLIWAHEK.—I am most thankful to have been able to resume work in the Parish of St. Thomas', Chilliwahack.

The Rev. W. B. Allen arrived in the Diocese in November last, and has been heartily welcomed by the people.

CARIBOO.—I have also been able to find a clergyman for the Cariboo district, and although services have been regularly maintained there during the vacancy, by our most efficient lay reader, Mr. Stone, very much to the satisfaction of the people of Barkerville, it must be a greater satisfaction to them still, to enjoy again the opportunities of Holy Communion of which they have been so long deprived.

FRASER RIVER.—The gradual settlement of the lands along the Fraser River has made necessary a re-arrangement of our present plans. Alder Grove on the South side of the river, and the Mission and Barton Prairie on the North, all require services, as well as Harrison Hot Springs during the season. I propose, therefore, constituting a Fraser River Missionary District including all these and attaching them to the Parish of St. John the Divine, Maple Ridge, and placing the District in charge of the Rev. G. Ditcham.

SAPPERTON.—This arrangement will set the Rev. C. Croucher free from duty at Maple Ridge, and I propose, in place of this work, to place him at Sapperton in the capacity of my Private Chaplain, and Registrar of the Diocese, giving him the care of all Diocesan Deeds and Documents. He will, further, be occupied with the duty at the Penitentiary, and the management of the *Churchman's Gazette*.

TRENANT.—This arrangement will not interfere with the services he at present holds at Trenant, but, on the contrary, will, excepting when I am absent from home, enable him to visit Trenant more frequently than heretofore.

SCHOOLS.—I am grieved to have to chronicle the failure of another attempt to establish a Church School in the Diocese. The re-opening of Lorne College shortly before my departure for England was, I had hoped, the commencement of a period of long deferred success. Our means were still very limited, and our school premises most deficient, but I was yet hopeful that our difficulties were being overcome gradually and that as population increased our school would become prosperous.

The resignation of Mr. Clinton, however, while I was in England, was an unexpected as well as overwhelming disappointment. Away from home, and not able to return before the date at which school should recommence, I felt that I had no option but to surrender to circumstances and abandon the school. And I have seen no reason since my return home to be dissatisfied with this course. I am convinced that, at present, our people are not in a posi-