

Carlton, the missionaries of the Church of England had not been able to go farther to reach these Indians. The only Protestant missions there—and they were carried on vigorously and successfully—were those of the Wesleyan Methodists. That was a bad position for the Church of England to be in, as the Indians were anxious for opportunities to hear its ministers. The mounted Police Force had done its duty properly, and life and property were as safe there as here, and it was the intention of the Government to collect the Indians together to place them on reserves and make a treaty with them. With such an opportunity he thought the Church should endeavor to reach them. He had travelled among the Indians to a great extent, from the boundary line of his diocese to a point 30 miles north of the Saskatchewan and 750 miles north of Fort Garry, and he had spent among the Indians some of his best missionary experiences. It was his intention as soon as possible to establish a theological college for the training of native clergymen, for he believed a religion would never take deep root among the people while it was taught by foreign teachers. So far he had been successful, and had trained his natives to be readers, and he hoped in a short time that he would ordain some deacons. In conclusion he urged upon his hearers the requirements of his Diocese.

Rev. Rural Dean Givens assured his Lordship that the clergy of this Diocese felt fully the demands of the Canadian missions among the Indians upon them, and they were prepared to assist the Diocese of Saskatchewan by means of the Society for Promoting Canadian Missions.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto then closed the Synod. In doing so he congratulated the members on arriving at the conclusion of their labours, to which they had applied themselves heartily and sincerely. At the opening of the Synod he expressed his hope that the session would be both pleasant and profitable. Although his expectations on that point might not have been fully realised, he felt that whatever differences of opinion there were, were not intended to prevent the harmony and union in the great work of promoting the interest of the Church. He trusted that they would be approaching closer and closer to the sentiment prevailing in primitive times of being of one heart and one soul.

The benediction was then pronounced and the Synod adjourned.

HURON.

[FROM OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.]

ACCOMPLISHED WORK AND URGENT NEED OF THE CHURCH.—The Bishop of Huron, in his late annual address, refers to the progress of the Church in Canada. It has been such as to give good ground for hope of a greater progress in the future, if the same spirit of faithful energy continue to manifest itself in her counsels and labours. Within the memory of many there were, within what is now known as the Dominion of Canada, only four bishops with a few clergymen, and now there are fifteen bishops and nearly 800 clergymen—a great increase, doubtless, but far short of what is required for the field of labour. In Huron itself, of 144 townships, there are no fewer than twenty-nine without church or church-station, and besides, five townships, having nearly 3000 church members, which are now vacant.

The census returns for 1871 showed a total church population of 102,689, exclusive of the city of London. Since that time the population has greatly increased.

Some of the towns exhibit a growth of from forty to seventy-eight per cent.; and we may safely estimate that there has been a proportionate increase in the membership of the Church. There are now residing within the Diocese not less than 60,000 souls belonging to the Church of England to whom her ministrations are not extended.

It is very gratifying to see the progress of the Church in the Diocese since it was set apart. There is, more especially, brought before us the work of the last half decade. In 1871, when Dr. Hellmuth was appointed Bishop of Huron, there were seventy-nine parishes and missions supplied, and nine vacant; now there are ninety supplied and twelve vacant; an increase of fourteen parishes and missions in five years. While congratulating ourselves on this progress we cannot but admit that there is need of much greater progress in the future. At the same rate it would take eight years to establish one mission parish in each of the vacant townships. The increase in the number of clergy has been in like proportion to the number of parishes; in 1871 there were on active service eighty-four, now there are ninety-nine; in 1871 there were nine not on active service, in 1876 the number is eleven.

The last year shows an increase of nearly \$2,200 over 1871 of contributions from the parishes of the Diocese for missionary and other church purposes, exclusive of contributions toward local parochial objects, for which also there has been considerable increase.

APPOINTMENTS.—Rev. A. Sweatman, Principal of the Hellmuth Boy's College, has been appointed by his Lordship, the Bishop, to be assistant minister to Rev. Canon Bettridge, Rector of Woodstock, in place of Rev. Mr. DeBrisay, who goes to Chicago, as assistant to Rev. E. Sullivan, of Trinity College, in that city. Mr. Sweatman is to be an Archdeacon. Rev. J. Darnell, Principal of the Hellmuth Ladies' College, has been appointed Principal of the Boys' College, retaining his position in the Ladies' College. Rev. Geo. Racey, of the mission of Artemisia, County of Grey, has been appointed assistant minister of Stratford, Rev. E. Patterson, Rural Dean, Rector.

THE Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Huron, has left for England, accompanied by Mrs. Hellmuth and his son.

REV. JOHN GEMLEY, assistant minister of St. Paul's, London, leaves for England for two or three months, with Mrs. Gemley, whom he accompanies, hoping that the medical skill of the physicians there may restore her to health. His friends of St. Paul's have presented him with a purse to assist in defraying his expenses.

THE Rev. A. Zimmerman, LL.B., Incumbent of Port Stanley, wishes us to correct an error in our account of the Ordination at Port Dover, given in our issue of the 15th ult. He states that he is a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, was ordained Deacon by the late Bishop Whitehouse, and has never been a Lutheran Minister.

TWO ICELANDERS have made a decent into the Icelandic Ayska. At 8,000 feet below the upper margin, the explorers found themselves on the brink of a lake of hot water, apparently of great depth. North of the principal crater, there was found an opening about 600 feet wide, from which, dense masses of sulphurous smoke issued, accompanied by loud subterranean sounds.

BISHOP STRACHAN SCHOOL, WYKE. HAM HALL, TORONTO.

CLOSING DAY.

The beautiful building and grounds of this school were the scene of a brilliant gathering on Tuesday, when the annual concert and distribution of prizes took place. This school is now well established in the public favor, and has contributed an important quota to the education of the country. While the Bible and the Prayer-book are the foundation stones of the solid instruction here imparted, careful training in the important secular studies that cultivate the intellect, refine the taste, and adorn our social life is not neglected. The musical performances of the pupils testified to the thorough teaching received from Mr. Carter, Mrs. Reid, Miss Williams, and the governesses, while the display of drawings was creditable to the skill of the pupils of Mr. Hoch. Monsieur Penet and Mademoiselle Colendox continue in charge of the department of modern languages, and their talent in kindling the industry of the pupils and in imparting a true *verve* in their classes has borne its true fruits. The English studies under Miss Lay, a well trained teacher, Miss Nation and Miss Stow, have progressed satisfactorily.

The handsome prizes awarded by the Council were presented by the Rev. A. Williams, in the absence of the Bishop. As on former occasions, there was a silver medal presented by Mr. ex-Mayor Manning, being the second general proficiency prize, and a gold medal by Dr. Hodder, being the highest general proficiency prize. His Excellency, the Governor-General, gave a silver and a bronze medal, awarded after a searching examination of nine hours.

Mrs. Nixon, the Lady Principal, who has conducted the school with efficiency during the year, now resigns, but arrangements are already made for carrying on the establishment with unabated vigor and efficiency. A more particular announcement will be made next week. In the meantime, it may be stated that the part of Lady Principal is conferred upon Miss Rose J. E. Grier, whose known ability, energy and devotion eminently fit her for the care, and the nurture in Christian and intellectual study of the young ladies who will be committed to her charge. Miss Grier will be assisted by a very competent staff of masters and governesses, and we venture to predict a successful career for the school under her management.

The number of pupils is now about 100. The following is a list of the prize winners:—

Elementary Class.—General proficiency, Miss Annie Anderson; honourable mention, Miss Emily Williams; Church catechism, Misses Annie Anderson, Nora Langtry and Helen Kay.

Junior Class.—General proficiency, Miss Julia VanKirk, Church catechism, Miss Ethel Langtry.

Intermediate Class.—General proficiency, Miss Katie Brown; 2, Miss Katie Matthews; honourable mention, Miss Laura Williams; Church catechism, Misses May Langtry and Jessie Cassels.

Junior Senior Class.—General proficiency, Miss Mary Nightingale; 2, Miss Helen Frazer; 3, Miss Sophia Burke; Church history, Miss Sophia Burke; Church catechism, 1, Miss Helen Frazer; 2, Miss Katie Agar.

Senior Class.—General proficiency (gold medal by Dr. Hodder), Miss Louisa Lewis; 2, Miss Louisa Powell; 3, Miss Florence Nightingale; English literature (silver medal), Miss Louisa Powell; 2nd do, (bronze medal), Miss Louisa Lewis, (medals given by Lord

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