

ful address. It was a satisfaction and an encouragement to know that his feeble efforts were appreciated, and prayed that God might continue to bless their mutual labours and continue the feelings of kindness and harmony which now existed. Another portion of the parish, not to be outdone by the rest, went to the rectory on New Year's and filled every available space with oats. Dressed turkeys, geese and ducks were also brought for Christmas and New Year's dinners.

IAQUOIS.—On the Feast of the Holy Innocents there entered into rest a most devoted and faithful member of St. John's Church here in the person of Mr. Jacob H. Ross, after a comparatively short illness. During a long life of consistent churchmanship, deceased had ably filled the offices of churchwarden, Sunday school superintendent, and lay reader, and set a most perfect example of regular attendance at Divine worship. It was with hearts pulsating with sorrow and sympathy, that a crowded congregation gathered together to witness the funeral rites on the last day of the old year. The Sunday school children showed their affection by placing upon the coffin a cross of beautiful hot-house flowers; and affixed to the pew where deceased used to sit so regularly was a monogram bearing his initials. The Rev. Rural Dean Houston came up from Cornwall to assist at the obsequies, and the rector gave a short address, pointing out the sadness of seeing the old landmarks removed which were associated with so much of the past and with events which had encircled our own lives. Many emotions would be evoked as some before him recalled the many ways in which deceased had identified himself with the history and progress of St. John's Church, and by the force of his personality and activity helped to make the parish what it was. No sermon could be preached with greater moral force than the living sermon, which, by example, he over whom we mourned delivered to the congregation by his fidelity to God. In cold and heat, sunshine and storm, his seat in church was never vacant, and when at last we missed his presence it was but a messenger from God saying that the final absence had come. With the dying years he passed away, but leaving behind him the memory of an example which should stir us all up to a holy emulation and re-consecration to the service of God. And then was borne away one of the good, old-fashioned type of loyal Church of England men, who leave their impress not in emotion, but in the deeper quality of hearts devoted to our Blessed Lord.

TORONTO.

Miss Lizzie A. Dixon acknowledges, with thanks, the receipt of the following amount for Rev. H. Robinson, Peace River, Athabasca: Miss Magrath, Springfield-on-the-Credit, \$20.

St. Stephens.—A very successful at home was held last Monday evening in the school house under the auspices of the Literary and Hospitality Chapter of the Parish Guild. About 300 were present and greatly enjoyed the capital programme. The following ladies and gentlemen took part: The Misses Symons, Strathy, Hope, McMullen, Hall and Smith, and Messrs. Herschfelder and Thompson.

Grace Church Sunday school held its annual Christmas festival on Tuesday evening, 8th inst. There were upwards of 300 scholars present besides their parents and friends. A substantial tea was served by the lady teachers at 6.30, after which games were freely joined in. Then followed the distribution of prizes, consisting chiefly of Bibles, Prayer and Hymn Books. The Rev. O. H. Rich, before presenting the prizes, gave a short address in which he expressed the clergy's gratitude to the teachers for their good work during the past year, and exhorted the parents to strengthen the teachers' hands in training the children in obedience. A programme of music and recitations by the scholars and teachers was well rendered, at the conclusion of which Mr. J. S. Barber, on behalf of the teachers, presented Mr. W. E. Geddes, organist of the church, with a beautiful lamp and shade, in recognition of his valuable work as musical director of the Sunday school. Mr. Geddes, who was quite taken by surprise, made a suitable speech for the occasion. Thus a very happy evening was brought to a close.

The following are some of the missionary meetings which have been arranged for in Toronto on Sunday evenings: St. Anne's, Sunday, January 27th, Rev. Prof. Mitchell and Mr. O. J. Agar; St. Bartholomew, Sunday, January 27th, Rev. J. H. McCollum and Rev. J. R. S. Boyd; St. Barnabas, Sunday, January 18th, Rev. J. H. McCollum and Rev. Prof. Rigby; St. Clement, Eglinton, Sunday, February 10th, Rev. C. H. Shortt; Christ Church, Sunday, January 18th, Rev. Dr. Langtry; Epiphany, Sunday, January 13, Rev. G. A. Kuhring and Mr. N. W. Hoyles; St. George, Sunday, February 10th, Rev. C.

L. Ingles; Grace Church, Sunday, January 13th, Rev. A. Williams, Wednesday, January 16th, Rev. F. G. Plummer; Holy Trinity, Sunday, January 20th, Canon Sweeny; St. John's, Toronto, Sunday, January 27th, Rev. J. P. Lewis, Tuesday, January 29th, "At Home"; St. Luke, Sunday, Feb. 3rd, Rev. Dr. Mockridge and Rev. W. H. Clarke; Messiah, Sunday, January 20th, Rev. L. Skey and Mr. S. Caldecott; St. Mary, Dovercourt, Sunday, January 18th, Rev. C. L. Ingles and Mr. A. M. Dymond; St. Mark, Parkdale, Sunday, Feb. 3rd, Rev. R. J. Moore, and Mr. G. B. Kirkpatrick; St. Margaret, Sunday, January 20th, Rev. A. H. Wright, Wednesday, January 23rd, Mr. L. Baldwin; St. Matthias, Sunday, February 3rd, Rev. J. M. Ballard, Wednesday, February 6th, Rev. A. H. Wright and Mr. A. M. Dymond; Church of the Redeemer, Sunday, January 20th, Rev. J. C. Robinson, Wednesday 23rd, missionary meeting; St. Stephen, Sunday, February 3rd, Rev. Prof. Rigby and Rev. C. H. Shortt; St. Simon, Sunday, January 27th, the Rural Dean and Rev. J. C. Robinson; St. Thomas, Sunday, January 27th, Rev. Dr. Langtry, Wednesday January 30th, missionary meeting.

An adjourned meeting of the committee appointed by the Synod of the diocese of Toronto to examine into the question of the increase of the episcopacy, was held in the Synod offices last week. A rearrangement of the dioceses of Huron, Niagara, Toronto, Ontario and Algoma, and the creation of one or more additional dioceses to secure the more efficient carrying on of Church work, is proposed. The committee decided to call a joint meeting of the other diocesan committees, to be held in this city about February 15, in order that the details of the matter may be fully inquired into.

CAMPBELLFORD.—*Christ Church.*—This church, of which Rev. Rural Dean Cooper is rector, has just closed a year of great encouragement. The communicants number rather more than one-third of the congregation, which has increased to about two hundred and ten, who are, as things go, usually constant in attendance at least upon one service each Sunday. The Sunday school is also in a very united and flourishing condition. On the evening of New Year's Day, the usual annual Christmas tree presents were distributed. The schoolroom was filled to overflowing with the parents and relatives of the children, several persons being unable to get in at all. Carols and dialogues were very well rendered by the children, and a very pleasant evening was spent. It may be added that there is a children's service every month on the last Sunday afternoon; the offertory is devoted to some children's charity, i.e., Indian homes, etc. During the last year or so, several improvements have been made in this very pretty old-fashioned country church. New windows of coloured cathedral glass have been put in; one, a wheel window in the west end of the church, was the gift of the W. A. members, from extra work, as a thank offering. New doors were also presented by the late Mr. E. J. Bink. A very beautiful and costly altar cloth, the work of the Sisterhood of St. John, Toronto, was obtained for the new altar, and a pair of brass vases, for flowers, given as a memorial by the newly confirmed at the last confirmation. But by far the costliest and very highly valued gift was that of a brass lectern by E. A. and Mrs. Bog, of Campbellford; this is a very beautiful specimen of art. It was obtained from England, and designed as a Christmas offering, but was, by some means, delayed in transit, but reached here and was placed in position and dedicated on Sunday, the Epiphany. It should be added that the "Willing Workers," a band of 24 young girls belonging to the congregation, have earned, and have in hand, between forty and fifty dollars towards a new font, which it is intended to have in the church by Easter Day. The congregation was very large on Christmas Day, and the communicants numbered between 40 and 50. The offering to the rector was very liberal and gladly bestowed.

PORT PERRY.—Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher and the children and the teachers of the Church of the Ascension were very hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. Blong at their residence on Friday, the 4th inst. The Sunday school annual Christmas tree, with prizes for attendance, took place the same evening in one of the rooms of Mr. Blong's residence. The children sang some pretty carols with great enthusiasm, after which the prizes were distributed, then a sumptuous feast of cakes, oranges, coffee, etc., provided by Mr. and Mrs. Blong, after which the children played games till about 10 o'clock, when a very pleasant evening ended by singing God save the Queen and three cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Blong.

WEST MONO MISSION.—The Church in this mission, which for about nine years has been under the fostering care of the Rev. G. B. Morley, a faithful and zealous priest, was strengthened and extended, four brick churches having been erected, and one

frame purchased during his incumbency. These testify his unflagging energy on behalf of the Church's material interests; while the large and ever increasing number of communicants and devout worshippers attending his ministrations, as well as the very large number confirmed during his stay amongst us, testify that the spiritual interest of the flock was equally well cared for. Rev. Geo. Webb succeeded Mr. Morley about six years ago, and very diligently and faithfully continued to advance the Church's interest on truly Church lines for about two and a half years. Mr. Webb's successor appeared to be a man of very latitudinarian and decidedly unchurchly doctrinal opinions, which, when acted upon, had the unhappy but natural effect of undoing, so far as it was possible, the sound teaching given by his immediate predecessors. During his incumbency matters went from bad to worse, and for months before he left here—last April—some of the churches were closed, and the Church life in the others dying out. At present the mission is vacant, and the scattered flock are, as might be expected under the circumstances, receiving more than usual attention from the teachers of separatists, who would gladly entice them from "the old paths" and the Church and faith of their forefathers. The unfortunate position of affairs here, which it is to be feared is only a sample of the many instances why our Church does not prosper in rural places, has been frequently brought to the notice of our Bishop, but so far it seems there is no redress for the sad state of things.

NIAGARA.

FORT ERIE.—The Anderson family have presented for the use of St. Paul's Church, in memory of their mother, a handsome lectern Bible, a prayer and service-book. Mr. E. C. Corston, the organist, has given a brass pole and rings for dossal curtain, and two or three of the young ladies of the congregation are procuring a set of curtains in colours appropriate to the Church's seasons. The church was beautifully decorated for Christmastide. The offerings to the rector have, in all, amounted to nearly seventy dollars.

GUELPH.—*St. George's.*—The Rev. J. H. Ross sailed last week for Bermuda, in the hope that change of air and scene will restore his health and vigour. During his three months absence the Rev. W. S. Whitney, M.B. and B.D., will act as locum tenens.

St. James.—The number of communicants on Christmas Day was 187. The offertory was \$41.66; in addition the rector and his wife received a number of presents at their house. The rector is delivering a course of sermon lectures on English Church History, at the Sunday evening services.

ACTON.—It is our sad duty to record the death of Rev. Geo. B. Cooke, incumbent of St. Alban's Church. He had been in poor health for some months. Hoping that a rest would do him good, he took a month's vacation not long ago and spent the time at the residence of his father at Chicago. This did him no good and an operation was performed on the 27th ult., by Dr. Howitt, of Guelph, assisted by Drs. McKeague, Acton; Dryden, Rockwood; Cooke, Chicago, and Charles Cooke, Toronto. The operators found that there was a malignant cancerous growth in the patient's stomach, and that there was no hope for recovery. Mr. Cooke lingered until last Saturday, when he died. The funeral took place on Monday and was largely attended. The services were conducted by His Lordship the Bishop of Niagara. Among those present were the pastors of all the churches in Acton, including Rev. Father Kelly, and the following clergymen of the Church: Revs. Messrs. Mignot, Milton; Rural Dean Fennell, Georgetown; Belt, Guelph; Piper, Palmerston, and Smith, Elora. Mr. Cooke was in his forty-second year and leaves a widow and a large family of children. His first appointment after ordination was that of curate of the Church of Ascension, Hamilton, and before going to Acton he was incumbent at Georgetown and Palmerston. He was an able preacher, an earnest worker, and a most lovable man, and his death is sincerely mourned, particularly at Acton, where he was very popular, not only among his own congregation but with all denominations. He was a brother of Capt. Cooke, of the 7th U. S. Cavalry, who was killed with Gen. Custer by the Sioux in the massacre on the Little Bighorn, Montana, in 1876.

HURON.

ST. THOMAS.—*Trinity Church.*—This is a beautiful church, to which it is difficult to do justice in a brief description. It was opened for Divine Service on Trinity Sunday in 1877, the Rev. T. C. des Barres being then rector. The church consists of nave, transepts, choir and apse, the roof of the nave