

Church of the Ascension—Rev. G. A. Kuhring was last Sunday evening inducted rector of this church, Rev. Canon Sweeney officiating. Mr. Kuhring has been acting rector of the church since Rev. H. G. Baldwin went abroad for his health.

St. Bartholomew's.—*In memoriam*.—Miss Emma Black, who was Directress of Kindergarten department of Dovercourt school, and who for ten years was also teacher of the Boys' Bible Class at St. Bartholomew's Church Sunday-school, was called suddenly away on Friday, 17th April, after a few days illness, to the great grief of her relations and many friends. Miss Black was a most faithful teacher, who endeared herself to her scholars and those who were fortunate to know her, by her charming, bright and pleasant ways, as well as her earnest Christian virtues. Miss Black's zeal for the Master's work was most energetic and well done. Her life was nearly all spent in the Saviour's service—whom she loved most devoutly—and she was very active in Church work. We feel assured that though called so suddenly, yet she was fully prepared, and her reward will be the faithful servant's "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Miss Black bequeathed her insurance money to educate a missionary for foreign fields.

NORWAY.—Rev. Charles Ruttan, rector of St. John's Church, preached Sunday morning, the 26th ult., a farewell sermon of a faithful and successful stewardship of 23 years. After dwelling on the meaning of the words of the text, appropriately taken from the last verse of II. Cor. xiii., the reverend gentleman glanced briefly over the history of the parish since he took charge of it in 1873, when there was no East Toronto, and Norway and Chester were but half their present size. From one large missionary parish, he said, four had sprung, but the original parish was larger than before. Coming to the inner life of the church, he spoke feelingly of the members whom he had watched from their baptism to the day when they had gone out into the battle of life. Very much of the success that had come he attributed to the labours of his wife, to those of the wardens and to the many friends who had stood with him from the first, and he was happy, he said, to leave it all in the hands of his successor. It was needless to say, he continued, that only age and increasing infirmity could sever them from the work of a church where all had been kindness and love. "May you still meet here together," he added, "with humble and devoted hearts to praise God, and may devoted parents still dedicate their children to His service." The congregation were much affected by their rector's farewell remarks. The service concluded with the hymn beginning "With the sweet word of peace we bid our brethren go."

CAMPBELLFORD.—The twenty-first quarterly meeting of the clergy of the Rural Deanery of Northumberland, was held here on Monday and Tuesday last. The attendance of clergy was far smaller than usual. Service was held in Christ Church on Monday evening, when a very large congregation was present. Prayers were said by the rector, the lessons being read by the Rev. H. Symonds, rector of Ashburnham, and the sermon, an able and most suggestive and instructive one, preached by Rev. J. Gibson, of Norwood, from Acts v. 38. After the service the rector gave a short account of the grasp taken by the Church of England of the great field of the north-western and northern portion of Canada, bishops being established in dioceses extending from Algoma on Lake Superior, then Rupert's Land, Province of Manitoba, westward to Qu'Appelle, Calgary, New Westminster and British Columbia, then northwards, Athabasca, Selkirk and Mackenzie River, one missionary having charge of even Herschel Island in the Arctic Ocean, while along the west side of the Hudson Bay there is the Diocese of Moosonee, the Bishop of Newfoundland having charge of the east coast of Labrador. Throughout this enormous territory are scattered 75 Indian Homes and Industrial and Day Schools under the sole charge of missionaries (lay and clergy) of the Church of England, as well as very many of the Roman Catholic Church, and a smaller number in charge of Methodist and Presbyterian ministers and teachers. These schools all receive, without partiality, material aid from the Government. As regards the Church of England Missions the Government grants for the whole North-West amount as follows:—

33 schools in Manitoba.....	\$ 19,200 00
32 " North W. Territories.....	19,388 00
10 " outside treaty limits.....	2 900 00
Total.....	\$ 41,488 00

In addition to this the great English Church Missionary Society of England expends in its grants \$71,000, making from these two sources alone \$112,488 given for the evangelization of the Indians under the care of the Canadian branch of the Church of England. The rector then called upon the Rev. H. Symonds to

give an account of his visit to the Blackfoot Homes, which had been a most interesting and instructive way, that could not fail to inspire missionary interest, and greatly foster it where already existing. It may be interesting to mention that Mr. Symonds has one sister married to Rev. Mr. Mahood, a missionary at this reserve, and another sister engaged in teaching work in that locality. Mr. Symonds' address was greatly appreciated by those who heard it. A very interesting service was then concluded with prayer and the blessing. Next morning at 8 o'clock, a celebration of the Holy Sacrament took place in Christ Church, and a few of the clergy having arrived by the morning trains, a very profitable and instructive day was spent at the rectory. The subjects assigned to the members to prepare for the meeting to open discussion, were 15-minute papers on the following subjects: 1. In the Greek Testament—the Acts of the Apostles; 2. Forms of Apostolic teaching; 3. Relation of early Christianity to Judaism; 4. Development of early Christianity. In the afternoon the discussion was upon "Christian Socialism," introduced by a very careful and excellent paper on Bishop Westcott's (of Durham, England) book, "Social Aspects of Christianity." The meeting closed at 5 p.m., and the clergy left by the evening train. Thanks were expressed for the very kind offers of hospitality extended by the various members of the congregation making provision for the accommodation of the visiting clergy. Particular mention was made of the heartiness of the evening service in the church, and the excellent singing of the choir, and particularly of the beautiful anthem, the steadiness and precision of the singing being very observable.

COBOURG.—*St. Peter's*.—Tuesday, 28th, Rev. Canon Macnab delivered a very humorous and instructive lecture in the school-house, which was filled with the elite of Cobourg society. The subject was "Honey-moon Snapshots in Switzerland and Italy," and consisted of a clever, racy sketch of a seven months' trip on the continent. For an hour and a half the Canon kept his audience interested and amused with his experiences in mountain climbing and sight-seeing. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the lecturer by the churchwarden, Mr. Osler. The proceeds of the entertainment will go towards paying off the debt on the school-house. On Sunday evening, the 26th, St. Peter's Church was crowded to the doors with a congregation principally of men. The occasion was the annual Church parade of the I. O. O. F. No. 136, of Cobourg, with the addition of a large deputation from the Port Hope Lodge. The church service was semi-choral, very heartily rendered by the fine choir of St. Peter's. The sermon, by Rev. Canon Macnab, set forth the characteristics of true manliness, and was based on the text I Cor. xvi. chap., 13th and 14th verses. The Cobourg papers speak in the highest terms of the Canon's ministrations and sermons during his stay in this parish. Rev. Canon Spragge, the rector, is expected home soon, and Mr. Macnab's incumbency of St. Peter's will end after next Sunday.

NIAGARA.

The following pastoral letter has just been circulated and read in the various congregations of the Diocese of Niagara on the occasion of His Lordship the Bishop's departure for the new Diocese of Ottawa, to which he has been elected:—

To the Reverend the Clergy and the Members of the Church of England in Niagara:—

MY REVEREND BRETHREN AND MY BRETHREN OF THE LAITY,—I am not willing that you should learn from anyone but myself that I am to leave Niagara and go to Ottawa. This change is not of my seeking. We may humbly trust, that as it is of God's ordering through His Church, He will bless it to the benefit of His Church and Her members, both in Niagara and in Ottawa, where my actual jurisdiction will be for the future. It is a severe wrench for me to be severed from so many clergymen and laymen, and from so many interests of the Church which have filled a very large place in my life and in my heart during the last eleven years. I cannot easily forget you and yours. Trials and difficulties have at times beset me as your bishop, but the joys which have attended my ministration of the Word and Sacraments, and my life among you, have been so satisfying that the eleven years seem but a few months. I know that you will follow me with interest into my new sphere of work. I beg you to follow me with your prayers. Ask God for Christ's sake to give me grace to meet the responsibilities and discharge the duties which He has appointed for me. The bishops have directed that my resignation of Niagara shall take effect from this day. The See is accordingly vacant now. Soon you will be called upon to meet in Synod for the election of one to be consecrated a bishop of the Church of God and set over the Diocese of Niagara. My right to speak as your bishop has already ceased, but you will permit me, as an old friend who has still a warm and hearty love for

you, to suggest during the vacancy of the See the daily use of prayer for God's guidance and protection. I remain, my dear brethren, your faithful friend.

CHARLES, Bishop of the Church of God.
HAMILTON, 17th April, 1896.

GUERLTH.—The monthly meeting of Gleaners' Union was held in St. George's school-room Thursday evening, 16th April. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Gausby, the Rev. Mr. Ballard took the chair. After the usual short service and appropriate hymns, Mrs. S. J. Taylor read a very interesting paper on the work of the Bishop of Moosonee. This diocese comprises the shores and islands of Hudson's Bay. With the aid of a few devoted clergy the Indian missions have been wonderfully successful. The whole of the Cree Indians have become Christians, with three-fourths of the Chippewas, and many Eskimo. Mrs. Taylor's description of a part of the Dominion of which we know so little was very well received. It is a curious fact that the distant parts of the diocese can be visited most expeditiously by way of England, and there taking passage by H. B. Company's annual ship. The next subject to be taken up will be Missions in Central Africa. One pleasing feature of this society is that each member is expected to furnish texts from Old or New Testament, showing the Divine authority for mission work. Before the close of the meeting, the archdeacon gave an account of some of his Indian experiences, pointing out the marvellous differences between a large settlement of Christian Indians he had been among, their love for the Church services, especially the musical parts, and their general civilization. These he compared with a settlement of Pagan Indians he had visited, living in a most wretched condition of squalid misery, their religion a species of devil worship.

The Lenten offerings for the Indian boy at Emmanuel College, Saskatchewan, given by the children of the Sunday School, amounted to \$30.37. Mr. J. J. Mason forwarded them to their destination.

HAMILTON.—Arrangements for the meeting of Synod for the 12th May have been all completed. There will be an early celebration of the Holy Communion in Christ Church Cathedral, and a service again at 11 a.m. without sermon. At 2 p.m. the Synod will meet in the Cathedral school room, the Ven. Archdeacon Dixon presiding. The chairman will address the meeting and appoint a committee on contested votes, and also the scrutineers, after which the balloting will be proceeded with.

All Saints.—The Thirteenth Regiment attended divine service for the first time this season at this church, Sunday morning, the 26th ult., and listened to a very practical sermon by the chaplain of the regiment, Rev. George Forneret. His text was I. Samuel, xx. 20: "I will shoot as though I shot at a mark." He spoke of the splendid efficiency of the Thirteenth in the matter of shooting, but the attainment of that efficiency cost something, and it is not merely by chance that the shooting is so good. The hard work necessary to acquire the efficiency in shooting is necessary in making a success of life, and having a definite aim on earth, we have to do our best. The attainment of a livelihood is a fundamental object, but the highest aim in life should be the service of God. The discourse contained much wise counsel. The regiment paraded 363 strong, under Col. Moore. The ex-commander of the regiment, Hon. J. M. Gibson, was present, and the other staff officers were: Majors McLaren, Stoneman and Mason, and Assistant Surgeon Rennie.

HURON.

MAURICE S. BALDWIN, D.D., BISHOP, LONDON.

HANOVER.—The annual Easter vestry meeting of St. James' Church was held on the evening of the 6th of April, the Rev. E. C. Jennings in the chair. The attendance was fair and a spirit of good will pervaded. Owing to the depression of 1895 the wardens' report showed a deficit of about \$80, otherwise matters were slightly improved. Miss C. Flynn, treasurer of the Young People's Guild, handed in her statement to the warden—which was read—showing a balance of \$50 to the credit of the guild. The following officers were elected: Wardens.—W. H. Goodeve and J. Cunningham. Sidesmen.—A. Cook, C. Green, F. Langley and H. Cook. Delegate.—F. Penton. Auditors.—T. Coppinger and W. H. B. Spotten.

ST. MARY'S.—The Mission held by the Rev. J. Stephens, M.A., in this church, from April 5th to 17th, was a season of refreshing to many. There were three services held daily, viz., from three to four p.m. for the deepening of the spiritual life; from four to five for children, and evangelistic service at 8 p.m. A number of memorial cards of the Mission were distributed. These series of services closed with the administration of the Holy Communion.