

older. Owing to the great endeavors put forth to promote its morality.

He considered that the work of the Society could be best carried on by men like themselves, by influencing those they came in contact with in their offices and while engaged in the pursuits of every-day life. He promised that the St. Andrew's Church, of which he was a member, would open the doors of its school room to the Society.

Mr. Magee, as a Methodist, would relate his experience. He was induced to join the Brotherhood from reflecting on the sacrifices which took place in the Jewish Temple of old time. A rich man could afford to offer for the use of the Temple a lamb without blemish, while his poorer neighbor could only afford two little pigeons. He thought that he himself might be able to present his two pigeons as his offering to the treasury of this Brotherhood. He would endeavor to teach his friends and acquaintances to keep constantly in mind the text, "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

Dr. R. J. Wicksteed said that he had modestly refrained from speaking, as he considered himself one of the hosts of the evening. But his modesty had punished him somewhat, for he could not hope to add anything to the facts that had been advanced by some of the speakers, nor could he hope to equal the eloquence displayed by others. His remarks would, therefore, take the shape of a recital of personal experience.

The speakers said that ever since he had come to the years of discretion, he had endeavored to follow the advice of the old Attic philosophers, viz., "Know thyself."

These vigorous, old thinkers and moralists—to whom we owe so much—meant by this that each man was to examine himself critically and unflinchingly, and ascertain what were his mental and physical powers, what could he do thoroughly and well? It might also mean the thought, in each person's case, know thyself as a moral and responsible being. What, let each of us say to himself, are my weaknesses, what are my moral frailties, what are my temptations, what sin have I specially to fight against as a good soldier of the Cross.

Our matchless Catechism and Litany recognized three categories of sins, viz., those of the Devil, the world and the flesh. All temptations to sin arise from these unholy sources. He had himself kept a strict watch over the avenues of the heart, and had used every precaution to guard against surprise from this Trinity of evil. He had made it a practice every birthday to take one step upwards, however small the lift, and on the last anniversary he had joined the White Cross Army, and had now an additional "moral creeper," or "crescent-heel-plate" to keep his feet from falling while walking in slippery paths.

After prayer and the benediction, the meeting adjourned until Saturday, the 12th February.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TORONTO.—The ladies of Church Women's Mission Aid, Toronto, would be much obliged by donations of second-hand altar cloths and linen, suitable for poor country parishes. Address, C. W. M. A., 1 Elm street, Toronto.

The report of the first quarterly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Toronto Diocese was held on Wednesday, January 26th, in St. James school house. About sixty ladies were present, members of the different parish branches in the city; also the three secretaries of the Diocesan Board. Mrs. Sweetman, as Hon. President, presided and opened the meeting with prayer. The Secretary then read a paper, explaining the origin and purposes of the Society, and stating how far the work of organization had proceeded and what yet remained to be done. The Secretary of the Church Women's Mission Aid

[which Society now works in connection with the W. A.] reported that twenty-five boxes of clothing, etc., had been sent out from the central rooms, valued at over \$700. Also that reports had been received of boxes sent out from the branches in All Saints, St. Mark's, Parkdale, St. Georgels and St. James', but in consequence of the contents not having been valued in some instances, it was impossible for her to give a proper valuation of them, but it was supposed that it would amount to at least \$300 more, making a total of over \$1,000 since September last. These boxes were sent, some to Toronto Diocese, some to the Northwest, but most to Algoma Diocese. The secretaries of several branches then reported meetings held and work done and in progress. The Treasurer of Diocesan Board reported money received from the At Home, held in October last, and money expended for current expenses, leaving a balance in hand of about \$40. An interesting paper on missionary work was read by the President, Mrs. Renand. The Rev. Mr. Bryck, Indian Missionary, from Peace River, told of the sufferings of the Indians in that part of the country, and of the exorbitant prices charged them for provisions, etc., a bag of flour costing \$20, and a pound of tea \$1, and other things in proportion. He pointed out how much they would be benefited by gifts of clothing, etc., and also by the establishment of schools for the children. A collection for the expenses of the W. A. was then taken up, and the meeting closed with a hymn.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

DEANERY OF WELLINGTON.—The recent meeting of the Rural Decanal Chapter of the Deanery of Wellington, presided over by the Rev. Rural Dean Spencer, was held at Arthur. These gatherings of the clergy always interesting have of late years been made much more so by the delivery of bright pointed practical addresses by the clergy, on the burning subjects of the day, at the evening services, which always conclude the Chapter meetings. The speakers and subjects on this occasion were:—Rev. Rural Dean Spencer, "Duties of Churchwardens and Sidesmen"; Rev. W. R. Blachford, "Family Prayer"; Rev. R. T. W. Webb, "Confirmation," and Rev. A. J. Belt, M.A., "Unity"; Rev. R. S. Radcliffe, "Unity"; Rev. Alfred Bonny, "Unity." These addresses were listened to with great interest by good congregations. The singing has been greatly improved in Grace Church by the erection of stalls and removal of the choir out of the nave into the chancel of the Church. A ten days Mission just concluded at Alma, which is now attached to this parish, conducted by the Rev. C. E. S. Radcliffe and Rev. P. T. Mignot, has created an interest in Church work. The congregation in the new building a new Church this summer, if at all possible; about \$800 has already been subscribed. *Laus Deo*

MR. FOREST AND NORTH ARTHUR.—Death of Rural Dean Forster of Creemore, Diocese of Toronto, formerly Rector of Mt. Forest.—Real grief filled the hearts of all who knew this good man when they heard of his most sudden death on Friday, January the 14th. After great anxiety and hard work he had completed New St. Luke's Church, Creemore, and on Sunday the 8th of December, had the joy of seeing this beautiful House of God formally opened by Bishop Sweetman. The Church was crowded three times, and the services and sermons were most impressive. During the octave the Rev. Reginald Radcliffe of Mt. Forest, had been asked to come and preach, and it was while going to the Station to meet this gentleman, that Mr. Forster was so suddenly called away. There seemed no outward intimation that his end was near at all, as he seemed in the best of health and spirits. On the Sunday following Mr. Radcliffe took the services at Creemore,

and preached to a large and sorrowing congregation from the words "I have a message from God unto thee," the Holy Communion was received by a large number present.

On Monday the 17th, the Funeral took place; the Clergy present and assisting were: the Revs. L. H. Kirkby, A. B. Chafee, C. E. Sills, R. S. Radcliffe, H. D. Cooper, Thos. Ball, and John Langtry, the latter as the deceased Priest's most intimate friend, was celebrant at the Holy Communion, and gave a short, practical, and most earnest address, rendered more impressive by such powerful emotion, that he could hardly proceed at times. The body of the deceased was habited in surplice and white stole, the stole being the last tribute of affection from the Rev'd R. S. Radcliffe and Rural Dean Forster's former Congregation of Mt. Forest and North Arthur.

Upon the coffin plate was engraved: "The Rev. W. R. Forster, R.D., Priest, obit., January 14th, 1888, aged 58 years. *Requiescat in pace.*" On the coffin lid was a plain silver cross, besides many exquisite floral ones sent by many kind friends, one of which was laid on his breast. Mr. Forster, in the earlier part of his life, was a naval officer. Later he came to Canada, possessed of good means and began farming, but like many others lost much in this way, as gentlemen farming won't do in Canada. "Claverleigh," his very pretty home at the time of his death, is situate in the middle of his estate of 400 acres, but it is feared it is too much cumbered to provide much, if any, support for the widow and children.

The reverend deceased was ordained Deacon by Bishop Strachan, on All Saints' day, 1866, and Priest by Bishop Bethune in March 1867. He was first appointed to Mount Forest, where he ministered most successfully and with great acceptance for three years, and where his memory to-day is cherished with deep affection. He removed in 1870 to Creemore and Stayner Mission, where he has laboured for the past seventeen years earnestly and lovingly. During that pastorate he has built three good churches and where he has made the members of his congregations strong in their love for Christ and His Church.

On the death of Dr. Lett, and at the express desire of the Clergy of the Deanery, Mr. Forster was made the Rural Dean, an office he filled ably and with the utmost satisfaction to all concerned to the last, although this office added a good deal to his work.

His loss will not only be felt by his own family and flock, but by the Deanery and Diocese, for, as Mr. Langtry truly said in his address, "no gentler, truer, honest, godlier man lives among the clergy of the Diocese to-day than he whose death, with exceedingly suddenness we so sadly deplore."

When we consider his many and beautiful traits none more conspicuous than his quiet and yet real humility which made him decline when offered the important rectories of Collingwood and Barri. Cannot we say with no uncertain hope regarding this holy man of God "eternal rest grant, oh, Lord! unto him, and may light perpetual shine upon him."

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

A TRIP IN WINTER TO SUHGEEDUHWANG.

It is pleasant to take a long journey in winter over the ice when the weather is favourable and the ice good, and everything else just as one desires, but on the other hand, it is exceedingly disagreeable not to say dangerous, when the cold is severe and a snow storm comes on and the road is lost; the ill-fated traveller wanders he knows not where, seeking in vain for the road that he has lost, till he perishes perhaps from exposure and cold. Something like this has happened more than once not far distant from this place.

But of the trip about which we write, no such sad event occurred, happily the weather