

TORONTO.

St. Bartholomew's.—The annual social took place on the evening of February 6, and was a most enjoyable affair. The church and schoolroom were filled with happy, cheerful people. After full justice had been done to all the good things which Mrs. Allen and the ladies had so bountifully provided in the schoolroom, addresses were delivered in the church by Revs. R. Harrison, Rev. A. H. Baldwin, Rev. G. J. Taylor and Mr. C. A. Sadleir. Mr. Harrison dwelt on "co-operation amongst Church people," and gave some excellent and timely advice. Mr. Baldwin spoke on the Sunday street car question, insisting on the maintenance of our present Christian Sunday. Mr. Taylor followed in the same view of the subject, and complimented Ald. Allen on the stand he had taken on the question in the city council. Mr. Sadleir congratulated the congregation on the success of the social, and with great earnestness supplemented and emphasized many of the points made by Mr. Harrison in his address. The musical part of the programme (always an important and prominent feature at St. Bartholomew's) was very much enjoyed. Miss Guest sang "Come unto Me" with great taste. Miss Dennett, in the solo "Where is Heaven," delighted all present. In the baritone solo, "Nazareth," Mr. Izant gave proof that he still possessed the voice and skill which had won for him such high praise in the choir of Gloucester Cathedral. The anthems were "Praise ye the Father," "Rejoice in the Lord alway," and "Blessed are they." The whole of the musical part of the programme was under the direction of the organist, Mr. Guest, who is fast gaining a reputation of being one of the first organists and choir-masters in the city. Taken altogether, the social of 1891 must rank as the most successful ever held at St. Bartholomew's.

The Work of the Sisterhood.—The Mother Superior of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine, Major street, has issued her annual report of the work done under her charges. The treasury of the hospital contains a balance of \$235. In the convent department \$1,519 were subscribed and expended for the maintenance of the Sisters. The building fund account shows a property valued at \$43,302. The report expresses deep gratitude for the success which has attended the efforts of the Sisterhood.

Holy Trinity.—Prof. Alexander lectured last week in the school room on "Poetry," under the auspices of St. Luke's Guild. Poetry, he said, is one of the greatest products of human power and worthy of the most serious study. The lecturer illustrated the nature and grades of poetry by references to Pope, Swinburne, Tennyson and Shakespeare. Poetry had done great things for man by opening up new worlds of beauty.

St. Anne's.—The church warden and the parish have presented Miss Marie Baldwin with a beautiful silver tea service upon the occasion of her removing to the parish of Grace church. A committee composed of Messrs. Mitchell, A. Wright, G. Davey, E. Voss, T. N. Sampson, J. A. Brown, Ald. Lindsay and J. Simmons, called upon Miss Baldwin at her home, 168 Mutual street, and made the presentation, accompanying it with an address expressive of the appreciation of Miss Baldwin's work in the parish and of the high esteem in which she is held.

The Church of this diocese is to be congratulated upon the elevation of the Rev. Rural Dean Allen, M.A., Rector of Cavan, to the Archdeaconry of Peterborough, in succession to the late Ven. Archdeacon Wilson of Grafton. A man of superior ability and wisdom, and of ripe experience and varied reading, he has succeeded in building up in unity and devotion to the Church the largest rural parish in the diocese. Throughout his archdeaconry, and indeed the entire diocese, the appointment will meet with approval, and will secure to him the warm felicitations of his many friends, among whom we are proud to be numbered. The honour is indeed one of high degree; but the position, however, of *oculus episcopi* is not to be envied; the labours normally pertaining to it are many and extend over a wide field, and are sometimes of an ungrateful character; but we feel assured the new archdeacon will always be equal to the occasion.

ETOBICOKE.—The annual missionary meetings were held in this parish on Feb. 3rd and 4th, and were the most successful we have had for several years. At Christ church addresses were delivered by A. M. Dymond, Esq., of Toronto, and the Rev. W. Walsh and Canon Dumoulin. At St. George's, H. S. Parmelee Esq., and Rev. W. Walsh addressed the meeting. At both meetings the deepest interest was manifested in the speeches. The offertories amounted to something over \$20.

NIAGARA.

PALMERSTON.—The Churchwomen of St. Paul's church are bound to make the church attractive for Easter; they have been very busy during the last few weeks raising funds for various church objects. A new carpet will be laid in the chancel; a ventilator (which is sorely needed) will be placed in the roof. The contract has been let for a handsome belfry, and a bell of 500 lbs. weight has been ordered from the celebrated Meneely firm of West Troy, New York. Money is subscribed to meet all engagements. The services are hearty and well attended. *Laura Jew.*

GUELPH.—The Bishop of Qu'Appelle arrived on Saturday, 7th, from Niagara. At 8 p.m. a reception was given him and the Rev. Mr. Sanderson, in the large school room of St. George's church. The Archdeacon introduced His Lordship, stating that though it was his first visit to Guelph, he was not by any means a stranger. All were aware of his great work in the Northwest, to which he had devoted so much of his life; and of late His Lordship had a prominent place in his descriptions of the incidents of his visit to England at the time of the Lambeth conference. He had the pleasure of travelling with him across the Atlantic, and also was in his company at the three never-to-be-forgotten services—the reception at Canterbury, the grand service at Westminster, and the closing service at St. Paul's. Further, he had the honour of being a guest at Cambridge at the same college as His Lordship and several other Bishops, and again at the reception given to him at the Duke of Westminster's mansion. "From all these incidents of my visit, with which you are familiar, I feel that His Lordship is not unknown to you and that you welcome him not as a stranger, but as one whose mission work and high reputation are familiar as household words." The Archdeacon then introduced Mr. Sanderson as a representative of the great American Church, which we in Canada all loved and honoured so much. His Lordship, in responding, expressed his great pleasure at meeting so cordial a reception. He would remind his friend, the Archdeacon, that one very important meeting he had omitted, their travelling together to Winnipeg. He thought the object of the great convention there was of the greatest possible interest to this vast Dominion, in the way of consolidating the Anglo-Canadian churches. He then gave a history of the work and difficulties of his remote diocese. In England he was rector of Woolwich and had a population in his parish of 20,000, all within 10 or 15 minutes' distance from his spacious church. This was about the population of his diocese, but scattered over a vast surface. His Lordship and Mr. Sanderson were then introduced to all present, Dr. Lett and Mr. J. M. Bond assisting the Archdeacon in the presentations. A pleasing programme of vocal and instrumental music added to the interest of this pleasant gathering.

Sunday Services.—There was an early celebration of the Holy Communion in which the Bishop was celebrant. At 11 a.m. the church was thronged with a large congregation, and His Lordship preached on mission work, and the great needs of the Northwest. Some of the dioceses there were wholly supported by England, and he urged increased liberality in the Canadian Church in the eastern provinces. There was a large offertory.

Sunday School.—There was a very full attendance of the children, and the Bishop gave a very pleasing address to them, in simple language to be understood by all. In the evening Mr. Sanderson preached a very eloquent and impressive sermon from the text: "God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." There were large congregations at all the services, and the musical portion was greatly admired by the distinguished visitors. His Lordship made a second eloquent appeal for the mission cause, to the St. James' congregation in the evening.

ANCASTER.—A confirmation service was held in this parish on the last Sunday in January, when 19 young persons received the Apostolic rite of "the laying on of hands," and were admitted to their first communion. The large congregation took a deep interest in the services and joined heartily in the responses and hymns. His Lordship's address was as usual instructive and impressive.

Obituary.—Amongst those who were deeply interested in the confirmation was John Heslop, one of the oldest members of the parish and a regular communicant—a man of high standing in the County of Wentworth, having been for six consecutive years warden and for over 15 years clerk and treasurer of the township of Ancaster. The secular papers having given so full an account of his untimely death, we shall not repeat it here. He was one of the wealthiest members of this parish and will be sadly missed in many ways. He was, moreover, a man of sterling moral religious character. May he rest in peace, and may He who is the spouse of the

widow and the Father of the fatherless take care of the broken-hearted ones who are left.

HAMILTON.—A mission has been held in eight of the ten churches of this city, with, we hope, satisfactory results. Two or three weeks before the mission began the Bishop, at the request of the city clergy, issued a pastoral setting forth the nature and object of a mission. This was followed in each parish by an affectionate letter from the missionary. On the evening of the 28th, a large congregation assembled in the cathedral to witness the Bishop giving his authority to each missionary. And on the morning of the following day the mission began in each parish. In one parish two services were held each day, in another three and in the others four or five. The churches were not crowded, and yet large and devout congregations attended the various services. The celebrations of the Holy Communion, which were held at an early hour each morning, were also well attended, although the male communicants were not as numerous as they might have been. The missionaries were earnest men, and eminently fitted in every respect for their work. We trust that the mission will be followed by large confirmation classes, fuller churches, more hearty services, and a more faithful attendance at the Lord's table.

HURON.

KIRKTON.—The concert given on Friday evening last by the choir of St. James' church, St. Mary's, who came out and provided the whole programme, to aid the church here in getting a bell, was well attended. The various members taking part performed the portion of the programme assigned to them in a creditable manner, while Miss Lloyd, the organist of St. James church, St. Mary's, is deserving of more than passing notice as an accomplished violinist, her style of playing being marked by a perfect intelligence and true conception of the composer's ideas, her bowing being executed in an admirable manner, and her mastery over technical difficulties being perfect, while the general reading of the work was thoroughly artistic.

ST. MARY'S.—Two services are being held in this parish each week during Lent; the rector conducts the Wednesday services and preaches, while on Fridays clergymen from other parishes are the preachers. There are now a Women's Missionary Association, a Girl's Missionary Society, a Young People's Association, and a Woman's Aid Society at work in this parish.

LONDON.—Mrs. Boomer gratefully acknowledges the following donations to the J. R. Educational Fund: Mrs. Niven, \$2; H.M.W., \$3 (both yearly); also Mrs. Shaw, the Rectory, Lucan, \$2.

ALGOMA.

EMSDALE MISSION.—In March, 1890, nearly twelve months ago, Emsdale, formerly a station in the Burk's Falls mission, was constituted the central station of a new mission comprising stations at Emsdale, Bethune and Novar, and was placed in the charge of the Rev. A. W. H. Chowne, rural dean of Parry Sound. This charge necessitated the finding of a parsonage house, and as none suitable was to be had in Emsdale, the congregation decided to build a house, and for that purpose appointed a committee of five members as a Building Committee, to raise the necessary funds and to carry on the work. By the first week in December the house was finished, and Mr. Chowne and his family moved into it from Burk's Falls, some eight miles distant, where they had been obliged to live during the summer. When the Bishop of Algoma visited Emsdale at the end of January last, a statement of the work done in connection with the parsonage was prepared by the committee and may be briefly given as follows:

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| Money collected in the mission..... | \$ 90 35 |
| Grant from the Diocesan Building Fund..... | 100 00 |
| Money collected by a friend in England..... | 199 20 |
| Money collected in Canada outside mission... | 243 75 |
| Material given (value)..... | 114 50 |
| Labour given (value)..... | 151 76 |

Total value subscribed \$899 56

The total cost of the building was \$1000.96, hence there was a debt of \$101.40 still remaining; this has been since reduced \$91.80. It should be borne in mind that half of the material mentioned alone was subscribed in the mission, and all the labour, amounting with money subscribed, to the sum of \$800, raised in the mission itself, and in addition the rent for Mr. Chowne's house at Burk's Falls for eight months has been paid, viz., \$36. Hence it will be seen that the mission has done all it can for the present. All subscriptions towards defraying the debt will be most thankfully received, and may