

by the working of a handsome red altar frontal and super frontal; and a red lectern hanging was given by Miss E. Barnhart. The re-opening services were of an inspiring character and the faithful went away cheered and encouraged and ready for further work.

BARRIEFIELD.—St. Mark's Church has been renovated in its old age. Like many other churches built in the forties, the plaster was laid on the stone, and the walls of the edifice have been habitually damp and stained. The congregation has had them lathed and plastered anew, have renovated the roof, tinted the walls, and last week the church was re-opened with a very cheerful greeting for its habitual attendants. The general effect is excellent, and will be improved in a short time, it is hoped, by new windows. The morning prayer was said by Rev. Prof. Worrell, whose incumbency of the parish has not only been popular, but has benefited it materially; Rev. Canon Spencer read the lessons; and the most Rev. the Archbishop of Ontario conducted the communion service. The choir was highly efficient in its offices, and the service throughout was hearty and impressive. The Archbishop preached from the Epistle of St. James, "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works, can faith save him?" His Grace congratulated the congregation upon the improved appearance of the church, making it so much more worthy for the Master's use, and he wished them all prosperity in return for the care thus devoted to His house and offices. Upon the text he declared that while there was a preference in faiths, and it was most desirable to hold the correct belief, this faith alone would not save. A man's life, character and morals are to be measured by the Judge Eternal, who has Himself declared, "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto the least of these, My brethren, ye did it not to me." "Depart, ye cursed, into utter darkness." Faith may be purely selfish; a man can be so wrapped up in it as to forget other duties to God and humanity. Can such faith save? Many persons lead careless, indulgent lives, without preparation for eternity; can a prayer at a dying moment when dread is brought so near, be alone able to save to the uttermost? The sermon was most clear and forcible upon the bounden duty of good works. Rarely has the talented prelate been heard to greater advantage.

KINGSTON.—The committee of the diocese of Ontario met last week. At the Divinity Students' Fund Committee meeting the chairman was empowered, in case of any student failing to matriculate, to substitute another on the usual conditions. The Mission Board meeting was well attended. The following amounts were reported to have been collected in the various rural deaneries: Prince Edward, \$98.41; Frontenac, \$202.87; Lennox and Addington, \$126.84; Grenville, \$113.73; Hastings, \$100.95; Leeds, \$220.77; Renfrew, \$63.80; Lanark, \$220.33; Prescott and Russell, \$59.02; Stormont, \$63.32; Carleton, \$60.95. Total, \$1,370.34. Disappointment was expressed at the amount of the collections, and as many of the parishes had returned no collections, the feeling was strongly expressed that the Archbishop of Ontario should take notice of the matter. Ultimately it was resolved, on motion of Judge McDonald, that the committee should confer with Archbishop Lewis as to the steps to be taken. On motion of Canon Spencer, it was resolved that inasmuch as the board is unable to come to the relief of the missions, in behalf of which applications have been made at this meeting, the applications be referred to the Classification Committee to report upon at the May meeting.

A meeting of the Executive of Trinity University Branch Convocation was held recently in St. George's hall. Among those present were: Rev. Canon Spencer, Rev. Rural Dean Loucks, Grout, Carey and Houston, Rev. Mr. Tighe and Rev. Prof. Worrell. A committee consisting of the Dean, Dr. Walkem and Prof. Worrell, was appointed to devise some means for establishing local scholarships. J. H. Coleman was appointed assistant secretary. All fees are in future to be paid to the secretary, Rev. Prof. Worrell. The last meeting of convocation in Toronto was referred to as being the most successful in its history—the attendance good, the discussions able and the future prospects hopeful. A new chair of English literature is expected to be established shortly, and to be largely supported by the same means.

TORONTO.

The Rev. C. H. Rich has entered upon his duties as assistant minister of Grace Church.

St. James' Cathedral.—A united Thanksgiving service was held in the cathedral in the evening. There was a large attendance; the Rev. Dr. Mockridge was the preacher. The choir was composed of about 70 voices and was under the leadership of the Rev. F. G. Plummer.

We are requested by the solicitors for the Synod of Toronto to make an explanation with reference to a paragraph that appeared in the columns of a contemporary a few days ago, stating that the Synod has sued the Hon. G. W. Allan and others on a mortgage to the Synod for \$14,380. As a matter of fact, the Hon. G. W. Allan is in no way liable for the amount of this mortgage, which was made by Mr. Henderson, but he was made a party to the suit only for the reason that the property was conveyed to Mr. Allan as collateral security to a debt due to him, and subject to an agreement that he should not be personally liable for the mortgage.

Trinity University.—In connection with the Missionary and Theological Association, a devotional meeting was held in the college chapel on Monday, Nov. 20th, at 8 p.m. It was conducted by the Rev. John Pearson, D.C.L., rector of Holy Trinity Church, who gave a very helpful and eminently practical address on the duties of a Christian priest. He warned his hearers against yielding to the temptation to devote too much time to extra parochial work, which must necessarily be accompanied by neglect of work at home. He also emphasized the importance of careful and prayerful visitation of the sick, and mentioned several manuals which would be great aids in this branch of parish work.

St. Barnabas.—On the eve of Thanksgiving Day the harvest festival was held in this church. The service was well rendered by a large choir, and the sermon, which was an excellent one, was preached by the Bishop of the diocese. The Bishop spoke of thanksgiving as a duty as well as a privilege, reminding his hearers how often in Holy Scripture the Holy Spirit speaks of "thanksgiving." He forcibly insisted upon the acknowledgment of the blessings enjoyed by those living in Canada, the bountiful harvests, and along with them a large amount of material prosperity, freedom from revolutions, lawlessness and anarchy, such as exists in other portions of the world, and the spiritual blessings possessed by Churchmen. This splendid discourse concluded with an earnest exhortation to gratitude on the part of the congregation, urging them to seriously consider the nature of the Church's work, especially in her missionary efforts, and her need, in prosecuting it, of a large liberality on the part of her people.

STREETSVILLE.—The Rev. Hugh Jones of Pickering has been appointed rector of Streetsville, and entered upon his duties last week.

PERRYTOWN.—The annual missionary services in connection with St. Paul's Church, Perrytown, and St. John's Church, Elizabethtown, in the mission of Perrytown, will be held on Sunday the 3rd of Dec. The Rev. Mr. Smith, missionary at Cameron and Cambray, will preach the missionary sermon on the occasion. The offertory will be devoted to the Mission Fund of the diocese.

NORTH ORILLIA AND MEDONTE.—A Thanksgiving service was held in St. Luke's on Thursday last, when the incumbent officiated. The offertory was in aid of the Mission Fund; it amounted to \$14.10, which added to \$41 collected at the harvest home held in September, reached the sum of \$55.10. The Rev. Canon Greene preached in St. George's in the evening.

HURON.

PORT DOVER.—St. Paul's Church.—Thanksgiving services were held in St. Paul's Church at 7.30 on the evening of the 23rd. The congregations were very large, the sacred edifice being completely filled. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. R. Newell, incumbent. He said that we should be thankful especially for four things: 1st, Canada's record at the World's Fair; 2nd, The consolidation of the Church; 3rd, The marked respect for law and order in our land; 4th, Our Sunday. The choir, under the able leadership of Mr. S. W. Lawrie, rendered the musical portion of the services in good style. But the unique and thrilling part was taken by Mr. Charles Petit, the world renowned solo cornetist. Mr. Petit was at one time solo cornetist in Gilmour's band; last year he made a tour of the United States as leading cornet player in Sousa's Marine band; last June he became director of the musical department in Agricultural Hall, World's Fair. At our services he gave in place of an anthem, "Nearer my God, to Thee," accompanied by Miss Morgan and the organ. During the offertory he played "Palm Branches" with unrivalled brilliancy. At the singing of Ken's evening hymn he accompanied the organ. Never before did the walls of old St. Paul's reverberate with such glorious strains as were heard on the evening of Thanksgiving Day. Mr. Petit is a native of Port Dover, but for the last 30 years has resided in New York. Some 40 years ago he was baptized in St. Paul's Church, and naturally has a kindly regard for it.

RUPERT'S LAND.

WINNIPEG.—St. John's College.—At a recent meeting of the literary society, the Rev. Canon O'Meara, M.A., professor in St. John's College, read an excellent paper on "Law and Prayer." A clergyman competent to judge said:—"For style and matter, I don't think I have heard a better paper read at any time." We trust the Canon will publish it in the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN. The literary society should appoint a correspondent to the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN, so that clergymen in the country may know what goes on at the college and perhaps arrange their visits to the city so as to "take in" these events. I see the Rev. A. Tansey is appealing for aid in the Swan Lake mission. Mr. Tansey is an earnest worker, in a hard field, and deserves encouragement.

BRANDON.—Archdeaconry of Winnipeg.—The Venerable Archdeacon Fortin has called a meeting of the Archdeaconry of Winnipeg to meet in Brandon, Dec. 5th and 6th. Particulars will be given later, but we trust it will be very successful. The Rev. Mr. Adam Harding entertained a number of the young men of his congregation in his rooms last Tuesday evening, and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

ROUNTHWAITE.—St. John's.—The Rev. G. Rodgers visited this parish, Sunday, Oct. 29th; the church was uncomfortably filled. The service, which was taken by the incumbent, the Rev. Herbert Dransfield, was very bright. It did one good to hear nearly forty young men sing, "Onward, Christian Soldiers." The Rev. G. Rodgers was the preacher, and in his address on mission work he told us how, in this diocese last year, the sum of twenty-three thousand dollars was spent on missions to white people alone. Ten new men are urgently needed in the diocese, and yet in three years the staff of clergy has been increased by thirty-two men, and over one hundred new congregations have been formed in three years. Surely from above, the friends who give to the mission work in Rupert's Land must see that their gifts are enabling the archbishop to do a grand work. And still, after all that has been done, Mr. Rodgers told us of 60 Church families a hundred miles away from a clergyman, because the archbishop has no man to send, nor yet the \$400 a year needed for his support. Here is a "call" to some man filled with the missionary spirit, to give himself, and to the faithful laity to give of their means. The Hon. Treasurer of the diocese of Rupert's Land is the Very Rev. Dean Grisdale, Winnipeg, Man.

Programme of meeting of Archdeaconry of Winnipeg at Brandon, Dec. 5th and 6th, 1898: Tuesday, Dec. 5th, Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Breakfast, 9 a.m. Service and address *ad clerum* by the Venerable O. Fortin, M.A.; 2 to 5 p.m., meeting of clergy. Subject, Mission Fund; reader, Rev. G. Rodgers, B.A.; speakers, Rev. Clement Williams and Rev. C. R. Little, B.D. Confirmation, reader, Rev. T. C. Coggs, M.A., B.D.; speaker, W. R. Johnson. Missionary Meeting; Tuesday evening, 8 p.m. Speakers, Rev. Canon O'Meara, M.A., Rev. N. Hewit, B.A., Rev. W. J. Garton. Wednesday, Dec. 6th, meeting of clergy, 10 a.m.; subject, St. John's College; reader, Rev. S. Macmorine, B.A.; speakers, Rev. G. C. Hill, Rev. J. W. Matheson, B.A. Immigration; how to receive and follow up the immigrant, 2 p.m.; reader, Rev. H. T. Leslie, B.A.; speakers, Rev. F. V. Baker, B.A., Rev. Geo. Gill. Young People's Associations; reader, Rev. J. J. Roy, B.A.; speakers, Rev. R. J. Stevenson, Rev. A. W. Goulding. Church Literature; how it can be best circulated among our people; reader, Rev. Canon Pentreath, B.D.; speakers, Rev. Herbert Dransfield, Rev. C. A. Sadler. The clergy who desire hospitality will kindly write to the Rev. MacAdam Harding, rector of Brandon.

Correspondence.

All letters containing personal allusions will appear over the signature of the writer.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

N. B.—If any one has a good thought, or a Christian sentiment, or has facts, or deductions from facts, useful to the Church, and to Churchmen, we would solicit their statement in brief and concise letters in this department.

No Repentance Beyond the Grave.

SIR,—Would you or some of your readers kindly name the Scriptural or Church's grounds for the common Protestant belief that there can be no repentance beyond the grave—or in other words that an unrepentant man is forever damned after the dissolution of this body, without hope of reprieve. W.