

finished tower. In 1888, after long and anxious care and the liberality of a few, it was determined to make the improvements which to day your eyes behold. Much yet remains for loving zeal and generosity toward God to accomplish in an onward direction. The grand organ needs a care worthy of it. Windows, now unsightly, are waiting to give way to their superiors. The chancel invites suitable decoration, and many a touch remains to give unity of beauty to the whole building. Forty years ago, when this church was built, it was the mother of four churches, now the family numbers 34. Then the neighbourhood in which the church stands was surrounded with respectable residences, now it is deserted of all such. The rich have removed far away on every side. Notwithstanding, the parent church of Toronto has a great future mission, we believe. Few can doubt that her future is to be a free church, in which God's worship shall be daily performed in the beauty of holiness, and to whose portals all may flock "without money and without price." The services in the evening were conducted by Bishop Sweatman, who took as his text, Revelations ii, 3.

#### DIocese OF HURON.

The monthly meeting of the W.A.M.A. was held at Bishopstowe, on Monday 24th February. The attendance was very good and much interest expressed in several letters which were read from the Rev. Mr. Brick, Rev. Mr. Burnam and Miss Brown, Lady Missionary at Gleichen, all gratefully acknowledging donations received and mentioning needs which they are hoping their auxiliary friends will help them to supply.

Mr. Burnam in allusion to some most acceptable contributions from St. James', London South and Glanworth, said "that indeed had they not arrived when they did, he must have purchased them that very day."

The Rev. Geo. Holmes, of Lesser Slave Lake, Peace River, spoke of one possession he longed to have for his Church, the want of it making a visible impression upon their Indians i.e., a simple Communion service. They were obliged to use the ordinary household vessels, and upon the impressive minds of the natives this looked like irreverence, especially as compared with the Romish ceremonial which is often presented to their notice.

Miss Brown, of Gleichen, wrote gratefully and encouragingly speaking of the intense delight of the Blackfoot children on receiving their Christmas presents, she spoke of the natural tendency to extravagance on the part of the Indians until they were civilized and christianized, making them throw away garments as useless, when they might wash and repair them; example and precept will modify this. All communications from the mission field show that a large proportion of the work entailed upon our Missionaries has to be secular and much of it hard manual labor, straining their energies to the utmost. A letter from Mrs. Fry, of Seguin Falls, Muskoka, to the Ministering Children's League of the Memorial Church (Mission Branch) was read, describing the delight of the children in the Christmas gifts sent them. The patient perseverance in well doing of this admirable woman who has steadily carried on this work single handed and alone far away from Church or school, for years, deserves every help and encouragement that can be given her. Mrs. Boomer will thankfully receive any donations of work, materials, garments, &c., for her. Thankful mention was made of the good news from Niagara that a little daughter of their Diocesan Auxiliary had been chosen, also a "Julia," and from far away Athabasca, a grateful letter from Rev. R. Renison was heard with interest, telling of the generous gifts from all quarters of the W.A.M.A. which had so bountifully supplied their needs, that like

"Moses with the Israelites and their free-will offerings we had to 'restrain them from sending'—'what stronger proof' he adds can there be of the increasing interest which our Church is taking in the evangelization of these children of the forest,—and how can we thank our friends for the joy and gladness of heart their deep interest in our little daughter has brought us?" In addition to the \$150 already acknowledged for the Huron Educational Fund, it is indebted to the Band of Hope of Owen Sound for no less than \$2132; to the W.A.M.A. of the Home Memorial parish, Stratford, \$5; and to Mrs. Tilley, of London, for \$2. Programmes for the annual meeting on the 5th March, were distributed and the good news given of Miss Emery's promise to be present.

Only a few of our Branches have not responded to the request of *L'offet* Committee that they should become subscribers. These are earnestly desired to do so at their earliest convenience. This little monthly messenger promises to be a welcome guest at their parochial meetings, and it would be a pity to miss the first number with the address of our President therein. The Editor of the Huron Department will welcome items of interest, questions or suggestions from any Branches who will be so good as to communicate them to her.

The annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary Missionary Association for the Diocese of Huron will be held from 4th to 7th March. A very large number of delegates are expected, and Miss Emery, Central Secretary of the United States, and Mrs. Williamson, President of the Toronto W.A.M.A. will, it is earnestly hoped be present and address the members. After the President's address papers will be read by Mrs. Joel Wright, of St. John's, Mrs. Newton, of Barrie, and Mrs. Boomer, of London.

The general Missionary meeting under the auspices of the Auxiliary promises to be one of special interest. Miss Emery will again give an address, and will be followed by Rev. A. D. Dawdney, Rev. Principal Howell, of Huron College, and Rev. Rural Dean Mackenzie, of Brantford. The Bishop of Huron in the chair.

On Thursday morning Mrs. Baldwin holds a reception of Delegates at Bishopstowe.

LONDON.—The March meeting of the Executive Committee of the Diocese will be held at the Chapter House on Thursday, March 6th.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Association will be held in Victoria Hall, London, March 5th. The Board of Management will meet Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m. at Bishopstowe. Litany Service and Holy Communion at St. Paul's Cathedral, 10 a.m. Wednesday, His Lordship the Bishop will deliver an address. A most interesting programme of addresses &c., has been prepared and doubtless there will be a very profitable meeting. Miss Emery, Secretary of the W.A.M.A. of the United States is to give three addresses during the session.

The Bishop preached in North Chatham Mission Chapel, on Monday last to a deeply interested congregation.

BAYFIELD.—News reached here of the death, last Saturday, of Mrs. Campbell, in Toronto, aged 83 years. Deceased was the wife of the first English minister here, coming from Gode rich, where her husband was succeeded by the late Archdeacon Elwood.

Rev. Mr. Hodgins will leave here in about a month, having received a call from St. Thomas' Church, Seaforth. The rev. gentleman has been a very industrious pastor, and both himself and family will be much missed here, and they will carry with them to Seaforth the best wishes of our people.

The Rev. Mr. Newton, of Barrie, has been appointed by his Lordship, the Bishop of Huron, to this Mission. Mr. Newton has the reputation of being one of the most faithful and earnest of

clergymen. A good speaker, faithful pastor, and self-denying in all good works, a hearty welcome awaits him.

The annual Missionary meetings just held in London have been amongst the most successful ever held here. The collect one were in excess of any previous year. If other cities and large towns in the Diocese do as well, the Mission Fund will be placed in a healthy condition. Unfortunately, however, the post has shown that large places outside of London do but very little for this most important fund. May there be a great change this year.

BLenheim.—The congregation of Trinity Church, Blenheim, have succeeded in erecting a very neat red brick church, 31x37, at a total cost of \$5,000. The inside has been very tastefully arranged by the ladies. His Lordship the Bishop of Huron, assisted by other clergy of the Diocese, opened it for public worship on Sunday last.

ExETER.—A vestry meeting was held in the Trivitt Memorial Church, on Monday, 17th ult. The Rev. H. Robinson presided, and Mr. R. H. Archer, acted as secretary. The object of the meeting was to accept the generous offer of Mr. Trivitt to build a rectory and school-house at once on the church property. The meeting was a very large and representative one. Several ladies were also present. Mr. Trivitt's offer was as follows, and was unanimously accepted by the vestry on motion of Mr. H. Collins, seconded by Mr. Samuel Gidley. He will give to the Synod of Huron for the erection of a rectory house on the east side of church property for the use of the incumbent of the Trivitt Memorial Church, \$2,000 to be supplemented by proceeds of the sale of the present parsonage; the house to be of an architectural design in keeping with the church. Also he will give the sum of two thousand dollars to erect a school house and vestry on the north side of church property. This four thousand dollars to draw six per cent. per annum, to be paid Mr. Trivitt during his life by the Synod of Huron, the vestry to guarantee repayment to the Synod. Mr. Trivitt will also give the sum of two thousand dollars to place in the tower of the church a peal of eight bells at an early date. This is a free gift without any conditions, and at his decease he will endow the church in the sum of six thousand dollars.

The Committee to interview the Executive Committee at their March meeting consists of the rector, the two churchwardens, Messrs. Spackman and Archer, and Mr. R. H. Collins, lay delegate. Power was also given them to ask permission to sell the present rectory and apply proceeds to the new building in accordance with motion. A letter from the Bishop of Huron, commending the munificence of Mr. Trivitt, was also read.

#### DIocese OF ALGOMA.

HUNTSVILLE.—The congregation of All Saints', Huntsville, which has hitherto been worshipping in a temporary hall, and is feeling greatly the need of a church, as also its own inability to build one unaided, is uniting together with the intention of building a stone church, from plans approved by the Bishop of the Diocese. This youthful congregation, settled where but a few years ago the wild and virgin forest stood, has, during the five years' incumbency of the Rev. Thomas Llwyd, proved its love for the historic church of their fathers, and their capacity for work by the prompt provision—through the offertory—of all finance necessary for the current working expenses of each year, for two years last past, voluntarily increasing the subscription to the stipend fund from \$200 to \$300 per annum.

In addition to this step towards self support, the congregation, which has never exceeded 32 families, all working people, has, in the five