

Succession, True and False," delivered some time ago by Rev. B. J. Brown, the Presbyterian minister here. Mr. Radcliffe treated his subject in a most masterly manner, fully proving all his positions, and thoroughly refuting all Mr. Brown's objections. Rev. C. R. Clark, of Amaranth, acted as chairman, and said, "The subject of the lecture is not a trivial one, as many suppose. The very purpose for which Christ instituted his Church was that it might be the means whereby men might receive the pardon purchased by the sacrifice of Himself, through the Absolution of the Word and Sacraments. Now, it is a fact, that, notwithstanding their assertions to the contrary, nearly all the preachers of the sects pretend to this power of Absolution, e.g., by giving or withholding tickets to the Holy Communion, and other like acts of discipline. How important, therefore, that we should be assured that those who pretend to this authority have not merely assumed it themselves, but have received it from Him who alone can give it."

Another lecture will shortly be delivered (D.V.) on this important subject, by the lecturer of the evening.

HURON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

DELHI.—A missionary service was held in St. Alban's Church, on Thursday, 4th inst., at 7.30 p.m. Proper Psalms and Lessons, with appropriate Prayers, Chants and Hymns were used, the Incumbent, the Rev. T. E. Sanders, officiating at this part of the service; when concluded he addressed those present on the past and present state of the Mission under his charge, omitting the work of the Church of God in the world at large, as this, he intimated, was the duty and the intention of the Diocesan Missionary Agent, the Rev. W. F. Campbell, to bring before them this extensive subject. Mr. Campbell having been introduced to the large congregation present, told the story he had been requested to tell, viz., the work of the Anglo-Catholic Church in the world, and which he handled with a masterly hand, in an address of one hour and a half. The attention of those present never flagged, being deeply interested and thankful that our glorious old mother Church of nineteen centuries was gathering within her fold nations and peoples of every tongue and race, from the fur-clad Esquimaux to the delicately clad natives of the isles of the Southern seas. The St. Alban's choir aided much in making the service a hearty one.

LYNEDECH.—On Friday, the 5th inst., a missionary service was held in Christ Church, at 10.30 a.m. This is a Mission station a few miles from Delhi, where service is held every Sunday, also a week-day service, and is a "living Church," and though at such an apparently uncomfortable hour, a large congregation was present, with its newly formed choir; the Missionary Service of this Mission was used, the choir doing their part most ably; after which, the Incumbent introduced the Missionary Agent with but few remarks of his own. Mr. Campbell completed his task most efficiently, taking for his subject "Church Work in England and Canada." As in St. Alban's the greatest attention was rendered by those present, whose eyes beamed with intense thankfulness that God had so blessed and was blessing the work done and doing in the Church of their forefathers. The collections in aid of Diocesan purposes were liberal.

POINT EDWARD.—A social party was held at the residence of Mr. Barnett, of the G. T. R. refreshment rooms, on Friday, Feb. 27th, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Church, in aid of the Sunday School library fund. The evening was in every way a very pleasant one. There were very many present, and the most pleasant feature was the realization of the object for which they met—the proceeds being satisfactory.

WATFORD.—A Missionary Meeting was held in the Church in Warwick, County Lambton, on Feb. 28th. The Rev. Messrs. Hyland, Softley, and Campbell addressed the meeting, advocating the cause of missions. In consequence of the wretched state of the roads the attendance was not so large as at previous meetings.

DELAWARE.—Christ Church.—Mr. William Rogers, who has been Superintendent of Christ Church for fourteen years, bade the members of the School an affectionate farewell on last Sunday, being about to leave the village. It is expected that Mr. Seabrook will be the Superintendent.

BLenheim.—Rev. Henry Bartlett, of Blenheim, has been appointed Incumbent of Christ Church, Listowel, the Rev. Mr. Cooper, of Listowel leaving for the parish in St. Catharines, vacant by the perversion of Mr. Brookman.

MITCHELL.—We are glad to hear of the prosperity of the Church in Mitchell. The attendance at Trinity Church is very large for a country town, not only on Sundays but also at week-day services. There is a Sunday School, well attended, having one hundred and fifty scholars. An out-station of the Mitchell Church—Dublin, six miles distant—has also a pretty good congregation, though comparatively a newly settled place. There is a congregation generally of over fifty people. The Rector, Rev. B. P. DeLom, is very energetic.

LONDON.—Memorial Church.—The Superintendent of this Sunday School reports the number of Sunday School scholars present last Sunday as three hundred and forty-five, and thirty-five teachers. The increase of the young members in our schools fully keeps pace with the increase of population.

WARDSVILLE.—During Lent, special week-day services are held in each of the three Churches of this parish, situated in the villages of Wardsville, Glencoe, and Newbury. They are well attended.

PORT DOVER.—The Travelling Secretary of this Diocese visited this congregation on Sunday, the 7th inst., and preached an eloquent and instructive sermon on behalf of Missions.

WOODHOUSE.—St. John's.—Anniversary Missionary Services were held in this old and important parish, and also at Port Ryerse and Vittoria which are under the charge of the Rector, on Sunday and Monday, the fourth in Lent. The Missionary Agent of the Diocese advocated the cause of Missions, and the result at each place was a liberal collection, largely in excess of previous years.

OTTERVILLE.—The Rev. F. W. Campbell, Missionary Deputation, has just visited St. John's congregation here. His visit was made the occasion of holding the annual Church Meeting. The Rev's. Mr. Daunt, of Thamesford, and Mr. Scott, of Norwich, gave able assistance. The speech of the Agent gave a great amount of interesting information about Church work generally, and especially about the Diocese of Huron. The people showed their appreciation by an offering nearly three times as large as last year. Mr. Campbell states that this is the 116th meeting he has addressed since the middle of last October, and he speaks very confidently about the prosperity of the Diocese.

NORWICH.—Our Annual Missionary Meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 9th March, in Trinity Church. The attendance was better than usual for such meetings. The choir, which is acknowledged to be one of the best in the country, did its part admirably. The Rev. Mr. Scott acted as chairman. Addresses were delivered by Rev. W. Daunt, M. A., Rural Dean of Oxford, and Rev. Mr. Campbell, our new Deputation Agent. The people listened with the greatest attention to both addresses. The Missionary Agent will be heartily welcomed whenever again his duties call him to Norwich on a similar errand. The collection was double the amount taken up at last year's meeting.

LONDON.—St. Paul's.—A very handsome memorial window has been placed in St. Paul's Church to the memory of the late Rev. Benjamin Bayley, Assistant Minister of St. Paul's, and afterwards of Christ Church. The design of the window represents the good Shepherd, and in another department the Lamb bearing the banner with the cross emblazoned on it, and underneath the inscription: "To the glory of God and in memory of Rev. Benjamin Bayley, born Jan. 19, 1805; died June 17, 1879. A faithful servant of Jesus Christ." The memorial window was erected by friends in both the congregations in which he had so faithfully and zealously laboured during the few years of his ministry. It is in the chancel, and north of the great central window that is over the Communion Table. Mr. Bayley was a scholar of Trinity College, Dublin. He was principal of the London Grammar School from its being opened until it was merged in the High School of the city, and of it he was principal till his death. Never was man more generally respected and beloved in all relations of life.

SEAFORTH.—The Rev. Fred. Reneaud, Rector of Seaforth, formerly of Port Dover, is about leaving this Diocese, having been appointed Assistant Minister of Christ Church, Montreal.

WESTMINSTER.—St. James.—Rev. Evans Davis will, it is hoped, soon be able to resume his ministerial work after his severe illness.

Correspondence.

All Letters will appear with the names of the writers in full

"THE CHURCH'S ENEMIES."

SIR,—Though fully persuaded that what may be called the "legitimate" work of the late Church Association was, even since the dissolution of the society, going on as vigorously as before, yet, in common with many others, I did hope most fervently that our parishes and missions were no longer to be pestered with those mischievous papers which formerly had caused so much trouble and annoyance; leading our good, unsophisticated, and "staunchly, jealously Protestant" (in the best sense of that much-abused word) laity to fancy that we were all going Rome-ward; and that "something must be done" to save the old Church of England from the wicked machinations of the Jesuits in the ranks of her clergy who were trying to bring her into subjection to his Holiness of the Seven-hilled City. But the letters of Messrs. Spragge, Forster, and Carry have undeceived me, have awakened me from the pleasant dream that since the late Episcopal election we were all working as best we could, according to our lights for the welfare of Mother Church, and therefore for the honour of our Lord and Master. It seems, however, that we are not to have peace, after all; for the very time when the papers referred to by the above-named gentlemen make their appearance in our missions, shortly before Easter, indicates that their chief object is to influence the elections of Lay delegates, to persuade the people that the one great panacea for all the Church's ills is to elect men whom perchance they have never seen, and of whom they know nothing except that their names are supplied and their soundness guaranteed by a certain clique in Toronto.

To me this seems a most unwise course to pursue. People in the country hear so much about certain Churches in our Cathedral city that they fancy them very much like Roman chapels, and that the clergy wear robes exactly like Romish priests, and that by some means they substitute the Romish mass for the English Communion. Now these people seldom visit Toronto, and when they do they have no opportunity of seeing the Churches or meeting with the clergy. But how well this could be done during the meeting of Synod; and how their wrong impressions would be then corrected! After seeing the churches and finding them just what they ought to be, after talking with the clergy and finding them just what Anglican clergymen should be, how those wretched suspicions would vanish! Then how their prejudices against the Cross of Christ and the sacred monogram would be at least very much modified, if not removed, by finding them (as I pointed out in your late predecessor) scattered about everywhere in St. James' Cathedral, served by "the Very Reverend, the Dean," and Messrs. Greene and Rainsford; the former a vice-president, and the two latter members of the late Church Association! And if they still thought the Cross un-Protestant, we could show it them in Presbyterian and Methodist places of worship. (A pretty pass things have come to, surely, when to vindicate any of our customs we must shelter ourselves under the shield of the schismatic.) Moreover, what an idea a man living in a country place where the Church is perhaps the weakest of all the religious societies there represented, would bring back with him of her power and influence after meeting with the men of whom the Synod is composed, and seeing the amount of business transacted, and hearing the addresses delivered! Why, the good that three delegates from each country mission would do by talking to their neighbours of what they had seen and heard at the Synod would be simply incalculable. For these reasons (and many others will suggest themselves) I would venture most respectfully to urge upon the members of our country vestries to elect Lay representatives from amongst themselves. What a shame it is for people for the sake of pleasing two or three rich men in Toronto, in electing delegates to pass by members of their own congregation who for a quarter of a century or more have been regular Communicants, and have supported the various funds of the Church to the best of their ability, and against whose Churchmanship not a word could be said!

But the principal object of my troubling you just now is to place before your readers the substance of a conversation in which I took part on the evening previous to the consecration of our present Diocesan, hoping it may have the effect of showing people how they have been humbugged by the cry that the Church is becoming Romanized. I never intended mentioning the matter publicly, nor would I do so now only that if people will persist in sending their pestilential papers into our missions it is only right that a word or two should be said *per contra*. I may say that the conversation was not of a private character. On the evening aforesaid, then, a clerical member of the then Church Association being in company with several others, one of them said to him, "So you are going to dissolve the Association." "Oh, yes," was the reply, "there is no longer any need for it." "Why,"