

and not the Hymns A. and M., as formerly stated.

CARTWRIGHT.—The members of the Church in this parish, on the 16th inst. presented their rector, the Rev. J. Creighton, with a new cutter and a handsome set of buffalo robes. To Mrs. Creighton they also gave a very nice china tea set, and a large quantity of groceries and provisions. This token of appreciation and esteem for their clergyman, who has been only a little more than a year in the parish, is very pleasing, and yet it is but a slight evidence of the renewed life which is manifest in the place; for during the past year there has been erected a beautiful and substantial church which will soon be completed, and just before winter set in, there was put on the rectory grounds a very comfortable and suitable stable.

On Monday evening, the 14th inst., the Rev. Rural Dean Allen delivered a lecture in the Templar's Hall, Millbrook, before nearly two hundred persons, old and young. The Rev. gentleman was listened to with marked attention. At the close, a vote of thanks was tendered to him, for his able lecture, a collection taken up, in aid of the Band of Hope, amounting to \$3.65, when the National Anthem was sung, and the audience went home. Dr. Might occupied the chair.—*Millbrook Messenger*

ST. STEPHEN'S, TORONTO.—The concert in aid of the funds of the Benevolent Society held on the 17th inst. in St. Stephen's School House was attended by a very large audience. The chair was occupied by Mr. Poplar. The programme was of a very interesting character. It opened with a very well executed piano-forte solo by Miss Vankoughnet which was followed by songs by Miss Helliwell, Miss Weibershall, and Miss Sykes, all of whom acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of the audience and gained loud applause. The Rev. Mr. McCollum and the Rev. Septimus Jones kindly gave readings of a humorous character. Several glees were given by Messrs. Bailey, Richardson, Reid, and Avant, accompanied by Mr. Bloomer in a manner, which called forth hearty encores. The Misses Holland assisted in one of the glees. The entertainment was of a very pleasing character, and no doubt the funds of the Society were by its means largely augmented.

ST. STEPHEN'S, TORONTO.—There was a large attendance a few evenings since in the School House of this Church, the occasion being an entertainment, the proceeds of which are to be applied to the relief of the necessities of the poor of the congregation. Mr. Broughall, the Incumbent, presided. Mr. McCollum, Incumbent of St. Thomas, gave a reading, as did also Mr. Canovan; Miss Weibershall played the accompaniments during the evening, and Miss Helliwell, Miss Sykes and Miss Vankoughnet sang, each with much favor from the audience. The congregation of this Church have quietly and steadily kept pace with the wants of the poor, which is no easy task at this season of the year, and with the present "hard times."

HURON.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Rural Deanery of Huron was held in Wingham on Wednesday, Feb. 9th. Divine service was held in St. Paul's Church, at 11 a.m. All the clergy present took part in it. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Craig of Seaforth, afterwards the Holy Communion was adminis-

tered, when all the clergy and a large number of the laity partook of it. The private meeting of the clergy was held in the afternoon at the parsonage. Present, Ven. Archdeacon Elwood, Rural Dean Davis, Revs. Messrs. Craig, Woodburne, Watson, Ryan, and Bland. The portion of Scripture read and commented on was 1 Tim. vi. 11-21. The subject of discussion was "The importance of Sunday schools as a nursery of the Church, and the best means of promoting them." It was moved and seconded "that the next Deanery meeting be held in Brussels on the second Wednesday in May."

SARNIA INDIAN MISSION.—A very interesting and largely attended Missionary Meeting took place on the Sarnia Indian Mission on Friday evening, Feb. 4th. The deputation consisted of the Rev. F. W. Raikes and Rev. J. Barr. The Incumbent Rev. J. Jacobs, presided and interpreted the addresses. The church on the occasion was almost full. The Rev. Mr. Barr's address consisted mainly of accounts of mission work as carried on by the "Church Missionary Society" in the Great Northwest, illustrated by many pleasing incidents and anecdotes. The Rev. F. W. Raikes followed, and after giving a most interesting address on foreign and home missions, exhibited diagrams of scenes in India and Africa, which greatly astonished and amused the natives. Some beautiful missionary hymns in the Indian language were sung at intervals by the native choir, which added much to the interest of the meeting. The collection at the meeting was \$3.15; subscriptions \$27.00, payable on the 31st March next; total \$30.00. Altogether the present missionary meeting was the most interesting and instructive ever held on the Sarnia Indian Mission.

ENGLAND.

DR. MAGEE, Bishop of Peterborough, in a correspondence with Mr. Eubule-Evans says:—"As a matter of fact, I think you will find that the claims of long service are largely recognized by Episcopal patrons—I venture to think more largely than by any others. I must repeat, however, that on principle, the claim of the parishioner comes first with me, and I think, ought to come with every patron before every claim whatsoever. A benefice is something more and other than a professional prize. It carries with it the cure and government of souls, and I have to answer at another tribunal than that of public or even clerical opinion for each selection that I may make for such a solemn and important charge. Deeply therefore as I sympathize with the case of many of our unbeneficed clergy, I dare not allow that sympathy to turn me aside in any particular case from what I honestly believe to be my duty to the spiritual interests of those for whom I have to find a pastor. Viewing the matter however, merely in its secular aspect, I doubt very much whether a general system of promotion by seniority would be best in the end for the interests even of the curates of our Church, or would tend by its attractiveness to draw men into the ministry. It has, I believe, been calculated that in a general system of seniority the average age at which a curate could hope for preferment of the value of £300 a year, would be fifty-three years, a prospect I cannot but think more deterrent in its certainty than the present system of selection, with all its uncertainty, is found to be. The real remedy in my opinion for the slowness of promotion in our Church, would be a large and liberal system of retirement for aged incumbents. The clerical service—if the ministry is ever

to be regarded in that light—is suffering from the stagnation caused by the fact that it has no sufficient or efficient system of superannuation. The natural result of this is inefficiency in some, and disappointment and dissatisfaction in others of its members.

IRELAND.

(From the Guardian,) January 31, 1876. —The Bishop of Down and Connor and Dromore has appointed the Rev. E. B. Moeran, D.D., to the Deanery of Down, and the Rev. Jeffrey Lefroy to the Deanery of Dromore. The first became vacant through the death of the Very Rev. T. Woodward, and the second through the resignation of the Very Rev. D. Bagot. Dr. Moeran, the new Dean of Down, some twenty years ago, was appointed by the Board of Trinity, Dublin, to succeed Bishop Fitzgerald in the chair of Moral Philosophy, and he has been active since his transfer to the North of Ireland both as a parochial clergyman and a member of the Diocesan Council and the General Synod. His views are generally opposed to those of the Revisionists.

THE annual meeting of the local branch of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel was held at the Dublin office on Wednesday, when, in the absence of the Archbishop, the chair was taken by Dean West of St. Patrick's. The report, which showed a slight decrease in the aggregate income of the branch for the year 1875, stated the Dublin parishes sending in the largest amounts are as follows:—St. Bartholomew's, £90 4s.; St. John's, Sandymount, £50; Trinity Church, Rathmines, £49 9s. 8d.; St. Peter's, £42 11s. 1d.; Bray, £23, 2s.; St. Stephen's, £21 5s.

THE Very Rev. J. Stannus, Dean of Ross, and rector of Lisburn, died at Lisburn on Friday, at the age of 88. He served in the army in early life, and shortly after obtaining holy orders he obtained the important though incongruous post of resident agent and manager of the large Hertford estates. On the death of Lord Hertford in 1870 the estates passed into the hands of Sir R. Wallace, and Dean Stannus then retired from the agency on a pension. For half-a-century his influence over the town and neighborhood of Lisburn had been supreme.

IN the parish of St. Nicholas, Cork, a heavy work has been completed which testifies to the energy of Dr. Webster, the rector, aided by the parishioners. Schools have been finished which will accommodate 100 boarders and 500 day pupils. The expenditure will fall little short of £5,000, all to be gathered in from private donors. Dr. Webster is one of the comparatively small number of clergy who have taken advantage of the National system of education, under which the schools of the parish have long been carried on.

UNITED STATES.

BISHOP GARRETT says that he needs two itinerants in the "Wild South West" of his jurisdiction, for work that will demand special gifts: "scant income and small sympathy, and polemical distrust and wearing solitude, and long, lonely journey, and poor food, and poorer shelter, and low spiritual companionship—these are the enemies to be dreaded."

THE ladies of Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon, are showing by their united action, what great good can be accomplished through a Woman's Guild. This