

could get through on the stage, which left about noon. We availed ourselves of the privilege, and a cold journey it was to be sure—the country here is perfectly flat, and the keen wind seemed to penetrate everything, making us wish we were at our journey's end, and a good meeting the result. The village of Alfred is composed entirely of French Roman Catholics, consequently we "put up" in an hotel kept by a Frenchman, where we remained until we quite suddenly espied "the delicate young man," the incumbent of the mission. Hailing him with delight, as if we had secured a treasure, we introduced ourselves, and the object of our mission. Having expressed a desire to hunt up the people, but being assured it was impracticable, our zeal began to cool, which was considerably re-animated by the jealousy of the two French hotel-keepers, as to who should have the pleasure of entertaining the deputation. The service and meeting in the Church was attended by few people, and after setting forth the claims of the Mission Board and securing our offertory, we were safely housed with the kind-hearted Mr. Holmes for the remainder of the night. Early next morning we were off 15 miles to Caledonia Flats. The roads were drifted and the weather terribly cold, so much so that my nose was nipped, and in several other ways we suffered. Real glad were we when we were safely seated in the house of Mr. Downing, whose kindness to us was beyond comparison, and our hearts were substantially cheered by obtaining an excellent collection from a small congregation. Thursday was not quite so cold, but our journey to Vankleek Hill was extraordinary. The roads were drifted, and we had several narrow escapes of being upset, whilst we had to get out of the cutter two or three times to allow the horse fair play. Arrived safely at Vankleek Hill, the incumbent and his lady gave us a warm reception. This place seems to be swarming with Dissent, but the meeting here was fairly successful, thanks to the efforts of the Rev. W. Fleming, who seems to be doing a good work. The Friday was a very stormy day. How to get to East Hawkesbury was the question; it was solved by us remaining in the comfortable house, under the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Barton, very worthy church people. It was fortunate we did not venture out, for the roads were unbroken and the drifts of great depth, so much so that the incumbent endeavoured to travel the roads next day to announce our inability to attend, and was obliged to return. We next had a great "pow-wow" with the understanding that I should remain over Sunday morning, and preach in St. John's Church, Vankleek Hill, while my colleague should proceed to Hawkesbury and report himself to Rev. Arthur Philips. I understand he accomplished the journey with the greatest of difficulty, the snow-drifts being higher than the horse's back. I met my colleague on Sunday evening, when we held a service and meeting in the beautiful Church at Hawkesbury, having received a cordial reception from the genial incumbent. Monday morning we were driven to Calumet, and once more in the train spinning along to our homes. We were convinced that January is about the worst month in the year for missionary meetings in country districts. Why, oh why, can they not take place before Christmas.

J. F. GREESON.

DESERONTO.—A very pleasant evening was spent at the rectory a few evenings ago, where a deputation met and presented Rev. Mr. Atkinson, lately curate of St. Mark's, with a handsome gold watch and an address on his leaving to take charge of the parish of Marysburg. Mr. Atkinson thanked them for the present, and the kind terms in which they were pleased to refer to him in their address, which is as follows:

Rev. and Dear Sir:

We the members of the congregation of St. Mark's Church, Deseronto, cannot allow you to depart from our midst without some expression of our good will, and of our appreciation of the valuable services you have rendered to the congregation.

As curate of St. Mark's Church you have performed the arduous duties of your sacred office with great fidelity, and we heartily testify to the marked success which has crowned your efforts to advance the interests of the congregation. By constant visitation of the sick, aged and destitute, earnest sympathy for the distressed, kindly interest in the young and unwearied attention to the different organizations connected with the Church, you have proved yourself a faithful and cheerful assistant to our rector, and have gained a place in our affections which can never be effaced.

As Honorary Vice-President of St. Mark's Guild, which owes its existence to your foresight and energy, you have evinced remarkable tact in directing its operations, and have thus been chiefly instrumental in hastening to completion the erection of our handsome Church.

While regretting your departure from Deseronto, we take this opportunity of congratulating you on

your recent admission to the priesthood, and your appointment by his Lordship the Bishop of the diocese to an important parish. We fondly hope and earnestly pray that your ministrations in that field may be blessed with success and redound to the welfare of our beloved Church.

Finally, permit us to present you with this gold watch which, we hope, you will kindly accept as a token of our appreciation of your labors in this parish, and of the esteem in which you have been so deservedly held by the congregation of St. Mark's Church.

Signed on behalf of the congregation by the rector, church warden and the deputation.

Deseronto, Jan. 18, 1888.

BELL'S CORNERS.—In this parish on Christmas day the following was the offertory in response to the Bishop's customary pastoral:—Bell's Corners, Christ Church, \$20 80; Hazeldean, St. Paul's Church, \$28 18; Rathmills, St. Thomas' Church, \$9 84; Fallowfield, St. Barnabas' Church, \$5. Total, \$58 82.

A very successful Sunday School entertainment was held in the township hall, Bell's Corners, on Dec. 27th, '87, when after an interesting programme the scholars were presented with prizes; and on Jan. 12th, '88, a similar festival was held in connection with St. Paul's Church, Hazeldean, when an excellent programme was rendered; in the midst of which the rector, the Rev. H. B. Patton, was made the recipient of a new cutter, valued at \$35, and an address, presented by the congregation of St. Paul's, as a slight mark of esteem and acknowledgement for the faithful manner in which he has always discharged his duties among them. The rector made a very appropriate reply, thanking them for their very serviceable and acceptable gift.

The Diocesan Missionary meetings were held on Sunday, Jan. 15th, the deputation consisting of the Revs. T. Garrett and J. M. Snowden. The collections for the day were:—Bell's Corners, \$10; Hazeldean, \$13 78; Rathmills, \$9 88; Fallowfield, \$5 60. Total, \$38 71, which amount will be greatly augmented when the returns from the cards come in.

#### TORONTO.

CREDIT.—The new church (St. Peter's) will be opened for divine service on Sunday, 12th February. The preachers are Mr. C. J. S. Bethune, head master Trinity College School, Port Hope, and T. Patterson, rector of Christ Church, Deer Park. The offertory will be given to the building fund.

St. Matthew's.—A very successful missionary meeting was held in this Church on Wednesday evening last. The speakers were the Revs. Messrs. Ratcliffe and Clarke; the offertory for the mission was \$20.

St. Barnabas.—On Thursday evening last a missionary meeting was held in this Church, the speakers were the Bishop of Algoma, and Messrs. Ratcliffe and Shortt. The last two named gave good practical speeches. We are sorry Mr. Ratcliffe did not give an account of what he saw of the Church progress during his travel in England and on the continent, it would have been, no doubt, very interesting and instructive. The Bishop of Algoma with his usual pleasant and happy way, made his address particularly interesting by having a large map of his diocese, and pointing out its boundaries and mission stations, and giving a general outline of the work done in his diocese. The offertory was fifteen dollars.

#### NIAGARA.

The eighty-ninth meeting of the Ruri-Decanal Chapter of Lincoln and Welland was held on the 25th and 26th inst., at Niagara Falls. Present, Rural Dean Gribble, Canons Houston and Bull, and Revs. Arnold, Spencer, Gardiner, Ardill, Armitage and Macnab. The session began with evensong in Christ Church, on the 25th. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 9 o'clock on the 26th. A very profitable morning was spent in the study of the Scriptures, and in a discussion of the "Origin of Evil." The following resolution of condolence was then drawn up, and the secretary, Mr. Macnab, instructed to forward the same to the family of the late Canon Holland. "The members of the Ruri-Decanal Chapter of Lincoln and Welland avail themselves of the first opportunity of expressing their deep sense of the bereavement which this deanery and diocese at large have sustained in the death of Rev. Canon Holland, B.A., rector of St. George's, St. Catherine's, and for many years the active and efficient Rural Dean of Lincoln and Welland. They sincerely cherish the memory of so valuable and faithful a minister of Christ Church in our midst, and desire to speak words

of religious consolation and good hope in Christ to his sorrowing widow and family in this their day of mourning."

#### HURON.

PORT STANLEY.—The Rev. H. Barnwell, who was for some time incumbent of Christ Church, was appointed to Grace Church, deanery of Elgin.

LONDON.—Chapter House.—In connection with the Church Guild there is a very interesting Literary Society. On Tuesday evening, 17th inst., they held a very successful meeting in the Committee room, Dr. Woolverton lectured on "Geology and the formation of the earth," and read his paper on "caves." All present were greatly pleased with his exposition of the subject. Messrs. E. Taylor, jr., and H. Fancock were deservedly applauded for their singing, and Mr. H. Puddicombe presided at the piano. The vice-president, Mr. W. J. Imlach, occupied the chair and, as usual, to the satisfaction of all.

Deanery of Waterloo.—The Lord Bishop has been actively employed holding confirmations since Jan. 15th. On Monday, Jan. 16th, St. John's, Berlin, Rev. S. L. Smith, incumbent; on Tuesday 17th, Christ Church, Haysville, Rev. J. Edmonds.

Deaneries of Brant and Oxford.—Jan. 22nd, Ingersoll, Rev. C. C. Saunders; Sunday, 22nd, St. John's, Thamesford, and Christ Church, Lakeside, Rev. W. M. Seaborn; Tuesday 21st, Trinity Zorra and Christ Church, Hungerford, Rev. R. W. Johnson.

STRATFORD.—Deanery of Perth.—Rev. Mr. Kerr, incumbent of Trinity Church, Mitchell, has acceded to the request made to him to become assistant to Rev. Canon Patterson, incumbent of St. James'.

LONDON.—After a week's confinement to his room, Gabriel Maingault, Esq., 808 Waterloo Street, passed away in peace to the paradise of rest; having lived for Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, he could say with the Psalmist, "Though I pass through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me;" conscious to the last moment, he exhorted his own family not to grieve for him, rather would he have them to rejoice, for he had a desire to depart and to be with Christ which was far better. Those whose privilege it was to know him, will ever cherish his bright example of Christian patience, resignation and unselfishness, and, as they think of him now sleeping in peace, give utterance to the prayer, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

Churchwomen's Jubilee Offering to the W. & O. Fund of Algoma.—We are asked to correct an error in a previous list of acknowledgments of donations to the above, i.e., that of the members of St. Stephen's Sunday School, Toronto, which should have been entered as \$10, not \$5 as stated. Since the last list was published the W.A.M.A. branch, Delaware, Huron diocese, have remitted \$10; and the Rev. S. Weston Jones has fulfilled his promise, and has forwarded \$20 from the churchwomen of his parish, Charlottetown, P.E.I., which brings its total to \$32.55.

Grand River Indian Mission.—The Rev. D. J. Caswell, who has charge of the Church mission to the Six Nations Indians near Brantford, wishes to acknowledge the receipt of the following gifts of Christmas presents for the various Indian Sunday Schools in the mission, viz., two parcels from Mrs. Whitehead, of London South, one parcel through the kindness of Mr. G. M. Freeman, student; from Mrs. Baldwin, of Bishopstowe, a box of goods by express; from Mrs. Holmes, of Walkerville, which contained the gifts of the Sunday School children of the Church, of which the Rev. John Holmes is the rector. Part of the presents received from Mrs. Baldwin, were sent by the young ladies of Hellmuth Ladies' College, and part were from the Boys' Hannington Club, a missionary association among the Church boys of London, Ont. The gifts from Walkerville, also, represented the handy-work of many of the Sunday School children there. All these were most acceptable offerings, and were received as an evidence of a kindly feeling towards the "children of the forest" from those more favorably situated. Mrs. Elliot, of the Tuscarora parsonage, who has long been connected with the same Indian mission, as an earnest laborer in Sunday School and other church work, desires at the same time to acknowledge the following Christmas gifts sent for the same purpose, viz., one box from Mrs. Harvey, of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. George's Church, St. Catherine's; a gift of \$5 from the Sunday School of Trinity Church, Galt, through the Rev.