

Nelson, Prebendary Wace, D.D., and the Hon. E. P. Thesiger also spoke.

The death is announced of one of the oldest clergymen in England, in the person of the Rev. John Mills, rector of Orton Waterville, Huntingdonshire. He was Fellow of Pembroke College, Cambridge, and took his B.A. in 1831. He was ordained deacon in 1835, priest in the following year, and on May 1st, 1837, was appointed to the rectory of Orton. On the Queen's accession in the following month he was one of those who had the honour of presenting a congratulatory address to her Majesty on behalf of the University of Cambridge, as he had not at that time severed his connection with the university, being then Senior Regent. Mr. Mills was an energetic mission worker, and in his little parish of 400 souls he raised about £120 a year towards the Church Missionary Society, nearly as much as in all the other parishes in the Peterborough auxiliary put together. He had a mangle, the receipts of which went to the mission fund, as well as a threshing-floor, and the rest was raised by the sale of flowers at Peterborough market.

On Sunday, the 18th ult., a general ordination was held by the Bishop of St. David's in the parish church of Abergwili, when six deacons and seven priests were ordained.

We make a quotation from his Lordship's recent charge:—"The number of persons ordained for this diocese is remarkably uniform. As at my last visitation, I have taken August 24th (the anniversary of my own consecration) as the terminus of each triennial period. During the three years ending August 24th, 1889, there were ordained for this diocese, whether by myself or by other bishops on my behalf, thirty-nine deacons and thirty-five priests. The numbers of deacons and priests respectively during the last three years have been precisely the same."

But it must be remembered that the numbers ordained would have been considerably larger but for the continual immigration of curates from other dioceses into this. The number of clergymen ordained elsewhere and subsequently licensed to curacies in this diocese during the period just referred to has been no less than twenty-six.

"My examining chaplains report very favourably of most of the work brought up at the ordinary examinations, and increasingly so of late."

A Chicago paper, the *North-Western Christian Advocate*, of December 7th, thus testifies to the character of that city: "Chicago is not only the dirtiest, but it is perhaps the most thief-ridden city in Christendom. Mounted footpads have infested many roads leading into the city, and at the muzzles of revolvers compelled travellers to surrender their money. Criminals throttle citizens on the streets. We are having a veritable carnival of crime and robbery. The tree of Chicago opportunity is now in the dry. What it will be when greenest, next summer, when the fair is opened and crowds are present, no one dares to predict. In the police department aldermen reward political helpers by appointment to the 'force.' Life and property are 'guarded' at night by some policemen whose moral level is that of thugs and thieves. It makes one's head whirl when he tries to discover why decent citizens submit to such criminal machinery. The whole matter is a disgrace to human history. It would appear that the date for a vigilance committee is near." Pleasant reading for the timid tourist who has settled upon going!

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.

Blackfoot Reserve.

SIR,—Herewith I enclose a list of subscriptions, etc., to our Blackfoot Homes for 1892, together with a financial statement, which I trust you will be able to find room for in your paper.

I desire to thank all who have so willingly helped us during the past year, and to express the hope that all our old friends will stand by us in the year now begun.

As the work grows, expenses naturally increase, and as the whole institution depends upon voluntary help, we sometimes get a little anxious lest that help should not come.

We desire, however, to raise our Ebenezer at the beginning of this new year, for hitherto the Lord hath helped us. We began the year 1892 with building operations for the enlarging of our Homes. We

had but \$150 in hand, and a promise of \$300 from the government at that time, and only God to depend upon for the rest. We did not depend upon Him in vain, as our financial statement shows. We have spent over \$1,400 in buildings, and with more than double the number of children we had last winter, we find ourselves in about the same position, financially, as when the last balance sheet appeared. We were in debt then, we are in debt now, but we feel certain that our wants will be all supplied as heretofore.

We have room for 35 children in our institution now; we have 33 in residence, some of them handed over to us in writing by their parents for a number of years. The boys who formed the nucleus of our Home three years ago are still with us. They have done the work required by the Indian Department in the 3rd Standard, and are waiting the inspector's visit. They have English Bibles and Prayer-books of their own, and follow the prayers at our English services. We lost in the spring of the year the services of our matron, who, as Mrs. Holmes, is now labouring in the Diocese of Athabasca. We rejoiced greatly over the arrival of Miss Garlick and Miss Symonds, both of whom entered upon their work with zeal and enthusiasm, so that in less than a fortnight after their arrival our girls' quarters were full, and are full still. Mr. and Mrs. Haynes still have charge of the boys in the Home, and look after them as their own children. We are very grateful to the different branches of the "Woman's Auxiliary" that have sent us bales during the past year, and especially for the boys, clothing they contained. Without such contributions of clothing we could not keep the Homes open, for the cost would be more than we could meet.

We hope, before long, that it will be found necessary to make more additions to our present buildings, for why should we stop at thirty-five children, when there are about three hundred on this reserve, growing up in filth, and darkness, mental, moral and spiritual? Some day, perhaps not distant, these three hundred children will be under instruction in an institution where they will learn all that is necessary to make them useful members of society, and where they will grow up in the knowledge and fear of the Lord. We have put our hands to the plough, Christian brothers and sisters; let us not turn back now, or think we have accomplished any work for the Master yet. We are only beginning, and if our Church is only alive to its opportunities, we shall yet see large institutions for the benefit of these and other Indians reared in the name of our God, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

J. W. TIMS, Principal.

ST. JOHN'S HOME FOR INDIAN BOYS AND GIRLS.

Blackfoot Reserve, Gleichen, N.W.T.

List of Subscriptions and Donations for 1892.

Christ Church, Baillieboro.....	\$ 5 00
Christ Church, Brampton	5 00
St. Peter's Junior Branch, Cobourg.....	9 00
Trinity Church, Colborne	5 00
St. Paul's, Innisfil	2 50
All Saints, King	5 00
do. " Junior Branch	10 00
Lloydtown Junior W. A.	2 28
London—Boy's Hannington Club (for boy)...	25 00
do. Memorial Church Ch. E. Soc'y. (for boy) ..	50 00
St. Thomas, Millbrook	10 00
Christ Church, Norwood	2 50
St. James', Orillia	10 00
All Saints', Penetanguishene (for boy)	12 59
St. John's, Peterborough	20 00
St. John's, South Ward, Peterborough	3 44
St. John's, Port Hope	15 00
Margaret Mission Band, Port Hope.....	10 00
St. Mark's, Port Hope.....	10 00
Stayner	1 00
Streetsville Junior W. A.	1 35
All Saints', Toronto.....	5 00
do. W. Fleming's Mite Box.....	1 56
Church of the Ascension, Toronto	10 00
Church of the Ascension, Toronto, Junior Mission Band (for Gertie).....	25 00
Church of the Epiphany, Parkdale	22 27
St. George's, Toronto.....	15 00
St. James' Cathedral, Toronto.....	20 00
St. Luke's, Toronto.....	1 00
St. Margaret's, Toronto	30 00
St. Paul's, Toronto	3 50
St. Paul's, Toronto, Mission Band Jun. Branch (for Gertie).....	25 00
St. Peter's, Toronto, Miss Dixon's Bible Class (for Louie).....	50 00
St. Philip's, Toronto.....	3 00
St. Simon's, Toronto	5 00
St. Stephen's, Toronto	30 75
St. Thomas', Toronto—St. Agatha's Guild... ..	5 00
St. Philip's, Weston.....	5 00
St. Mark's, West Toronto Junction.....	16 00
St. John's, York Mills.....	30 00
Diocesan Board W. A., Toronto (Matron's salary, 1 qr.)	75 00

Donations.

Miss Holland.....	2 00
Per Mrs. Cummings.....	5 00
Grace and Harold Sheppard.....	1 50
Juliet Daniel.....	1 00
Mrs. Thorne	1 00
Olive Thorne.....	1 00
J. Sumner, Esq. (omitted 1891)	20 00
J. Sumner, Esq.	10 00
Mrs. H. W. Kirby (for support of "Bob.").....	50 00
Mrs. H. W. Kirby (organ fund).....	15 00
Per Miss Dixon: Anon (for Boy's Home)	2 00
"A Churchwoman of the Ontario Diocese," a thank offering to Almighty God for mercies vouchsafed.....	50 00
Miss Perkes (for girl)	12 50
Rev. E. F. Wilson (organ fund).....	15 00
F. Molony, Esq.	5 00
Rev. G. Holmes (organ fund)	3 00
Per Mrs. Pinkham (for purchase of toys for "Christmas tree")	5 00

Total contributed in Canada\$791 74

English contributions 503 29

ST. JOHN'S HOME FOR INDIAN BOYS AND GIRLS.

Financial Statement for year ended 1892.

To subscriptions, donations, &c., contributed in Canada	\$791 74
"English Contributions.....	503 29
"C.M.S. Grants, per Finance Committee	395 00
"Government Grant towards buildings	850 00
"Offeratories in the Mission.....	24 90
"Carpenters' board	63 25
"Balances due Treasurer Dec. 31st.....	55 53

\$2,683 71

By Buildings	\$1,429 61
"Salaries.....	400 00
"Provisions.....	289 00
"Furnishing	204 14
"Laundry expenses.....	63 65
"Fuel and Light.....	88 90
"Boots and Clothing.....	62 50
"Sundries	39 96
"Insurance	51 50
"Garden	11 55
"Repairs	2 75

\$2,652 56

Balance due Treasurer Jan. 1st, 1892..... 31 15

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Assets.

Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society\$ 19 40

Liabilities, Dec. 31st.

Balance due Treasurer	55 53
Organ Fund.....	64 00
Sundry Bills.....	107 09
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To the Members of the Church in the Proposed New Diocese of Ottawa.

DEAR BRETHREN:—You are aware that for some years past the necessity for the establishment of a new Diocese, by the sub-division of the Diocese of Ontario, has been admitted generally by all thoughtful Churchmen. Moreover, all the legislation to this desirable end has been effected.

The Diocesan Synod has expressed itself in favor of the scheme, which has been ratified by the House of Bishops, who require as a condition for the election of a Bishop that the sum of \$40,000 shall be secured as an endowment for the new See. In addition to this sum, I was able when in England to obtain from the Colonial Bishopric's Fund a grant of £1,000, and a similar grant of £1,000 from the S.P.C.K.

The new Diocese will consist of the eight eastern Counties of the Province of Ontario, in which there are at present 76 clergy—an area which will afford ample scope for the energies of even the most vigorous Bishop.

Let me give you, my dear brethren, a short account of the growth of our present Diocese, which has made its subdivision a necessity. Thirty years ago the number of the clergy was 50; they now number 135. The number of parishes and missions was 46; they now number 113. The number of churches built since the formation of the Diocese is 180, not taking into account churches enlarged or rebuilt; indeed, I may say that the progress of church building has been, and continues to be, a remarkable feature of our Diocesan growth.

The same may be said of parsonage house building. While scarcely a parsonage house existed at the formation of the Diocese, now scarcely a Mission is without one.

It is more gratifying still to be able to report the increasing numbers of persons presenting themselves for confirmation. Up to date, the number of those who have been confirmed is 34,500.

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