

earnestness, stronger in love, and we shall look forward in happy expectation to his next visit, meanwhile working on in increased faith and enthusiasm.

TORONTO.

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Rev. Professor Mitchell and Rev. Professor DuVernet have severed their connection with Wycliffe College, the former to take up parochial work in England, the latter to devote himself entirely to his parish work in Toronto Junction. Prof. Mitchell sailed last week.

St. Matthew's.—A congregational meeting was held last week to consider the matter of a surplised choir. This question, which was discussed by the congregation five years previously, was carefully considered, about thirty persons speaking. The discussion was open to all communicants, and to all adults. The vote when taken resulted in a vote of 100 in favour and 26 against, and was then made unanimous in favour.

Confirmation Services.—The Bishop of Toronto will hold confirmations as follows: Palgrave, Bolton; 28rd, Warkworth, Campbellford; 26th, Toronto; 28th, Port Perry; 30th, Oshawa; 31st, Whitby; June 1st, Pickering; 2nd, Toronto; 3rd, Midland; 4th, Medonte, Orillia; 14th, Castlemore, Tillamore; 15th, Lloydtown; 16th, Thornhill.

St. John the Evangelist.—Sunday evening, the annual confirmation service was held, conducted by the Bishop of Toronto. Before administering the holy rite of confirmation, his Lordship took occasion to speak a few words to the candidates as to the responsibilities they were about to assume, and told them at all times when in doubt to ask God to guide them. Rev. A. Williams assisted at the service, and Mrs. Bentley Hall rendered "The Shepherd of the Fold" beautifully.

St. Mathias.—On Tuesday evening a grand concert with tableaux was given by the G. F. Guild in the schoolhouse of this church. Vocalists were Miss Helm and Miss Culbert, who were highly appreciated. Tennyson's *Lotus Eaters* was rendered in a most able manner by the class of Miss Cohoe, under the able reading of Miss Keefler. The tableaux were given under the instructions of the elder members of the guild, and shown by the calcium light, giving a beautiful effect. Pianist, Mr. G. H. P. Darby, who rendered selected solos, accomplished with great credit. The chair was taken by their superintendent, Mr. Wright. The whole evening proved a great success, and proceeds given towards the piano recently provided for Sunday school purposes.

The Rev. Dyson Hague has resigned the rectorship of St. Paul's church, Halifax, and has been appointed lecturer in homiletics, liturgies and pastoral theology in Wycliffe College.

W. A.—The May meeting of the Diocesan Board was held in St. James' school house on Friday, May 14, the president, Mrs. Williamson, in the chair. The meeting was opened with the missionary litany with special petitions and thanksgivings. The recording-secretary then read the minutes of the April meeting, which were confirmed. The corresponding secretary reported one new life member, Miss Kirkby. The treasurer's statement showed the receipt of \$2,073.11. The Dorcas secretary reported several bales about to be despatched. The junior secretary reported a new branch, St. Clement's. The treasurer of the extra-cent-a-day fund reported \$44.18. This was subsequently given by resolution towards purchasing comforts for the Bishop of Mackenzie River and the workers in his diocese. At noon the epistle for the week was read by the president, and the members joined in repeating the members' prayer. Then ensued a friendly and somewhat conversational discussion as to the success of the annual meeting, the president asking for opinions on various points. Some valuable hints were given by Mrs. Septimus Jones, Mrs. Holmstead, Mrs. Cayley, Miss Osler and others, and the president proposed distributing leaflets and hymn-books with music in the ferry-boats, etc. Miss Osler read a four-minute paper on the subject of a prayer-union by which members could easily set apart one hour per week for reading on missionary subjects. The librarian reported 14 books issued from the lending library during the annual meeting. The standing committees were then elected, viz., the Dorcas, Literature and Parochial missionary collections committees, the last named with power to add to its number. A vote of sympathy with the Presbyterian Women's Foreign Missionary Society in their great loss by the death of their president, Mrs. Ewart, was moved by Mrs. Sullivan, 1st vice-president, and seconded by Miss

Tilley, and carried unanimously by a standing vote. A vote of sympathy was also tendered to Mrs. Macdougall, formerly the representative of the Ministering Children's League in a recent bereavement. After other resolutions it was decided to have the June Board meeting on the first Thursday in the month, so that it will not conflict with the Synod. The meeting was then closed with prayer.

DEANERY OF PEEL.—The regular quarterly meeting of the Chapter of Peel Rural Deanery was held in Brampton, on May 5th. The following clergy were present: The Revs. Rural Dean Swallow, Canon Tremayne, Wm. Walsh, J. Hughes Jones, C. L. Ingles, T. W. Powell, A. S. Madill, H. M. Little and H. O. Tremayne. Holy communion was celebrated in Christ Church, at 10 a.m., after which the Chapter convened in the school room. Considerable routine business was transacted at the morning meeting. After luncheon, which, as well as tea, was most hospitably provided by the ladies of the congregation, papers were read by Rev. H. M. Little on Rev. Spencer Jones' book, "The Clergy and the Catechism," and by the Rev. T. W. Powell on "How I train my Sunday-School Teachers." The papers were able and interesting and gave rise to considerable discussion. After evensong, which was said in the church, at 7.30, an open meeting was held, the subject for discussion being "The Financial Support of the Church." The Rev. C. L. Ingles read a very suggestive paper advocating and explaining the work of "The Association for Proportionate and Systematic Giving." Several of the clergy and laity spoke on the subject, and the meeting was closed with the singing of the Doxology. The next meeting of the chapter will (D.V.) be held at Bolton, on Oct. 6th, 1897.

HURON.

MAURICE S. BALDWIN, D.D., BISHOP, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Easter the Church of the Hosannas was consecrated to the service of God and set apart from all profane and common uses by His Lordship, Maurice, Bishop of Huron, who preached—and his sermons are always touching in simplicity and elevation—the subject being "Christ, the Stone rejected by the builders." The church was well filled with attentive and reverent worshippers. The decorations were the contribution of the whole congregation and called forth hearty expressions of admiration. At the rear of the altar was a shelf with a row of Bermuda lilies, with hyacinths and daffodils, in the intervals a cross composed of daffodils in the centre, supported by vases filled with white carnations and wild hyacinths. Along the choir stalls tall lilies bent their graceful heads as in reverence. A group of callas adorned the lectern, the steps luxuriant with spiraea, lilies and hyacinths; the font a bed of wild green sprinkled with daisies; the sills of the windows were beds of moss with wild flowers bursting through with their many delicate hues; but the most striking of all were the tall clustered oaken columns capped with a festooned wicker basket, a palm in each, and forming an avenue from the door to the choir steps, reminding one of Christ's triumphant entry, the multitude strewing palm branches and crying, "Hosanna to the Son of David."

NEW HAMBURG.—*St. George's*.—Mr. and Mrs. H. R. D. Brown, who have many years resided here, have removed with their family to Toronto. Before leaving a farewell reception was given to them by the Church families at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Puddicombe. During the evening they were presented with a very handsome drawing-room clock, accompanied with an address expressing sincere regret at their leaving the parish and neighbourhood, and in appreciation of the interest they had always taken in the well being of the Church and its various organizations, and their attention in the care of the poor and suffering. Mr. and Mrs. Brown feelingly thanked the subscribers to the testimonial, assuring them it would constantly remind them of their many friends in Hamburg, and of associations too closely linked ever to be broken. The "Ladies' Aid Society" of St. George's, of which Mrs. Brown ever since its commencement has been a steadfast member, gave in her honour a five o'clock tea at the residence of Mrs. Wm. Millar, and presented her with a very pretty set of ivory mounted toilet articles. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have from all quarters received expressions of regret at their leaving, and they are followed with many good wishes for the welfare of themselves and family.

BRANTFORD.—The rector of Grace church, on Easter eve, was presented with a very handsome pair of brass altar desks, by Mrs. Jeffrey Hale; they are the very best in workmanship, and handsome in design. The King's Daughters are working for a fund to clean and decorate the chancel; and this work will soon be taken in hand. The Easter vestry

nominated a committee to investigate and report upon needed repairs and improvements to the nave generally. So before the summer is over we hope to have these much needed improvements.

STRATFORD.—*St. James*.—Rev. D. Williams, chaplain of 28th Battalion, has made arrangements to have the Very Rev. Dean Innes, of London, preach to the regiment in Stratford on May 28rd. The dean was an officer in the Imperial service and is well qualified to talk to soldiers.

Huron Synod.—Synod meets this year June 8th, that is, two weeks earlier than usual, on account of the Lambeth Conference.

MITCHELL.—The vestry, on Monday evening, May 10th, decided on the erection of a new church, appointed a building committee and selected Mr. H. J. Powell of Stratford as architect. The site selected is described as one of the best in the town. The bishop holds confirmation services in this parish on May 25th.

LISTOWEL.—The opening services of the new church were fixed for Sunday, May 16th, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., preacher, the lord bishop. On Monday, the 17th May, at 8 p.m., a confirmation was to follow. Miss Vivian Clayton, of this parish, left recently for Winnipeg, where she is to assist Rev. Mr. Fairlie, principal of the Industrial Schools.

SEAFORTH.—The bishop visited St. Thomas' church on Sunday, May 9th, and preached, and confirmed 54 candidates. The rector, Rev. Rural Dean Hodgins, assisted.

LONDON.—*Memorial Church*.—Miss Richardson, daughter of the Rev. Canon Richardson, who left recently to become a nurse in the Royal Victoria Hospital, has just passed her first examination, standing first in a class of fourteen nurses.

Mr. W. S. McMillan, District Master of London Masonic District, and widely known as a prominent woodman, father of Mr. Wilmott McMillan of Huron College, died on May 9th at the age of 50 years, mourned by a very wide circle of friends.

ALGOMA.

GEORGE THORNLOE, D.D., BISHOP, SAULT STE. MARIE.

EMSDALE.—The Rev. Alfred W. H. Chowne begs to acknowledge with hearty thanks the receipt of £1 from Mrs. R. C. Streatfield, of England, towards the better lighting of St. Mark's church, Emsdale.

RUPERT'S LAND.

ROBT. MACHRAY, D.D., BISHOP, ARCHBISHOP AND PRIMATE.

WINNIPEG.—Thursday, May 6th.—The Synod was commenced by the celebration of holy communion in Holy Trinity Church, at 9.30. His Grace the Archbishop presiding, assisted by several of the clergy.

After divine service the clergy and lay delegates assembled in Holy Trinity school house. The proceedings were opened shortly after 10 o'clock by the offering of prayer by the secretary, Rev. Canon Rogers. After the calling of the roll the election of secretaries took place. Rev. Canon Rogers was unanimously re-elected secretary for the Synod, and Mr. W. S. Beecher was appointed his lay assistant. On motion of Rev. C. R. Littler, His Grace nominated a committee to consider his address delivered Wednesday evening in Holy Trinity church. His Grace nominated the following committee to consider his charge, and to report to the Synod at an early session: The Dean, Van. Archdeacon Fortin, Rev. F. V. Baker, Rev. C. R. Littler, Messrs. A. P. Sweatman, Capt. G. F. Carruthers, Lt. Col. Anstruther, H. S. Crotty.

Mr. W. P. Sweatman, one of the auditors of the Synod, read the auditors' report, which was also adopted.

Rev. Canon Rogers was re-elected honorary treasurer, and Messrs. W. A. Henderson and W. P. Sweatman were also re-elected auditors.

The report of the committee on statistics and offerings was read by Mr. F. H. Mathewson. It stated that 15 parishes had not taken any notice of the request to take special collections for Indian missions and to make returns to the Synod. The report was adopted on motion of the mover and Rev. Rural Dean Burman.

The Dean in seconding the motion of adoption, regretted that the Indian mission fund was not larger, and that the interest in Indian missions was not greater than it appeared to be.

Rev. F. V. Baker brought up the subject of having a Church census taken, which brought on a discussion as to the possibility of having such a census made.