

succeeded him and holds the position of Assistant Rector. The Revs. Thomas Handcock, R. D. Cartwright, Richard H. D'Olier, W. M. Herchmer, W. David, A. Stuart, W. F. S. Harper (travelling missionary), Phillip Wood Loomore, H. C. E. Costello, Henry Wilson, A. W. Cooke and M. M. Harding have severally been connected with the Parish: the Revds. Cartwright, Herchmer and Wilson having been associated with it from eighteen to twenty five years. About the interior of the Church are marble slabs, in memory of Rev. W. M. Herchmer, Hon. John Kirby, Mr. William Wilson, Rev. R. D. Cartwright, Lord Sydenham, Col. F. S. Tidy, Rev. John Stuart, D.D., Lieut. Johnson, Sir Henry Smith, and others. The names of Cartwright, Gildersleeve, Sellars, Rudston, Ross, Macaulay, Ferguson, Carson, Smith, Henderson, Strachan, Kirkpatrick, Watkins and Kirby are as familiar as household words in the history of the Church.

Two beautiful polished marble slabs, to be retained in the vestibule of the King street front contain these inscriptions:

'This Church was commenced in 1825; opened for divine service 1826, and consecrated in 1828. The total cost of erection was £10,000 currency, which sum was derived from the following sources:

1. Rent of church lands.
2. Contributions by the parishioners.
3. Donations by the Rector and assistant ministers.
4. A royal donation of £1,500 sterling, granted at the instance of that zealous churchman, Sir Peregrine Maitland, while Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada. To commemorate all which this tablet was set up by the vestry, A. D. 1846. *Laus Deo.*'

'This stone, erected A. D. 1846, records the thanks of the vestry of St. George's Church to the Ven. George O'Kill Stuart, LL.D., Archdeacon and rector of Kingston, and to his assistant minister, the Rev. William Macaulay Herchmer, A.M., for their pious liberality in contributing each the munificent sum of £1,000 towards the enlargement of the Church and the reconstruction of the steeple. 'Lord I have loved the habitation of Thy house and the place where Thy honor dwelleth.'

#### DIocese OF TORONTO.

TORONTO.—On the 23rd ult. the annual festival of Toronto Bands of Hope under the auspices of the Church of England Temperance Society was held in the schoolroom of St. James' Cathedral. There were nine bands present, numbering seven or eight hundred, and filling the room comfortably. The opening hymn, 'Brightly gleams our Banner,' was beautifully sung by the children, under the leadership of the Rev. C. C. Owen. After prayer, the Bishop gave a short address. Then the Rev. Canon Greene, of Orillia, spoke of the privilege of addressing children, in the hope of moulding the future public opinion of the country. He referred to the fact that they were assembled on St. George's day, and told the legend of England's Patron Saint overcoming the dragon. The object of Bands of Hope was to place a barrier against the ravages of a greater dragon, whose course was marked by a destruction so terrible that the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone had declared it to be worse than the combined evils of famine, pestilence and war. If the Bands of Hope were true to their principles, the dragon could be destroyed in 25 years, by the growth of a generation of total abstainers. He showed how true mothers and fathers would regard that terrible evil, and described the two roads—abstinence and drunkenness, under the simile of two railways. The benefits of temperance were happier homes and money saved. That total abstinence was scriptural was shown by the examples of the Rechabites, the Nazirites, and of Daniel. Canon Greene closed with

a description of a statue erected in the States to the memory of Abe Lincoln, and expressed the hope that an abolitionist leader might soon arise in Canada to proclaim freedom for the slaves of the drink tyrant. The presentation of prizes and reading of prize essays were interesting features of the festival. Several other clergymen gave appropriate addresses. The fife and drum band of the Boy's Home played very nicely. Of course, the singing of hymns was concluded with the National anthem, and the doxology, when the Bishop pronounced the benediction.

PETERBORO'.—The Girls' Guild of St. John's Church had success to reward their labors in their apron sale which was held Thursday, 30th ult. A large display of aprons, of all patterns, shapes and sizes, were offered for sale and found ready purchasers, while a variety table with sundry fancy articles was also a remunerative source of trade. In the evening refreshments were served. The financial results were very encouraging.

Dr. Davies, the talented organist of St. John's Church, gave another of his popular organ recitals at the church last week, and the grand musical programme was listened to by a large audience who could not fail to appreciate the exquisite music. 'Israel in Egypt' with pedal passage was a grand revelation given by a master hand. The overture, 'Zampa,' with brilliant orchestral effects, was another number of unusual beauty.

ASHBURNHAM.—On Wednesday evening, 20th April, a most successful and highly meritorious concert was given by the choir of St. Luke's Church in the village hall in Ashburnham. Mr. John Burnham, Q.C., M.P., presided as chairman. The programme rendered was one of unusual excellence, and was rendered in a faultless manner.

#### DIocese OF HURON.

LONDON.—At a special meeting of the Vestry of St. Paul's Church Wednesday last, Mr. Rhodes, a student of Huron College, who will be ordained on May 24th, was appointed curate to assume the duties of the position on June 1st. Mr. Rhodes is spoken of in very high terms by the College authorities and all who know him. Rev. Principal Miller and Rev. Prof. Williams, of Huron College, have also been engaged to preach in the Cathedral, and Mr. Rhodes will take the bulk of the parish work.

His Lordship the Bishop of Huron will (D. V.) hold an ordination on Trinity Sunday, May 24th, in St. James' Church, London.

ST. MARYS.—The special services of nine days, held in the Church at St. Mary's, were brought to a close last Friday evening. They were conducted by the Rector, Rev. W. J. Taylor, the Mission preacher being the Rev. A. Murphy, Rector of Trinity Church, Chatham. The interest deepened as the work progressed three large congregations being present on Sunday week. The service for men only on Sunday afternoon was well attended the church being nearly filled. In the evening it was packed. The Bible readings each afternoon were most instructive, and many availed themselves of the opportunities of studying God's word. At the closing service there was a large congregation, the mission closing with the celebration of the Holy Communion the number of communicants being greater than ever seen in that church. Mr. Murphy's sermons were arousing and full of teaching, and the Mission has been a decided blessing to the congregation. The Revs. J. Moorhouse, of Ingersoll, and A. Dawdney, of Mitchell, took part in the services.

DORCHESTER.—Rev. Mr. Brown, incumbent of Thamesford Mission, continues to officiate in

St. Peter's Church here Sunday evenings. His services are so highly appreciated that the congregation keeps increasing.

NEW HAMBURG.—The Rev. Mr. Edmunds has tendered his resignation of this Mission. No one has as yet been appointed to succeed him.

#### DIocese OF RUPERT'S LAND.

WINNIPEG.—Christ Church.—Sunday, April 19th, was a notable one in this parish. In the morning the St. George's Society and the 'Sons of England' attended service in much larger numbers than on any previous occasion. The sermon was preached by Rev. H. A. Todor, M.A., Rector of All Saints' Church, from Ex. ix, 16: 'And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to show in thee my power.'

The evening service was the last to be held in the present church. After a long and patient waiting, and much faithful work on the part of both Rector and vestry, it has been decided to proceed with the building of a new church, the present structure being too small for the congregation, which has grown so largely under the faithful ministrations of Canon Pentreath. The Most Rev. the Bishop was present at the service, and the Rector preached from II. Chron. xxiv. 5, 6, 13. There was an immense congregation, and all must have felt that a great and important step was being taken. We understand that \$12,000 has been pledged for the work, and the wardens have been authorised to pull down the old building at once, and to commence to rebuild, as soon as they have \$7,000 in sight. Services will for the present be held in the schoolroom. We wish every success to our friends of Christ Church.

BRANDON.—St. Matthew's.—At the Easter meeting of the parishioners of St. Matthew's Church, Mr. James was chosen Rector's warden, the Hon. Judge Walker elected people's warden. The delegates elected to the Diocesan Synod are Hon. Judge Walker, Mr. T. M. Daly, M. P., and Mr. J. N. Kirchhoffer.

During the past week Brandon has been visited by the Rev. J. Sarkis, a native Missionary from Malabar, India. Mr. Sarkis is a priest of the 'Christians of St. Thomas,' who are Christian Israelites, and claim that they are descendants of the Lost Tribes, and that they were converted to Christianity by the Apostle St. Thomas. Bat Gibbon, Milman, Smith and other historians were of opinion that they were founded by Thomas, a Nestorian, in the 5th century. They have certainly had the Gospel preached to them at a very early date, and are a remarkable testimony to the primitive character of the Church of England, inasmuch as they have Bishops, priests and deacons, administer the Sacraments as we do, have a liturgy, and are in doctrine almost identical with us. While they disclaim Romanism on the one hand and Dissent on the other, they fully recognize the Church of England. The Rev. Mr. Sarkis spoke in St. Matthew's on the 'Lost Tribes,' and the religious and customs of the people of India.

#### CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

##### *Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette:*

The Evangelical clergy, as a rule, are moving with the times. There was a time when the black gown was the acknowledged pulpit dress of the party, and the surplice was a 'rag of Popery,' at least for preaching in; now the latter is almost entirely the use, and the gown is relegated to visitations and levees. Again, there is not so much reluctance as formerly in signaling the high festivals of the Christian Church with comely decorations of the House of God, and these are particularly forthcoming on the most suitable occasion of our annual