

with laundry, man-servant's room, and coal vaults. A back staircase will extend from the ground floor to the attic. The stonework throughout will correspond with the excellent finish of the church, surmounted with a hip roof and a gable. When finished, there is no doubt but that the St. George's Church rectory will, in every respect, be a credit to the body under whose management it will have been erected. An excellent stone table and coach house, 30 by 40 feet, will be erected at the back of the premises. The Rectory is to be completed by the close of summer, and its cost will be between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

HAMILTON.—We have lately been visited by a couple of persons who, modestly calling themselves "Evangelists" hold forth after the fashion of Moody & Sankey in a public hall seeking to 'convert' their hearers by bringing them away from their houses night after night to hear sensational stories and mix with a crowd which according to their own account is not fit to be approached. These revivalists are females; and as such it is scarcely fair and certainly unnecessary to criticise their movements. In spite of the efforts of this profession the world is now no better perhaps no worse than it ever has been, notwithstanding the old doctrine of Horace

"Aetas parentum pejor avis tulit
Nos nequiores, mox daturos
Progeniem vitiosiore"

When a missionary goes to Fiji, his object is to Christianise heathen and shew them light. A modern revivalist, however can do no more than try to demonstrate to a parish that their own pastor is a poor, easy going preacher lacking in energy and in all the requisites for bringing his flock to a due state of salvation. Surely these itinerant saints are either out of place or else they should devote their talents to awakening the pastors they are constantly satirising. However, it is to be hoped some good may arise from their efforts whether they originate in self interest or mistake.

On Thursday evening the 8th. a conversazione was held in aid of the Cathedral organ fund. "The Times" of the following day said. "The committee are to be congratulated on the successful manner in which the evening's entertainment was carried out. The programme selected was a capital one. The singers were Mrs. Norton the leading Soprano of the Cathedral choir, and Messrs. Crawford, Leisk & Wild all of whom acquitted themselves admirably. Miss Broughton and Miss Swain played the accompaniments with much taste, and the Misses Mathews performed some admirable pieces. Rev. Mr. Spiers gave two readings, both of which seemed to delight the audience. Mrs. Villiers, the treasurer of the ladies' committee, has to thank Mrs. Mitchell for the handsome donation to the organ fund of \$25. received this morning." After the conversazione was closed by singing the national anthem the room was cleared.

The Church of England Institute formally opened their rooms on Tuesday the 13th inst. Particulars shall be given next week. These rooms, which are at No. 42 James St. North are now open every evening, and means are provided for affording literary culture to all its members. I omitted to mention that Mr. R. T. Lancefield had been appointed Hon. Secretary. Subscriptions are being solicited for the formation of a library.

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HURON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MOHAWK MISSION.—The Lord Bishop has been visiting this Indian Mission, in the neighborhood of Brantford.

ONONDAGA.—A concert was given in the Town Hall, Onondaga, by the band of the Blind Institute for the benefit of Holy Trinity Church. There was a large attendance. During the intermission Dr. Dee and eight or ten other gentlemen, presented the following address to Rev. Dr. Armstrong. It was called forth in consequence of the late attempted assassination of the Doctor.

To the Rev. David Armstrong, D.D., Incumbent, Onondaga:

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR.—We, the undersigned inhabitants of the Township of Onondaga, desire to convey to you our abhorrence of the atrocious attempt made to assassinate you, and to assure you that you have our heartfelt sympathy and prayers, and also that we feel truly thankful that in an almost miraculous manner God Almighty preserved your life when in such imminent danger. We cannot forbear expressing our high commendation of your undaunted courage and bravery in pursuing and eventually capturing the supposed perpetrators of the crime. We also beg to assure you that you will have all the support that we can give you in your endeavors to repress crime and rid our township of the evil-doers who evidently have made it their headquarters for some time past. In conclusion we would express our hope that you will remain long in our township to proclaim, as is your custom, "the whole counsel of God," and that He may give you strength to labor for Him, and bless you in all your undertakings; and we further pray that the Lord will bless your family, and protect them and you in all your future life. We remain, Rev. and dear sir, Your obedient servants. (Signed) Thomas Conboy, Sen. J. P., James Graham, J. P., R. H. Dee, M. D., B. Squire, John Henderson, Geo. Vansickle, James Reeder, Eugene Ball, and 200 others, representing the wealth, intelligence, respectability, and the religious element in the township. The Doctor made a suitable reply.—*Huron Recorder.*

LONDON.—We had heard with our ears of the great work doing in the Old Church of the Home Country. Fame had told us of the labours of Archbishops and Bishops and Evangelists, and of the abundant blessings poured out upon that land, but now these marvelous works are done in our midst, in the Forest city. One of those Evangelists is with us, and we are witnesses to the awakening from apparent sleep of a no mean city. And yet there is nothing new in the message delivered; it is the old, old story that had been told by the ministers of the old church in Britain long ere the Roman missionary looked upon her white cliffs—the story that has made happy so many of the cottage homes of England, that enabled Cranmer amid the flames of Smithfield, Laud on the scaffold, Heber away far from his loved home in the vast mission field of India, and Paterson in the midst of his Evangelistic labours in Southern seas to triumph over death. What a "noble army of martyrs" is the roll of honour of the old church!

Rev. W. T. Rainsford, Church of England Evangelist, having accepted the invitation from the clergymen of this city, commenced an evangelistic course of services in our St. Paul's on last Sunday morning to a very large congregation. He took as his text the words of our Lord in the sixth chapter of St. John: "He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood dwelleth in me and I in him." Avoiding alike the errors of Romanism and Zwinglianism, he presented to his hearers the doctrine of the Sacrament as the church presents it, and with a simplicity of exposition, a force of reason and authority, a beauty of language peculiarly his own. "What is flesh, what is blood?" asked the preacher,—nature, life. The nature, the life implanted in us at baptism—the first sacrament needs refreshing, renewing, as the natural body needs refreshing, renewing. That need the sacrament of the Holy Communion supplies. Memory have become more faint, faith, more weak, love more cold—Jesus says, Take, eat, this is my body, this is my blood—Take—eat." This was the message of the day from the Ambassador to the Church, to the city, and the church felt an extraordinary impulse, and added warmth and life; and that increasing vitality has been deepening, spreading with a pentecostal intensity. That day the numbers who accepted the invitation, "Take, eat" were largely increased though less than, perhaps, one-fifth of the congregation partook of "the children's bread." This however, we believe, is the beginning of brighter days. The congregation of St. Paul's that evening (Feb. 4) is said to have been one of the largest ever assembled in that building. It was filled, one would say, to its utmost capacity, but we have seen since that what is said to be full may be made to hold more. The number at St. Paul's at evening service has been estimated at two thousand.

The evening prayers by Revs. Canon Innes and J. Gemley, sermon by Rev. W. T. Rainsford—Subject: The value of the human soul. Monday, 3 o'clock p.m., Bible readings in Bishop Cronyn Hall conducted by Rev. W. T. Rainsford. This was to be the order of the week for the afternoons, and services at St. Paul's Church at 8 p.m., Mr. Rainsford, Preacher. After two such afternoons, the church had to be thrown open for the Bible readings, the Hall being too small for the numbers attending. And so the work has gone during the week. The preaching must be confined to the church of St. Paul's no other building would hold the congregation. All the pews are thrown open, pew owners find seats where they can, in aisle, chancel, anywhere. The Rector had ordered one hundred chairs for the aisles in advance of these services; it is said he has got two hundred since, and now wants an additional supply; some can yet be placed in the chancel. A marked characteristic of the work is the solemn silence, the deep heart felt earnestness of the vast assemblies. There is no manifested excitement, there are no ejaculations. The voice of the congregation is only heard when joining in the Confession and Thanksgiving and the Responses.

The sermons, each, take up some topic; i.e., on Wednesday evening the subject was, The Holy Ghost, His personality and indwelling presence. Friday evening, The lifting up of the Son of Man, as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness. On Sunday afternoon there will be a special service for our Sunday Schools. The services will be continued through the ensuing week. Some clergymen from the country parishes are present and take part in the services, as well as the clergymen of the city, as did Rev. Dr. Caulfield, of Windsor, on Friday. We hope to be able to send further reports of good news to the DOMINION CHURCHMAN.

ALGOMA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

GRAVENHURST.—The bishop of Algoma arrived here on Jan. 24th, on commencing his annual visitation of the Muskoka and Parry Sound sections of his extensive diocese. The bishop held an ordination service in St. James church, Gravenhurst, on Sunday, 28th Jan., when Mr. Thomas Lloyd, who for two years past has been efficiently discharging the duties of a lay reader and catechist, was admitted to the Order of Deacons. His Lordship preached on the occasion from 2 Cor. v., 20, setting forth the duties of the Christian Ministry. In the afternoon a service was held at Alport station, about six miles from Gravenhurst, where a goodly number of the settlers has assembled to meet their bishop and unite in offering up a common sacrifice of prayer and praise. At the evening service in St. James, Gravenhurst, the bishop preached again to a large congregation from 1 Cor. vi., 19, 20; and in the course of his sermon pointed to the apostolic idea of temperance, to the church of Christ as the great temperance society of the world instituted by God Himself, and urged the church members present to live up to their baptismal covenant.

On Monday evening the bishop, after spending the day in calling upon the church members in the village and neighbourhood, presided at a social gathering in the town hall, which was largely attended, not only by the members of the church, but also of other denominations. Several telling speeches were made, varied by music, both vocal and instrumental, the rendering of which speaks well for the taste and talent of the inhabitants of the rising village of Gravenhurst. The bishop gave a clear and interesting sketch of the formation and history of the Church of England, showing its early origin, its continuous existence, its apostolic order and its Scriptural teachings, whilst disavowing any wish to make capital by running down the other bodies of professing Christians. He boldly claimed the right to say what could justly and fairly be said for the Church; and showed that the Anglican branch of Christ's Church, having a good foundation, might well expect her members to be loyal and true, and to live consistently with their profession. The two following days having been spent in holding vestry meetings and services at Gravenhurst and Alport, at which arrangements were made for the setting