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into action, but what is done in some of the cities in the States with great advantage could be done in Toronto. The Lord Bishop might say with much satisfaction that the diocese has made good progress during his episcopate by adding seventeen churches to those in the city; but the advance is only the call to go forward, and there are still many places requiring immediate attention within the Rural Deanery. The offer of a church at Balmy Beach was handsomely made by a layman, and as generously taken up by a city church for providing the services. This was a good omen for the success of the movement, and there are many such zealous laymen and congregations who only require their attention to be drawn to our needs. But we can never overtake our work by sitting down to calculate how much we have done. The city is filling and extending, and we need not feel sore at the Methodists and Presbyterians attempting to do their duty: they are our best friends, as they go before us and show us the way to follow, while we grumble at their greater alertness in extending the gospel. But what would the religious state of Toronto be to-day, if we did not have them with their zeal and numerous agencies?

PETERBOROUGH.—The new Rector of Peterborough seems to be utilizing the opportunities given by the season of Lent to the utmost extent; and the *Daily Examiner* shows the public interest in the services by giving no less than four columns of their Saturday issue to a report of the services. On the evening of Monday, February 24, a crowded meeting was held in the school-room, at which Mr. Barlow Cumberland, of Toronto, delivered an admirable address on the English Book of Common Prayer. Discussion was invited, and several speeches were delivered. On the Wednesday following, Professor Symonds preached to a large congregation in St. John's Church on the authenticity and accuracy of the Four Gospels. Mr. Symonds showed himself thoroughly master of his subject, arranging his materials with great skill, and presenting his points with great force and eloquence.

NIAGARA.

GUELPH.—There was a meeting of members of St. George's Church on Monday evening, the 3rd of March, to consider the boundary lines of the proposed new parish. The rector was in the chair and there were present in addition Dr. Lett and T. W. Saunders (churchwardens), C. Walker and George Murton (lay delegates), and the following five petitioners: F. J. Chadwick, C. E. Howitt, J. M. Bond, E. Harvey, H. K. Parsons. The discussions were of a most amicable character, and at the close there was a unanimous decision endorsed by the rector, as follows, for the proposed parish: "All that portion of the city and township of Guelph lying to the south of the following defined line, viz., Dundas road, Gordon street to Wellington, Wellington to Devonshire, along Devonshire and Dublin to London, London to Exhibition, along Exhibition to city boundary, along city boundary to Elora road, Elora road to township boundary." Mr. George Elliott, the third lay delegate, was unavoidably absent on account of illness.

ALGOMA.

PORT SYDNEY MISSION.—On Friday evening, February 7th, the second concert was given in aid of a new organ for Christ church. At the time it should have commenced a terrific and blinding storm raged, and it was feared that the performance of the programme would have to be deferred. Quite a posse of friends had arrived from Aspdin, and several also from Bracebridge, and after waiting a little time quite a respectable number came together from the immediate neighbourhood. The Rev. A. H. Allman occupied the chair, and, after remarking "that it was really marvellous how the old organ held together, but that he hoped that it would not entirely collapse until it could be replaced by a new one," turned to an ample programme, which was carried out with the greatest satisfaction to all present, and reflected the highest credit upon the performers. Mrs. Butcher, and the Misses Green, Reynolds, and Mitchell took their places in turn at the instrument, and the three latter, with Mr. Harry Bridgland, also rendered solos, duets, and trios, in a truly splendid manner, calling forth much applause and many encores. To Mr. Waterhouse, however, as the comic singer, must be attributed the right to be called "the star of the evening," for the applause, laughter, and merriment which he produced scarcely knew any bounds. The choir gave their excellent friends a little rest by the singing of a few choruses, which were well received, and at about 10 p.m. the proceedings were brought to a conclusion by the singing of the National Anthem. The sum realized at the door amounted to \$10.50. Since the concert took place the old organ has become unworkable, and the lady organist has reluctantly given up the attempt to con-

tinue to lead the musical portion of the services. The singing now entirely depends upon the vocal powers of the choir and congregation, and it is hoped that many readers of the *CANADIAN CHURCHMAN*, who are lovers of music in divine service, will at once aid the struggling efforts of the said congregation to help themselves out of the present difficulty. At least \$15.00 were lost to the fund when the concert was held, because such entertainments being rare, persons come a long way in order to be present when they do take place. Subscriptions may be sent to the Rev. A. H. Allman, or to Messrs. W. Thoms and C. Gale (Wardens), P.O., Port Sydney, any of whom will acknowledge the smallest contribution. On Sunday, March 2nd, the Rev. T. Lloyd visited this mission, and conducted divine service at Uford, Beatrice, and Port Sydney, also occupying the pulpit in each of the three places. Good congregations assembled to welcome and to hear the rev. gentleman, and in the two former places the Holy Communion was administered. The Rev. A. H. Allman went to Huntsville, taking the Rural Dean's pulpit at All Saints', and also visited and addressed the Sunday-school. More than the average numbers were present at the churches, and the said congregations expressed their appreciation of a change sometimes.

CALGARY.

Deanery of Macleod.—The first Ruri-decanal meeting of the Macleod deanery was held in Christ church, Macleod, on the 11th and 12th of February, 1890, this being the date fixed by the Bishop for his episcopal visitation to the southern portion of the diocese. There were present Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of the diocese, Rev. S. Trivett, C.M.S. missionary to the Blood Indians; Rev. H. T. Bourne, missionary to the Piegiens; Rev. H. Havelock Smith, incumbent of St. John's, Pincher Creek; and the Rev. Ronald Hilton, incumbent of Christ church, Macleod. Lay members—His Honor Judge Macleod, Col. Elton, Capt. Scobie, Mr. J. Garnett, and Mr. Hillier, a Church of England teacher on the Blood Reservation. The proceedings began with divine service at 10.30 a.m., consisting of shortened form of Matins and Holy Communion, Bishop Pinkham delivering a very interesting and appropriate address. The members met for business at 2.30 p.m. In the absence of the Rural Dean, the Bishop upon request took the chair. Papers were read by the Rev. S. Trivett and Mr. Hillier on "The Evangelization of the Indians" and "The best method of training Indian children." The discussion on these two subjects occupied the whole afternoon. The interest, which, from a Christian point of view, naturally surrounds such subjects, elicited free and unreserved expression of opinion, and doubtless much help was given to those who are engaged in such work in this portion of the diocese. At 7.30 p.m. a missionary meeting was held in the church, when addresses were given by the Bishop, Col. Elton, Rev. S. Trivett, and Rev. Ronald Hilton. Col. Elton's address had reference to his long residence in India, and his own personal knowledge of the work done by the C.M.S. missionaries, notably that of the Rev. Worthington Jukes in the Peshawar Valley. He referred also to the assistance given by missionaries to survey parties, of which the overseers have made kindly mention. Rev. S. Trivett's remarks bore testimony also to the good work accomplished by the C.M.S., giving some useful information relative to the working of the said society in the evangelization of the heathen. The Rev. Ronald Hilton, who has for more than eight years been a servant of the society for the propagation of the gospel—spoke of the great good done by that venerable society, not only in this diocese, but throughout the world. "We have," he said, "to properly appreciate the great work of the society, not only to behold her efforts in this diocese alone, but we must enlarge our vision and see in no less than sixty other dioceses scattered over the globe, the great good the society is doing by centralizing to the spiritual wants of thousands; the persons to be benefited by the society's labors may be computed at two millions and a half of European descent, and 150 millions of heathens—about a sixth part of the whole human race. The society has over 600 ordained missionaries, besides 1,600 catechists, school-maids, and divinity students." Mr. Hilton concluded his remarks by an appeal for heartfelt prayer and sympathy in the work of missions, and asked those present to furnish tangible evidence of their interest in work by contributing liberally to the offertory that evening, which, he announced was to go to the "Indian Mission Fund" of the diocese. The Bishop, after narrating many of his interesting experiences in the northern portion of the vast diocese of Saskatchewan, and giving pleasing information of spiritual progress and development in missions there, concluded with the benediction. The second day's proceedings began with early celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. At 10.30 a.m. the members again assembled when a paper was read by the incumbent, the Rev. Ronald Hilton, on "The religious training of children in the deanery." This

paper markedly called forth an earnest and interesting discussion, nearly all the members expressing themselves freely on the deep importance of such work. It was shown that although Sunday-schools were established in the most important centres of the deanery, notwithstanding there were a number of children outside the reach of these, and that "house to house" instruction by the various clergy in the deanery seemed the only practical method of teaching the children so situated under their charge, thus laying a foundation for future good. Much stress was laid upon the home teaching and training of children; that the solemn duty of parents was in this respect oftentimes over-looked and not unfrequently totally neglected. At 2.30 p.m. a paper on "Hindrances to church work and progress," was read by the Rev. H. Havelock Smith, of the parish of St. John's, Pincher Creek. The subject was treated practically, bearing immediately upon those things which seemed to him to hinder church work and progress in the deanery of Macleod. Not so much discussion followed as at first was thought likely to ensue, but nevertheless it had its effect in the acceptance it received from the meeting. The first paper to have been introduced "Is adequate provision made for the spiritual interests of church people in the deanery," was taken up at this point. In the absence of the Rural Dean—to whom the subject had been allotted—the Bishop requested Rev. Ronald Hilton to introduce the subject, which he did in a few appropriate words. Then followed a fruitful discussion, in which it was thought that where practicable more missions should be opened out. It was urged that every member of the church should receive a visit from a clergyman at least once or twice a year. The widely scattered condition of the settlement of the country militating against the establishment of centres at which services might be held, the visits of the clergy, it was urged, for this very reason, should be made as helpful as possible to those who were not within easy access to the public services and administrations of the church. This was the last subject under discussion. His Lordship the Bishop in closing the meeting, expressed his gratification at the success of this the first Ruri-decanal meeting of the deanery, and expressed the hope that the fruitful discussions would lead to wholesome practical results. He was pleased to see such interest taken in the meeting by the lay members, two of whom, Mr. J. Garrett and Col. Elton, had ridden on horseback a distance of fifty miles in order to be present. It had been announced the Sunday before that divine service would be held on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., when the Bishop would preach and the rite of confirmation be administered. The church consequently was crowded to the door. At 7.30 the clergy robed and processioned up the aisle, the choir singing "Soldiers of Christ arise," the service to the end of the third collect was read by the incumbent, the Rev. H. T. Bourne, reading the first lesson, (Isaiah xxxv.), and the Rev. H. Havelock Smith the second lesson from Acts viii. After the third collect the hymn "Our Blessed Redeemer ere He breathed" was sung, immediately after which the incumbent read the opening preface to the confirmation office. The candidates—ten in number—were then addressed by the Bishop, all present listening with rapt attention to his words of wisdom and instruction. The rite of confirmation was then administered, the incumbent, the Rev. Ronald Hilton, presenting the candidates one by one for the reception of the Apostolic "laying on of hands." That appropriate hymn for such solemn occasion, 271, of A. & M., was then sung by the choir, the entire congregation joining in heartily. The sermon by the Bishop followed. His Lordship chose as his text Romans xii. 1, and ably and eloquently was the subject treated, many present being deeply moved by his words. After singing "Son of my soul" the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop. Confirmation was to have been administered the Sunday previous, but the Bishop was unavoidably absent. His Lordship travelled from Calgary to Macleod, some 100 miles, with the mail-carrier in an open sled. The trip generally occupies two days, leaving Calgary Thursday morning and arriving in Macleod on Friday evening. On this occasion they were, however, delayed by storms and heavy roads. About 8 o'clock on the night of their third day out, they made the startling discovery that they were lost. It was intensely cold, so they wandered around all night for the double purpose of keeping warm and seeking some habitation. It was, however, not till five o'clock in the evening of the following day, that they fortunately came across a house, and discovered where they were, miles out of their course. The Bishop had been over twenty-four hours without food or rest; he sustained, however, no serious injuries from the experience beyond being slightly frozen. Had not providence guided them to a house and shelter, it would indeed have been a very serious matter to be two nights exposed to the cold in succession, without bedding, rest or food, cannot be endured by the most hardy, without serious, if not fatal injury.