

Suburban Church of *St. Matthias*, and the *Church of the Redeemer*, Cote St. Paul.

St. Stephen's Church.—The annual public meeting of the *St. Stephen's Church Association* was held in the lecture hall last week, when there was a large attendance. The annual report of last year's proceedings was read by Mr. Ryder, the Secretary, and showed a very satisfactory amount of good work accomplished and that an active interest had been aroused among the young people. Mr. F. Upton, the Treasurer, followed with a satisfactory financial report. Ernest and practical addresses were delivered by Rev. G. Osborne Troop and others; the proceedings being enlivened by choice vocal selections, by Miss Edwards, Mrs. Chennel and the choir. Archdeacon Evans in closing solicited the hearty co-operation of the young people in the work of the Association.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

No Report.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TORONTO.—*St. Thomas*.—The 11th Anniversary of this Church was marked by special services on the 11th inst, when the Rev. Canon Dumoulin, Rector of *St. James'*, preached both morning and evening.

The Diocesan Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, held its usual monthly meeting in *St. James'* school room on Thursday, 8th November, when the Rev. A. Whatham, of Cheddar, gave an interesting sketch of Mission work in the backwoods.

MINDEN.—The annual Missionary meeting was held in *St. Paul's Church* on Friday 19th. The day was wet and nasty, and there is much sickness in the place in consequence; there was a small congregation. Prayers was said by Mr. Soward, of Kinmount; and the lessons by the Rural Dean, and Mr. Farncomb, of Haliburton.

Mr. Harding addressed the meeting. After alluding very feelingly to the late Rural Dean, he said that the doctrine of Christ which the clergy are sent to preach, and are required to live, has promise not only of the life to come—the endless life—but that it is the security and the happiness of our life here; it is the source of our truest civilization. He mentioned an incident in the life of Charles Wesley, who, when sitting in his library, heard a commotion among the birds in his garden, and saw a hawk chasing a sparrow, which after in vain trying other ways to escape, dashed through the open window right into the bosom of the spectator, and there was safe. This called forth from Mr. Wesley (it seems like profanation to apply the term "Mr." to such an honoured name) that beautiful hymn "Jesus, lover of my Soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly." The speaker remarked on the high spiritual habit of mind which could so seize on the incident and draw such loving and lasting comfort from it—comfort and joy to Christians of many generations; and contrasted this story with one of old Rome—similar, yet how different! When the Senate was sitting in the Forum, another little bird, also chased by a hawk, sought shelter in the flowing beard of one of the Senators, who snatched it and killed it. Taking the lowest view—our self-respect—it is to our advantage to encourage missionary effort; for the safety of our homes; of our wives and daughters; the security of our persons and our property depend on a few words spoken 3,400 years ago on Mount Sinai; which words, the decalogue—are rehearsed weekly from our altars, and from ours alone in all of Christendom.

Mr. Farncomb, of Bobcaygeon, drew a comparison between the first Missionaries, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," and the present, who are sent

with the very same commission; he instanced Bishops Bompas, Selwyn, Patterson and Hannington, as amongst many who have hazarded their lives unto death as missionary preachers Livingstone also, Gordon and others, laymen who have given themselves to the same service; and that there are as great Christian heroes today as the Church ever produced. When St. Paul preached the Gospel in strange lands he had the gift of tongues to help him; now men have to spend years of careful study to master the language of those to whom they are sent. Then, as St. Peter with Ananias, and Sapphira, and St. Paul with Elymas, they exercised the awful power of binding and loosing to strike terror; now the same awful power is shown in long-suffering and patience to win. He urged that all ought in their degree to be missionaries; if they cannot go, a few can, they may help others to go. "Christ does not need the \$1000 of the rich any more than your dollar, or 50 cents, or the child's penny. It enlarges and improves our hearts to know that He is using us, and we are blessed in being so used."

The collection here was quite in excess of that at Kinmount and Eagle Lake, Mr. W. Farncomb being the chief speaker. The affairs of the Deanery are bright and promising, and there is a good tone and a devout work being done; the great want is men. A few priests are trying in vain to do singly the work of two or three.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

LOWVILLE AND NASSAGAWEYA.—On the 5th inst., His Lordship Bishop Hamilton administered the holy rite of Confirmation to seven candidates in the former and four candidates in the latter place. There would have been a much larger number but for the illness of some reticence and misapprehension of others. Another service is promised not far in the future for the benefit of these. He was assisted by the Rev. S. Bennets, of Waterdown; W. H. Blackford, of Collicks, and J. Morton, incumbent of the parish.

A reception to his Lordship was given in the evening. The occasion was made to serve as a reopening of the parsonage, which has been receiving important improvements and repairs. It was a rainy evening, yet there was a large gathering, a delighted party and a liberal donation in aid.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON.—*St. John's*.—In the year 1863—just twenty-five years ago—a small congregation met in the library of Huron College for divine worship, under the ministrations of Rev. W. H. Halpin, one of the College Professors. From this nucleus the large and important Parish of *St. John the Evangelist* has grown in the northern part of the city. The spirit of the people, however, was adverse to worshipping in the College library, and this spirit asserted itself in the erection of *St. John's Chapel*, on George street, in the summer of 1864, the opening sermon being delivered by Bishop Bedell, of Ohio, in the fall of the same year. Rev. W. H. Halpin continued as the minister in charge for a decade, and so successful was his labours that at the end of that period this modest edifice proved too small for the congregation worshipping there. When the Chapter House was erected on Piccadilly street, in 1874, Bishop Hellmuth ordered the closing of the former Chapel, and transferred the congregation to the latter. This Building was erected for the Diocesan headquarters, and was in many respects undesirable for the purpose of public worship, but the Synod Hall was fitted up as a "temporary chapel." The Bishop's original idea in the erection of the Chapter House was to make it the nucleus of a magnificent cathedral, and after ten years in fact

began to draw upon the parishioners that these expectations could not be materialized, in the near future. When the Ontario & Quebec Railway Company expropriated a portion of the Chapter House property it was definitely settled that a cathedral could not be erected there, and the congregation, being thrown on their own resources, determined to make an effort themselves. In December, 1886, a vestry meeting was held, and it was decided to open a subscription list for funds to erect a parish church. Some progress had already been made by the ladies towards securing another site, and they had collected some \$400 or \$500 with this object in view. Other congregations and friends responded generously, notably the clergy, and so encouraging were the prospects that the erection of the Church of *St. John the Evangelist* was commenced in the spring of the present year, and on the 9th of March the foundation stone was laid by Rev. Principal R. G. Fowell, M. A., who has been in charge of the parish since October, 1886. The erection of the edifice has been steadily proceeded with, and last week it was formally opened for divine worship by His Lordship Bishop Baldwin. To the Rector and church wardens is due, in a very considerable degree, the ultimate success which has crowned this heavy undertaking.

This new edifice is situated on the corner of *St. James* and *Wellington* streets, and will greatly enhance the architectural beauty of that portion of the city. The nave is eighty feet long by forty feet wide, with a chancel 27 feet wide by 20 feet deep. It is built entirely of white brick with Credit Valley stone trimmings. The windows, which are twenty in number, are of old gothic style, and with the old Cathedral rolled glass present a very neat appearance. These are supplemented by several louvre windows in the roof and six clerestory windows in the chancel at the east end of the building. At the southeast corner is a tower, which, when completed, will be between 80 and 90 feet high. A peculiar feature of this church is the fact that the two main entrances are on the side, one which has not a counterpart in any other church in the city. The interior is particularly handsome, and is capable of comfortably seating about 500 people. The carved oak pulpit is the work and gift of Mr. T. R. Howard, a member of the congregation, and is considered by experts as one of the most exquisite pieces of carving in the city. A handsome font in the west end is of red granite and blue marble, and is a memorial gift from the family of the late Gabriel Manigault, Esq. The brass work in the chancel was donated by the parish in England, where Principal Fowell's father was vicar, and in memory of that deceased clergyman. A magnificent window in the east of the building is a memorial from the old congregation of the late Very Reverend Dean Boomer, who was for many years the Rector of the parish. The communion table was presented by Messrs. John Ferguson & Son, and the pretty brass bookrest on it is the gift of Mrs. Boomer, and "in recognition of the love shown for the Dean's memory." A tablet on the wall is in memoriam of the late Gen. Evans, C.B., the father of Bishop Hellmuth's first wife; and the encaustic tiles on the chancel floor, as well as the stone steps, are the gift of friends in England. Negotiations are pending for the purchase of a pipe organ. Behind the chancel is the organ chamber and vestry. The building has cost in the neighborhood of \$13,000; \$9,000 of which has been provided for already.

A musical and literary entertainment was held in *Christ Church* school room on Tuesday night. The room was filled to the doors, and an excellent programme was presented by Mr. Halle, organist of the church, consisting of duets and solos by Mrs. Piper, of London South; Miss Boddy, of Toronto, who received a well merited encore; Messrs. Halle, Green and Warcup, piano selections by Mr. Green, violin