

leave the Mission to take charge of the Rectory at Thorold. Few clergymen in the short space of two years, succeed in gaining the love and respect of their people as Mr. Grahame has done. A very large number of his parishioners (including about half of the Drew and Clifford congregations, many of whom had to travel from seven to nine miles) assembled on Friday evening, Jan. 30, at a social at the residence of D. P. Clapp, Esq., B. A., Public School Inspector, in this place and presented him with the following address accompanied by a purse of \$64 (to which some outside of his own congregation voluntarily contributed). The address was read by Mr. R. Harvey and the purse presented by Mrs. Wm. Johnston:

To the Rev. W. E. Grahame, Incumbent of Minto Mission:

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—The members of the different congregations of Minto Mission, have, with deep regret, heard of your proposed removal from amongst us, and though the time is very limited, we hasten to express to you the very high esteem in which you and your amiable and accomplished lady are held by us. We had learned, not only to love you as our faithful pastor, but also to admire you as a Christian gentleman, and regret that the endearing ties are so soon to be broken. But we rejoice to know that His Lordship the Bishop so fully appreciates your high moral and Christian worth as to place you over a congregation amongst whom His Lordship himself laboured so many years, during the most active part of his ministerial career. We but feebly express our feelings when we say we wish you and Mrs. Grahame all prosperity, both spiritual and temporal, in your new field of labour.

Please accept this purse as a small token of the esteem in which you are held by us. Accept it not for its intrinsic worth, but as a token of the feelings which prompt the gift, and when you offer prayer to a Throne of Grace in your distant field of labour, do not fail to remember the many friends you have left in the Minto Mission, as we trust we shall also remember you and Mrs. Graham. Again, reverend and dear sir, allow us to express our high esteem for you and Mrs. Grahame, and our deep regret at your removal.

Signed on behalf of the different congregations of the Minto Mission, R. Cardwell, W. J. Morrison, Drew; J. Astell, J. Brady, Clifford; Dr. S. Corwan, R. Gilhuly, W. Johnston, R. Harvey, of Harriston.

The Rev. Mr. Grahame made a feeling reply.

PERSONAL.—Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, having returned to his Mission after an absence of three months on work connected with the Diocese, requests that letters and papers be addressed to him at the Parsonage, Stoney Creek.

WELLINGTON RURAL DEANERY MEETING.—The quarterly meeting of the Ruri-decanal Chapter of this Deanery was held in the village of Arthur on the 27th and 28th ult. The number of clergy in attendance was larger than usual; and the interest manifested by the church people of the Mission was also more than ordinary. Rev. W. J. Pigott preached the sermon on the evening of the first day on the subject appointed at the previous meeting—"Aggressive Christianity." Holy Communion was celebrated on the morning of the second day, a considerable number of the laity communicating along with the clergy. The principal portion of this day was occupied in the business proper of the Deanery. A part of the Third Chapter of Genesis was read and discussed, an hour was spent in considering the application of the principles of elocution to the reading of the Exhortation and General Confession, and several matters affecting the welfare of the Church in the diocese were made the subjects of conversation. It was resolved to set apart in the month of August next three days for spiritual meditation and mutual religious improvement, the meetings to be held in the mission of Rev. C. R. Clark, of the Township of Amaranth. On the evening of the 28th ult., the missionary in charge, Rev. Thomas Rixon, held the annual missionary meeting. All the clergy attending the business session of the Chapter remained for this meeting, and spoke on behalf of the mission cause. The offerings were devoted to the diocese of Algoma. It is to be hoped that before another meeting of the Deanery is held in Arthur, the Church of England will have a building of its own in which to worship. It is pleasant to know that there is a prospect of a beginning being soon made towards this. The next meeting of the Chapter was appointed to be held in Mount Forest in the month of May.

HURON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

KETLE POINT.—The annual missionary meeting took place in St. John's Church, on Monday, Jan 12th inst., and was well attended, the chapel being almost full. The Stoney Point Indian choir were in attend-

ance and sang several well-known missionary hymns in the native tongue. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. J. Jacobs, the pastor of the mission, and Mr. Peter Gray of the Sarnia Reserve and others. Subscriptions at the close of the meeting, with the collection, amounted to \$17. It is gratifying to witness the increased interest taken by these Indians to extend the Gospel into the regions beyond. It was pleasing to see several children in the meeting offering their mites to the cause of Christ. After the missionary meeting a tea festival was provided in which the Sunday School children, with their teachers, parents and pastor, took an active part. The long expected Christmas tree was then exhibited, which was heavily laden with gifts of various kinds. Exactly at the hour of 3 p.m., Santa Claus made his appearance. He was an aged man, with a huge walking-stick in his hand, and a bag of apples on his back. He wore a mask, and appeared in full Indian costume, and feathers on his cap. He was the most comical looking individual we ever saw. On his arrival, with roars of laughter the people shouted "Nanny booshoo." After making a brief and humorous address, the choir sang a selection, and Santa Claus alias "Nanny booshoo" began to pluck the heavily laden tree, and distributed the fruits to the Sunday School children. Several beautiful selections were sung at intervals by the Stoney Point Indian choir, which added very much to the enjoyment of the gathering. After the distribution the grand old Indian ceremony of conferring names took place. Santa Claus, Jeffry Bressette, was the first one who was called upon to perform the ceremony which was quite impressive, and which Santa performed with great efficiency. The lady upon whom he conferred a name was Mrs. William Wood, of the Lake Shore, Bosanquet, who has always proved to be a sincere friend of the Indians, and who is greatly esteemed and loved by them. The name she received is "Wah sa yah bun o qua," meaning "A woman of shining light," which is a very appropriate name for Mrs. Woods' many excellent qualities. The next lady who received a name was Miss Bella Wood. The Rev. Mr. Jacobs conferred the name which is "O gene buh goo qua," translation, "a rose girl," or, "a lady of roses." Mr. D. Carscadden received from Mr. Peter Gray of the Sarnia Reserve the name, "Wah yah sash kung," translation, "He that goeth about scattering light." Mr. Carscadden is Mr. Jacobs' assistant in preaching to the Kettle Point Indians. Mr. Wm. Carscadden, the popular young teacher at Kettle Point, was given by Mrs. Shawunoo (the chief's wife) the name, "Sha nuh wish kung," translation, "Bell-ringer," or the "Maker of sounds," as Mr. W. C. is an expert bell-ringer, calling the children to school, and also in teaching. The thanks of the Indians are due to the Rev. J. Jacobs. Mr. Carscadden, Mrs. Wood and other kind friends who very generously assisted in getting up the entertainment.

DELAWARE.—The annual Sunday School festival of Christ Church, was held in the Town Hall on Friday the 16th inst. There were about seventy scholars present, and there was a large attendance of parents and friends who all appeared to be deeply interested in the prosperity of the School. The entertainment was opened by a hymn sung by the scholars, and there was an excellent address by the Incumbent, Rev. Charles Martin, pointing out the great good done and doing by Sunday Schools. Tableaux were part of the entertainment, and the Three Graces, Guardian Angel, Gipsy Camp, and other scenes and characters were represented by the teachers and scholars. There was a reading by Mr. Fitzallen, and there were several hymns sung by the children. There were two fishing ponds, one for the boys and one for the girls, in which they drew up dolls and other toys. The feast provided by teachers and other friends was, as usual at Sunday School meetings, thoroughly enjoyed by all. Delaware, though privileged for some years by having a resident clergyman, cannot be called a stronghold of the Church. The congregation of Christ Church is not large, nor can they be said to have increased much in number. The fruits of the ministry of Rev. Mr. Flood, long Rector of the parish, are, however, manifest in the mission to the Murney and Oneida Indians, the greater portion of whom he was the means of converting from Paganism. Mr. Martin is a great favourite, and is doing a good work in the congregations of Delaware and Caradoc. Rev. Mr. Chase has the Indians of the Delaware under his pastoral care.

ST. MARY'S.—The annual missionary meeting of St. James' Church was held on Friday, the 24th inst. The meeting notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather was fairly attended. The Rector, Rev. J. T. Wright, presided, ex-officio, and, after devotional exercises, he addressed the meeting briefly. It had, he said, been the custom to bring annually before the members of the congregation information regarding the missionary work of the Church. The agent of the diocese was now present for that purpose, and he hoped they would be stirred up by his address to take a deeper interest in the great work of the Church.

Rev. W. F. Campbell, Missionary Secretary, proceeded to give some information regarding missionary work, especially that of the Diocese of Huron. He referred to the work of the great English societies, and the success of the missions in China, Japan, Africa, India, and Burmah. He spoke of the origin and growth of the Church in England and in Canada, and her great progress in this latter country since the appointment of the first bishop in 1787, when there were but eleven clergymen in this vast territory now known as the Dominion of Canada, and in which there are now seventeen bishops, nine hundred clergymen, nearly seventy thousand communicants, and nearly one million adherents. He then referred to the missionary work in the Diocese of Huron during the Episcopate of the late Bishop Cronyn and the present bishop. He contrasted the financial position of Huron Diocese with other dioceses. The usual collection was taken up, and after devotional services by the Rector the meeting was closed.

GLENCOE AND WARDSVILLE.—Meetings in aid of Diocesan and Foreign Missions were held at these places on the evenings of Wednesday and Friday, Jan. 21 and 23 respectively. These stations form part of the parish of Robt. J. Taylor, who has lately taken charge, and already the fruit of his energetic efforts appear. The missionary meetings held this year were both in attendance and the amount contributed in excess of those of any previous year.

At Glencoe the meeting was opened with prayer by the Incumbent, who after expressing the hope that their zeal and interest in the cause of missions might keep pace with their increasing importance, introduced the speakers of the evening, Rev. A. Fortin, of Belmont, and Rev. Alfred Brown, of St. Paul's, London. Mr. Fortin spoke of the position of our Church as compared with that of the corrupt Church of Rome, in which he himself had been brought up, and referring to the state of things in the Province of Quebec, urged his hearers to appreciate their great privileges, and to mark their appreciation by supporting the missionary operations of the Church, both in the Diocese and beyond its borders. Mr. Fortin speaks with animation, and the audience was much interested in his remarks. The next speaker, Mr. A. Brown, dwelt upon the glorious history of the Church of England, drew attention to her status and condition in this country, and said that her only endowments were the heads of her people; the best endowments any Church could possess. He also referred to the business-like manner in which the affairs of the Diocese were conducted, and the flourishing condition of its several funds, making it in this respect a model Diocese.

The same programme was carried out on Friday night at Wardsville; the parishioners of which are to be congratulated on possessing one of the prettiest and most church-like of our rural church edifices. At each of the above places the choirs were present, and aided greatly in making the meetings successful.

WOODSTOCK.—Amounts received by J. Beard, Sec'y, for Algoma.

QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1879.—Goderich, by S. G. Dyet, Esq., \$4.50; Grace Church, Brantford, per Rev. G. C. McKenzie, \$3.50; Miss Beard, Woodstock, \$8.25. For Shingwauk Home.—St. Paul's Sunday School, Woodstock, \$12.50. Total, \$28.75.

QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER, 1879. Grace Church, Brantford, collected by Mrs. Stratford, \$5; Goderich, per S. G. Dyet, \$5; Galt, per Rev. Canon Hincks, \$10; St. Paul's, Woodstock, half-yearly collection, \$14.71; Rev. S. Harris, Simcoe, 65 cents; Captain Brydges, Woodstock, \$8. For Shingwauk Home.—St. Paul's Sunday School, Woodstock, \$12.50. For Wawanosh Home.—Sunday School, Ingersoll, by J. W. A. Eakins, \$10; Rev. S. Nairns, Simcoe, subscriptions at Missionary Meetings, \$35. Total \$66.21.

BRANTFORD.—The Rev. Mr. Brockman, late of St. Thomas' Church, St. Catharines, was received into the Baptist denomination, and was "baptized" by Mr. Cameron, pastor of the "Second Baptist" Church.

ALGOMA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Our Diocese has now been in existence a little over six years, and by the abundant blessing of God and the working of His Holy Spirit upon the hearts of His people much has been effected for the advancement of His Church and many have been quickened into a deeper spiritual life in Christ, throughout the Algoma Diocesan portion of the Lord's vineyard. Much of our success is due, under God, to our unwearied and self-denying Bishop, who, like a faithful shepherd, annually visits and duly performs his Episcopal functions throughout his extensive Diocese. It is with the deepest feeling of gratitude to our heavenly and gracious Father that we humbly acknowledge His providential care over us during past years, and most