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BISHOP BALDWIN'S SERMON.

On Sunday evening, the 2nd inst., his Lordship the Bishop of Huron preached to a large congregation in St. Matthews. The text was taken from the 12th chapter of Acts, verse 5 and the verses following—the account of the Apostle Peter's imprisonment by Herod, the prayers of the Church for his release, the manner of God's answering their prayers, and the astonishment of those who prayed when their request was granted. The congregation's interest was awakened by the vivid representation of the circumstances, which were narrated in stages, the great lessons of the chapter being earnestly set forth, while the minds of the hearers were eagerly watching for every syllable. His lordship spoke of the chains that were binding sinners, and of the efforts that were made by some to free themselves from those chains. Thousands had resolved to reform their lives in the hope of thus obtaining freedom. In pointing out the means that God has given for the loosening of the sinner's chains the plight of the thief on the cross was cited. The trembling hands and bleeding feet that might have been offered to God in Christ service or go on his messages were spiked to the cross. His writhing body was past all hope of being of use to Christ. His past life had been one of the blackest infamy, and his future was death. He had nothing to offer Christ. But he turned his eyes to Him and uttered his simple, trusting petition and his chains were loosed. Such a forcible setting forth of this great gospel truth, could not but make a deep impression on the mind of everyone who heard it.

THE YOUNG GIRLS' AID.

The Young Girls' Aid has been re-organized with the following officers: President, Mrs. Lawson; 1st vice, Miss M. Smith; 2nd vice, Miss M. E. Tibbs; Secretary, Miss Maggie Seaborn; Treasurer, Miss Emma Quick. Among the members are Misses Alice Seaborn, Alice and Ella Spearin, Lillie and Minnie Spicknell, Alice Baldick, Blanche Dale, Lizzie Standfield and Alice Tibbs. Several others of

the young girls have signified their intention of joining at the next meeting, which will be held at Mr. Quick's residence on Tuesday evening, the 11th inst.

OUR PARISH PEOPLE.

Edwin Seaborn spent the Christmas holidays in the country.

Herbert Standfield recently spent a short time with friends in the country.

Mr. Brownlee, of Huron College, preached in Immanuel Church on the 2nd inst.

Mr. J. S. Freeland, of Hamilton, spent a couple of weeks among his London friends recently.

Miss Lydia Childs has returned from a couple of weeks' visit among her friends in Hamilton.

Rev. Colonel Roe, of Southampton, assisted at the evening service in St. Matthew's on the evening of the 2nd inst.

The social of the Women's Aid Society was greatly enjoyed by those who attended on the evening of the 22nd ult., at Mrs. Seaborn's.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. Russel, of Dufferin avenue, a sister of Mrs. Chadwick, which occurred on Monday, the 20th ult.

Mrs. Johnson's sudden death will be regretted by her many acquaintances and friends in the East End. Deceased was Mrs. McClelland's mother.

The death of Mr. James Gammage, which occurred on Friday, January 31st, will cause deep regret among the people of St. Matthew's. The bereaved family have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

Missionary services will be held at St. Matthew's Church on Sunday the 9th inst. The Rev. Dean Innes will occupy the pulpit in the morning, and Rev. Principal Fowell is expected in the evening. The annual missionary meeting will be held on Monday evening, the 17th inst.

The Young Girls' Aid held a social at Miss Tibbs' residence, Dundas street, on the evening of January 29th. There was a large attendance, and the affair was in every way enjoyable and successful. Vocal and instrumental music by Messrs. Joseph Dilloway, Reid Depotic and Miss Tibbs served to enliven the evening, and magic lantern views exhibited by Theo. Roots created much amusement.

During the past month the attendance has been kept up wonderfully

well at every service in St. Matthew's, in spite of the fact that nearly every family of the congregation has been visited by the prevailing epidemic, and the congregations have been well repaid for attending by the interesting discourses of our pastor which always provide new subject matter for meditation to those thoughtfully inclined

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