

the supplementary soprano choir of St. Matthias'.

The volume of sound from organ, orchestra, and about ninety voices was truly grand, but not overpowering, being well balanced, sung with taste, time and tune perfect. Mr. Kennedy, organist of St. Mark's, presided at the organ with his usual ability, the Rev. F. G. Plummer taking his place for the Voluntaries performed by the orchestra and organ; they were very beautiful and appropriate, especially the closing one.

The sermon text, Joshua iii, 5, "Sanctify yourselves," etc., was one that could not—one would hope—fail to reach all our hearts and make us resolve to do our utmost to show our thankfulness to Almighty God for all His mercies bestowed upon us, by at once providing the necessary means to enable the Churchwardens to pay off the balance of the debt still on our church. This might be easily done if a united effort was at once made by carrying out the plan adopted at the last Easter Vestry meeting.

The festival character of the services was continued on Sunday, the 27th inst., the Rector preaching in the morning and the Rev. J. C. Roper in the evening, both most excellent and appropriate sermons. We may trust that much good will result from these services.—*Com.*

ORILLIA.—The January meeting of the Church of England Temperance Society here was addressed by J. H. Suider, agent of the Prisoners' Aid Association of Canada, after which an interesting programme of instrumental and vocal music with recitations and readings was rendered. In the absence of the Rev. Canon Greene, Mr. J. Fowle, the Secretary, presided.

CAMPBELLFORD.—*Christ Church*.—This church of which Rev. Rural Dean Cooper is rector, has just closed a year of great encouragement. The communicants number rather more than one-third of the congregation, which has increased to about two hundred and ten, who are, as things go, usually constant in attendance at least upon one service each Sunday. The Sunday school is also in a very united and flourishing condition. On the evening of New Year's Day, the usual annual Christmas tree presents were distributed. The schoolroom was filled to overflowing with the parents and relatives of the children, several persons being unable to get in at all. Carols and dialogues were very well rendered by the children, and a very pleasant evening was spent. It may be added that there is a children's service every month on the last Sunday afternoon; the offertory is devoted to some children's charity, i. e., Indian homes, etc. During the last year or so, several improvements have been made in this very pretty old-fashioned country church. New windows of coloured cathedral glass have been put in; one a wheel window in the west end of the church, was the gift of the W. A. members, from extra work, as a thank offering. New doors were also presented by the late Mr. E. J. Burk. A very beautiful and costly altar cloth, the work of the sisterhood of St. John, Toronto, was obtained for the new altar, and a pair of brass vases, for flowers, given as a memorial by the newly confirmed at the last confirmation. But by far the costliest and very highly valued gift was that of a brass lectern by E. A. and Mrs. Bog. of Campbellford; this is a very beautiful specimen of art. It was obtained from England, and designed as a Christmas offering, but was, by some means, delayed in transit but reached here and was placed in position and dedicated on Sunday, the Epiphany. It should be added that the "Willing Workers," a band of 24 young girls belonging to the congregation, have earned, and have in hand, between forty and fifty dollars towards a new font, which it

is intended to have in the church by Easter Day. The congregation was very large on Christmas Day, and the communicants numbered between 40 and 50. The offering to the rector was very liberal and gladly bestowed.

PETERBOROUGH.—St. John's and St. Luke's parishes held a united missionary meeting in the Parochial room of the former on the evening of the 16th ult., under the Presidency of the Rev. H. Symonds, with the object of arousing interest in the work of Diocesan missions. An address was delivered by Mr. L. H. Baldwin descriptive of the growth of the Church since the appointment of the first Bishop of Nova Scotia in 1787, and as in many parts of the large Diocese of Toronto the members of the Church were absolutely dependent for the maintenance of the services of the Church upon the support afforded by their richer and more favored brethren, he made an earnest appeal for sustained interest in the mission work. Mr. Allen Dymond also delivered an address drawing attention to the inadequacy of the support accorded to the missionary clergy of the Diocese through the fault, not of the missionaries, than whom a more faithful, devoted and uncomplaining band of men could not be found but through the fault of the laity in not contributing generously to the support of the work. Several hymns were sung during the evening, and the meeting was closed by the Rev. J. C. Davidson, Rector of St. John's church.

## Diocese of Huron.

LONDON.—The Rural-Decanal Chapter of Middlesex met in the school house of St. John's Church city, last week. Rev. Canon Smith, Rural Dean, occupied the chair, and among those present were Archdeacons Marsh and Davis, Revs. Canon Richardson, S. G. Edelstein, G. B. Sage, W. T. Hill, W. Johnson, W. Lowe, A. H. Rhodes, J. Berry, W. L. Armitage, C. B. Guillemont, J. H. Moorhouse, A. G. Smith, L. W. Diehl, Messrs. Wright, Crawford, Collins, Smith, Sutton, Appleyard and others.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the rector, Rev. W. T. Hill, after which the secretary, Rev. G. B. Sage, read the minutes of last meeting, which were confirmed.

The first part of the session was occupied with statistics in accordance with the rules, several parishes preferring to adhere to the old plan of making collections, while others declared in favor of adopting the new plan laid down by the Synod at last session.

The question of church extension occupied the attention of the members for some time and several were appointed as committees in their different localities to make inquiries as to the feasibility of establishing services at various points. It was stated that the students of Huron College had kindly volunteered their services to the Bishop for the purpose of holding services when and where desired.

Questions regarding the assessment of several parishes were also discussed and recommendations made.

Rev. S. G. Edelstein spoke regarding the lack of information in relation to the work carried on by the Church and urged the proper committees be recommended to supply such information, especially for those whose duty it was to address missionary meetings.

Rev. J. H. Moorhouse then read an admirable paper on the subject of "Personal Consecration," which he handled very ably and which was listened to with much interest and profit for all present.

The paper was followed by an earnest discussion, in which Archdeacon Marsh, Canon Richardson, Revs. Sage, Johnson and Hill took a leading part.

On motion it was resolved that Rev. J. Berry, B. D., be requested to read a paper at the next meeting, the time and place for holding which was left in the hands of the Rural Dean.

The afternoon session was brought to a close with the benediction by Ven. Archdeacon Marsh.

The Sunday School Association was convened in the evening at the same place. The president, Rev. Cannon Smith, presided, assisted by the vice-president, Mr. C. H. Armitage, and in addition to the clergy present in the afternoon were Dean Innes, Canon Chance, Rev. Professors Burgess and Sherwood, and a large number of teachers, who completely filled the building. The rector conducted the opening exercises, the organist of the church and several members of the choir leading the singing.

The Rural Dean briefly reported on the state of the schools. The Association now number over 500 members, with over 4600 scholars under their charge. Regular quarterly meetings had been held during the year, and were well attended, and much interest excited.

Mr. J. W. G. Andras, Headmaster of Huron College Boys' School, then read an excellent paper on "Qualifications for Sunday School Teaching," which was warmly commended by the audience. Mr. W. J. Imlach led the discussion which followed in a very happy speech.

The next paper was read by Rev. Professor Burgess, of Huron College, on "The Sunday School—Relation Thereof to the Church," who handled his subject in a masterly way, and met with the hearty appreciation of the audience.

Very Rev. Dr. Innes opened the discussion in an admirable address calculated to stimulate the zeal of the teachers. The Dean was followed by Revs. Armitage, Rhodes and Sherwood in appropriate remarks.

The question drawer proved very interesting, and was in charge of the Vice President, Mr. C. H. Armitage. A large number of questions were answered, apparently to the satisfaction of the audience.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then taken up and quickly disposed of by electing the same persons to hold their respective offices for another year. The committee of management was also named, consisting of four representatives from each school.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered those who prepared and read papers, and the meeting closed with singing the doxology by the audience and the giving of the benediction by the Dean.

## Diocese of Algoma.

EMSDALE, G.T.R.—A most earnest appeal is made on behalf of a family smitten down with typhoid fever in the Mission of Emsdale. The husband is now in the Toronto General Hospital. The two and only girls in the family have died of the fever, the oldest boy is now down with the same disease. The youngest boy but one is mending slowly. The second oldest boy is sickening. The mother is worn out by nursing the whole family, and she is in great danger of falling a victim also. During the time the first three children were in the first stage of illness, about Dec. 27th, they lost horse, cow, and three sheep, with fowls and hay, by the conflagration of the barn. They have nothing whatever, save what is given them by the charity of the people, and the Council. The case is one which deserves the common sympathy of humanity. Anything and everything sent in care of the Rev. Alfred W. H. Chowne, Rural Dean of Parry Sound and Nipissing, will be thankfully received and conveyed to them.

The Algoma Missionary News says:

Perhaps the publication of the fact that the Bishop has not resigned—that his action depends