

good of others, enlisted her in the work of the teaching in the *Ragged Schools* on the Sunday, in which duty she continued for five years, when she became the wife of the Rev. W. H. Smythe, being married in St. Matthew's parish, Bethnal Green. Turning from the work of teaching "gutter snipes" in London, she at once entered into every available plan of parochial work of her husband with zeal and laudable ambition, in which she was a very efficient Bible class teacher, nor did she cease from her much cherished labour of love till two weeks before her much lamented death. For fifty five years she continued with unabated zeal the work of the Sunday-school. Even when not able to attend church, her room has been filled with her class resorting to her, when she was unable to go to them.

Mrs. Smythe was the mother of nine living children, every one of whom was at one time walking in the way to heaven with her, who took infinite pains to train them in "the way they should go." In the course of years five have gone to their heavenly home; among whom one was a young priest, a graduate of Racine College, Wis., and also of the Theological Seminary, New York. Mrs. Smythe leaves a husband, two sons and two daughters. The sons are E. H. Smythe, Q. C., LL. D., of Kingston, Ont., and Mr. A. E. Smythe, solicitor, of Alvinston, Ont. The daughters are Mrs. Perley, of Kingston, whose husband is Mr. J. E. Perley, C. E., and Mrs. Dodge, whose husband is Mr. James Dodge, the Superintendent in Arizona of a division of the Atlantic and Pacific R. R., and seventeen grandchildren.

Only a few months ago, the deceased and her husband celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding, when there was a family reunion. A day much to be remembered.

Mrs. Smythe came with her husband and family to this country many years ago. Deceased was highly esteemed and respected by all who knew her. Being very magnetic she easily formed personal attachments, and she seldom made an enemy or lost a friend. Being a tireless worker in the Church she became beloved by the whole parish where her lot was cast. She spent her whole life in works of faith and labours of love, without abatement, and without restraint. When she found her end was drawing near she desired to receive her last Communion, surrounded by her family and ten of her own chosen friends, who sang amidst tears and sobs, at her request, "Hold thou thy cross," &c., and the last rite of the Church was administered to her and all present by the Rev. E. Loucks, of Picton. After a few hours she slept a peaceful sleep in Jesus without a pang and without a struggle.

Grant her Lord eternal rest,  
And light and love at Thy behest,  
Among the spirits of the blest!

Thus passed to her reward one who was for over fifty years truly the Pastor's wife.

#### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

**PETERBORO.**—St. John's.—After the evening service on Wednesday, April 3rd., Rev. J. A. Roper, formerly professor of Trinity University but now of St. Thomas' Church, Toronto, deliver a learned and instructive lecture on "How to read the Bible." He said that his subject was one of which he could speak with confidence and feeling, as it was one upon which they were all agreed—their Bible and the use of that Bible. He distinguished between the Bible and revelation, and pointed out that revelation was a supernatural message given by God for man's eternal welfare—a message which man did not invent or discover—it was too high and far above him. Then he dealt with the question of the authority of the Bible and from whence that authority was obtained. To this he gave a three-fold answer. First they might go to the Bible, but this alone might not be sufficient, it required something outside

of the Book itself and outside of the man himself. Secondly they might go to the chair See of St. Peter who assumed to say with almost infallible authority what was and what was not scripture; but this had again and again been found to be fallible and the proof of the Bible's authority could not start on this. Then thirdly they could go to The Church which had as the keeper of the Holy writ received the Bible. He dwelt briefly on the history of the Bible, pointing out that they got the Bible from The Church, as The Church was historically before the Bible, as the Apostles must necessarily have founded the Churches before they wrote their epistles. In discussing the question how shall we read the Bible, he first spoke of the misuse of the word Gospel. In speaking they referred to Gospel books, Gospel hymns, and Gospel sermons. The popular interpretation of the word Gospel was a proclamation from God or good news from God. This was not the full meaning of the word, which in its fullest interpretation was a record of the wonderful historical acts and facts of the life of Jesus. Then he spoke of how the Church was teaching the Bible,—by the explanations of some special fact or thought of the Word every Sunday in the year; by the creed and Confession of Faith, by the *Te Deum* and in the form of prayer in the Litany. In speaking of reading the Bible he referred to two objections made by some that they found it so difficult and that it had become so familiar that it had lost its special message and told them to put away these obstacles. They should have a definite time for reading the Bible and they were to consider more the time they spent than the amount they read. He suggested that rising a quarter of an hour earlier in the morning would give those who were pressed for time by business an opportunity to read their Bibles. In closing he spoke of how and what part they should read. They should not read by chapters, but could take an epistle and read it right through and so get the whole thought or pith. Or they might take one miracle and read it carefully and examine it. They should read the whole Bible at some time, but were not to begin at the beginning and go through to the end, but might begin with the four gospels and then read the Psalms. In reading the latter they should do two things, think that Jesus Christ was speaking instead of the Psalmist and lay special stress on the personal pronouns.

#### DIOCESE OF HURON.

**AILSA CRAIG.**—Special services have been held by the incumbent in his country churches. In the town a lecture, which was highly appreciated, was given by the Rev. W. J. Taylor, of Mitchell, last week. It was for the benefit of the Sunday-school fund.

**EXETER.**—The Rev. Dr. Mockridge, Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton, is announced to preach in Trinity Memorial Church on April 7th. A special service will be held in the afternoon for the "Sons of England."

**BELMONT.**—The Rev. E. Softley has been appointed to the Mission of Belmont.

**DELHI.**—Rev. Mr. Edgelow has been appointed to the Mission of Delhi.

**STRATFORD.**—The friends of the Rev. J. Ker, presented him with a purse of gold last week, and a kindly worded address before his leaving for Ingersoll, where he is to be inducted by the Bishop on April 7th.

**LONDON SOUTH.**—The Rev. Canon Davis preached an anniversary sermon in St. James' Church on March 24th. He had been in charge of this church for 15 years. At that time the only property held by the congregation was part of the school house, valued at about \$2,500.

The property now held could not be replaced for less than \$20,000. During his incumbency he said, the church Register showed that 770 persons had been baptized; 289 confirmed; 156 marriages, and 264 burials.

The Sunday-school had grown from a very small beginning, about twenty, until now we have had over 300 present in the Sunday-school and about 400 names on the roll. God had blessed the work in all its branches.

**HAMBURG.**—On Sunday the 31st, His Lordship the Bishop preached here morning and evening, and in St. James', Wilmet, in the afternoon. The weather was most unfavorable, and the roads bad, yet the congregations were large and deeply interested in His Lordship's discourses. The Rector, Rev. J. Edwards, conducted the services. The Church in this Mission is in a most flourishing condition.

**AMHERSTBURG.**—The vestry of Christ Church have been most anxious to secure the Rev. F. Baldwin as Rector; indeed they have refused every other name submitted. The Bishop refused to submit the name of so young a man, and still continues to refuse to appoint Mr. Baldwin, although the people have been insisting upon having him.

It is not known what the result of this matter may be. The older clergy, at times, blame the Bishop for not promoting them, and here is an instance, of many, in which it may be seen that the Bishop does all he can for the elderly clergy, but the people must have a voice in the appointments and there is much danger of forcing a man upon an unwilling vestry and congregation. What the people of Christ Church will do we are not prepared to say, but vestry after vestry has decided by a unanimous vote that Rev. Frank Baldwin was the man of their choice, and they decline to accept any other. To his credit be it said, he refused to go preach a trial sermon, or even visit the place. The vestry feels that other congregations have had a choice, so they hold out.

#### DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

**GRAVENHURST.**—On Thursday evening, 21st of March, the Lord Bishop of Algoma held a confirmation service in St. James' Church, Gravenhurst. The candidates were presented by the Incumbent, the Rev. W. T. Noble, and among them was John Zipo, a Zulu, from Port Natal, Africa, who, during his preparation for the rite of confirmation, showed praiseworthy diligence and intelligence. The Bishop delivered a very practical and earnest address to the confirmands, and afterwards preached a very impressive and heartsearching sermon to a large and attentive congregation. At the close of the service the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to the newly-confirmed and a number of their friends. The new bell supplied by Meneely & Co., West Troy, N. Y., and placed in the tower last Monday, was used for the first time on this occasion. Its tone is full and musical. It has been presented to the Church by the Ladies' Aid Society in connection with St. James' Church, Gravenhurst. Next morning, Friday, March 22nd, the Bishop left with the Incumbent for Northwood Church, where divine service was conducted by the Incumbent, and a deeply interesting and instructive sermon preached by the Bishop.

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