

the truest exponent on earth of the Master's will—as holding in all their vital force and efficacy evangelic truth and apostolic order, as the divinely established witness and keeper of Holy Writ." Having dwelt on the threefold ministry and its perpetuity, and the two sacraments ordained by Christ, he said: "As a priest of this Church I am placed here to administer the doctrines, the discipline, and the sacraments as the Lord hath commanded, to the best of my ability. I am placed here to do the work of the Church, not in ways and modes of my own devising, or of any man's device, but according to the laws, the regulations, and the spirit of the reformed Church of England. I was not placed here to indulge in fanatical speculations, or to invent startling novelties in doctrine or practice, as a species of Sunday theatricals to catch itching ears." He then spoke of the great fundamental doctrines of the Church, the Atonement—man's interest in it—and participation by faith in its merits and the progressive sanctification of the sinner through the power of the Holy Spirit; pointing out the practical application of these first principles of Christianity. He concluded by stating that there was one thing for which as a congregation they should be very thankful, and that was the absence of the miserable controversies that had been forced upon the Church in other places, by those who were disloyal to her standards.

GEORGETOWN.—The Rev. G. B. Cooke having accepted the incumbency of Sault Ste. Marie, a large representation of his Georgetown congregation met him on the evening of the 18th inst., to say good bye, and to wish him God speed, when the following address and presentation occurred:

To The Rev. G. B. Cooke, Incumbent of Georgetown: Rev. and dear Sir,—The cause of our gathering here this evening is one which makes us somewhat sad, it being the eve of your departure from us—separating from this congregation. Although your stay among us has been but two years, it has been sufficient to demonstrate to us your worth and thorough adaptedness for the position in which the Providence of God has placed you. We recognize in you at once the spiritual guide and personal friend of each one of us, and it is a cause of gratitude to God, that you have been made the instrument of reviving the Church in this parish.

We desire, on the occasion of saying good bye to you, to express our fervent hope that the blessing of the Almighty will continue with you in your clerical capacity, to comfort and strengthen you for the arduous duties you are about to assume in the diocese of Algoma; and that you and yours may be abundantly blest in all your secular interests and connections; and that you may be encouraged in the great work of winning souls to God, not only by the approval of your own conscience, but also in the visible increase of spiritual life among those whom you may be called upon to minister to in holy things.

These are the sincere feelings of your congregation, and a very general desire to manifest them has found vent in the shape of the small testimonial of respect and affection we now present to you—for yourself a gold watch, and a trifle for Mrs. Cooke's household department—a butter cooler and knife, which we beg your acceptance of—that they may, in a humble manner, remind you of your sojourn in Georgetown.

Signed on behalf of the congregation, John Holgate, Samuel Phillips, Churchwardens.

Georgetown, Oct. 18th, 1882.

The Rev. Mr. Cooke made a very feeling and suitable reply.

HURON.

From our own Correspondent.

DUART.—Members of the Canadian Church may remember an appeal in aid of the funds of the church in this place, by circular from Rev. R. F. Dixon, the then incumbent (now of Bothwell), asking for one dollar. The writer is thankful to say that this good work, commenced under very discouraging circumstances, is now about to be brought to a successful termination. After many vexatious delays, owing to the incompetence and unreliability of some of the contractors employed, a fair start has been made, and the building will be enclosed within three weeks from date of writing. The brick work will be finished within a week, and the roof will then be raised. Inside carpentering work will probably be proceeded with during the winter, and the church will be ready early in the spring for public worship. It will present a very neat appearance, being built exactly similar to the beautiful little church at Clearville. This will make, including the Indian Church, the fourth English Church erected in the township of Orford, within the last seven years.

NAPIER.—St. Mary's Church Sunday-school. — On Thursday, the 12th instant, being the 17th anniversary of her birthday, Miss Softley, the daughter

of the incumbent, had the company of her scholars in the Sunday-school to celebrate the occasion; and also to present prizes for attendance, and good recitations respectively.

She was agreeably surprised by being presented with the following address from her scholars, and also with a nice book. The address was read by Miss Millie Brock:—

NAPIER, Oct. 12th, 1882.

DEAR MISS SOFTLEY,—We, the pupils of your Sunday-school class, take this opportunity of showing our good-will to you, and expressing our appreciation of your services as a teacher, and your untiring interest in our welfare.

We hope you will accept this little present as a token of our gratitude and esteem, and trust that you will not think of its money value, but with regard to the motive which prompts us to give it.

May you be permitted to enjoy a long life of usefulness, prosperity and happiness; and may we all at last meet and forever be with Him who was once on earth as our teacher and Saviour, and who now continues to watch over us with tenderness and love.

Your affectionate pupils,

Millie Brock, Leila Brock, Minnie Cady, Lizzie Cady, Alice Mitchell, Maud Clark, Maria Softley.

It will be gratifying to old friends to learn the above; and also that the son of the incumbent, formerly a teacher in St. Mary's school from its commencement, and taking a deep interest in its welfare, is now pursuing a highly successful course as a student in Strathroy High School. He has stood first in two terminal examinations, and has been elected president of the literary society. He has, with a full knowledge of the trials and difficulties that beset the path of a man of God, dedicated his life to God's service in the holy ministry. To God be glory!

WATFORD.—The Rev. H. F. Campbell, Missionary Agent, has been holding missionary meetings in Watford, Warwick, and Fourth Line, East Warwick. The meetings were well attended and the collections liberal, and a lively interest was manifested. The addresses of the agent were admirable, both as to the manner of delivery and the information communicated. He is emphatically the right man in the right place. The standing committee of the diocese showed sound judgment in unanimously electing him to the office.

PETROLIA.—On Sunday, the 8th, a new church was opened in this place. It has cost about \$11,000, and in every respect a magnificent building for the locality. Morning prayer was said by the Rev. Mr. Hinde, and the Lord Bishop preached an instructive and interesting sermon on Exodus xxiv. 8. Holy Communion was administered to eighty persons. Evening prayer was said at 3 p.m., and the Rev. James Chance preached an excellent sermon on Ps. lxxxvii. 2. The choir sang an anthem with much effect at each service. The Very Rev. Dean Boomer preached an interesting sermon in the evening. The collection at the three services amounted to \$156.

INGERSOLL.—The day of intercession for Sunday-schools, as appointed by the Church Sunday-school Institute, was observed in this parish on Oct. 15th. The Sunday-school assembled as usual in the basement at 9.30 a.m., and instead of the usual choir exercises a procession was formed to the church, headed by the rector, vested in cassock and surplice; then the infant class bearing the banner, on which was inscribed in letters of blue on a white ground, the Saviour's injunction, "Feed my lambs." The hymn, "Brightly gleams our banner," was commenced as the children filed out of the school-room, the classes following in order from the junior to the senior, and upon entering the church its joyous strains were taken up by the organ, the choir now joining with the scholars, and continued until all the classes were marshalled into their seats, which was accomplished without any confusion, by two of the sidesmen, Messrs. Wright and Revell, who are also Sunday-school officers. When all were assembled, the rector, kneeling at the chancel steps, said the prayer to be used before divine service, all reverently kneeling and joining in the Amen. The usual order of morning prayer was then proceeded with, using for selected lessons, 1 Sam. i., and 1 John iii., but after the third collect special intercessory prayers for Sunday-schools were inserted, as contained on the Institute Association Card. The hymns were all such that the children could join in, Bickersteth's Hymnal being used in both church and Sunday-school. After the sermon, which was preached by the rector from Exodus ii. 9, the Holy Communion was administered. The offertory was on behalf of the parish Sunday-school work. It may be encouraging to others to state that as a result of Sunday-school work a mission chapel is shortly to be built in an out-lying portion of this parish—the fruits of years of faithful work amongst otherwise neglected children, by a band of sisters, who

devoted every Sunday afternoon to gathering, first in their own house and then in the section school, all the children of the neighbourhood. It had been hoped that the building would be ready by Christmas, but owing to unavoidable circumstances the erection has been postponed till spring. The land has been given by Mr. Alex. Choak, and a goodly portion of the funds is already in the bank, collected by a young lady worker, and we hope ere long to witness the development of our mission school into a Chapel-of-Ease.

WINDSOR.—The visit of the Lord Bishop to the most western town of the Diocese of Huron was one of more than usual interest. On his arrival at Windsor he was greeted with a hearty welcome by the members of the church in that frontier town. In the afternoon a largely attended reception was given by his Lordship, at the residence of Rev. Mr. Ramsay, Rector of All Saints. On Sunday, the 18th after Trinity, at matins, he confirmed a large class of candidates presented by the rector, who was legally inducted by his Lordship into the parish, of which he had for some time been *de facto* rector. In the afternoon a confirmation service was held at St. John's, Sandwich. At evensong the Bishop preached in Christ Church, Detroit. The Church is doing good work in Windsor. The sacred edifice, designed for 800 worshippers, is crowded at every service, and the Sunday-school is very large, and they are instructed on thorough Churchmanship. They are regularly examined, one afternoon in the month, in the Catechism. The Church of All Saints is a very handsome building in the ecclesiastical style of the old English churches. It has, however, one defect—the chancel is deficient in size. This defect, however, is about being remedied. The music was such as might be expected in the service of such a church as All Saints. On the whole we have every reason to congratulate the Rector and members of this Western Parish on the fruits already produced by their faithful labors in the good old Church.

LONDON.—St. Paul's.—On the nineteenth Sunday after Trinity, as the bells of St. Paul rang their cheerful chimes for matins, the Seventh Fusiliers with the Dufferin Cadets marched up the Church avenue, preceded by their excellent band, whose excellent strains mingled with the melody from the bell tower. The congregation was unusually large, it having been announced that the service would be a special one, that the offertory for the day was to be presented to the choir boys, and that the Bishop of Toronto was to be the preacher. The Rev. Canon Innes read the service. We had an excellent sermon from his Lordship on that solemn text of the Prophet Ezekiel: "Why will ye die?" At evensong the Bishop again preached, his subject being the beauties of sacred music. The music was even more than usually effective, demonstrating that Church music is truly devotional, exalting the soul to the praise of the most High.

OUR CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—The statistics of the work done and the progress made by the Church in this diocese, as given by his Lordship the Bishop in his annual address to the synod, is very encouraging. The home missions of the Church have been blessed in their labours, and throughout this very large and populous diocese many churches have been built and Sunday-schools opened. The enquiry arises—Have our Sunday-schools accomplished all the good the system is capable of doing. The number of Church Sunday-schools, as reported, is 156, being an increase of 56 in a period of 11 years. This shows that there are 56 churches without Sunday-schools. Nor does this include many congregations that are without these nurseries of the Church. The number of mission stations in which there is no Church Sunday-school would increase the list considerably. We need but to direct the attention of Church members to the fact. In one western incumbency, having three churches, there is one Sunday-school; in one having also three places of worship there is no Sunday-school. There is, it is true, a difficulty in establishing Sunday-schools in some country places, but it is not insurmountable. A few families—a very few—might meet at the most convenient of their houses for an hour on Sunday afternoon, and one member conduct the class. The clergyman in his parochial visits would ascertain the orthodoxy of the instruction. The Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Sunday-school Liturgy are the only books needed. Of the value of such classes we can speak from experience. In some places, such as we speak of, there are "Union" Sunday-schools, and Sunday-schools of dissenters; but if we really prize the blessing of connection with the old Church, we must see that our children are brought under her instruction. It is absolutely necessary that they be trained up in the way wherein they should go, under the supervision of those who have been commissioned to feed the lambs of the fold.