

St. Barnabas.—The Rev. Mr. Brine of Hamilton took the services in this church last Sunday and preached two most excellent sermons.

SHANTY BAY. Col. O'Brien, M.P., distributed the gifts the other evening from the Christmas tree in connection with St. Thomas' Sunday school, with the geniality for which he is remarkable, eliciting much merriment from the recipients and weaving many a wreath of smiles on the faces of young and old. Mrs. George Raikes and Miss Good had carefully coached the children in song and carol, while Mrs. Raikes had led in the decoration of the tree itself, and the matter was universally voted a great success.

WEST MONO.—St. Alban's.—A mission extending over eight days was preached in this church by Rev. Geo. B. Morley of Tullamore. The large audience, daily, through the week was ample proof that the Church people of this mission were delighted to have an opportunity to "sit under" and secure instruction from their former pastor, who had laboured among them for nearly ten years prior to his removal to Tullamore. A notable feature was the great interest taken in the mission by Dissenters; they seem to thirst after information on the Church. The future is ours, let us be up and doing. "*Sub hoc signo vinco.*"

CARLEIGH AND MONMOUTH MISSION.—As many friends of our mission take in your valuable paper, I forward you a report of our continued progress, which I am sure they will read with great thankfulness to Almighty God, who has so signally blessed our own personal labours and their repeated acts of kindly aid. At the end of the three years, since I arrived from England to take charge of this mission, we have doubled our congregation, services and communicants. During the three years two churches have been built, and we have just completed a building at Essonville where we intend to hold our Sunday school, night schools, mothers' meetings, men's club and other parochial agencies. To add to this we are about to build a church at Madill settlement. Now, all this work requires funds to carry it on, especially that at Essonville, which now that it has been made the mission headquarters, has grown rapidly from a mere out station into a thriving parish centre. Here we have an early celebration every Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, and two monthly celebrations, one the first Sunday in the month after the 11 o'clock service, the other after the evening service on the third Sunday of the month. The average attendance is respectively eight, seventeen and fifteen, a truly goodly number for a backwoods settlement. We expect the night school to materially help on the church work, and would be glad if our friends would send us some bottles of ink, pens, writing paper and copy books. Hitherto I have personally met the greater part of the expenses incurred in carrying on the good work. Its rapid growth, however, quite puts it beyond my power to continue doing so. We have two offertories at Essonville every month, and though every member contributes something, we average only seventy-five cents. At two other stations we have a quarterly offertory, and at another a monthly one, all averaging below the small sum collected at Essonville. At two other stations we never take up a collection. The fact is, our people do all they can, but for the most part they are desperately poor. One family near us have lived for weeks past on potatoes and an occasional sup of milk. It must not be forgotten that this is a free grant district, and most of the settlers came in with nothing but a little flour and an axe to cut themselves out a home in the bush. Straightened as the circumstances of most of our people are, I have never heard so much as a grumble. Surely are not such people worthy of a little support from their more fortunate Church brethren? Will our good friends help us? Any donation, however small, will help on the work. As well as money, we want illustrated magazines and papers for our men's club, also all sorts of harmless games, such as dominoes, &c. Up to the present, in answer to our appeal in this paper some time since in aid of the new church at Madill settlement, we have received only \$12, ten from the Clinton Branch of the W. A., and two from M. R., who I beg now publicly to thank. Yet "we cannot build a church for \$12, and we, therefore, further ask our friends to bear us on their hearts. We had the grandest time this winter over our Xmas teas and treats of any since my coming to this mission. At Essonville over a hundred and fifty men, women and children sat down to tea in our new school house. After tea we had singing by the combined Sunday school scholars, recitations, dialogues, readings, &c., which brought the time up to 11.30. We then, a hundred and twenty four, proceeded to the Church alongside for watch-night service, it being the last night of the old year. Just about 12 o'clock we all knelt in private prayer while the bell in the

steeple rang out the old and rang in the New Year. At the close of a brief address, thirty-nine partook of the Lord's Supper. We then repaired to the schoolhouse, where the children secured their school prizes and toys, and the elders bundles of clothes. I here take the opportunity of thanking the St. George's branch and St. Simon's branch of the W. A. for their gifts of clothes, toys, etc., also Mrs. Golding for candies, and especially our kind friends, Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson, without whose gifts many of our people, young and old, would have gone without anything. We had a treat also at Deer Lake, Cheddar, Medill and Sleep settlements. And now, having, I am sure, taken up already too much of your valuable space, I must at once draw to a close by wishing all our friends and you, Mr. Editor, "A Happy New Year."—Arthur E. Whatham.

NIAGARA

WEST FLAMBORO mission is still vacant. The Bishop has no clergyman at present to take charge of this important mission, Mr. Shaw having disappointed. The pretty little church in this mission, with its handsome pipe-organ and excellent choir, is not quite two miles from Dundas, nor quite seven from the city of Hamilton. The income promised is \$600.

TAPLEYTOWN AND SALTLEET.—This mission has just become vacant by the removal of the Rev. A. Bonny to Nanticooke. It is within ten miles from Hamilton and is one of our oldest missions.

HURON.

BRANTFORD.—Rev. Father Huntington of New York preached in Grace Episcopal Church here on the 26th Jan., afternoon and evening, to large audiences. In the evening the service was for men only, and probably 1,000 men of every class were present. The discourse was based on the incident of Jesus Christ feeding the multitude, and while a good sermon was preached, very many were disappointed in the line followed. The announcement of his coming was coupled with the subject of the single tax, and the majority expected to hear something on this, but did not.

ST. THOMAS.—The Ruri-Decanal chapter of the deanery of Elgin met in Trinity schoolhouse Wednesday, 28th ult., Rev. Canon Hill, rural dean, presiding. The Bishop was requested to appoint an incumbent to the parish of Dutton, Bismarck and Rodney as soon as possible. Rev. Dr. Schulte read an exhaustive and instructive paper on the points of difference between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism, and urged that all controversy should be conducted with a spirit of mutual candor, forbearance and charity. Bishop Baldwin delivered an address, and in the evening preached to a large congregation in church.

PARKHILL.—On Friday last about fifty of the members of Grace church congregation, Greenway, waited upon their pastor, the Rev. M.G. Freeman, at the parsonage, Parkhill, and with a kindly worded address presented him with a load of oats, "about 80 bushels," while the ladies taking charge of the house, replenished the larder with a good supply of meats, vegetables and pastry; after which they engaged in games and other amusements until the hour of 12 o'clock, when all returned home happy with the thought that they had realized how much more blessed it is to give than to receive. The rev. gentleman replied to their address, thanking them for their gift, and the kind expressions of their good wishes towards himself and family.

BERLIN.—A meeting of the rural deanery of the county of Waterloo was held in St. John's church in this place on Wednesday Jan. 14th, beginning with Holy Communion at half-past 10 o'clock. The clergy present were Rev. John Downie, rural dean; Rev. John Ridley, of Galt; Rev. T. F. Kingsmill, Preston; and Rev. I. Edmonds, Haysville. Rev. Mr. Edmonds was appointed secretary. An interesting and profitable discussion was had, relative to enlarging the powers of rural deans, and it was moved by the Rev. J. Ridley, seconded by Mr. R. C. Tye, "That we the members of the rural deanery of Waterloo consider it highly desirable that the rural dean should, at his discretion, visit the respective parishes of the deanery, to enquire into the practical work of the same, and report at the annual meeting of the deanery."—Carried. It was also moved by the Rev. Mr. Ridley, seconded by Mr. Mark, "That the clergy of the deanery be a deputation to visit all the churches within the deanery, for the purpose of holding the annual missionary meetings."—Carried. The following order of meetings was arranged: Preston, Monday Feb. 16; Hespeler, Tuesday Feb. 17; Galt, Wednesday Feb. 18; Haysville, Monday Feb. 23; Hamburg, Tuesday

Feb. 24; Berlin, Wednesday Feb. 25. A resolution of thanks was moved by the Rev. Mr. Ridley and seconded by Rev. Mr. Kingsmill, to the new Rural Dean, for his kindness and hospitality. The May meeting of the rural deanery will be held in Haysville and Hamburg. The principal interest of the day centered in the Sunday school and Church-workers' Convention which was held at 3 o'clock. A goodly number of delegates were present, Haysville, Hamburg and Wilmot, to their credit, being especially prominent. An admirable paper was read by Mr. J. W. Connor of Berlin, on "Difficulties in Sunday School Work." Mr. Connor also read Mr. Zuffe's paper on "Home Mission Work," which was an interesting paper. Mr. James Woods, the superintendent of Galt Sunday school, gave an address replete with sound sense and spiritual fervour, which went home to the hearts of all. Rev. J. Edmonds read Mr. Chas. Brown's paper, Mr. Brown being unable to attend through illness. General regret was expressed at his absence. In the discussions which followed the papers, some fine remarks were made by the Rev. Mr. Ridley, Rev. Mr. Kingsmill and Mr. Woods. Mr. Fennel, of Berlin, and Robert Tye, of Haysville, also joined heartily in the discussions. Altogether the session was felt to be eminently profitable and interesting. The service in the evening, with addresses by Revs. J. Downie, J. Edmonds and J. Ridley, were considered a fitting climax to the day's proceedings. The church was well filled. The singing by the newly organized choir was excellent, and the addresses were conceived in a fine spirit, and left a good impression. All felt that the Sunday School and Church-Workers' Convention had not been in vain in the Lord. Good results are expected to follow.

ST. MARY'S.—The parlor concert and social gathering held at the rectory on Thursday evening was a grand success. Every available space was filled with visitors. The programme, which was provided by the Y. P. A., was well rendered. The rector and Mrs. Taylor were indefatigable in their efforts to make the occasion enjoyable to all. An abundant supply of refreshments was served, and at the close of the entertainment a free-will offertory of \$22 was given to the church funds. The Rev. J. Taylor was quite ill on Sunday week, and it was with great difficulty that he officiated at the usual services. He was confined to his bed all the week. Mr. O. Howard, of Huron College, took the duty the following Sunday. The Epiphany contributions to the Board of Foreign Missions were taken up on Sunday week, and were considerably in excess of any heretofore given by the congregation, which is losing its record for "withholding." The ruri-decanal meeting was held here on Thursday, Jan. 22nd. The Rev. Canon Patterson presided, and the Rev. D. Deacon was secretary. The Revs. W. J. Taylor (who was in bed with asthma and bronchitis), A. Dewdney, and Mr. T. D. Stanley, were appointed a committee to formulate a scheme for a Sunday School Association for the diocese. The Rev. Mr. Dewdney preached in the evening to the usual good congregation that now assembles at the week-day service.

ALGOMA.

Notwithstanding that Mr. Wilson's Indian Homes are at the present time nominally half-closed, he has 91 Indian children to provide for, viz: 30 at Shingwauk, 16 at the Wawanosh, and 45 at Elkhorn. Gifts of clothing are coming in well, money fairly. Next summer he hopes to have full 150 children at his Homes.

British and Foreign.

We do not often hear of bishops composing good Church music, or, indeed, any music; but we are informed that Bishop Mitchison has just composed an excellent service (unison or harmony) for Holy Communion, a *Te Deum*, and complete set of Canticles, which will shortly be published by the C. C. M. A.

The London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* says: "I hear that the gentleman whom the Bishop of Marlborough holds in readiness as the nucleus of his new religious order is a middle-aged merchant of the name of Robbins. He is by no means a Ritualist in his proclivities, but inclines rather to the Evangelical school."

The Bishop of Barrow and the Bishop of Glasgow have written to the authorities of the Church Army wishing them every encouragement in their social scheme of small labour home colonies. Out of sixty-three cases in nine months, forty-three appeared to be most promising and encouraging, many of them