

the Church. The night was exceedingly disagreeable still the attendance was fair, and made up in enthusiasm what it lacked in numbers.

SABREVOIS MISSION.—The Rev. J. H. Dixon, of St. Jude's Church, Montreal, has been prosecuting a vigorous canvass in Toronto for the Sabrevois Missions in Lower Canada. His appeal is strongly recommended by the Bishops of Toronto and Algoma, Archdeacon Boddy, Rev. A. Baldwin, Rev. Septimus Jones, Mr. S. H. Blake, O. C. and others. Mr. Dixon met with most encouraging success in his canvass and secured the following subscriptions: The Bishop of Toronto, \$5; Canon Dumoulin, \$5; S. H. Blake, \$5; the Bishop of Algoma, \$5; A. H. Campbell, \$20; Rev. Arthur Baldwin, \$10; Robert Baldwin, \$20; J. W. G. Whitney, \$25; Mrs. S. Heward, \$5; J. Gilmour, \$5; Rev. H. G. Baldwin, \$5; A. Lawson, \$5; Beatty and Chadwick, \$5; O. A. Howland, \$5; Dr. Temple, \$5; J. E. Berkeley Smith, \$5; Dr. Grasett, \$5; J. H. Telfer, \$5; Prof. D. Wilson, \$5; G. W. Parker, \$5; G. E. Cook, \$5; D. M. McDonald, \$5; C. Goulding, \$10; F. W. Kingston, \$10; Mrs. Grasett, \$10; Hon. E. Blake, \$20; Trust & Loan Co., \$5; N. B. Simpson, \$5; Mrs. Nixon, \$10; Mrs. Nixon's School, \$10; Mrs. E. Baldwin, \$20; Mrs. Neville, \$20; Smaller sums \$18. Total, \$348.

TEMPERANCE WORK.—Until the members of our Church of England Temperance Society become more noted for the "grace of giving," it is hopeless to expect that the work will make much progress. From the very beginning the Society has been crippled sadly from want of funds, and it is at present burdened with a heavy debt. Several of the city and country branches fail to forward the small annual subscription of \$5 each that they are expected to pay, though it must be conceded, even the weakest branch might readily afford such a trifle. The late annual meeting was, like its predecessor, instead of a help, an actual burden, failing to meet the outlay incurred. The collection was only \$62, actually \$13 less than the hire of the pavilion. Other expenses brought the expenditure up to \$150, leaving a deficit of \$90. Steps should be taken by personal canvass to secure subscriptions for the Society.

CAMPBELLFORD.—The Church here is making fair progress, though the location of the building is a drawback. The erection of a chancel last summer has added to the seating accommodation, yet all the pews are taken. The C. E. T. S. has been very helpful in church work. It numbers 65 total abstainers and 14 belonging to the moderate section. Unfortunately the Society has been obliged to vacate the rooms they formerly occupied owing to the establishment of a roller rink in the upper flat. At present the Society meets in the Church, but steps will at once be taken to secure more comfortable and convenient quarters. A school room in this parish is a great desideratum. The Rev. R. W. Hinde is to be congratulated on his faithful efforts to keep pace with the times.

CONCERT.—St. Luke's, C. E. T. S., Ashburnham, held its closing concert of the season on the 11th inst. There was as usual an excellent programme, embracing songs, vocal and instrumental duets, readings and a short charade, in which five boys took the leading characters. Since last fall the Society has held ten concerts and lectures, all of which have been uniformly well attended and through which the debt on the piano fund has been quite wiped out. The Society has over 200 members, including the juvenile section and the number is still increasing.

NEWCASTLE.—A recent entertainment by the members of St. George's Sunday-school here proved a great success artistically and financially. Mrs. Dr. Carretto of Orono, and Mr. McDowell of Kerby, kindly assisted, both giving recitations in excellent style. Songs were rendered by Miss Robson, Miss Coleman and Miss Minnie Sullwell, and recitations by Miss Farncomb. The Kinder-

garten songs were well received, and showed excellent training. The Tableaux were also good, the costumes being very handsome, especially in "The Three Graces." To effect this the whole stage was draped in black, while the characters representing the Graces were in faultless white. A handsome sum was secured for the school funds.

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE.—The annual meeting of Wycliffe Mission Society was held on the 1st. The reports both of secretary and treasurer showed the Society to be in a flourishing condition. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—President, Mr. J. C. Robinson; Vice President, Mr. A. D. Dewdney; Secretary, Mr. T. R. O'Meara; Treasurer, Mr. A. Murphy and a committee of three members, viz., Messrs. Sloggett, Lynch and Thompson.

LINDSAY.—The (Union) Band of Hope was organized here on Tuesday, March 31st, under the presidency of Mrs. Soanes, and usual staff of officers. The fourth meeting was held April 21st, when the Rev. Weston Jones gave the children a very earnest and stirring address. It is gratifying to record 204 have already joined the Band and received the badge.

(We regret that the information furnished us, as to the Band of Hope, and published in the GUARDIAN of 6th May, was not quite correct.)

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

The May meeting of the Rural-Deanal Chapter of Wellington county, was held in Palmerston on Tuesday and Wednesday, 5th and 6th inst. The sermon at the Tuesday evening service was preached by Rev. R. T. W. Webb, who fulfilled the duty admirably, although called upon at almost a moment's notice to take the place of a brother unavoidably absent. On Wednesday, at 8 a.m., the Holy Communion was celebrated in St. Paul's Church. The private business meeting of the Chapter continued all day at the parsonage. Evening service in the Church concluded the meeting. At this service three addresses were given on different pressing parochial needs, the first address was by Rev. R. S. Radcliffe "Giving, a part of Worship," the Rev. A. J. Bjt followed, having for his subject the "Primitive Diaconate" and the blessings to be derived from restoring to the Diaconate its primitive duties. This was followed again by an admirable paper from Rural Dean Spencer, who pointed out many ways in which the Church needs, and continually asks for, the help of her sons and daughters. The Chapter meetings in this Deanery are always very well attended by the clergy, some of whom being 12 and 15 miles away from their nearest clerical neighbours, really enjoy, and profit by, a day's intercourse and counsel with their brethren. Often, indeed, in both Bible and Prayer Book studies, the side issues are the most interesting and profitable. The next meeting will be in Mount Forest early in July.

The Rev. G. B. Cooke, who, since his appointment last October, has been doing a good work for the Church in Palmerston, is now instructing a large class for Confirmation, the members of which he hopes to present to the Bishop, early in June, for this Apostolic rite.

At Arthur and Parker the Vestry meetings passed off very quietly and showed that, in many ways, satisfactory progress had been made during the year. The Mission has lost by deaths and removals fully 15 families during the past two years; this continual drain has affected the financial showing to some extent, but strong efforts, with good success, were made immediately after the Vestry meeting at Arthur to place the funds on a satisfactory footing. The Mission is a poor one, and has been heavily taxed during the last few years by the building of a beautiful little church about four years ago, on which there is still a small debt remaining, yet it sent down to the Sec.-Treasurer of Synod more than the amount appointed for Diocesan funds. During the year,

in the Mission 225 services were held and 39 celebrations of Holy Communion, 39 were baptized and 46 confirmed, 323 visits paid, and more than 3,000 miles travelled by the Missionary. Capt. White and Wm. Eden were elected churchwardens for Arthur, and Messrs. Binns and Jefferson for Parker. On May 1st, St. Philip and James Day, during the hours of the Bishop's consecration, the congregation of Grace Church met for Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; on this day there was the largest Saints' Day attendance at Holy Communion we have ever had. At Parker the congregation still worship in the school-house, but the project of building a church is being talked up, and it is hoped that before another year is passed the intention will have taken a most practical form.

ORANGEVILLE.—In this parish much is now being done to circulate good church papers. At present the *Dominion Churchman*, and the *CHURCH GUARDIAN* are taken by about 50 subscribers, and the work of extending the circulation by members of the Church in the parish still goes on. It is felt by all parish workers here that such papers are necessary for the building up of the Church.

RECEPTION OF THE BISHOP.

The Bishop of Niagara and Mrs. Hamilton arrived at Hamilton on the 11th inst. His Lordship was accompanied by Archdeacons McMurray and Dixon, and several of the leading clergy and laity of this diocese, which met him at Toronto. At Hamilton the arrival of the Bishop was awaited by Dr. Mockridge, Canon Curran, Rural Dean Cordner of Port Colborne, Rev. Mr. Graham of Thorold, Rev. G. B. Cooke of Palmerston, and Mrs. A. H. Pettit of Grimsby, Wm. Joyce of Oakville, George Roach, Adam Brown, R. T. Steele, Chas. Egg, Wm. Bowman, and Dr. Reynolds. At two o'clock the train reached the depot here. The députation waiting gathered around the official car and hats were doffed as the bishop and Mrs. Hamilton stepped from the train. The station was thronged with people anxious to catch a glimpse of the new bishop, and he was stared at by all, until with Mr. and Mrs. Stiff and Mrs. Hamilton he got into a carriage and drove to the Christ Church Cathedral School-house.

In the school-house about 100 ladies and gentlemen were assembled to welcome the bishop. The piano on the platform was covered with cut flowers and potted plants, and the British and American flags were draped on the eastern wall. The bishop was conducted to a front seat. Archdeacon McMurray then took the chair, and briefly announced the arrival of the new Bishop of Niagara in his diocese. Loud applause followed the announcement.

The whole assembly then rose while Canon Reid read the following address:—

To the Right Reverend, Charles Hamilton, M.A., by Divine Permission, Lord Bishop of Niagara.—On this, your lordship's first appearance amongst us as our chief pastor, we desire to offer you on behalf of the clergy and laity of the diocese, our cordial and hearty congratulations, upon the exalted and sacred position to which, in the Providence of God, you have been called, and to greet you with the assurance of our sincere esteem and respect for your character and attainments.

Though personally unknown to a large portion of our people, your lordship does not come to us altogether as a stranger. The prominent positions which you have occupied as well in another diocese as in the highest council of this ecclesiastical province; and the manner in which your important duties have been discharged with so much zeal and benevolence, have called forth the admiration of the church and made your lordship's name well known and revered. It is our fervent prayer that your lordship may be long spared to do the work of God and His church in this diocese, and to witness an abundant blessing upon the same. We trust that you and your family may enjoy a large measure of happiness and comfort, both spiritual and temporal, in your residence with us.

We would further express the earnest hope that