

anecdotes. At the evening service he again preached and produced a deep impression on the large congregation present, by his plain and earnest appeal. After the sermon he asked all to engage in silent prayer. He said nothing about holding a mission. But that night the rector made up his mind that he would ask him to hold a brief mission during his short stay at Niagara Falls. In the morning he called upon him at his hotel, and made the request, when Mr. Stephens replied, "I have been expecting you." I thought of speaking to you yesterday evening about holding a mission, but did not. But when I retired to my room I asked God that if I could do any good here you might call and ask me to hold a mission. And now that you have come my duty is clear." Without delay hand bills were printed and put in almost every house in town, containing an earnest invitation to come to Christ Church that evening. Again Mr. Stephens after shortened evening prayer spoke in his own effective way, more as if he were conversing with those present than preaching to them. The Rev. W. Hay Aitken arrived on Tuesday morning, and consented to preach in the evening, which he did. As so much has been said of Mr. Aitken in the Church and secular papers of New York, it is not necessary to say more now. Everything is in favour of the success of the mission, his commanding presence, his deep, sonorous voice, his fervent and eloquent words, the clear way in which he brings his subject before his hearers. All who heard him hung upon his every word, whilst he discoursed on the text, "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" and whilst he exhorted them to make sure that God and they were agreed, and God's will and theirs in accord, that He might walk with them through life and comfort them at the hour of death.

From Niagara Falls the missionaries went to Nashville, there to fulfil an appointment, and thence to New Orleans, from which they returned a few days ago to take their departure from New York for England.

ORANGEVILLE.—On the evening of January 28th, a large number of the ladies of the church in this parish, called upon Mrs. A. Henderson, wife of the incumbent, and presented her with a very beautiful and valuable silver tea set, and a purse containing \$80, and also an address expressing their kind regard for her and the high esteem in which she is held. After which a very pleasant evening was spent at the parsonage.

HURON.

DELAWARE.—A church bell has been raised on the tower of Christ Church, and for the first time have the good church folks of that country parish heard the glad sound of the church going bell "float over the bright waters, though gentle yet not dull," while echo gentle woodland nymph repeats the solemn invitation to the dwellers in hill and dale. Olden records tell us how one who had travelled far from the "Isle of Saints," in returning, when sailing up the Shan, he heard the sweet Shandon bells, and he sank overpowered with the fond remembrance of the beloved strain. Dear to the soul are the morning chimes as from every hamlet and hillside sound the glad welcome to all, "Come, come to church, the King is in His holy place; glory to God in the highest."

PARIS.—Rev. Alfred Brown, incumbent of Warton, has been appointed by the Lord Bishop, to the parish of Paris, deanery of Perth. The mission of Warton is very extensive. When Rev. T. T. Campbell had charge of the mission it comprised seven congregations Mr. Brown's incumbency was limited to three. It is one of the most important charges now in the clearings.

SANDWICH.—Though not in the number of members, yet in some respects there is no more important position in the diocese than St. John's Church. The present St. John's Church was opened June 22, 1873, by the Bishop of Michigan. The old church was one of the oldest in Canada, having been commenced before the war of 1812, it was not completed till 1815. Sandwich was one of the first parts selected in the earliest settlement of the country. In this way St. John's congregation was considerably augmented. The congregation is rather small; this is indicated by the number of Sunday school scholars, yet in that year the church gave for local purposes \$2,000.

STRATHROY.—The vestry of St. John's Church was deemed unfit for the reception of their rector, so they determined to spend on it \$1,000. It is now inferior to no town church in the diocese, and at a cost of \$1,500. The Strathroy Churchmen, and, better still, Churchwomen, do nothing by halves for their beloved Church. The Sunday School of Strathroy as well as the church membership is increased. In a word the parish is progressing.

WINDSOR.—The Rev. Canon Hincks, we are glad to say, has accepted his appointment to All Saints' Church. The great arch-enemy of man finds some mischief for idle hands to do. The laity there had, until Mr. Ramsay's time, been employed, if employed at all, with those things pertinent to the gentleman. The visible fruits of the change in Mr. Ramsay's brief time, was the increased number of communicants, stained church windows, and a good choir partly supplied. The congregation is now, no doubt, in good condition to undertake and carry on good church work.

MITCHELL.—Trinity Church.—One of the most successful church gatherings took place on Friday evening at the rectory. The Rev. John Ridley having succeeded in securing the hearty and unanimous cooperation of his congregation in discountenancing in every possible way the raising of money for church purposes by means of tea-meetings, socials, bazaars, raffles, grab bag, election cakes, etc., at the same time has not lost sight of the desirability of social gatherings for mutual improvement, friendly intercourse, and innocent enjoyment, on the part of every member of the congregation. He has therefore inaugurated a series of parlour gatherings, open to all, without money and without price. Indeed, if the gathering at the rectory on Friday night, last, can be taken as an index of what is to follow, we can safely pronounce the plan a complete success, and we feel assured that the wishes of the rector (who, when money is required for any purpose whatever, intends asking for it in the church) will be fully met. The proceedings, which partook largely of animated conversations, were enlivened by select readings, recitations, duets, solos, and other instrumental pieces. Shortly after ten o'clock all joined in singing the favorite hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," followed by the National Anthem. The rector then gave a short address thanking all for their presence and urging hearty co-operation, in every good work, irrespective of all social distinctions. Prayer was then offered, concluding with the Lord's Prayer, in which all heartily joined.

DUBLIN.—The Rev. O. H. Bringham was recently presented with a handsome cutter, robe, and fifty bushels of oats.

ATTWOOD.—A new church is in progress and will be finished some time this summer.

ALGOMA.

HUNTSVILLE.—Please permit me to thankfully acknowledge the receipt of several parcels of Church papers, also "Week," "Public Opinion," etc., from unknown friends. Also \$5 from "Shanty Bay," for our poor people.

BURK'S FALLS.—His Lordship, the Bishop of Algoma commenced his third annual visitation of this mission on Tuesday, January the 26th. We left Huntsville on Tuesday morning, and drove direct to the church of St. Anne's, Perry, where we found a fair congregation awaiting us. Matins was said by the Rev. W. B. Magnan, and the sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper administered by the Bishop, who preached an eloquent and impressive sermon on the subject of Infant Baptism. This night and the following, we were the guests of one of the Emsdale churchwardens and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jenkin. On the following day—Wednesday—we repaired to the Church of Saint Mark, at Emsdale, where evensong commenced at 3 p.m. This church has been built for three or four years, by the Rev. W. Crompton, but until the last summer was merely a shell, and hardly habitable for winter's use. During the summer of 1885, however, it received a grant of money from S. P. C. K., out of which it has recently been lined and completed, and furnished with new and comfortable seats, and it is gratifying to me to be able to state that not a cent of the money has been expended on labour, the whole of which was done by the hands of the members themselves. The church being now quite complete, it was consecrated and dedicated to the service of Almighty God on this day, according to the form of the Church of England in Canada. The Bishop preached a very suitable sermon on "The Church." Next day, Thursday, the new church (St. James') in Bethune was formally opened, but as the interior of the building is not yet complete, the consecration was postponed until next year. Here the church was well filled, as well it might be, considering the fact that this is, with the exception of a small Roman Catholic chapel partially built, the first and only church in the whole township. During the service, assisted by the Bishop, I administered the rite of Holy Baptism to three infants, and at the end of evensong eight candidates were admitted to the full membership of the church, in the apostolic rite of

confirmation. The Holy Communion was then celebrated. We returned to Emsdale at night, and were entertained under the hospitable roof of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Simpson. On Friday, we held divine service in All Soul's Church, Beggaboro', at 11 a.m., when the rite of confirmation was administered to seven persons, to whom the Bishop delivered a suitable and instructive address. After dinner, with Churchwarden Watson and his estimable wife, we drove to Saint Alban's, Starratte, where evensong was said at 4 p.m., followed by the Holy Communion. We reached the parsonage, Burk's Falls, at 10 o'clock at night. On Saturday, the Bishop presided at a special vestry meeting, held in the vestry of our pretty little new church. On Sunday divine service was held in the church of our rapidly growing village at 10.30 a.m. Before the service of the day was commenced, the Bishop performed the ceremony of consecration, the procession of churchwardens, clergy and Bishop, moving from the western door up the centre aisle, to the chancel. I must not here omit to mention the very valuable gift presented by his lordship to the church on the occasion, viz.: A very handsome set of communion vessels and font, said by his lordship to be the handsomest in the diocese. At 2 p.m., the Bishop addressed the Sunday school, taking for his subject, the Indian Home for boys and girls, and preached again at evensong, at 8.30 p.m.

FOREIGN.

The Church of England has nine preaching stations along the line of the Panama Canal. There are a large number of Englishmen among the workmen.

During the year 1884 the late Bishop of Manchester confirmed 18,000 persons in his diocese. No wonder he died of overwork.

Fire recently destroyed the buildings of the Universities' Mission at Matope, Central Africa. All the stores and medicine were burnt, and many people were left without even a change of clothing.

About forty young men, students at the University of Dublin, following the noble example of Mr. Studd and his colleagues, have offered themselves for foreign missionary work.

It is stated that the learned Dr. Wordsworth on his death-bed called a little child to bless him, esteeming that the blessing of innocent childhood was of more value than any other benediction.

The Central Baptist says: "We have been informed that some churches in a certain State have become so wild on the temperance question that they fail to observe the Lord's Supper, regarding the use of the wine as probably misleading. This conduct, to say the least, is intemperate and sinful."

A careful estimate has been made of the amount of money actually expended in a single year in the repair and building of churches and other building used in carrying on the work of the church, together with the endowment of Bishopsrics and other such like things in the various dioceses of England, and it is found that the aggregate sum reaches the enormous amount of more than seven millions of dollars. These are free-will contributions, and are in no sense grants from the State.

MARYLAND.—Bishop Paret has undertaken, with vigor, mission work among colored people, and proposes to erect small chapels for their use in different parts of the diocese. The chapels will cost from \$700 to \$800 each.

At the twelfth anniversary of the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice, the secretary stated that during the past year there had been seized and confiscated 36,926 pounds of obscene books, 238,594 pictures, 275,883 lottery tickets, and 26,423 pounds of stereotype plates. No wonder that the criminal calendar shows in every city a large increase of prisoners under twenty years of age.

The diocese of North Carolina is the recipient of about \$25,000, the bequest of the late Miss Mary Ruffin Smith, of Orange Co., N. C., to be disposed of as the diocesan convention shall direct. Miss Smith gave about \$6,000 to some of her former slaves, and a tract of land worth about \$11,000 to the University of North Carolina, to be expended in the education of such poor young men as should be designated by the faculty.

LONG ISLAND.—The cost of the Cathedral of the