

ECCLIASTICAL INTELLIGENCE

FOREIGN

ENGLAND. ROYAL CONFIRMATION.—The London Echo of Feb. 1st, says:—Our Correspondent telegraphs that Princess Victoria and Prince Leopold were confirmed today, at Wimpington Church, Isle of Wight, by Dr. Harold Brown, the Bishop of Winchester.

The new Bishop of Winchester consecrated Christ church, Stoke-next-Guildford, on New Year's day. A public reception was given him in honour of this his first visit to the town. In the course of his remarks he thus spoke of himself, in reference to Church parties. I may venture to call myself an Evangelical, if that means that Jesus Christ is the power of God to salvation. I have always called myself an Evangelical, but I am equally ready to call myself a High Churchman (hear). As I believe that the Gospel is the power of God to salvation, so I believe that the Church is the instrument which the great Author of our salvation has appointed for the teaching, for the guiding, for the guarding, and for the aiding of human souls. Long, then, as I defy any one to deny that I am, most distinctly an Evangelical, and most distinctly a High Churchman, I believe very thoroughly in both. I come from a diocese where we worked very amicably together, and if ever I had any difficulty—his lordship will excuse me for saying it—it was with the laity, and not with the clergy (laughter). My friends of the laity were a little more apt to be pugnacious. They had not learned to see the possibility of there being an intercurrent of peace and love, and yet a little roughening on the surface. I am quite a stranger here, scarcely two months Bishop of this diocese, but my impression is that there is rather a larger diversity of opinion here than there was in Ely. Still I have great confidence, that, if we only look at things fairly, we shall be able to work together harmoniously. We have the same cause at heart, and I do not believe there is any real dissimilarity in the camp (cheers).

Speaking of the violent pamphlet recently issued against the Bishops by Archbishop Dowson, the English Churchman says: The pamphlet involves the whole Episcopate in one indiscriminate condemnation. The whole order is dominated by the existing relations of Church & State, so that when a presbyter becomes a bishop he is no longer the same man he was, but regards himself as invested with two new and opposite characters, as the ecclesiastical ruler and the civilian statesman, also at times at times totidem homo sed duo homines et. or so diverse opposite. The Archbishop abuses the Reformation, and prefers the first to the second Book of Edward VI., but his chief accusation against the Bishops is that on their consecration, whatever might have been their antecedent opinions, they regard the Church more as a civil establishment than as a spiritual corporation.

Of the introduction of Professor Max Muller as a lecturer in Westminster Abbey, on the third of December last, the general conviction is that the Dean of Westminster has acted an illegal act.

AUSTRIA.—It is asserted in Paris that the Papal Nuncio at Vienna has received instructions to demand from the Austrian Cabinet an explicit declaration of its opinion on the policy of the German Government towards the Roman Catholic Church.

SPAIN.—RELATIONS WITH THE POPE.—During the latter days of Castelar's Presidency, a conflict arose between the President and Salmeron touching the religious question, and relations with the Pope. Castelar thought it right, in accordance with the Concordats between the Popes and the Kings of Spain, to nominate Bishops to the vacant Sees of Toledo, Tarragon, and Santiago. He also assigned quarters at the Spanish Legation at Rome, to a Spanish Archbishop. Thereupon, Salmeron and a considerable part of the Cortes, who had sustained the Cabinet, declared that they would not follow this policy of conciliation toward the Church. Partisans of a separation between the Church and the State, the Deputies of the Centre refused to make any terms with Rome.

SOUTH AFRICA.—BISHOP CALLAWAY.—The Presiding Bishop of the House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States has received notice from the Rt. Rev. Robert Eden, D.D., Primate of the Episcopal Church of Scotland, of the consecration, on All Saints' Day, 1873, of the Rev. Henry Callaway, M.D., as Missionary Bishop of Independentia and Kaffraria, South Africa. The Bishop sent forth by the Scottish Church will be subject to the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan of Capetown, the Bishops of the Province of South Africa having offered him a seat in the Provincial Synod of that Church. —Churchman.

UNITED STATES.—The Cathedral is becoming yearly a subject of increasing importance in this country. It is advisable that Churchmen keep themselves abreast with the progress made.—The programme of the Diocesan Conference to be held at Oswego, is given under the head of Central New York. A second sermon under the auspices of the Berkeley Association, was preached in the chapel of Yale College, New Haven Conn., on the 18th inst.—A correspondent shows that the late Assistant Bishop of Kentucky was not intimated as to his salary, as some have intimated, but was fully paid.—On Sunday last the Bishop of Long Island, in the Church of the Reformation, Brooklyn, ordained the newly-elected rector, the Rev. John G. Bacchus, to the priesthood, and Mr. Adamson to the diaconate.—The Church of the Ascension, Baltimore, Md., closed its special services on the occasion of its reopening, on the 11th inst.—Bishop Paddock has announced a list of appointments, and addressed a letter of inquiry to the clergy of his diocese.—We have an encouraging record from Nebraska. Among other things is the fact that a Congregational minister, induced by the recent schism to examine the question of the ministry, has decided to seek Orders in the Church.—The Bishop of New Hampshire, visited West Claremont and Concord last week.—Christmas was not forgotten at Blackwell's Island, though the occasion was doleful.—The Pittsburgh Convocation met on the 14th inst.—An interesting children's service

was held at All Saints' Memorial church, Providence, R. I., on the 18th inst. This church, which does not even have intended service, is a room in which such ultra things were seen as to lighten an Assistant Bishop. —Church Journal.

The average salary paid to the bishops in the United States would seem to be not too liberal. A writer in the N. Y. Church Journal mentions that the late Assistant Bishop of Kentucky received nearly \$4,000, say \$3,500 gold per annum, more, he says, than three-fourths of the bishops receive.

NEW YORK.—FLOATING CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR.—On Sunday, January 26th, the Bishop of the Diocese administered the sacred rite of Confirmation to twenty-nine persons at the Floating Church of our Saviour. This little church, floating in one of the docks of our busy city, does a noble work in behalf of the sailor. The Rev. Robert J. Walker is the Missionary in charge, and is indefatigable in his zeal for the spirit of welfare of his congregation. The little chapel was crowded, and the singing joyous and truly congregational. That part of the worship sailors seem to appreciate and join in most heartily. The Bishop was deeply affected by the soul satisfying sight, and his words of counsel and admonition were plain, practical, and full of love and tenderness.

H. J. R. CENTRAL NEW YORK.—DIOCESAN CONFERENCE. Of Clergy and Laity at Oswego, Feb. 3, 4, 5. Topics for discussion at the day sessions: I. Mutual relations and intercourse of clergymen—Pastoral calls uses and abuses—Ministerial encouragements and trials in a city parish—Ministerial encouragements and trials in a country parish—Renewing of decayed life in old parishes. II. Sunday-school studies and libraries—Pastoral teaching of young people after they leave the Sunday school. The parish clergy man in his study.—The attitude of the logical and religious teachers towards men of science—A branch of bibliography. III. Prayer a branch to the minister and to missions—Habits of devotion and the business of the world—The Christian consciousness and life dependent on personal communion with Christ—Reverence as affecting family religion, manners, and the ministry. IV. Church missions in rural populations.—The preaching power in the Church. its liberty and limits.—The "sympathetic nerve" between the clergyman's plans and the layman's purse.—The right proportion in missionary objects and efforts. The Wednesday morning session is to open at Christ church at 9.30 o'clock. Sunday school service on Tuesday at 5.30 P. M. Each of the general secretaries promises to bring with him an advocate whom the audience will be glad to hear.

F. D. H. LONG ISLAND ORDNATION.—On Sunday, January 26th, being the Third Sunday after the Epiphany, Bishop Lattinjohn held a Special Ordination in the Church of the Reformation, Brooklyn, when he advanced to the Priesthood the Rev. John C. Macclus (Rector of the Parish,) and also advanced Mr. Admison to the Diaconate. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Schenck, who also presented the candidates.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Confirmation services were held by Bishop Paddock at the Free Church of St. Mary on Parmenter street, Boston, on Sunday evening, the 18th inst. Eleven persons of both sexes were confirmed by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Thomas R. Lambert of Charlestown, and the Rev. Joshua Pierce, rector of the church. An appropriate and interesting sermon by the Bishop closed the services.

MASSACHUSETTS.—A GOOD RECORD.—The Annual Advent Report of St. Peter's, Cambridge (the Rev. Edwin B. Chase, Rector,) for 1873, records: Baptisms, 76; confirmed, 46; communicants added, 69; marriages, 8; burials, 16; contributions,—to extinguish church debt, \$1,899.10; Communion alms, \$244.48; Missions, \$239.60; current expenses and miscellaneous (including pew rents,) \$5,004.47, total, \$10,387.79. —Churchman.

CONNECTICUT.—YALE COLLEGE.—The second of the sermons under the auspices of the Berkeley Association, was delivered last Sunday evening, in the college chapel, by the Rev. W. A. Snively, rector of St. Peter's church, Albany, N. Y. The service was read by the Rev. Mr. Andrews, rector of the Church of the Ascension, and the Rev. Mr. Lobdell, rector of St. Paul's. The sermon was from the text Ephes. iv. 5, 6, 7. "There is one body and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling. One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ."

CALIFORNIA.—Rev. W. H. Hill has been making prospecting missionary tours in this diocese. In a letter to the Church Journal he gives some account of his travels, and of missionary prospects in the far West. We make the following extracts: "Truckee is a busy and thriving town of about two thousand inhabitants, built up in an almost inexhaustible timber region by the wants and business of the Overland Railroad. It is about three miles from Donner Lake, and about fifteen from Lake Tahoe. It has saw-mills and manufacturing establishments that give employment to hundreds, and here also are the headquarters of one of the divisions of the road. The people are hospitable, intelligent, and enterprising. A semi-weekly newspaper meets with a profitable support. There is one church building (besides the Roman Catholic), which is under the control of the Methodists, all the good people clubbing together to support a minister of that denomination. There are a few Church people here, and every time I have been able to visit the place, a warm welcome has been extended, and full congregations have been in attendance. The present occasion was no exception. Notwithstanding the deep snow, through which only narrow paths had been made, the church (holding some two hundred) was full, a large portion being ladies, who have more stamina and perseverance in these mountain towns than are often found among their more favored sisters of the valleys below. More attentive and interested auditors one could not ask. I wish much that I could visit them often, but the distance from my home (250 miles) prevents me. I am satisfied that a fair and permanent Church congregation could be

gathered here, were the right man found ready and willing to do the work. As Truckee is only two hours' ride from Reno, in the State of Nevada, where a Church missionary is now stationed, I have often desired that the two places could be connected, and Truckee could at least have the benefit of monthly services. Two children were baptized during this visit. In about a fortnight I expect to make my third visit to Visalia, an important town, 250 miles from my home in a southerly direction. And after having been there, I may write you about it, as I have done about Woodland, another of the promising stations in my widely extended circuit. For with the exception of the traditional horse and saddlebags, I might almost claim to match some of the old Methodists' "presiding elders." Grace church, San Francisco, has been fortunate in securing as rector the Rev. William H. Platt, formerly of Louisville, Ky. He pleases all, and the church, which had almost reached the 'bed rock,' is now filling up fast, and will soon again take its old position in the Diocese. The new rector is a valuable acquisition to our ranks. Trinity church, San Francisco, is still without a rector, Bishop Kap preaching for them each Sunday, and the Rev. Mr. Siliman attending to the parochial work. Since Prof. Seymour declined a call to Georgetown, I have not heard any name mentioned in connection therewith.

GEORGIA. ORDNATION.—The Bishop of the Diocese held an Ordination in Christ Church, Savannah, on the Fourth Sunday in Advent, when he advanced to the Priesthood, the Rev. Robert C. Foute, the Assistant Minister of the Parish, and the Rev. William P. Kramer, Rector of the Church of the atonement, Augusta. The sermon was preached and the candidates presented by the Rev. Dr. Williams, of Rome.

OHIO.—SANDUSKY.—A German congregation and pastor in this city have made application to be admitted into union with the church. The pastor, the Rev. D. Fischer, Doctor of Philosophy, was formerly a Roman Catholic Priest, a Professor in a Roman Catholic Seminary in Germany for many years, and a man of learning and extensive reading. —Standard of the Cross.

ILLINOIS.—CHURCH WORK IN CHICAGO.—On the Fourth Sunday in Advent a new Church enterprise was inaugurated in Chicago, by Divine Service, and the celebration of the Holy Communion. A large upper hall, on State street, opposite Congress, has been rented by St. Peter's Guild; part of it being appropriately fitted up as a chapel, and the remaining portion left for a free reading room. Divine Service, with a sermon on each occasion, is held twice every Sunday, and there is a weekly celebration of the Holy Communion. A Sunday School, also, has been organized, which holds two sessions; and two evenings in every week are devoted to a Bible and a Confirmation class, respectively. This new mission is situated in two midst of a district, in which, since the removal of Trinity Church a long distance to the south, the Church, in her parochial character, is misrepresented. It is, at present, under the charge of the Rev. George C. Street, as Chaplain.

NORTH CAROLINA.—GREENSBORO.—On the First Sunday after the Epiphany, the Assistant Bishop visited the Parish of St. Barnabas, administering the Holy Communion, preaching both morning and evening, and administering the rite of Confirmation. The services were exceedingly solemn and impressive, and the little band of Church people at Greensboro was greatly cheered, and took fresh courage. Bishop Lyman's sermons were plain, practical, and earnest; and, as in other portions of the Diocese, the impression he made was thoroughly favorable and satisfactory.

CANADA

TORONTO

COLLECTORS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM 1st NOVEMBER TO 31st DECEMBER, 1873, INCLUSIVE.

INDIAN MISSION FUND. Payments for support of Indian Children at Shingwauk House, Garden River. Toronto, Holy Trinity, \$12 00. Donations for Garden River Institute. (Shingwauk House).

Christieville (add'l), \$2. "A Churchwoman," \$10. Rev. V. Clement, \$5. James Michie, Toronto, \$5. Samuel Platt, Toronto, \$10. St. Luke's Church, Toronto, \$15. St. Brooke, \$5. Anonymous, \$5. E. Grindstone, \$3. From a mother, in memory of the happy death of a beloved child, \$20. Christmas gift for Rev. E. F. Wilson, from a lady, a member of the congregation of St. John's Church, Cayuga, being the proceeds of the sale of a diamond ring, \$53.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND. October Collection.

Hamilton, Christ Church, \$30 00. All Saints', \$5. Ascension, \$75 75. St. Thomas', \$20. Barrie, Christ Church, \$25. York, St. Peter's, \$25. Church of Redeemer, \$25 00. Trinity East (add'l), \$3. All Saints' (add'l), \$10. St. Luke's, \$10. Holy Trinity, \$14 85. Beamsville, \$12 22. Jordan, \$2 00. Smithville, \$3. Orangeville, \$2 25. Brampton and Edmonton, \$23 43. Campbell's Cross, \$1 42. Ottonabee, \$1 00. Etobicoke, Christ Church, \$9 00. St. George's, \$20 85. Port Hope, St. John's, \$10. St. Mark's, \$12 85. St. Catharines, St. George's (add'l), \$2. Grimsby, \$10. Brighton, \$1 00. Cambridge, \$12. Beaverton, \$1 00. West Brock, \$6. Toronto, \$25. Pickering, \$15 80. Greenock, \$20. Oshawa, \$25. St. John's, \$2 16. Chippawa, \$20. Clifton, \$3. Lewisville, \$3 34. Nassagaweya, \$1 19. Niagara, \$10. Markham, Grace Church, \$7 73. St. Philip's, \$2 37. Stamford, \$7 20. Brantford, \$7 00. N. Orlita and Medonts, St. John's, \$1 42. St. George's, \$5. St. Luke's, \$1 16. Dundas, \$3. West Lamboro, \$2. Colborne (add'l), \$1. Cameron, \$3 37. Oakwood, \$1. Osh. \$1 12. Lindsay, \$11. Bracklin, \$1 19. Columbus, \$4 24. Port Whitby, \$3 63. Scarboro', Christ Church, \$16 00. St. Paul's, \$7 00. St. Jude's, \$1 84. Colburn, Court House, \$3. Cokestown, \$1 25. Chertsey, \$1 60. Family, Oshawa, \$7 25. St. John's, \$2 16. St. James, \$1 75. Innanmore, \$5. Nor. oot, \$1 80. Westwood, \$2. Allandale, \$1 20. Shanty Bay (add'l), \$3. Uxbridge, \$9 60. Goodwood, \$3 42. Scott, \$5. Maryboro' and Del. Rothway, \$2 31. Houston, \$3 09. Drayton, \$1 00. Glendon, \$6. Port Colborne, \$1 00. Maralville, \$2. Normal, \$7 77. Stewart town, \$3 13. Collingwood (add'l), \$4. Downmanville, \$1 07. Rankinville, \$1. Wellington Square and Nelson, \$2 40. Bracebridge, \$1 03. Gravenhurst, \$6. Trapani, \$1 20. South Ste. Marie, \$5 45. Mary's Lake, \$1 12. Huntsville, \$50. Leatrice, \$5. Allanville, \$1 60. Hamilton, \$1 01. West Dyar, \$3. Holland Landing, \$3 30. Sharon, \$2. Campbellford, \$1. Warkworth, \$2. Shanty Bay, St. Mark's, \$1. Oro, \$1 60. St. James, \$1 25. School House, \$7. Saltford and Binbrook, \$2. Port Erie, Bertie, \$1 35. Elora, \$7 57. S. Pilkington, \$1 13. Mount Forest, \$1 30. Milton, \$13 30. Hornby, \$8 00. Omagh, \$2 00. Tullahoma, St. Mary's, \$2. St. John's, \$5. St. James's, \$50.

Annual Subscriptions. Rev. H. B. Owen, \$5; Rev. M. A. Farrar, \$5; Rev. Dr. Smith, \$5; Rev. A. Boulton, (1873) \$5; Rev. J. W. Robt., \$5; Rev. E. H. Cole, \$5; Rev. Dr. Strong, \$5; Mrs. Arch, \$5. On Account Entrance Fee. Rev. E. Morgan, \$16. Donations. Bloolcoke, Miss Beatty, \$10. Mrs. Campbell, \$5; H. Moore (bequest), \$8 80; C. J. Blomfield, \$10; R. S. Brock, \$1. Parochial Collections. Caran, \$17 60. Special Appeal for \$10,000. C. J. Blomfield (Donation), \$10,000.

MISSIONARY DIOCESE OF ALABAMA

To the Reverend the Clergy of the Diocese of Toronto.

REV. AND DEAR BROTHERS.—You are aware that it has been resolved that the several Dioceses of this Ecclesiastical Province should assume, for a few years, the payment of the salary of the Bishop of Alabama; and that, at its last meeting, the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto pledged itself to the annual payment of eight hundred dollars, as its quota towards the amount required for that purpose. The Board of Missions, at its last meeting in November, took into consideration the best means of meeting that engagement; and, after some discussion, the following resolution was passed:—

"That the Lord Bishop be requested to issue a Pastoral to the several Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, calling for a Special Collection for that portion of the income of the Missionary Bishop of Alabama which the Synod has guaranteed, on such a day as may be most convenient."

I entirely concur in the opinion of the Board that no more simple or effectual means could be adopted for raising the amount to which this Diocese is pledged. The contribution will thus be more generally and equitably diffused, while the burden upon the several parishes will be light.

I recommend this Collection Sunday the twenty-second day of February next, being the first Sunday in Lent; and I have to request of my reverend brethren that they will duly announce the same, and on a previous Sunday urge a hearty and liberal response to the good object. The Collections are requested to be sent, as soon after that date as possible, to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Synod.

I remain, Rev. and dear Brethren, Faithfully and affectionately yours, A. N. TORONTO.

Toronto, January 26, 1874.

LESTEN HOMIE MISSIONS, 1874.

Recommendations approved by the Synod.

1. United Prayer by the clergy according to an approved form, on Monday, February 10, previous to the opening of the mission.

2. Meetings for special prayer in the several parishes interested, for a blessing upon the Mission and in particular for increased unity, with a view to the more abundant outpourings of the Holy Ghost. (If held in the church to be according to a form approved by the Bishop.)

3. The use of family and private prayer in behalf of the Mission. (See forms appended.)

4. The earnest prayers and active co-operation of Communicants, Parents, Sunday-school Teachers, and all who sincerely desire the glory of Christ in the salvation of souls, and the building up of His Kingdom, are urgently solicited.

"Thou art thy brother's keeper."

The fixing of times is left wholly to the clergy of the several churches, but for convenience of cooperation the following arrangement is respectfully submitted.

I. From Sunday February 16, to Saturday February 28.—St. James' Cathedral; St. Stephen's; Holy Trinity; St. Paul's;

II. From Sunday March 1, to Saturday March 7.—St. George's; Christ Church; St. Ann's; St. Bartholomew's.

III. From Sunday March 8, to Saturday March 14.—St. John's; St. Mark's; All Saints; Trinity East.

IV. March 15, to 21st. St. Luke's; St. Peter's; St. Matthew's.

V. March 22, to March 28, Church of the Redeemer; Seaton Village.

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. C. B. FETTIT, M. A. RECTOR OF RICHMOND.

The people of this parish, in addition to the Christmas offerings, which were liberal, presented their clergyman with an affectionate address and the following valuable articles as a token of their regard and esteem and of their appreciation of his long and faithful services—A buggy and harness, a set of sleigh robes (prairie wolf), and fifty yards of carpet, the total cost about \$250.

The regular quarterly meetings of the Standing Committee of Synod will be held as under:—

Thursday, February 12th.—Clergy Trust, 10 a.m.; Mission Board, 12 noon; Executive, 3 p.m.; Sunday-school &c., 4 p.m.; Church Music, 5 p.m.

Friday, February 13th.—Land and Investment &c., 11 a.m.; Widows and Orphans' Fund &c., 12 noon; Audit, 1 p.m.; General Purposes &c., 2 p.m.

HURON

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CAYUGA.

A Sunday-school festival in connection with the above church was held at the Town-hall, Cayuga, on Wednesday the 21st Jan., ult. and was a complete success. The children present numbered about eighty and were not only jolly and looking fit as one could desire to see. After partaking of the good things kindly provided for them by the ladies, they, under the leadership of Mr. Price, who had been instructing them for a short time previously sang a number of carols in a very pleasing manner, for which they deservedly received the plaudits of the audience. The choir also favoured those assembled with some choice pieces of music which they rendered in very good style. The interest taken in church music has considerably increased since the advent of Prof. Price, of New York, who has given much timely attention towards bringing the choir on to their present efficient condition. After the musical portion of the entertainment was over the children were both amused and instructed by the disolving views of a magic lantern, which were displayed for their benefit on a screen placed at one end of the hall. Behind this screen was also placed a fine Christmas tree, hung with presents and a number of tapers lighted up for the occasion. The screen having been withdrawn the children were invited up to

the tree by Santa Claus, who he distributed his presents to one and all. They then retired to their seats to contemplate the different presents each of them had received. All particularly the children, seemed to enjoy themselves, and much credit is due to our pastor, the Rev. Mr. Ballard, for his efforts in bringing to such a successful entertainment for the welfare and amusement of the children. The festival broke up with the children singing "God Save the Queen," and the expressed desire on the part of many of them that we might next winter have as equally a pleasant entertainment as the one just concluded.

THE DORCHESTER MISSIONS.

(Correspondence Church Herald.)

A very interesting missionary meeting was held at St. Peter's church, (the church of England) at Dorchester Station, on the evening of the 26th inst., by the Rev. F. W. Raika, the incumbent, and the Rev. Mr. Tilloy, of London. The latter gentleman delivered an eloquent address upon the general subject of missions, urging with great energy upon the attentive audience their duty and privilege as professing Christians, to help on the noble work of sending the Gospel with all its benign influences forward until the last man is reached. His synopsis of the history and progress of missionary work was encouraging. And here I desire to say a few words in regard to the church at this place. The mission at Dorchester Station had for some time been without a pastor and without the regular ministrations of God's word, until April last, when our worthy Bishop secured the services of the Rev. F. W. Raika for the Mission. The society here was a feeble one, and it was predicted by many that it was dead as a congregation; but the appointment of Mr. Raika was the beginning of a new era in its history. He soon proved himself to be the right man in the right place. At that time the congregation met for worship in a small dilapidated church, wholly inadequate and unfit for a place of worship. The new pastor and a few others early contemplated a change. All longed for it, but their faith as not equal to the undertaking. However, in the latter end of summer an appeal was made to the congregation for funds to enlarge and otherwise improve the building. It soon appeared almost chimerical to expect success. But the efforts of our pastor were incessant and unwearied, and nobly aided by the people and Providence, the enterprise was eventually placed financially beyond the fear of failure. The old apology for a gallery was torn down. The building, including the chancel and vestry-room was lengthened twenty feet. The seats were rearranged and painted. A handsome chancel window was put in. The old box-like reading desk and pulpit was replaced by a light tasty lectern and pulpit. The chancel carpeted—the aisle covered with matting, and the church lighted by two chandeliers. In fact the whole building, outside and inside, was completely metamorphosed from a small unsightly, incongruous structure, to a comfortable, and I can almost say, a beautiful house for prayer and praise.

The reopening took place on the 14th November last, when His Lordship the Bishop of Huron was present and complimented the pastor and the people upon the great and favorable change that had been made. At that time the incumbent presented a class for confirmation, several of them adults of the better class of people.

Subsequently the inside of the church was beautifully decorated with evergreens, and the word "Emmanuel" nicely in ornamental text, was placed back of the chancel for the Christmas anniversary. On that occasion the house was crowded by an attentive and respectable audience, made up of the enlightened, reflecting people of the neighborhood, composed of different denominations. The hearts of the church people are made glad by the great change for the better, not only in the improvements of the church, but by the constantly increasing number of those who gather in it to worship our Lord the Messiah. Another happy thought is the increased liberality and zeal in the worshippers. O. M. M.

NANTICOKE.—PRESENTATION.

On Thursday, the 8th ult., the Rev. J. H. Fletcher, of South Walpole experienced an agreeable surprise. A large number of the members of the Nanticoke congregation, amounting to about 36 or 40, assembled at his house in the evening, bringing with them a plentiful supply of refreshments, and presented him with a beautiful buffalo robe, and also with a purse of money. The presentations were accompanied with appropriate speeches from Messrs. J. W. Moneck, and T. G. Cooper. After a very pleasant evening, passed in singing and other profitable amusements the company dispersed.

EVILS OF SCHISM.

The Rev. Mr. Foster, Rector of three Rivers, Diocese of Quebec, preached at morning service at St. Paul's, London, and in the Chapter House at evening service on the 18th instant. The parish of Three Rivers affords a good illustration of one of the minor evils attendant on schism. The population of the city is, in round numbers, 10,000; of these, 9,400 are Roman Catholics. One hundred years ago the English Church was just organized in it. A number of colonists from Great Britain, settled there, engaged in lumbering and other business; and they formed the nucleus of an Anglican parish. A building, called old here, where all buildings are modern, was then occupied as a barracks, and had previously, before coming into possession of the Government, been for a time a monastery, and another that had been a Roman Catholic place of worship was converted into a jail. Both these buildings, the barracks and the jail were made over by the Government to the English Church; and Three Rivers was regularly constituted a parish of the English Church in connection with the Diocese of Quebec. The church people of Three Rivers might have well maintained their position, though in the midst of a large Roman Catholic population, had there been none to divide the little flock. But the evils consequent on schism are to be found there too as in other and larger communities. Those, who do not profess the religion of Rome, are in all six hundred. Presbyterianism, introduced there at least seventy years after the establishing of the Anglican parish, now numbers 250 members, and Methodism, of fifteen years standing, numbers 150. Had the 600 Protestants in the town not been