

**St. Jude's.**—The monthly entertainment of this flourishing Band was held in the lecture hall of the church, Feb. 26, and, like all its weekly meetings, came off most successfully. The Rector (the Rev. J. H. Dixon) presided. The hall was crowded with members of the Band of Hope and their friends. After the opening hymn the rector offered prayer, and then reading applicable lesson of Scripture, made to the children and visitors an earnest appeal to hold fast in the temperance cause and to never cease using all the good influence they could for its advancement. In the opening of the programme Mrs. Parratt played a piano solo, followed by Mr. and Mrs. Bullock, who gave some very clever and acceptable recitations, which were greatly enjoyed by the large and enthusiastic audience, and gave the general desire for their early revisit to St. Jude's. The item of the evening was Mr. Spence, jr.'s, stereopticon views, with which he gave such great joy to so many young hearts that surely all his beautiful pictures and goblin and fairy scenes will haunt their minds till he returns again. The opening slide illustrated the hymn "O'er Greenland's Icy Mountains," and the closing one "There's a better land, far far away," which was sung with great heartiness by all present, to Mr. Percy Moor's organ accompaniment. Mr. Forgrave proposed and Mr. Parratt seconded a vote of thanks to Mr. Spence and those who had helped in the entertainment. Then came the benediction and the rector wished all a happy good night.

**St. George's.**—There were eight hundred interested and smiling faces in the schoolhouse last Friday evening, Feb. 26th, the occasion being the anniversary of the Sabbath-school. Dean Carmichael, the Rev. L. N. Tucker, and the energetic superintendent, Mr. N. R. Mudge, did their utmost to make everyone comfortable. There was great decorum for so vast a number. The illustrated lecture, "Ben Hur," by Mr. Armstrong, was much enjoyed. The carols sung by the children, under the direction of Miss Evans, were touching and sweet. Miss Schneider's singing of "Calvary" was artistic. The instrumental duet by Messrs. Smith and Hasley was very entertaining. Mr. Pickard came upon the platform quivering with suppressed merriment. His rendition of Eugene Hall's clever piece, "Tryin' to whip the teacher," was greeted with roars of laughter. "Railroad cro sing" also delighted the young people.

**Mission Fund Sunday.**—The offertory of St. George's congregation amounted to three thousand dollars (in round numbers), being a noble contribution towards carrying on the Missionary work in the Diocese during the current year.

ONTARIO.

Bishop Lewis, of the diocese of Ontario, now in Egypt, is much improved in health. He will return to Canada shortly.

**ODESSA.**—This mission has now been re-opened and the Rev. F. T. Dibb, who has been appointed to it, is giving us services every Sunday, both morning and evening. He preached his first sermon from Luke 12, 32, "Fear not, little flock," etc., a most encouraging and appropriate sermon for the occasion. During Lent we are to have a week night service every Friday evening, with a series of lectures on that much neglected and misunderstood article of the faith, "The Holy Catholic Church." The services, we are glad to state, are being fairly well attended. Last Wednesday, Feb. 24, we had our annual missionary meeting. There was a strong deputation including the following clergy: Revs. Wm. Wright, convener, Rural Dean Baker, S. Tighe, J. Cooper and L. Greenhalgh. The subject of missions was presented in a many sided and practical way by the speakers, and the collection was a little in advance of last year. We hope to still further increase it by the parochial cards. But, God knows, we have most urgent need for every cent we can get right here in our own parish. However, those who know by experience what poverty is are generally the most ready to help the poverty-stricken, and so we are ready to share our crusts with those who have none. A choir of men and boys is being organized, and a Sunday school is shortly to be opened, but at present we have no organ and will have to hire one pro tem. Neither have we any font, and last Sunday there was a baptism, so we had to use a wash basin. Will not some kind friends help us to secure these two most necessary articles of church furniture. We will not say anything just now about our other most pressing wants, but if anybody wishes, during this Lent, to do his alms-deeds in a quiet Christ-like way, where nobody will know anything about it, we shall only be too glad to send full particulars and feel most grateful for the smallest help.

**COBDEN.**—The incumbent, Rev. J. Arthur Shaw, has been for some weeks laid up with grippe, on recovery from which he took a short vacation to recuperate. During his absence Rural Dean Bliss took duty for a Sunday in connection with the yearly inspection, and in order to bring before the people the inadequacy of the support given by them to their clergyman. In company with Wardens Burns and Coulter, and Mr. Thomas Gray, the rural dean visited the house of every member of the Cobden congregation. He also visited the two out stations, and called on all but two or three families. His appeal to the congregation was very plain, and the canvass very thorough. The result is that our old subscription list of less than three hundred dollars now gives place to the new list for upwards of four hundred dollars. The rural dean asked for subscriptions amounting to \$550 per year, the sum required to meet the grant of \$250 to make up the minimum stipend ordered by the synod. He intimated that the congregations in Cobden mission might possibly be called upon to choose between contributing this sum and the resignation of the missionary, whose support the past year was so slight as to have greatly discouraged him. At the conclusion of the canvass, it was found that the subscriptions amounted to \$432, as against \$292 formerly. In addition to this it was agreed that the clergyman was to receive all the collections in two of the congregations. The rural dean had a conference with the wardens at Cobden when the lists were closed, and pointed out to them that the \$432 was not sufficient, and that the weekly offertory could only be taken as a substitution for possible default in some subscriptions. The wardens then undertook to assume the support of the clergyman's horse, which would be worth \$100 per year, and signed a guarantee to this effect. Thus the \$550 was almost reached, much to the satisfaction of the Rev. Mr. Shaw, whose stipend is now guaranteed for the next three years at \$532 from the people and \$250 from mission fund, being \$782 in all. The provision for the weekly collections being given to the clergyman protects him against loss by unpaid subscriptions. Mr. Shaw is very popular here, and the people were afraid they might lose him, hence their readiness to increase their support. The new parsonage is just finished, and it is expected will shortly be occupied, when our popular pastor and his bride will be given a grand reception.

**FRANKTON.**—The Rev. Mr. Waterman has been appointed Incumbent of this parish vice the Rev. Mr. Whalley, transferred from Marysburg to Arnprior.

**MILLBRIDGE.**—The Rev. F. S. Greenhalgh, deacon, having been offered the Mission of Massena, N.Y., has resigned this Mission, and taken letters of transfer to the Diocese of Albany.

**KINGSTON.**—*St. Paul's.*—The Rev. Wm. Johnson, who during Rural Dean Carey's absence in England was *locum tenens* here, has received an appointment in the Diocese of Pittsburg, Penn., and will shortly take his departure for his new field of labour.

**MARYSBURG.**—The Rev. J. Fairburn succeeds the Rev. A. H. Whalley as mission priest of this charge. Mr. Whalley's labours have been highly successful both in Milford and North Marysburg, and his resignation and departure are deeply regretted.

Concerning the departures above noted to the American Church, we cannot resist quoting the line and slightly changing it to suit the case: "Men may come, and men may go, but the Diocese of Ontario goes on forever."

TORONTO.

Miss Lizzie A. Dixon acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following amounts for Rev. J. G. Brick, Athabasca: St. George's Sunday-school, Owen Sound, per Mr. Robinson, \$12.34; "A Widow's mite," \$2.

**St. Olave's Church.**—The Rev. H. C. Dixon and his mission choir of thirty voices gave an interesting entertainment in this church on Shrove Tuesday evening. Mr. Dixon read a pathetic story on the Zulu war, with appropriate sacred music given with much care and expression by the choir, which was listened to with rapt attention by an appreciative audience. At the conclusion Mr. Ellis moved a vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. Hicks; and hoped that Mr. Dixon and his friends may soon favour them with another visit. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the church, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

**St. James' Cathedral.**—A very enjoyable "at home" was given to the congregation by the rector and churchwardens in the school house on Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The musical programme,

in which the following took part, Mrs. Irving Cameron, Miss Francis, Miss Janes, Miss Bonsall, Miss Chisholm, Dr. Scadding and Mr. Bowles, was thoroughly enjoyed by all, after which refreshments were partaken of. During the evening Canon DuMoulin and Mr. A. W. Grasset presented Mr. Arthur Carkeek, the Sunday-school librarian, with an illuminated address, on the occasion of his departure for Detroit. Mr. Carkeek has been a faithful attendant at the cathedral for thirty years. He undertook the management of the library when it was in a condition the reverse of prosperous, and has succeeded in transforming it into one of the largest and best in the city. Mr. Carkeek replied feelingly to the kind words uttered by the rector, and recalled the many happy hours he had spent at the Sunday-school. The assistant librarians also presented Mr. Carkeek with a very handsome gold-mounted fountain pen as a mark of their respect and regard for him.

**St. Matthias' Parish.**—The last of the Sunday-school winter entertainments took place in the shape of Mrs. Jarley's (Mr. Smith's) waxworks, with intervals of songs and music in St. Andrew's Hall, on Thursday evg., Feb. 18. The Infant Class "Christmas Tree" took place, under the supervision of Miss Hilda Carter, in the schoolroom soon after Christmas, and the entertainment for the intermediate classes came on later in the same place; but experience had proved the schoolrooms, pretty and capacious as they are, inadequate for an audience exceeding 400. This was especially true of a recent concert there, managed by Mrs. Harrison, at the close of the season just before Advent. This Pre-Lenten reunion gotten up by the Sunday-school teachers and elder scholars, was likely to prove very attractive, so the largest west-end hall was engaged, and special efforts used to make the affair a success. The result exceeded the most sanguine hopes—the large hall was full, a very unusual achievement for any object. The proceedings were fully up to expectations: "Jarley" was never so well represented in Toronto before. The proceeds must have been immense. It was, therefore, a rather risky proceeding to have the Girls' Friendly Guild "sale of work" and re-union so soon as within a few days. This thing was done, however, and well done, on St. Matthias' Eve. The articles were what one expects from this excellent parish Guild—useful, as well as ornamental, substantial, and moderate in price. The tables were literally "cleared" in a short time, and the crowd betook themselves to sweets, flowers, games, dialogues and refreshments with excellent effect to the finances of the Friendly Girls, who have always some good object in view. The following day being the dedication festival of the parish, there were celebrations at 7 and 11 a.m., and choral evensong at 8 p.m., at which Rev. Professor Clarke preached an admirable sermon in explanation of "Sacerdotal Absolution" from the text, "The Key of the House of David." Just now, the parish is on the *qui vive* in regard to a probable donation of a beautiful site for their permanent church on the adjacent Bickford estate, from the past and present proprietors of which the parish has received many kind donations. The late E. O. Bickford, Esq., had promised liberal help for a new church, and his heirs are not likely to fall short of his wishes and intentions. With a valuable property already, and very trifling remains of debt, the parishioners are likely to tackle the project courageously.

**St. James' Cathedral.**—A special service is held every day during Lent, Saturdays excepted, beginning at 12.30 precisely and ending at 12.45. The service consists of prayer and a short address by Canon DuMoulin. These services are designed particularly for business men. The services are being very well attended, numbers of busy men throwing off the cares of the world and turning aside into the House of God to attend this short service. Following is the full list of Lenten Services:—

**Sundays.**—Holy Communion—First Sunday, 11 a.m.; Second, 9 a.m.; Third, 7 p.m.; Fourth, 9 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m. A course of sermons by the Rector on Prayer: (1) Its Inspiration; (2) Consistency with Law; (3) Elements; (4) Hindrances; (5) Incentives; (6) Results.

**Evening Services.**—7 o'clock—all seats free. **Wednesday Evening Service.**—8 o'clock. A special preacher each evening.

**Daily Services.**—A short service for business people, and all others who may attend, will be held daily (Saturday excepted) by the Rector, beginning at 12.30 precisely, and ending at 12.45. The addresses will be on the following subjects:—Introductory; Sin; Original; Actual; Sins of Omission; Deadly Sins; Pride; Avarice; Lust; Envy; Gluttony; Anger; Sloth; Sins of Presumption; of Ignorance; Conviction of Sin; Contrition; Attrition; Confession, four kinds of Amendment; Pardon; Holiness; Growth in Grace; Means of Grace; Backsliding; Perseverance; Summary.