

by means of the straightforward and plain spoken words of the preacher. It is hoped that a lasting effect will be left on the congregation. The question box was found to be extremely useful, and many burning and perplexing questions have been answered to the satisfaction of every one.

GORE'S LANDING AND HARWOOD.—After a protracted illness the Rev. G. Ledingham, for over nine years missionary to the above parishes, died at Harwood, on Jan. 18th. The first part of the funeral service took place at St. John's Church, Harwood, after which the body was taken for interment to Peterborough. The deceased clergyman bore his sufferings with Christian fortitude and resignation, and during the latter part of his illness received many affecting tokens of the esteem he was held in. He will be long remembered as the genial and warm-hearted friend of his parishioners, and that not least by the young, on whom he ever loved to bestow a kindly word or a friendly gift. R. I. P.

NEWCASTLE.—A most successful entertainment was given by the ladies of the congregation in St. George's school house on Wednesday, Jan. 25th, on the occasion of the opening of the new building. Tea was served from 5 o'clock till 7 in the commodious basement, and, in spite of the unfavorable weather, a large number availed themselves of the opportunity to inspect the school and to partake of the hospitality of the ladies. The concert was held in the school room up-stairs, and a splendid programme was rendered to a crowded and most appreciative audience. Several kind friends from a distance lent their assistance. Miss Chisholm of Port Hope was the violinist; Miss Fidler of Whitby, Miss Howden of Port Hope, Mrs. Otter of Newcastle and Mr. H. A. Ward of Port Hope, vocalists, who kindly responded to many encores. Miss Coleman of Newcastle was deservedly popular as elocutionist, and Mrs. Read and Miss Florence Allen presided most efficiently at the piano. A most satisfactory amount was realized for the Building Fund. The school house is of brick, thirty feet by fifty, with basement the full size of the building. The cost will be about \$1,500, which is now almost made up. On Thursday evening following a social was held and the rooms of the school building were thronged by hundreds. The abundance of good things provided by the kind people of St. George's proved equal to all demands, and a good sum was added to the amount already in hand for the Building Fund.

PETERBOROUGH.—Work is steadily progressing within the Church here, but is hampered at the present time by an insufficient staff of clergy. The vacancy caused by the Rev. W. M. Louck's departure for Ottawa has not yet been filled. There is an interesting field open to a young man of enterprise and persevering energy, who would have an opening of wide experience and work in association with other clergy.

The Church's Mission to the Community.—Recognizing the fact that the Church's mission is not confined to "those of her own household," efforts of a wider character have been carried on at intervals in this parish, an outline of which during the past six months may be of interest. On a fine Sunday afternoon of last September a monster open-air mass meeting was held on the market square in the centre of the town. At the smallest computation 3,000 persons of all denominations, ranks, and conditions assembled before a decorated platform, behind which were massed several choirs and in front of which was stationed a brass band. The well-known hymns, of which 1,500 copies had been printed were enthusiastically sung, and two powerful addresses of a solid but popular type were delivered by the Bishop of Quebec, who was robed, as were clergy and choir. His subject was "The Story of the Prodigal Son." The vast concourse listened with the deepest attention and dispersed after standing through a solemn service of an hour and a quarter.

Another enterprise of a different character was the organization of a general movement (in which all the town churches joined) for the earlier closing of stores, by which a decided reform was effected. Again in October a general collection of clothing was made by carriers, who called at eleven hundred houses, from the results of which one hundred families of all creeds were supplied with clothing.

On Wednesday evening, January 17th, a second mass meeting was convened in the Opera House, which was crowded to the doors with an audience of 1,200 persons. Many had to go away. The congregations and choirs of St. Luke's, St. John's and the Mission Building co-operated. Delegations were also present from Lakefield and Omamee. The platform was occupied by the massed choirs, eight clergy and the speaker of the evening, Rt. Rev. Bishop Tuttle of Missouri. Mrs. Tuttle occupied a seat in one of the boxes and received a warm greeting during the evening. The singing, which was most inspiring, was led by an orchestra of seventeen pieces. The stage was decorated with flowers and a large

St. Andrew's cross, flanked by the draped Union Jack on one side and the Stars and Stripes on the other. The subject as introduced by the Rector of Peterborough, was "The Relations of the Multitude to Almighty God and His Kingdom." After the enthusiastic singing of the hymn "O come to the Merciful Saviour Who calls you," Bishop Tuttle was introduced. His first address was on the subject "Children of God." God our Father had created men to make them happy. Second, we are children of God by virtue of our baptismal covenant. The Bishop here, in eloquent and convincing language, showed the necessity for baptism. Thirdly, we took the position of children by yielding up our hearts to God by faith in Jesus Christ. The hymn "Are you coming home, ye wanderers, whom Jesus died to save?" was sung, after which the Bishop gave a second address on "Brothers in Christ." This relationship was a fact and our duty as Christians was to realize it. We should realize it in caring for the bodies as well as for the souls of our brethren. In losing our lives for Christ in their behalf we would find those lives. The essence of the Gospel was unselfishness, "He saved others, Himself He cannot save." The Bishop humorously contrasted as specimens of selfishness and unselfishness the mosquito and honey-bee. By Christian unselfishness might heaven now be begun on earth.

During the Bishop's address a delegation from Toronto had arrived on their way to the Ottawa convention, and after another hymn Mr. Thos. Andrew, of St. Stephen's Chapter, was called on. He spoke as a working-man to his fellows, urging them to enter now upon the duties and privileges of religion. There was no reason why all of them should not rise to be Christian gentlemen. Men were ready enough to encourage one another to evil, why should they shrink from encouraging their fellows to righteousness of life?

The inspiring hymn "Fight the good fight" was then sung with grand effect by the vast congregation, after which, at the Bishop's request, all joined in a short printed prayer and in the Lord's Prayer, after which the Benediction was pronounced.

The Bishops of Quebec and Missouri have the gratitude not only of Churchmen, but of the people of Peterborough generally, for their warmly appreciated efforts on their behalf. By such gatherings does the Church, at least, attempt to fulfil her commission to preach the Gospel to the multitude. Such audiences, from the lowest to the highest in rank, and from Roman Catholics to Plymouth Brethren and many of no religion, could not probably have been secured by any other religious body. For, in spite of opposition to her, the Church still enjoys the respect of all. Let us see to it that her action to-day is strong, steady and enterprising, worthy of her position, her powers and her past history!

HURON.

PORT DOVER.—*St. Paul's.*—On Jan. 20th the funeral of Mr. Arthur Battersby took place. Mr. Battersby was in his eighty-sixth year. He was a son of Rev. Leslie Battersby, D.D., of Ireland. During his earlier years he was a merchant in the East Indies. Coming to Port Dover many years ago, he took up his permanent abode here, and became one of the most liberal supporters of St. Paul's Church. Until failing health prevented him, he was a most faithful attender of public worship. Unostentatious in all that he did, few ever knew how generously he contributed of his means to those objects which he believed to be worthy of helping on.

The Waterloo County Rural Deanery Meeting and Sunday School Convention was held in Christ Church, Haysville, on Tuesday, Jan. 23rd, and was pronounced a great success. The papers read and topics discussed were eminently interesting and profitable to Sunday school workers. One paper by Mrs. R. C. Tye of Haysville on "The Teacher's Aim" will probably appear in the pages of the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN, although it requires the tones and emphasis of the lady's voice to give the effect which her paper produced. Excellent papers were also given by Mr. Charles D. Brown, Haysville, Mrs. Brooker of Stratford (late of Galt), and one by Mrs. Oliver of Galt, read by Mr. James Woods. A model Bible class taught by Mr. James Woods was a feature of special interest. The evening service brought together a large congregation. Addresses were given by the clergymen present: Rev. Mr. Steen of Berlin, Rev. Mr. Ward of Haysville, Rev. Mr. Edmonds of Preston (formerly incumbent of Haysville), and Rev. Rural Dean Ridley, who makes an excellent chairman. A practical speech was also made by Mr. John Fennell of Berlin, on the condition of the Diocesan Mission Fund. The question box was answered by Mr. James Woods of Galt, eliciting some able and sensible replies from that well-known Sunday school worker. Thus ended the best convention yet held in the county of Waterloo. Many thanks are due to the ladies of Haysville and vicinity for their kind and lavish hospitality. Dinner, tea and supper were served in the Town Hall to all comers.

CALGARY.

Calgary Bishopric Endowment Fund.—The diocese of Calgary, consisting of the District of Alberta, in the North-West Territories of Canada, with an area of 100,000 square miles, was constituted a separate diocese in 1888, and placed under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Saskatchewan, till the completion of the Bishopric Endowment Fund.

The Canadian Pacific Railway passes across it from east to west two hundred and fifty miles, and the Calgary and Edmonton Railway runs north and south three hundred miles.

These railways bring a very large area of exceptionally good land within easy reach of immigrants. During the last two years many thousand settlers have made homes for themselves in this district, and towns are growing rapidly between Calgary and Edmonton.

The whole white population of the diocese may be called new comers, scarcely any having been in the country ten years, and they have not only to make their homes, but also to take their full share in raising up and supporting the educational and other institutions of a new country, while contending against the necessarily high freight rates which affect those who live so far inland.

The number of the clergy in the diocese when it was formed was eight, all of whom were more or less dependent upon either the S. P. G. or C. M. S. The number now is fourteen, and arrangements have been made for increasing that number to eighteen this year. Of the present number three are wholly supported by their congregations, and all the rest, with the exception of those who are working among the Indians, are partially supported by those to whom they minister. There are also a number of lay-readers. The number of fully organized parishes is nineteen. There are four Indian missions, each with its ordained missionary and its staff of workers, and much progress has been made in the training of the young of both sexes on the reserves.

The people have done the very utmost for themselves. With the aid given by the S. P. C. K., they have built in many of the parishes, churches; and in some cases, parsonages. They also contribute to the Provincial Clergy Widow and Orphans' Fund; the Home and Indian Mission Funds, and other diocesan objects. These contributions, in addition to what is given for the support of the clergy, make it impossible for them to give anything substantial for the endowment of the See.

This rapidly growing diocese of Calgary now calls for the whole time and strength of the Bishop; while the diocese of Saskatchewan, itself nearly as large as the whole of France, requires the presence of a resident Bishop.

With these facts before us, and feeling how important it is for the present and future welfare of the Church in the North-West that the need should be at once supplied, we feel it our duty to appeal to the Church in England and Eastern Canada to complete the Calgary Bishopric Endowment Fund.

About \$25,000 or £5,000 have been secured, including grants from S. P. G., S. P. C. K. and C. B. F. Donations, subscriptions and offertories may be sent either to the treasurers of S. P. G., 19 Delahay Street, Westminster, S. W., who are treasurers of the Endowment Fund; to P. V. Smith, Esq., 116 Westbourne Terrace, London W., or to the Bishop, Bishop's Court, Calgary, N. W. T., Canada.

R. Rupert's Land, Richard Athabasca, Cyprian Saskatchewan and Calgary, W. J. Qu'Appelle. January, A.D. 1894.

Correspondence.

All Letters containing personal allusions will appear over the signature of the writer.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

N. B.—If any one has a good thought, or a Christian sentiment, or has facts, or deductions from facts, useful to the Church, and to Churchmen, we would solicit their statement in brief and concise letters in this department.

An Extraordinary Procedure.

SIR,—The senior clergy of the deanery of Lennox and Addington will probably consider Mr. Ffrench's letter too impertinent to demand a reply. I am too much of a junior, however, to expect my dignity to protect me. I beg, therefore, to ask Mr. Ffrench, who is evidently an authority on rural-decanal ethics, a question that keeps obtruding itself persistently since your last issue came to hand. If the clergy of this deanery, acting unanimously, yet not as a chapter, have assumed the functions of a whole bench of bishops by addressing a joint letter to their parishioners in the papers most likely to reach them, whose powers and prerogatives does Mr. Ffrench assert in fulminating a Bull of the Irish persuasion against us?