

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

The new Christ Church, in the northern portion of the township of Oso, was opened lately by the Rev. Rural Dean Carey, assisted by the Missionary in charge, the Rev. George Scantlebury. The sacred building was filled to overflowing, notwithstanding the early hour, the snow storm of the night before and the fact that some of the worshippers had to drive over ten miles to the service. The number of communicants was twenty-five. At 3 o'clock a second service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Scantlebury, when the attendance was nearly as numerous as in the morning. The collections at the offertory amounted to over \$20. The most pleasing feature of the day was that the little church was opened without any indebtedness whatever upon it; a rare event in these days of church building. The little edifice is a good specimen of Gothic architecture. It is forty-four feet by twenty, with a western porch eight foot square. There is also a pretty belfry, over where the chancel and nave join. The side walls of the building are all cased with boards, and the ceiling is done in the same way shewing the principal rafters, the whole stained and varnished. The sanctuary is very beautifully fitted up and had several gifts bestowed upon it. Among them were a very handsome silk embroidered altar frontal, superfrontal and four hangings, and four pairs of alms bags, given by the Kilburn sisters; a "fair linen cloth" from Miss Armstrong; Bible and service books from the S.P.C.K.; handsome oballice veil, two pairs of book markers, and four pieces of altar linen from Mrs. Waldron, of Kingston. Mrs. Aberly, of Sbarbot Lake, gave an embroidered frontal for prayer desk. A Kingston lady gave a pair of vases for the re-table, and Rev. Mr. Carey gave the carpet for the sanctuary. These, together with the Alpha and Omega, sacred monogram and three Holy's in crimson cloth over the altar, (all the work of the Missionary), tend to make the Sanctuary much more beautiful than is usual in a country church, and well fitted for its holy purpose. Mr. Scantlebury is to be congratulated upon the completion of another church in his large mission field, free from debt; and Christ Church, Oso, with its large and attentive congregation, is another outcome of his faithful and self-denying labors in North Frontenac for over two years and a half. To complete the little house of God a font and organ are still needed. Will not some person help with these? The congregation are taking steps towards the erection of a shed, some sixty feet long, for the shelter of their horses during the time of service. The total cost of the church was about \$1,000.

The following item from Stafford, although received late, will probably still be of interest to many:—

On Wednesday, Dec. 28th, a most enjoyable time was spent in the hall adjoining St. Patrick's church. A social tea, a concert and a Christmas tree were combined. More than 200 presents were on the Christmas tree, and they were of the most varied kind and caused great pleasure to the little ones and to the big ones too for that matter. It is a thought of great satisfaction that there are more than 200 children in the parish of Stafford belonging to the Church. May they always remain staunch (or as some people say, stiff) supporters and be as the Psalmist says, polished corners of the temple. Our Eganville and Pembroke friends rallied round us. The Ven. Archdeacon Daykin gave an amusing and instructive account of his experience in South Africa, where he spent three years. The Rev. R. D. Mills, of Eganville, congratulated the parish on such a large gathering and spoke of the primary meaning of the festivities of Christmas, the joy of the Incarnation—the taking of the manhood unto God. Mrs. Mills presided with her great skill and ability on the organ. Miss Edith Hunter,

of Pembroke, sang very sweetly, "Dream Faces." Mr. Carruth, of Eganville, caused the greatest laughter with his comic songs. The thanks of all were heartily given to the Eganville and Pembroke friends. We must not omit to mention Mr. George Mills, who delighted the audience with songs. Of local artists, the misses Kitty, Maggie and Teressa Hawkins, the Misses Mary and Sophia Rath gave very creditable performances. Mrs. Smitheman, the wife of the incumbent, sang an Indian song, dressed as native lady. She spent several years teaching in the Zenanas of the North-west Provinces of India and in Assiam.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

GRAND VALLEY.—St. Alban's Church.—on Thursday last His Lordship the Bishop held a Confirmation in this Church. Evensong was sung at 7 p.m. The rector, Rev. R. T. W. Webb, intoned the office, the special lessons were read by the Rev. C. E. S. Radcliffe, priest in charge of the Mission of Arthur. After Evensong the Bishop inducted Mr. Harry B. Moore as lay reader in this parish. The confirmation service then followed, the preface being read by the Rev. C. G. Snapp, curate of St. Paul's, Mount Forest. His Lordship then delivered an eloquent address to the candidates. There were ten candidates. The altar was vested in a new white frontal. On Friday evening a Missionary meeting was held. After the Litany (choral) addresses were delivered by the Revs. E. A. Bland, of St. Catharines, and Alfred Bonny, of Moorefield. There was a good attendance.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

MITCHELL.—The Rev. R. Ker, rector of Trinity Church, has been offered the position of assistant minister in St. James' Church, Stratford, and has taken a little time to consider the matter. Salary \$1,000 and a free house.

BELMONT.—Most successful Missionary meetings were held in this Mission last week. Rev. Mr. Asbury and Rev. F. F. Davis were the deputation.

LONDON.—The "Quiet Day" to be held here by His Lordship the Bishop of Huron is looked forward to by the clergy of the Diocese with the deepest interest. The special subjects which His Lordship purposes dealing with, as announced in the circular, are most important and practical. From all accounts there will be a large attendance. The railway companies, as usual, will give fares at reduced rates, and hospitality will be provided for those attending.

LONDON SOUTH.—The parlor concert given at the residence of Mr. George White, churchwarden, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of St. James' Church, on the 24th, was a very successful and pleasing event. There was a large attendance and the Rector, Rev. Mr. Davis, made it a point not only to speak to each person present himself, but succeeded in getting others to do the same, thus making it a truly social evening. A good programme was rendered and an abundant supply of refreshments were served during the evening. A collection of over \$50 was taken up.

HAYSVILLE.—The Bishop's visit to these parishes on January 17th and 18th was fraught with much blessing. Confirmation services were held at St. George's, Hamburg, and at St. James' Wilmot; 23 young people were confirmed. The addresses of the Bishop were most touching and impressive. The Bishop's visit was also made the occasion for holding a Missionary service at Haysville, and hearing an address on Foreign Missions. The whole service was most inspiring; offertory \$18.08—total \$28.76. The Rev. John Downie, rector

of Lucan, took part in the services, and also gave a short address at the Missionary service. The Bishop appeared much gratified with his visit to these parishes.

MITCHELL.—On Monday evening last the first open meeting of the Church of England Temperance Society, lately re-organized, was held in the Temperance hall. There was a good attendance, and judging from the interest manifested, the prospects of the Society doing good work in the cause are very encouraging. The Rev. Mr. Ker occupied the chair, and after the usual opening exercises, a short programme was given, consisting of a song by Mrs. Clarke, and readings by Miss M. E. Davis, Mr. Brown and Miss Fanny Smitheringale. At the conclusion of the programme the election of officers took place, resulting as follows:—President, Rev. Mr. Ker; Vice-President, M. H. Brown; Secretary, Miss M. Davis; Treasurer, Miss F. Smitheringale; organist, Miss Marie Davis; librarian, Mrs. Holmes. The following members of the committee were also appointed, the balance to be elected at the next meeting: Misses Metcalfe, Smitheringale, Blazer and Messrs. Raines and Blows. The next meeting will be held on the first Monday in February.

EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS.—If the Lord will, the following order will be observed by the Bishop in his visitation of the Diocese for Confirmations for 1888:

Clergymen in each Parish or Mission are requested to have all the candidates from their several stations prepared and ready to be presented at the service, as arranged in the following lists.

It is the Bishop's wish that a list of all the candidates, with christian names in full and plainly written, be handed to him on his arrival, which lists, if necessary, will be subject to correction after the service.

The Bishop places the responsibility of punctual attendance at each service on the clergyman in charge, and particularly requests that nothing be allowed to interfere and prevent the Bishop from being present and ready for service, as named in printed lists. For February the appointments are:

County of Norfolk, &c.—Sunday, Feb. 12th, St. Paul's, Port Dover, Rev. J. R. Newell; Sunday, Feb. 12th, St. John's, Woodhouse, Rev. W. Davis; Sunday, Feb. 12th, Trinity, Simcoe, Rev. J. Gemley; Monday, Feb. 13th, St. John's, Port Rowan, Rev. W. Stout; Tuesday, Feb. 14th, Christ Church, Lyndoch, Rev. E. Softley, B.D.; Tuesday Feb. 14th, St. Alban's, Delhi, Rev. E. Softley; Wednesday, Feb. 15th, St. John's, 11 a.m., Tilsonburg, and Trinity, 7 p.m., Norwich, Rev. R. F. Dixon; Thursday, Feb. 16th, Trinity, Burford, and St. Paul's, Princeton, Rev. W. Johnson; Friday, Feb. 17th, St. Peter's, Drumbo, Rev. J. Gander.

County of Grey.—Tuesday, March 1, St. John's, Dundalk, Rev. O. Edgelow; Tuesday, March 1, St. Paul's, Shelburn, and Friday, March 2, Hornings Mills, Rev. H. G. Moore. Sunday, March 18, Christ Church, Meaford, and St. Thomas', St. Vincent, Rev. A. C. Channer, M.A.; Monday, March 19, St. Matthew's, Sydenham, St. Philip's, Walters Falls; Tuesday, March 20, St. James', Euphrasia, St. Augustine, Heathcote, Rev. J. A. Ball; Wednesday, March 21, St. George's, Clarksburg, Rev. G. Keys.

Sunday, March 4, Christ Church, Glanworth, Trinity Church, Lambeth; Tuesday, March 13, St. Anne's, Byron, Rev. C. W. Ball; Sunday, February 19, St. John's, Glencoe, Christ Church, Newbury, St. James', Wardville, Rev. W. J. Taylor; Sunday, March 11, St. Matthew's, London E., Emmanuel, London Tp., Rev. W. M. Seaborn; Sunday, March 25, St. George's, London Tp., Trinity, London Tp., Rev. N. Wilson.