

was the conspicuous character, and made himself very popular in his liberal distribution of candies, etc., to the little ones present.

**Christ Church.**—On the evening of June 6th, 1870, a few Churchmen met in the old schoolhouse in Davisville, "to consider the best means to secure the erection of a church, in connection with the Church of England, on Yonge street, between the villages of Yorkville and Eglinton." The result was the erection of Christ Church at "the Deer Park," which was opened for Divine service by the Right Rev. A. N. Bethune, Lord Bishop of Toronto, on the Festival of St. Thomas—December 21st, 1870—just twenty-five years ago. The first incumbent of the church was the Rev. A. G. L. Trew, now of California; the first wardens, Mr. W. A. Baldwin and Mr. Joseph Jackes; and the first delegates to the Diocesan Synod, Dr. L. W. Smith, Mr. T. H. Ince and Mr. David Lynn. Shortly after the erection of the church, a parsonage was built on land donated by the late Mr. John Fiske; and in 1881 a schoolhouse was erected upon the church grounds. The interior of the church also has been much improved and beautified from time to time. A portion of the parish was set apart in 1890 to form the new parish of the Messiah to the south, and the Church of St. Clement, Eglinton, has been built just outside the parish bounds to the north. Within the parish, to the west and east, have been opened the two mission churches—St. Hilda's, Fairbank, and the Leaside mission. The present rector is the Rev. T. W. Paterson, M.A.; wardens, Messrs. J. H. Farr and F. C. Snider; delegates to Synod, Captain Allen, Mr. M. Willmot, Mr. Thomas Moore. The 25th anniversary of the founding of the church was celebrated by special services. On Friday last there was an evening service, at which the Rev. Canon Sweeney, D.D., rector of St. Philip's Church, and Rural Dean of Toronto, was the preacher. On Saturday, St. Thomas' Day, the Holy Communion was administered at 9.30 a.m., and evening service was held at 8 p.m., at which the preacher was the Rev. A. Williams, M.A., rector of St. John's Church. On Sunday the Holy Communion was administered at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. The preacher at morning service was the Rev. Dr. Langtry, rector of St. Luke's Church; at an afternoon service, at 3.15, the Rev. Canon Mockridge, D.D.; and at evening service, the Rev. J. C. Roper, M.A., rector of St. Thomas' Church. On Monday evening a parochial "At Home" was held in the schoolhouse, on behalf of the funds of the church.

**PORT HOPE.**—The following are the results of the recent Christmas examinations: Sixth and fifth forms—Prize for general proficiency, S. B. Lucas and G. B. Strathy, equal; honourable mention, R. A. Bethune, A. L. Palmer, H. S. MacGregor, J. M. Baldwin, P. E. Henderson, P. K. Robertson. Fourth form—Prize for general proficiency, R. E. MacGregor; honourable mention, A. Morrow, G. Ireland. Third form—Prize for general proficiency, R. P. Jellett; honourable mention, E. P. Morphy, F. T. Lucas, G. K. Chapman, H. S. Holcroft, J. S. Labatt, G. I. Hamilton, J. M. Syer, P. J. Turner. Upper second form—Prize for general proficiency, G. W. Morley; honourable mention, S. M. Thorne, F. W. B. Ridout, C. M. Piercy, W. S. Darling, E. F. Osler, E. B. Murphy, J. C. Patterson, H. F. Osler, A. G. Ramsay. Lower second form—Prize for general proficiency, G. H. Cassels; honourable mention, F. M. C. Creighton, H. H. King, M. Plummer, A. R. MacGachen, B. G. Gummer, C. R. Spencer, W. C. McNeil, L. M. Rathburn, G. N. Bethune, J. G. Cook, D. Darling, D. D. Adams, S. C. Metzler, F. B. Maitland. First form—Prize for general proficiency, H. I. Hellmuth; honourable mention, L. G. Fitzgerald. Middle form—Honourable mention for general proficiency, H. A. Cooper, F. M. Stevenson, F. D. Macfie. The new buildings have been occupied since the 1st of October last, and have been found most comfortable and satisfactory in every respect. They are heated by steam, ventilated in the most modern, scientific manner, and provided with an ample supply of pure water from Lake Ontario, furnished by the new Port Hope waterworks. In construction they are almost absolutely fire-proof, and are divided into five sections, each with an independent stone or iron staircase.

#### NIAGARA.

CHARLES HAMILTON, D.D., BISHOP, HAMILTON.

**HAMILTON.**—*St. John the Evangelist*—Rev. C. LeV. Brine, B.A., Rector. A very successful 10 days' mission was held at this church recently by the Rev. D. Convers of the Cowley Fathers, Boston, and the Rev. A. C. Kettle, of Qu'Appelle. The services were as follows: 7 a.m.—Holy Communion with address on "Prayer," by Rev. A. C. Kettle; 10 a.m.—Matins and Bible Class (on Revelation), by Father Convers; 12.15 p.m.—Service for men at Y.M.C.A., by Father Convers; 4 p.m.—Evensong and instruction on Apostles' Creed, by Rev. A. C. Kettle; 8 p.m.—Mission

sermon and instruction, by Father Convers. These services were all well attended, except the service at the Y.M.C.A., which was not advertised at first. Mr. Kettle seemed very popular with the children, and his instructions were well attended, not only by the children of the parish, but by many others also. The evening service was of course the best attended; each evening the church was well filled, and all seemed to be very much influenced by the forcible gospel sermons that were delivered. The instructions seemed just as devotional as the sermon, and were always followed by earnest prayer for grace to carry out these instructions in daily life. The instructions were on such subjects as conversion, sin, repentance, confession, etc. Besides these daily services, two Sunday services were held for men only. At the first Father Convers spoke at the Y.M.C.A. on "Purity," and at the second at the church on "Christian Soldiers." Both these services were well attended. A special service was also held for women, and another for children. Towards the close of the mission resolution cards were given out to those who intended to make a good resolution for the future. A large number of these cards were brought back by men, women and children to receive the signature of one of the mission priests. The final services were for thanksgiving for spiritual benefits received, and consisted of a celebration of the holy communion at 6 a.m. for working men; followed by a high celebration at 7 a.m. This was the first time the choir was out during the mission, so that the singing was always purely congregational. There was a large number of communicants, in fact all the celebrations were well attended. Father Convers is a very earnest and eloquent preacher, and will long be remembered by those who had the privilege of hearing him; both the missionaries made many friends during their short stay, and general regret was felt when they had to leave. A pleasing feature of the mission was the regular attendance of His Lordship, the Bishop, and Mrs. Hamilton, as also of several of the city clergy. It is hoped that the good results of the mission will be of permanent value, and that those who made good resolutions may be given grace to keep them.

**HAMILTON.**—The "Quiet Day" held of the Sisters of the Church, Rev. Mr. Lowe in charge, was a most helpful one. It must be a matter of regret to all devout people that so few avail themselves of these opportunities to "go apart" for a day with our Lord.

Father Geoghegan is seeking election on the School Board. We trust he may get it.

**DUNDAS.**—The church at this place had a most successful entertainment under Mrs. Holmstead's charge.

**ANCASTER.**—The church was exquisitely decorated for Christmas Day, and despite bad roads a larger number than usual attended at Holy Communion.

#### HURON.

**BERLIN.**—The Rev. Mr. Steen, of Berlin, has received an appointment on the staff of Wycliffe College. This will remove from Huron diocese one of its very promising younger clergymen. He will leave the Berlin parish in possession of a most beautiful new church, and Waterloo on the way towards parish organization and the possession of a new church.

**BISMARCK AND RODNEY.**—The Rev. Mr. Steele, who came to us from the Presbyterians, and who formerly laboured at Kirkton, has sufficiently recovered to resume active parish work, and has been appointed to Bismarck and Rodney, vacant by the sudden death of the Rev. Dr. Schulte, on Sunday, 15th ult. Mr. Steele is the author of several interesting tracts ("Early British Church," and others) and has a series of interesting lectures which he delivers on request without any further charge than the collections. The subjects of these lectures are "Genesis and Geology," "The Assyrian Inscriptions," "Church Principles," &c., &c. Dr. Schulte was one of the most scholarly men in the Canadian ministry, and was a recruit from Romanism.

**GLENCOE.**—Rev. Mr. Elliot has been appointed this charge.

**RIPLEY.**—Rev. Mr. Franklin has been removed from Tilbury to Ripley.

**INGERSOLL.**—Rev. Geo. Grubb's meetings at Ingersoll, like those at London, are packed at all services, crowds being turned away. He seems thoroughly to have stirred up London for good, and several Londoners went by special train to Ingersoll to hear more of him.

**HESPELER.**—The lecture on "Habit," given in the

Royal Templars' Hall on Monday evening, by the Rev. Mr. Taylor, of St. Mary's, was well attended. It was very interesting and instructive, and much enjoyed by those present.

**ST. MARY'S.**—St. James' Church was most tastefully adorned for the Christmas season. On Christmas day the children of the Sunday school sang two carols in the service, and the Holy Communion was administered. The Rev. H. D. Steele, late incumbent of Kirkton, who has assisted the rector, Rev. W. J. Taylor, several times of late (Mr. Steele living in St. Mary's) preached a good sermon on Sunday evening, December 22. The rector stated that the bishop had appointed Mr. Steele to Bismarck and Rodney. Their prayers and good wishes, he said, would accompany Mr. Steele to his parish and work.

**PARIS.**—The Rev. Alfred Brown, B.A., has been appointed canvassing agent for the diocese of Huron, in place of Rev. Canon Young, who declined to act. Mr. Brown has accepted the office temporarily, and expects to commence his duties about the middle of January.

**PRESTON.**—*St. John's.*—The S. S. Christmas tree festival in the new opera house on the evening of December 23 was very successful. The hall was well filled, and the audience repeatedly testified their enjoyment of the programme presented. The little toddlers of five and six years old were, however, the chief favorites in their pretty recitations and singing. The motto texts that adorned the hall were much admired. The silver collection amounted to \$15.77, with \$5 additional from Mr. Pattinson and \$3 from Miss Wilkes of Cruikston Park. The Christmas day services in Preston and Hespler were well attended, and the churches nicely decorated. The offertory for the clergyman amounted to \$85.

**WOODSTOCK.**—New St. Paul's (Rev. J. C. Farthing, rector) is, it seems, the only church in Huron diocese that has thus far secured Rev. Hay Aitken for a mission.

#### NEW WESTMINSTER.

JOHN DART, D.D., D.C.L., BISHOP, NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.

*Church Work in Vancouver, B. C., by a Traveller.*—Every one who makes any claim to be a traveller is bound to visit Vancouver, British Columbia. It is a city which bids fair to become one of the most important in the Dominion within a few years. The population contains the very best types of Englishmen and Canadians, and it is certainly marvellous that the city is what it is to-day considering the few years which have elapsed since the fire. The Canadian Church is very strong in the place, and as it is undoubtedly the most important centre in the well-known Diocese of New Westminster, perhaps your readers would like a short sketch of the work here. There are four churches in the city proper. These are Christ Church and St. Paul's in the West end, and St. James' and St. Michael's in the East end, or poorer part of the city. *Christ Church* is situated within a stone's throw of the lovely C.P.R. Hotel. It is under the able rectorship of the Rev. L. N. Tucker, whose friends are apparently numbered by the thousands in the city. Although the church has gained the reputation of being what is called evangelical, yet it is a most hearty congregation. Mr. Tucker is an M.A. of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, a splendid organizer, after-dinner speaker, and has undoubtedly the largest and wealthiest congregation in the whole Province of British Columbia. The rev. gentleman was appointed to the rectorship by the first Lord Bishop of New Westminster (Dr. Sillitoe), and is a tremendous power for good in the city. The church is built of massive stone. The Rev. H. P. Hobson, who is now rector of Marlborough, New York State, was for some time rector of Christ Church.

*St. James'* is under the Rev. H. G. Fiennes Clinton, who has been rector for some years. He is a B.A. of Keble College, Oxford, and all the points of Ritual—save incense—are in actual use at the church. There is a serplined choir, but the boys require more training in musical expression. Mr. Clinton is a most faithful priest, and from all accounts is respected even by those who differ from him on Church matters. The church—being in the east end—is at a disadvantage, but as the rector is a preacher of some power, there are always good congregations. In this parish is St. Luke's home or hospital, over which Sister Frances presides, and the rector acts as chaplain to the sister nurses. The church was the first built in Vancouver, and is therefore the mother church. Mr. Clinton was appointed to the rectorship by the first Lord Bishop of New Westminster.

*St. Paul's Church* is located at some distance from the heart of the city, but is one of the prettiest and most churchly churches in British Columbia. According to report, the Rev. Herbert E. Bowers, its rector, is the most eloquent preacher in the city.

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