

meek and lowly Jesus; it may, indeed, be said of him that 'though dead, he yet speaketh.' Throughout the year, attention had again been directed to the thirty-nine Articles of Religion, a short paper on each having been read by members, after which the article had been explained by the Chairman, and discussed by those present. Too great thanks could not be tendered to their pastors for their constant attendance at the meetings, and the valuable instruction imparted. During the year, eighteen essays had been read by members on a variety of interesting topics.

OFFICERS ELECTED.—President, Rev. James Carmichael; First Vice-President, Rev. Dean Bond; Second Vice-President, Mr. Walter Radford; Secretary, Mr. W. C. Buckley; Treasurer, Mr. A. McNally (re-elected); Assistant-Secretary, Mr. Septimus C. Tucke; Librarian, Mr. Joseph Tompkins; Auditors, Messrs. J. Atkin and F. Whitney. Delegates to the Temperance Society, Messrs. H. McK. Wilson and A. P. Willis. Superintendents of the Mission Schools: Cote St. Antoine, Mr. J. H. Redfern; Bonaventure street, Mr. H. L. Putnam. Executive Committee: Messrs. Putnam, Rexford, Kyte, Chipman, Dartnell, Thi'ke, Willis and Jones.

ONTARIO.

NAPANEE.—The new and handsome edifice of St. Mary Magdalene's church will ever be a monument of the zeal and skill of the rector, Rev. J. J. Bogert. The opening services will be held on the 30th Nov. and Advent Sunday.

The following is an invitation addressed to all the Clergy:

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—I shall be happy to see you at the opening services of St. Mary Magdalene's Church, which (D.V.) will be held as follows:

St. Andrew's Day,—Mattins, 11 a.m.; Ven. Archdeacon of Toronto.—Evensong, 7.30 p.m.; Rev. J. D. Cayley.

Friday, December 1st, Evensong, 7.30.

Advent Sunday,—Confirmation and Holy Communion, 11 a.m.; Lord Bishop of Ontario. Litany, 3 p.m.; Rev. S. Givens. Evensong, 7 p.m.; Ven. Archdeacon of Kingston.

Monday, Dec. 4th, Evensong, 7.30, p.m.

Tuesday, " 5th, " " "

Wednesday " 6th, " " "

Be kind enough to bring surplice, stole, etc. The ladies of the Parish desire the pleasure of your company at a dejeuner on St. Andrew's Day. Yours, truly, J. J. BOGERT, Rector.

(A reply is requested.)

Napanee, Nov. 13th, 1876.

NIAGARA.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

ST. CATHERINES.—St. Barnabas Chapel, beautiful in its simplicity, and the excellence of its arrangements, was erected in the year 1875, at a cost of about \$3,000, besides the site which cost \$2,000 more.

The building is designed to form the future school-house of a church, which it is hoped will be eventually built on the same site, and gives evidence of much care and forethought on the part of the rector, as to design and finish, in keeping with its object in the future, while there is good judgment evinced in its present application to the needs of the population surrounding it, the site having been selected with a view to its increase in the eastern portion of the city certain to follow on the completion of the new canal, and to its becoming the centre of a separate parish as soon as the remaining debt shall have been removed, and the congregation become strong

enough to undertake the support of a clergyman.

The chapel is provided with a good infant class-room and vestry. The glass is by Spencer, of Montreal, and quite unique. The bell, which is from Meneely Foundry, at Troy, and of remarkably sweet tone, was presented by two ladies in England. The services are partially choral, and the writer can bear testimony to the excellence of the choir, who, on the night of Thanksgiving day, afforded him enjoyment rarely experienced. This neat little chapel, with its modest appointments, presented a very pretty sight upon this occasion. Upon the altar were placed fruits and flowers, while a beautiful screen of grasses and white and red berries, surmounted by the cross, adorned in like manner, covered the reredos, the altar its foundation. In the centre a medallion illuminated, upon which in wrought work, "The Bread of Life," and the word "Jesus," and a Maltese cross. On either side of the altar were growing plants of rich tropical green and sweet perfume. In front of the chancel was placed a large sheaf of grain, at the base of which, and pendent about its column, were fruits of various kinds with ears of corn.

The effect of this ornamentation, so graceful and suitable to the occasion of thanksgiving, was but the greater from the simplicity of the style and furnishing of the building, and the ladies who engaged in this labor of love and praise cannot be too highly commended for their good taste and judgment. That most important point, the Sunday School, has been well looked to in this embryo parish, and there is a goodly number of schemes. May success attend the mission so auspiciously begun!—HAMILTON.

TO THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THE DIOCESE OF NIAGARA. Dear Brethren,—The collections for the mission fund of this Diocese should be made up in all the parishes before 31st of December, with the exception of the parishes and missions, within the County of Wellington, where, in consequence of their locality, missionary meetings have not yet been appointed.

I trust that the clergy will undertake the collections themselves, where they can possibly do so. My own experience in this city proves the wisdom of this advice. In cases, where the clergyman cannot possibly undertake the duty, he should secure forthwith intelligent and influential persons—the Churchwardens, e.g., or some leading lady. At any rate, the collector should be a person who could answer all objections, and show those whose aid he solicits, that the missionaries are worthy of support and need assistance. We have now no less than twenty-six missions to support. Last spring in consequence of want of funds to sustain all the missions, we were compelled very reluctantly to strike one mission off the list altogether, to reduce the grant to another one-half, and in the case of five others to reduce their grants one-quarter; thus saving \$450.00. Still the pay roll calls for \$5,300 a year. Unless our people contribute, for the current year, to the mission fund better than they did last year, viz: \$4116.23, the mission board will again be compelled to cut off some more missions, or to reduce the allowance to the missionaries—too small already. I know that "the times" are said to be very "hard." But I would solemnly ask you, dear Brethren, as in the sight of God; have you curtailed any of your ordinary expenses—nay, have you given up any of your luxuries in order that you may have wherewith to give to the Lord?

These are solemn questions, which you should put to yourselves. May no

mission be abandoned this year through your lack of realizing and performing your duty; may no straitened clerical family for the same cause, condemn you; but may one and all of you entertain the comfortable thought that you have "given to the Lord, as he has prospered you!"

Praying that such may be your experience, I am, Dear Brethren, yours very faithfully,

T. B. NIAGARA.

Hamilton, 15th Nov. 1876.

In the week following the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity the Revs. Canon Worrell and H. L. Yewens as a Deputation appointed by the Bishop of Niagara, attended Missionary meetings in the Parishes of Barton and Glanford (united) and Grimsby.

It was cause of much regret that the Rev. Rural Dean Bull was absent from his united parishes when they were visited, he having been appointed to similar duty elsewhere.

Monday evening, October 30th, a meeting was held in St. Paul's Church, GLANFORD. The attendance was quite small, occasioned by the very bad state of the roads. Dr. Bethune acted as chairman, and opened and closed the meeting with appropriate remarks. The collection for Algoma was in excess of \$4.

On Tuesday evening St. George's Church, BARTON, was visited, where between fifty and sixty persons attended. The Rev. Mr. Whitcombe of Tapleystown, by previous arrangement of the Rector, took charge of the service, and acted as chairman. Nearly \$4 was offered for the Algoma Diocese.

On Friday evening the Deputation brought their work to a close in the beautifully situated village of GRIMSBY. Not quite sixty persons gathered in the Ancient Church to receive the Deputation. The Rector, Rev. Canon Reid, presided over the meeting, and offered prayer, besides making some good practical suggestions in relation to the topic of the evening. The Rev. Mr. Whitcombe again rendered useful assistance. Here the Rev. Canon Worrell touched a chord of sympathy that vibrated extensively among the persons present by referring to a private historical document relating to the early condition and inhabitants of Grimsby, which had happened to come under his observation. Between \$11 and \$12 was given to the church's work in the Diocese of Algoma.

The experience of this work suggested as one practical point that these meetings should be held within a few days on either side of a full moon, even if, to accomplish this arrangement they be distributed over three or four months. Every person who has had occasion to observe them rather extensively knows that, at and about the full moon, threatening storms are very apt to hold over for several days together, or, as in a case noted in this week's *Dominion Churchman*, they burst in the daytime, and clear off in the evening.

16th November, 1876.

H. L. Y.

TORONTO.

TORONTO.—ST. MATTHIAS.—LECTURES BY ARCHDEACON WHITAKER.—The course of fortnightly entertainments being held at the parsonage this season is to be varied by the introduction of occasional lectures. Last Tuesday, 14th Nov., the first lecture was delivered by Archdeacon Whitaker, on "The Voice of Church History," being the first of a series to be given on the same subject by the same person. The rooms were well filled by an audience of just such a character as one would expect to find at a lecture on this subject by a lecturer of such eminence, and those who had paid their admission fee for the privilege of being present, were well repaid by what