

could not go the length of total abstinence would not come in. He appealed to all who felt that they could use without abusing to come in and help in the work. There was danger, if moderate people who were interested in true temperance did not join in temperance work, the pendulum swinging too far in one direction and then taking a recoil in the other direction. He looked upon the moderate people as a sort of balance wheel.

Mr. R. Graham, Organizing Secretary of the Temperance Society of the Episcopal Church of the United States, spoke in defence of the dual basis of the Church of England Temperance Society, and said that in its dual basis consisted its strength. Through the instrumentality of the society, the number of total abstaining clergymen in England had been increased in fifteen years from 200 to 5,000. In 1876 the drink bill of England was \$735,000,000, and now it was \$610,000,000, a decrease of \$125,000,000—a decrease he attributed principally to the labours of the Church of England Temperance Society. It needed an agency with a broad basis to grapple with a question so broad as the temperance question, which had social, economic, legislative and religious aspects. The Church of England Temperance Society began at the beginning by taking a boy till he reached confirmation age and, with the consent of his parents, getting a pledge from him to abstain so long as he remained a member of the society. In the United States the society also exacted a pledge of purity, experience showing that impurity and intemperance were twin vices. In referring to the dual pledges of the society, which were not allowed till a member became of age, he said the ideal of the total abstainers of the society was to sacrifice personal liberty for the help of our fellow-creatures. In alluding to the practical manner of reducing the sale of liquor he related the steps which had been taken in New York City by the Church Temperance Societies, and which, after the experience of the failure of prohibition in other places, led to the adoption of the high license system.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the various speakers and to the choir.

The Chairman said that their prayers were required that the peace of the city might be preserved during the visit of O'Brien.

The proceedings then terminated with the benediction.

It is much to be regretted that the work of the C. E. T. S. is likely to be paralyzed by the action of those who hold views in regard to social habits and the operation of law which no man who takes a common sense view of his fellow men, or who has the slightest regard for the sacredness of personal liberty, can treat with respect. "Britons never shall be slaves" is not buncombe. The deepest rooted and noblest instinct in the English race is the passion for freedom, and that has to be crushed out before the legislation of extreme measures, can ever be regarded by our race as binding. Men of other races who have been humiliated by centuries of a foreign yoke may propose and submit in peace to prohibitory laws but those of English blood—never. The appeal to St. Paul's dictum is mere foolish irrelevance in this connection. If men are to give up all that makes their brothers offend, we ask those who think so to set an example by giving up the use of their tongues, as by the tongue untold evil is done. Till they do that we distrust their sincerity as much as we condemn their lack of reason.

NIAGARA.

The Ruri-decanal chapter of Lincoln and Welland met at St. Georges, St. Catharines, on Monday and Tuesday, May 2nd and 3rd, 13 clergy present. A communication from the Bishop of Niagara was read, stating that, Rev. Canon Holland having resigned the office of Rural Dean, he desired the clergy to nominate a successor. Rev. J. Gribble, rector of Louth and Port Dalhousie was elected by the clergy, and the Bishop of Niagara has been pleased to appoint him to that office. A resolution was passed expressing the deep regard and affection of the clergy for Rev. Canon Holland, and bearing testimony to the faithful and able manner in which for so many years he had discharged the duties of Rural Dean, also a resolution, congratulating Rev. J. Fennell on his having been through God's blessing in prayer restored to health. Part of St. John xviii. was read and considered. There was also an animated discussion on the obligation of the tithe. An instructive sermon was preached by the Rev. V. L. Spencer, the new rector of Thorold, on Church Unity.

HALTON AND NORTH WENTWORTH RURAL DEANERY.—A special meeting of this deanery chapter was held in Milton on Tuesday, May 3rd, for the purpose of electing a clergyman to be appointed Rural Dean in the place of the Rev. Canon Belt, resigned. The Rev. J. Mackenzie, of Milton, was unanimously elected that office.

A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Rev. Canon Belt, for his very efficient services as Rural Dean for several years past.

The Mission Board. At its last meeting voted the sum of \$380 for a year to assist in the formation of a new Mission in the Western part of this Deanery, to be called the "North Wentworth Travelling Mission." And a grant of \$100 to Waterdown and Nelson, in case of a union of those stations being effected.

The mission of Acton and Rockwood is now vacant, the Rev. W. J. Pigott having accepted the appointment of curate in charge of Fort Erie, the rector of which, Rev. R. Arnold, has retired.

It is understood that Archdeacon Daykin, of the diocese of Ontario, will accept the charge of Flamborough West and Rockton.

The Rev. J. Francis has declined the appointment to the parish of Georgetown, as well as to that of Elora some time since.

ALDERSHOT.—The little congregation of St. Matthews, in addition to their last Christmas collection, which was double that of any former one, during the past week sent to the Rectory a liberal sum of money, wherewith to purchase, as requested by them, a cow for the use of the Incumbent and his family. The church was thoroughly renovated internally two or three years since, is soon to be painted externally, sufficient funds having been secured for that purpose.

The county of Halton, in this diocese, is unfortunately situated, ecclesiastically, at the present time, no less than half of its parishes, viz., Georgetown, Norval, Lowville and Acton being vacant, the first mentioned for upwards of six months past.

HURON.

EXETER.—The members of Christ Church have purchased the property on the corner of Main and Gidley streets, and intend to erect a handsome church and parsonage on it. It is stated Mr. Trivett will contribute \$5,000 to the building fund. The Church in Exeter has not at any time been numerically strong, that part of the country having been colonized principally by Bible Christians from the birthplace of the sect in Devonshire.

LONDON WEST.—Rev. Canon Newman, incumbent of St. George's Church, has generously presented to the Church a bell and a clock. The churchwardens' accounts for the past year have been very satisfactory; the receipts amounting to \$1,145 68, and the disbursements \$983 44, leaving a balance in the bank of \$162 24. The sum of \$200 has been paid off a debt on the Church.

The Indians of Huron Diocese.—By Departmental report we are having very favourable accounts of the Indians. We give a few extracts.—

Walpole Island. "The Chippewas and Pottawatamie bands who occupy Walpole Island in the river St. Clair consist of 821 souls, having increased in numbers notwithstanding an epidemic of measles which prevailed in August. The daily attendance at the schools has been sufficient to test the capacity of the schoolhouses, indicating an increase of interest in educational matters, and therefore of intelligence on the part of the Indians. The area of land under cultivation shows an increase over other years, and their other industries produced a revenue of about \$8,000. For many years the late Rev. A. Jacobs devoted his whole time to these bands. There are no heathens in Walpole Island.

The Chippewa and Muncey bands occupying the reserve in the township of Caradoc, county of Middlesex, number 448 and 125 souls respectively. There are also about 80 members of the Pottawatamie tribe. There is a marked degree of improvement in the condition of the reserve. There are two schools and three Episcopal churches on the reserve. The conduct of the Indians on this reserve has been generally satisfactory and their sanitary condition satisfactory. The Rev. Pahtabwahong Chase, a Chippewa Chief, was for many years the missionary on this reserve. In a visit to England in 1876 he collected sufficient funds to build two churches for the Ojibway and Muncey Indians.

The Moravian or Delaware band occupy a reserve in the county of Kent. The two schools are efficiently conducted and well attended and excellent progress is being made by the pupils. There are two churches, one of the Church of England the other of the Moravian denomination (the former the readers of the

DOMINION CHURCHMAN will recollect, was built by the instrumentality of Rev. R. F. Dixon). Altogether this band may be regarded as a thriving community, and the people intelligent and enterprising. The present population of the band is 288.

STRATHROY.—There was a missionary meeting in St. John's Church on Thursday, April 12th, Rev. L. De Brassy, rector of the parish presiding. Rev. W. Hinde, incumbent of St. John's Church, Adelaide, took part in the proceedings. The Right Reverend Bishop of Algoma delivered an excellent address. At a reception given by Mr. De Brassy in the rectory, many members of St. John's had the pleasure of being introduced to the Bishop.

ST. THOMAS.—Rev. S. L. Smith, incumbent of St. John's church, has been appointed incumbent of Berlin. He will leave with his family in a few days for his new appointment.

LUCKNOW.—His Lordship the Bishop held confirmation service on Wednesday, April 27, when quite a number were admitted to the full communion by the Apostolic Rite of the laying on of hands.

SEAFORTH.—The annual Easter vestry meeting was held in the school room of St. Thomas' Church on the evening of the 12th ult., the Rev. T. W. Magahey, the newly appointed Rector, in the chair. C. E. St. Clair Simpson, Esq., was re-appointed clergyman's warden, and George E. Jackson, Esq., people's warden; F. Holmsted, Esq., Delegate to the Synod; Messrs. Kemp and Langstrath, sidesmen; and Mr. F. G. Neelin, vestry clerk. It is earnestly hoped that the Rev. T. W. Magahey will be able to build up the Church in this parish, which for some time past has been in a very disorganized condition. The Right Rev., the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, paid this parish a visit on Wednesday, the 4th inst., and held a special service in the church at eleven o'clock in the morning, which was only fairly attended, owing no doubt to the inconvenience of the hour; had his lordship officiated in the evening the Church would have been crowded. It is to be regretted that no confirmation class had been prepared. His Lordship left for Hensall in the afternoon, where he held a confirmation in the evening.

BAYFIELD.—Tuesday last was a big day for the Church of England in this place. About noon His Lordship, Bishop Baldwin, accompanied by Rev. Rural Dean Craig, arrived here from Clinton. At 2:30 p.m., they repaired to Trinity Church, which was crowded to the doors, many having to go away unable to obtain admittance. Evening Prayers were said by the Incumbent, Rev. M. Hodgins. The lessons being read by Rev. Mr. Craig; his Lordship delivering a very impressive address to the candidates on the nature and walk of the Christian: after which sixty-five candidates, 24 males and 41 females, received the rite of confirmation at the hands of the Bishop, and together with other members of the church partook of the Holy Communion. The singing by the choir was well rendered and chosen appropriate to the occasion. After the service a short reception was held at the parsonage, where many of the church members and residents of the village embraced the opportunity of meeting with his Lordship and partaking of the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Hodgins. Since the advent of the present incumbent, church matters have advanced with rapid strides both financially and spiritually. A deeper interest is taken in the services, while the large debt which, two years ago, appeared insurmountable, has been almost wiped out. With proper men at the helm, the old church is bound to advance even in the poorest places and under the most unfavorable circumstances. She sows not amid a whirlwind of excitement, nor with clash of cymbals and blare of trumpets, but with patient labours and sound argument she appeals to the human heart and prepares a rich bed for the seed of the gospel, that when it falls it may not be withered by the hot winds of adversity, but finding deep root, may bring forth fruit, some 30, some 60, some 100 fold.

The Churchman's Jubilee offering to the Widows and Orphans Fund of Algoma.—Mrs. Boomer thankfully acknowledges the following sums sent directly to herself for the above fund. Already on hand, \$75. Messdames Carling, Labatt, Bower, English, of Hellmuth Ladies' College, Rev. G. W. Racey, Mrs. Racey, \$5 each; Rev. I. W. Beaumont, \$2; Mrs. Louisa Beaumont, \$3; Mrs. E. A. Taylor, \$2; Mrs. Complin, \$2; Misses Ismena, Fanny and Minnie Labatt, \$2 each; and two very tiny little Churchwomen, Dora and Mary Labatt, \$1 each for the 'orphans'; Messdames Tilley, Hutchinson, Bayley, Throop, Bonswell, Macbeth, Greig, Blinn, Hamilton, \$1 each; Rev. F. W. Kerr, \$1; Misses Meredith, Hamilton, Harriet, Marsh, Birrell, B. Birrell, Mrs. Birrell, sen., Mr. Valler, Mr.