

BERLIN.—Rev. Dr. Beaumont, of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, was recently presented by his congregation with a purse containing \$114.50, as an instance of the good-will of his congregation.

THAMESFORD.—The annual missionary meeting of St. John's in this place was held a few evenings since. Addresses were delivered by the Revs. Mr. Seaborn, of Thamesford, J. W. P. Smith, and W. F. Campbell, diocesan missionary agent.

HYDE PARK.—A missionary meeting was held in this place on Friday evening, the 13th ult. The newly organized congregation have not as yet a church to worship in, and they held the meeting in the Methodist meeting-house. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Campbell, Fletcher and Smith. There was a liberal collection after the service.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS.—To whom is to be credited the paternity of the Sunday-school lessons published, as it is said, under the authority of the committee of fourteen appointed by the Sunday school convention held in Cronyn hall? It was distinctly stated that the lessons were to be a version of the lessons of the Sunday-school Institute of England, merely revised to suit the circumstances of the Church here. The secretary of the committee by replying, will oblige many Church members.

INCHSOLL.—Special sermons on the Sunday school and its work were preached in St. James's church, by the rector, the Rev. E. M. Bland, on Sunday, the 18th after Trinity. The Sunday-school children attended the morning service in a body. The scheme of lessons prepared by the committee appointed for that purpose, has given anything but general satisfaction. The work seems to have been entrusted to one whose views were too narrow and illiberal to be satisfactory to Churchmen. The consequence has been that while many make use of that scheme, "the Toronto leaflets," some continue to use "the St. Catharines leaflets," and others a series of leaflets published in New York, with the approval of the United States Churchmen.

C. E. Y. M. ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting of the above association was held in the Bishop Cronyn hall on Tuesday evening, Mr. F. S. Clarke, president, occupying the chair. The members present were: the Rev. A. Brown, Messrs. George Laing, John Labatt, John Weld, A. Huntley, and others. The meeting having opened in the usual way, the chairman announced the business of the evening, which was, to arrange for the winter season, the programme of religious services, and the entertainments. The Rev. Mr. Brown referred to the gratifying success that had so far attended the entertainments, and he proposed that the Rev. Canon Carmichael be requested to open the course of winter entertainments with a lecture. The Rev. Mr. Gemley had promised to give a lecture on the Spanish Armada, but would not be able to do so till after Christmas. Mr. Brown's suggestion was adopted. The entertainment committee was appointed, and it was resolved to hold a meeting of the committee and make immediate arrangements for the winter course.

RIDGETOWN.—The congregation of Church people in this village held their harvest thanksgiving service in the Opera hall, they being yet without a church building in this place. The prayers were read by the Rev. J. Downie, of Morpeth, who has charge of the congregation in this place, the first address was by Mr. Fisher, the incumbent of High Gate, and after the singing of a hymn, another by the Rev. H. Cooper, of Blenheim, which was quite unique and interesting, impressing with the sense of the activity and nearness of our God and Father in even the smallest things around, and who gives us the good that we enjoy knowing that we have need of these things. In the evening a dinner was given in the Town hall, and a concert afterward in the Opera hall. The musical talent of Ridgetown was assisted by friends from Chatham and Morpeth, making the evening very enjoyable. The following day Mr. Downie had the reverend gentlemen assist in the examination of the Sunday-school pupils of Trinity church, Howard and Morpeth, which was a very pleasing exercise on account of the proficiency exhibited. The subjects for examination in Trinity church, Howard, were the Book of Exodus, the Gospel of St. Luke, the Church Catechism, and the Articles. In Morpeth, the Book of Genesis, the Gospel of St. John, the Order of Morning and Evening Prayer, the Collects, and Church Catechism. The answers of the upper divisions of both schools would do credit to a class of Theological

students. In the evening after the examination a children's service was held in Morpeth, and quite a number of the pupils with their parents were addressed by the clergymen present. We cannot help thinking that more days of such exercises would be a blessing to the Church at large.

CLEARVILLE.—On Sunday the 23rd October, the new St. David's church was opened with appropriate services. At eleven o'clock the Rev. J. Downie, incumbent of Morpeth, and one of the former incumbents of Clearville, preached from 1 Cor. xv. 8, 4. At the administration of the Holy Communion which followed, a silver set of plate was used for the first time, which was presented by the ladies of the Gesner family. The Rev. W. Kally preached at 8 p.m., from 2 Chron. vi. 40-42. The sermon at 7 p.m., was delivered by Mr. Thos. Fisher, a graduate of St. Aidan's college, Birkenhead, the candidate for Orders in charge of the mission, from Eph. ii. 20. The efficient choir was under the direction of Mr. F. Wright. The services were largely attended. The church is of brick, in the early English style, and will accommodate 120 persons; it has been erected from plans by Lloyd of Detroit, at a cost of \$1,450. There is no debt on the church; great credit is due to the building committee, Messrs. Gesner, Ridley, Backus, McCrank, and Bury, and to Mr. Johnson of Highgate, the contractor, for the thorough and substantial manner in which the work has been executed. The site for the church was given by — Ridley, Esq. The collections taken up on Sunday amounted to \$47.

PORT STANLEY: Mission Church.—The injurious effects of an ever-fluctuating population added to the frequent changes of a resident clergyman, are some of the hindrances to be contended with in not a few Church missions. This, unhappily for the Churchmen at Port Stanley, has been the case there. The congregation has been always small, with members coming and departing, and the clergyman never permanent. Brighter days, we hope, are in the future for the Port. A newly formed mission church, ten miles distant, will be a strength to the weak church to whose minister the formation is mainly due. Missionary labours are not wholly in heathen countries. In the midst of a dissenting people the Rev. Mr. Dillon, the incumbent of Christ Church, has for some time held divine service according to the ritual of the old Church, and the result has been that there a new church has been established with promise of a blessing to the neighbourhood. This mission labour of Christ Church will doubtless be a source of strength to itself. The bond of brotherhood cannot be broken. All along the shore of Lake Erie and the great river, and from the inland hamlets now arise at the appointed hour one service of praise, one litany.

LONDON TOWNSHIP.—On Sunday last, the twenty-first after Trinity, St. Matthew's church, Governor's Road, was opened for divine service. It will supply a need greatly felt for some time. Rev. Mr. Fletcher, incumbent of London East, has laboured assiduously among the professing Church members in that neighbourhood, and, as a result of his labours, he expects the new church will be crowded with worshippers from its opening. He it was who established the church at Hyde Park, five miles west of the city. There the services are as yet held in a rented building—rented from the Methodists. The services are largely attended, not wholly by members of the Church, but also by many who had been Presbyterians and Methodists. Rev. Mr. Hill, of Helmutth college, has Hyde Park new in his care. Mr. Fletcher is also incumbent of Glanworth, township of Westminster. He now also holds week-day services in a private house five miles north-east of the city. At his last service there, there was a congregation of seventy persons. Some of them have offered to subscribe liberally to the building of a new church. Not only from a distance, but also from our immediate neighbourhood is heard the Macedonian cry: "Come over and help us."

MAXWELL.—Churchmen in the northern parishes are not relaxing in their good work. St. Mary's church in this village is being thoroughly overhauled, the ceiling is being raised, a belfry put to the front, and an addition to the rear.

STRATHROY.—At a recent meeting of the vestry of St. John's, it was resolved to build an addition to the church, and to make sundry improvements instead of a new building as had been proposed. The expenditure is estimated at five thousand dollars. The congregation of St. John's are very zealous, and they have within a few years accomplished much. This was originally a Scotch settlement. There are now in the town five dissenting congregations, where two churches would suffice. How many and great are the evils of schism.

The Western University from its union with Huron College, is a Church institution. The professors are all clergymen, and the lectures clergymen of the Diocese. The Rev. Canon Innes is lecturer on Homiletics, the Rev. Alfred Brown, on liturgics; the Rev. J. B. Richardson, Church history; and the Rev. A. Hill, on the Evidences of Christianity.

Mr. S. H. Blake, the late Vice-Chancellor, appeared in the court in London on Saturday last to make arrangements for the suit of Wright v. the Synod of Huron. The Rev. M. Wright is the rector of St. Mary's, and he sues the Synod for his apportionment of the Commutation Fund of the diocese. Mr. Blake has been retained as counsel for the defendants.

LONDON: St. Paul's.—This church, the *alma mater* of the Diocese (if we may so apply the expression) is undergoing many improvements. New boilers for heating the church are being put in, and the interior is being painted, and everything is being done to make it worthy of its position—the first church in Huron. Another week will complete the work.

A clergyman in this city, just after the issuing of the New revision of the Translation of the New Testament, made it the subject of his discourse in the pulpit, condemning, in no measured terms, the Authorized Version, and lauding the Revision. To him might be addressed the advice of the Roman writer: "*Festina lente.*" The *Quarterly Review*, no mean authority, now contains a crushing criticism on the Revised Translation. Minute research and profound scholarship are brought to bear upon the work, the writer's conclusions being that the Revision is full of errors. Many of the emendations adopted are purely conjectural, and altogether the old translation is still the best. The article is written by one of the most eminent scholars of the day.

LONDON.—The Memorial Church Temperance Society had an evening entertainment in the school-room connected with the church, on Tuesday, the 25th ult. The chair was occupied by the rector, the Rev. J. B. Richardson, who has, since his appointment to this parish, taken an active part in the cause of total abstinence. After opening the meeting, singing a hymn and prayer, he addressed the meeting briefly. During the first year of the Society's existence ten public meetings were held, and there are at the present time one hundred and fifty pledged members. Cases of violation of the obligation were very rare. This was an encouraging sign, and it was hoped that the year just entered on would surpass all the previous efforts in the work which the members have in view, viz.: the reform of the drunkard and the encouragement of the young to abstain from the use of intoxicating drink. The programme of vocal and instrumental music was then carried out by Misses Raymond, Hartshorne, Oronhyaketa, and Mrs. White. There were addresses by the Rev. W. M. Seaborn and Mr. Wm. McGowan. Some who had not been members came forward and signed the pledge. In connection with the Society a Temperance coffee-house had been opened in the Market square, a house having been given to them free from rent by V. Cronyn, Esq. The managers after some time withdrew from the business, giving their interest in it to a private individual.

GET OUT DOORS.—The close confinement of all factory work, gives the operatives pallid faces, poor appetite, languid, miserable feelings, poor blood, inactive liver, kidneys and urine troubles, and all the physicians and medicine in the world cannot help them unless they get out of doors or use Hop Bitters, the purest and best remedy, especially for such cases, having abundance of health, sunshine and rosy cheeks in them. They cost but a trifle.—*Christian Recorder.*

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MR. STEPHENSON ON SHAMS.

SIR,—In reply to my last Mr. Stephenson quotes Dean Aldrich as saying that "such expressions, as 'sweeping assertions,' 'extravagant statements,' are meaningless terms incapable of definition, used by weak reasoners." So I suppose I am a weak reasoner who have had recourse to a meaningless expression