

apparatus, cleverly contrived, to show the incandescent light. In two tiny glass globes at the ends of the wires, sprang forth, as if by magic, the brilliant light, as Mr. Fessenden worked the treadle of an old sewing machine, causing the rapid revolution of the magnets which created the electric current. The audience, it is needless to say, were delighted, and loudly applauded the beautiful experiment.

The distribution of prizes was next on the programme. This was undertaken by the Archdeacon. To be at the head of the prize list is a matter of no little honour, and it fell to Miss Maggie Bowey, who received, besides her handsome prize, the rector's added reward of a well bound hymn and prayer book. At the close of the distribution, the Archdeacon made some highly complimentary remarks in reference to the assistance given him in the management of the library by Mr. James Wallace, and presented that young gentleman with a handsome book, as a mark of his appreciation. The library now contains a valuable collection of nearly 600 volumes, which are found to be interesting to the parents as well as the pupils.

We hasten to conclude our notice with a word of unstinted praise as to the Fairy Extravaganza, which closed the entertainment of the evening. This was in two acts, and is composed specially for children by Miss Keating.

The curtain having fallen on this charming spectacle of fun, which was a great treat to the children, the Archdeacon expressed his warm thanks to Mrs. Bristol, Mr. Fessenden, Mrs. James Herring and Mr. John Robinson, for their kindness in promoting this successful entertainment on short notice. To the two latter friends is due the credit of coaching the young people in their parts and making all the arrangements for the dresses and the music. This enjoyable evening was closed by the Archdeacon distributing 75 colored bags of candies to the smallest of small children, as a consolation for any failure in prize winning or sight seeing.

BARRIEFIELD.—Tuesday evening, Mr. S. K. L. Jones was surprised on receiving a visit from her Sunday school class. This is the first class of girls in St. Mark's Sunday School, Barriefield. They are exceedingly nice and intelligent girls, and grateful for the care Mrs. Jones has taken in their instruction, during the past two years, they took advantage of the New Year to present her with an address, and a token of their regard, in the shape of a handsome dressing case. Mrs. Jones made a graceful and feeling reply to her young pupils.

BEARBROOK.—This parish will soon have to lament the loss of its estimable and energetic clergyman, the Rev. E. H. M. Baker, owing to his well deserved promotion to the Rectory of Bath. Although the resignation of the present Rector of Bath takes effect on Feb. 1st, yet our faithful pastor will not desert us until after the confirmation, which is to be held here on the 19th day of February, and for which solemnity he has been diligently preparing his very intelligent class. During his short stay here, Mr. Baker has pushed forward every department of Church work with unflinching zeal. While, then, his departure from among us will be deplored by his parishioners, yet we cannot but congratulate Bath on its acquisition of such a rector, by whom "the wastes shall be builded," and "the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

UPPER OTTAWA.—The church families at Lake Tallon, in the upper Ottawa mission, saw the realization of their hopes on the festival of the Epiphany, when their new church was solemnly dedicated to the service of Almighty God in memory of St. Margaret. This settlement is a little over twenty miles west of Mattawa, and the church services were begun here but a little more than a year ago. It will be remembered that it was from this part of the mission that a number of candidates travelled through a heavy snow storm to the church at Mattawa for their confirmation on the Bishop's visit in January last. There are many earnest churchmen and churchwomen among them. The little church is built solidly of logs, plastered between. Gothic roof, doors and windows. Size 20 x 40 with porch, and an addition at the east end 12 x 16, for vestry and living room for missionary when in that part of the mission. Such a room is very necessary, as the settlers, though most hospitable and kind, cannot always accommodate with a bed. The church is built on a commanding site, one acre of which is a gift from Mr. Spotswood, and the second acre purchased. It is decided to the Bishop. A large congregation for a week day, assembled to take part in the opening services and to receive

the blessed sacrament, which was then celebrated for the first time in that part of the mission. The service was most hearty, and the mission priest spoke very feelingly of the kindness of those in this country and in England who were contributing towards the planting of these little churches throughout this large tract of country. The altar was vested in beautiful white silk frontal and had the proper rubrical ornaments, all being gifts from England. It was pleasant to see the teams driving up from various parts of the scattered settlement laden with people, and to note the prevalent feeling of extreme satisfaction, and we have no doubt, of gratitude also for the blessed comfort of church privileges once more. The service over, the clergy, Revs. Messrs. Bliss and Quartermaine, were hospitably entertained, and at 2 p.m. started on their tramp to Mattawa, 19 miles, arriving at the mission house at 8 o'clock, quite hungry and yet quite happy, rejoicing in the thought of another temple erected to the glory of God, in which His precious word and sacraments would lead many souls to that greater temple, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The congregation of St. Augustine's church, Deux Riviere, was quite taken by surprise on Mr. Bliss announcing at the Christmas service that he had just received word from England that an anonymous donor had, with great kindness and generosity, given a large bell for their church. The letter was signed "A Member of the C. E. P. S.," the bell was ordered in Edinburgh and was shipped to Miss Fleming to be forwarded by her to Deux Riviere. Our unknown friend had seen in the first number of *Our Missionary* that we wanted a bell for St. Augustine. This is another instance of the great benefit we derive from our little mission paper circulated every three months in large numbers here and in England. *Who will give a bell for St. Margaret's, Lake Tallon?*

EAU CLAIRE, about 14 miles from Mattawa, is the point at which we hope to build a church this year.

TORONTO.

Toronto Church S. S. Association.—A public meeting of the Toronto Church Sunday School Association was held in the school-room adjoining St. Phillip's Church on the 18th January, the Rev. John Pearson in the chair. Mr. Geo. B. Kirkpatrick taught the Sunday school lesson, giving a helpful exposition of the text. An essay on "The early history of the Church of England" was read by Mr. Geo. S. Holmstead, who dealt with the questions:—Is the Church of England simply a reformed branch of the Church of Rome? If not, what claim has the Church of England to be considered as identical with the Anglo-Saxon Church which existed in England prior to the advent of Roman missionaries. The paper was ably written, and treated the subject in an exhaustive manner, and was well received. The attendance was large, and the proceedings very interesting. We would suggest that Mr. Holmstead be invited to deliver his valuable lecture wherever he may be able to attend.

CAMPBELLFORD.—*Christ Church.*—The Incumbent of this Church, Rev. T. Walker, was recently presented with a valuable fur coat. All honour to those who, by such acts of thoughtful kindness, lighten the burden of our hardworking clergy.

NIAGARA.

St. Catharines.—*St. George's.*—Yesterday being the first anniversary of the re-opening of the above church, special services were held. There were large congregations present both morning and evening. The Rev. E. M. Bland preached appropriate sermons. The musical part of the services were rendered by the church choir, under the direction of the organist, Mr. C. C. Hampshire, to whom much credit is due for the satisfactory manner in which he had trained the choir, which upheld the high reputation it has acquired. In the morning the Te Deum was sung to Warren in D; Jubilate, Danks in B flat. The anthem was "Come Holy Spirit," which was rendered by Mrs. Emalie, Mrs. Towers, Mr. Ellis, and Mr. Towers. During the offertory Mrs. Emalie sang "Lay not up for yourselves," by Field, and the choir the chorus "While we have time." At the evening service the Cantate was sung to Danks in G and the Deus to Danks in C. The anthem was "Hearken unto me

my people," Sullivan, which was well rendered. During the offertory Mr. A. W. Fimpley sang "The Palm Leaves," Faure, in an excellent manner. The hymns were joined in heartily by the congregation.

HURON.

St. Thomas.—*St. John's Church.*—Trusting that our success may encourage others to do likewise, I desire to give a very brief account of our Christmas Sunday School entertainment, through the medium of your paper. The entertainment was held in the church, and consisted of carols, sung by the children, and hymns and sacred songs rendered by the choir and others. During the intermission, collectors were sent round with a plate in one hand and a basket in the other, into which the gifts of parents and children were deposited, in aid of the Indian Homes at Sault St. Marie, under the care of Rev. E. F. Wilson. At the close of the entertainment, each child was presented with a nicely ornamented basket of candies and nuts, and a Christmas card. The results were, \$10.00 in cash, and a box of goods valued at \$20, in aid of a noble cause, and a school and congregation so well pleased, that nothing can induce them to go back to the old-time Christmas tree. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The Ruri-decanal Chapter of Lambton Deanery was held on Tuesday the 11th inst., in Christ Church, Petrolia. The meeting of the Chapter was begun by service at 11 o'clock, a.m., and the celebration of the Holy Communion. The sermon was preached by the Rev. G. W. Wye, of Stratford. Five clergymen took part in the service. In the afternoon the Chapter was opened, at 2 o'clock, with prayer by the Rev. Rural Dean Hyland, and a most interesting and profitable meeting continued until 6 o'clock, p.m. The lay element present aided much in forwarding the business of the Chapter. The necessary arrangements were made for the annual missionary meetings, and a petition was forwarded to the Bishop, asking for the appointment of a missionary for a new field of labour, which had been developed by neighbouring clergy of this deanery. In the evening, the Rector of Petrolia held the annual Sunday School Festival, when the children presented their offerings for an hospital in Toronto, and received their prizes. They were addressed by the Rev. W. Stout, Sombra, the Rev. W. Hinde, of Point Edward, and the Rural Dean. There were seven clergymen, viz: The Revs. P. B. De Lom, of Petrolia, J. M. Gunne, of Wyoming, W. Stout, of Sombra, Wm. Hinde, of Point Edward, T. S. Davis, of Sarnia, G. W. Wye, of Watford, and Rural Dean Hyland, of Warwick. The Rev. J. Jacobs, of Walpole Island, sent an apology for absence, and the Rev. Dr. Armstrong was unavoidably detained. All the clergy and lay delegates present manifested much interest in the prosperity of the Church in the Deanery. Yours truly,
Jan. 14th, 1887. P. EDWARD HYLANDS.

WYOMING.—A short time since the members of the Ladies' Aid Association of St. John's Church, together with some gentlemen of the congregation, visited the parsonage, where they enjoyed a social evening. Just before the dietary portion of the programme, which consisted of an oyster supper, was announced, Mrs. Ward, the esteemed president of the Association, stepped forward and presented the Incumbent and Mrs. Gunne, with a kindly worded address, accompanied by a handsome hanging lamp. Mr. Gunne replied, thanking all most heartily, for having added another to the many kindnesses shown to Mrs. Gunne and himself since their advent to the parish.

ALGOMA.

The superintendent of St. John's S. S., Ravenscliff, acknowledges, with warmest thanks, the Christmas box received from C. W. M. A., Toronto.

UFFINGTON.—The Rev. J. Greeson thanks those kind friends who have generously contributed articles of clothing, and other useful presents towards the support of this mission, viz., Miss Macfarlane, Oxford, Eng.; Mrs. Haig, Kilburn, Eng.; The Rev. J. L. Strong, Brantford; Mrs. Sullivan, Toronto; and Mrs. Boddy, (C. W. M. A.) Toronto.

FOREIGN.

It is proposed to rebuild the west end of Hereford Cathedral as a fitting memorial of the Queen's Jubilee. The cost is estimated roughly at £80,000.

The Bishop of Newcastle points out that the savage attacks on the Church have led many to examine the facts about her, and prejudice is melting before patient