

collection very fair. In the course of the evening the weather changed, and a degree of cold set in which must have bordered on thirty below zero, made worse by a strong wind off the lake. The hospitality of the kind people of Waubesa, however, defeated the weather to a great extent, and left on the minds of the deputation very pleasant reminiscences of their stay.—*Orillia Packet*.

LUNATIC ASYLUM.—By the kindness of various musical societies, the inmates of the Asylum have been provided, prospectively, with a weekly entertainment until the end of April next. It is extremely gratifying to find that the suggestion made some weeks since in the *Mail* has been so warmly taken up. On Monday evening last the programme was varied by the introduction of a good selection of dissolving views, given by Mr. J. E. Curtis with his powerful oxy-hydrogen apparatus, including scenes from the Ashantee war, groups of statuary, chromotropes, and the usual allowance of comic slides. The audience appeared to enjoy the fun amazingly; and the piano, at which one of the patients presided, discoursed most eloquent music at intervals during the performance.—*Com.*

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, TORONTO.—The congregation of this church had a social last evening, Feb. 10th, at which the efforts to entertain the audience were rewarded by a large measure of success. There was a pleasant time enjoyed by the younger people over the refreshment tables, and later there was a large audience to enjoy the musical and literary entertainment that was offered. Rev. Mr. Cayley presided, and the evening was spent harmoniously.—*Globe*.

THE annual festival of St. Thomas' Parochial Sunday School, Millbrook, was held on Wednesday the 2nd inst, when the children were examined by the rector, and their answers showed that they had been well-trained. At the conclusion, an address was presented to the rector accompanied by a pocket communion service and a handsome flower vase, expressing a strong conviction that it is wholly due to Mr. Allen's untiring efforts that the Sunday school is so prosperous. The teachers also state that they are deeply indebted to him for the valuable instruction imparted at the weekly meetings, by which themselves and the children have so largely profited. They beg their pastor, as a small token of their respect and esteem, to accept the pocket communion service for himself, and the ornamental vase for Mrs. Allen. The Rev. Mr. Allen made a suitable reply, and the children dispersed, highly pleased with the entertainment.

HURON.

ST. JOHN'S, THAMESFORD.—In the township of W. Missouri, the Church had not one house of worship a few years since, though many Church families from England and Ireland had established in it their new homes. Often have we known that true type of the scion of Y.C.D., the late Archbishop Brough, make a tour from his own mission parish, through the woods and clearings, and spend nights and days among the Churchmen of Missouri, exiled not only from their native land, but, as it seemed, even from their beloved Church. This mission, of which the Church of St. John is the most important, as there the rectory is situated, comprises three churches, and incipient parishes. In this church (St. John's) there was a missionary meeting on the last Tuesday in January. A very heavy snow storm at the hour appointed for the meeting prevented its being as large as it would otherwise have been.

The members of the deputation were Revs. John Wright, Rector of St. Mary's, and Mr. Debrisay, Assistant Minister of Stratford. They spoke of the missionary character of the Church in all ages as in the present, and dwelt particularly on her progress in our own Dominion, referring especially to her work in this diocese and appealing to the people to aid her in her labours.

BRANTFORD: GRACE CHURCH.—"Friend after friend departs," and families in the solemn garb of mourners attract the attention of the stranger in every "house of prayer," and sometimes the mourning is not merely that of the family centre. When the sacred house in which an individual member was wont to worship is draped in mourning for the loss sustained from his death, how much more does the sad emblem of death affect us. This was lately the case in Grace Church, Brantford. The church was draped in black and a very large congregation assembled within its walls as mourners, grieving that he who had, as a loyal Churchman, done much of the work that is borne by the laity had departed from their midst. Mr. A. B. Bennett was a native of the United States, but, many years since, made Canada his home. For twenty years he lived in Brantford, where he was an active, zealous member of Grace Church. At different times he was churchwarden, and latterly he contributed largely to procure the new organ. Many hearts in the congregation responded to the sad tribute to his memory paid by the rector, Rev. R. H. Starr. Mr. Bennett, though strongly attached to the land of his adoption, never forgot his early home, and his remains were borne to his family burying place at Rochester, there to await the morn when he shall awaken in his likeness.

PRESENTATION AT BROOKS.—The congregation of the Church of St. James visited the residence of the Incumbent, Rev. S. L. Smith, and presented him with a very valuable fur-coat, as a token of their appreciation of his services, and their esteem and Christian love.

CHAPTER HOUSE OF THE HOLY TRINITY.—Rev. W. F. Campbell who has been by authority of the Bishop of the Diocese, assistant minister of the Chapter House, had for some years been a Methodist Minister. Since his ordination he has officiated in the Mission of Wallaceburg. He preached his farewell sermon there on the 23rd ult., to a very large congregation, who regret his departure very much.

LEGACIES BY REV. C. L. F. HAENSEL.—Very Rev. Dean Boomer has written an explanatory letter relative to the legacies given by the late Rev. C. L. F. Haensel. "There is a very liberal bequest to the Church Missionary Society, and \$400 appropriated for the promotion of religion in the Diocese of Huron, placed at the Dean's disposal." These bequests are in addition to legacies for the Church in the Diocese of Quebec, and the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton.

ALGOMA.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR AT BATCHAWANA MISSION, LAKE SUPERIOR.—On Christmas Day, Divine service was held at the mission school, Batchawana. It was well attended by the Indians. Prayers were read in English by the resident Catechist, and in Indian by one of the Indians present, who were very attentive and well-behaved. On New Year's Day twenty-eight of the Indians assembled at the mission school, and after wishing the re-

sident Catechist and family a happy New Year, to which Mr. Little (the Catechist) replied in a short address. Cakes and tea were handed round, after which the Indians sang a hymn, and the company separated, apparently well pleased with their visit.

RIGHT OR WRONG.

To the Editor of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN.

DEAR SIR,—This world is spoken of as being the ocean of life; consequently life may be considered a voyage upon that ocean. But how soon that life may end we know not: this is left to a higher power. Still let it be shorter or longer, it is like a ship on the ocean, wanting something to guide it in order to steer clear of the many rocks and shoals to which this life's voyage seems to be heir; and in view of this task, who are those by whom our voyagers shall be guided? They must know which is the right or wrong course to pursue. I answer, they should be our spiritual teachers; and I think that teacher who fails to teach the abstinence course in preference to the drinking course, is not only remiss in his duty, but likewise censurable in the extreme.

We live in a day in which it is exceedingly difficult to plead ignorance as to knowing which of the two courses alluded to would be right to recommend to our young men when starting out in life. I myself was once young, and am now aged, and have had some experience both on sea and land, and I have yet to find the young man who has had occasion to regret pursuing the abstinence course. But how many brave fellows have I met, both on sea and land, who have brought upon themselves misery, woe, and wretchedness in consequence of tampering with that accursed liquor? And many others again who were innocent have met with a watery grave in consequence of officers on board being dissipated.

Malton, Feb. 10th. 1876.

To the Editor of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN.

DEAR SIR,—Having undertaken a short time ago to place a chime or peal of bells in "All Saints" here, I was brought into contact with bell literature, and was surprised to discover how intricate a science the manufacture and ringing of bells is. I also found how charming a science it is too, acquainting one with histories and sweet associations of many of our churches in the father land.

This is not the place to enter into a long dissertation on the history of bells or the main poetical legends connected with them; this however I have learned, that when one becomes enamoured of bell-music the attachment is very strong. I have had old English ringers come up into our tower and appear to be in ecstasy when among their old friends, the bells, and as the ringing progressed I have seen tears coursing their way down rough cheeks, for the charm of the music had carried the heart far away over the sea. "We have in Canada but few peals or chimes, and I believe this is owing not so much to the want of means, as ignorance of the science of bell ringing."

For the benefit of those who may be thinking of placing a number of bells in their Church tower, I will give a brief description of our peal here—the bells were cast by "Meneely & Co., West Troy, N. Y.," a firm which needs no word of commendation, for their bells speak for themselves.—(It was this firm which cast the peal in St. James', Toronto). The heaviest bell (at present) of our peal weighs 804 lbs.—the next, 563; the next, 895; the next, 815;