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in advocacy of the mission work which is being done there under Rev. Forster Bliss. In this work he is himself associated, and he told his story in a straightforward and manly way which secured for him strict attention and apparently much sympathy in the self-denying work which is being done in the locality mentioned. Much of the work has to be done on foot, amid snows and forests, yet four churches have been built and stations for religious work established. Mr. Quartermain is here to solicit aid in this important work, and already voluntary subscriptions have been sent him. In the evening the Rev. A. G. L. Trew, M. A., dean of Southern California, preached an able and thoughtful sermon on the words, "Put on the whole armor of God." Dean Trew is a Canadian, and was at one time on a fair way to honorable distinction in the Church of England in Canada, but through ill-health he was obliged to seek work in a milder climate. This he found in Los Angeles county, California, where he has been able to do a good work and also rise to an honorable position in the church in the United States. He is visiting his brother-in-law, Rev. Dr. Mockridge, in this city, and will return soon to his home, paying a visit on his way to the general convention of the Episcopal church, which meets in Chicago this month.

WATERDOWN.—Last Wednesday evening, dates the closing scene of a very successful ministerial career in this place. The Rev. Mr. Munson, who has been officiating in Grace Church for two years, preached his farewell sermon last Wednesday evening, and the occasion being one of unusual interest, a large number of friends from other denominations were present. "Finally brethren, farewell, be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you," 2 Cor. xiii. 11, these appropriate words were made the basis of his remarks, during which he made affecting reference to the ties of friendship and Christian fellowship which had been foremost among the brethren, and between pastor and people, also the apparent success with which God had crowned their united labors.

His address which was very touching, was concluded by asking the congregation to bow for a few moments in silent prayer, supplementing God's attendant blessing in his new field of labor.

After the close of the service, the congregation and friends adjourned to the town hall, where their esteem and appreciation of his labors was expressed in a substantial form by presenting with a well filled purse, accompanied by the following address.

To the Rev. J. C. Munson.

DEAR SIR,—We the undersigned wardens of Grace Church, on the eve of your departure for another field of labor, beg to express to you in the name of the congregation the universal regret experienced by every one at the severance of a connection which has proved pleasant to all and of great benefit to many of your hearers. During your sojourn with us of over two years, you have endeavoured to build up the church here in peace, love, and harmony, although surrounded by many difficulties; and the faithful and able manner in which the Gospel has been preached and other duties attended to during your ministry, is fully appreciated by all, and renders further comment from us unnecessary. We also consider that your recompense has been small for the unceasing duties which you have performed. We, therefore, present you with this purse and contents, as a mark of our esteem and regard, and our hope is that you may live long and prosper exceedingly in your new sphere of duty, that you may rise to be a bright and shining light in the service of the Redeemer, and you may rest assured that you will be long remembered by your many friends in this parish, although at this time we must wish you a reluctant farewell. Signed on behalf of the congregation.

Waterdown,
Sept. 29th, 1886.

S. J. GALLAGHER,
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HURON.

Grand River Indian Mission.—It is not often the DOMINION CHURCHMAN contains any news items telling of the Grand River Indian Mission. The work, however, is still progressing. Occasionally there is a red letter day in its history, and then the work falls into its usual routine. The great New England Company which has supported this mission for fifty-nine years, still does so, and the public religious services are usually well attended. Cottage meetings are also conducted by the missionaries upon week days, from house to house. This past summer St. John's church held its first anniversary on St. John Baptist's day, and visitors remarked the new pulpit and desk coverings which, together with the altar cloth, make the church have a very bright and finished appearance. In August the twenty first anniversary of St. Paul's church was celebrated. The Rev. Thos. Geoghegan, of Flamboro, preached very acceptably at the morning service, and a grand picnic was held in an adjoining

grove in the afternoon. Temperance was the all important subject of the day, and seven Indian temperance societies were represented on the grounds. The principal speaker was the far-famed temperance orator, Edward Carswell, whose address (in English) was received with every expression of delight. Among the visitors present were the Rev. W. H. Wade, of Burford, and Hugh J. Jones, Esq., and Mrs. Jones, of Brantford.

Sir John Macdonald's Visit.—The long promised visit of Sir John Macdonald, Premier of the Dominion and superintendent general of Indian affairs, was a day of general rejoicing on the Grand River Reservation. Arches had been erected, and flags were flying, guns booming and bands of music playing, as Sir John and his party of friends drove up to the Council House. A vast crowd of eight thousand or more greeted the Premier and listened with delight to his excellent address, in which he told of his visit lately to the Indians of the North West and British Columbia. As evening came on Sir John and his party drove to the Kanyuga Rectory and were the guests of the Rev. D. J. Caswell and Mrs. Caswell at supper. Sir John himself, Senator Turner and his daughters, Judge O'Reilly, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Gregory and others of the party of guests, expressed themselves greatly pleased with their visit to the Reserve, and the well marked advance being made by the red men of the Six Nations. The Rectory grounds were beautifully illuminated with Chinese lanterns, and a display of fire-works completed a very pleasant day.

KINCARDINE.—The Church of the Messiah.—Harvest Thanksgiving services were held here on Sunday, Oct. 3rd. During the previous week many of the members were busy every day in decorating the church suitably for the occasion, and their work and taste were such as could not fail to meet with the appreciation of the large congregations which took part in the services. The walls of the church were decorated with a dado of bulrushes set in grain, and presented an appearance rarely witnessed in any of our diocesan churches. Every window was trimmed with some kind of creeper, banked with fruit; the organ window, especially, being a mass of fruit, flower, grain and vegetable. Coming to the Chancel the worshippers saw a beautiful cross of grass shadowing the Holy Table, and on the Holy Table itself was three loaves of this year's flour, covered with some of the finest grapes in the country; on the Lectern and Pulpit were two banners partly covered with ivy, and on the top were glasses of cut flowers. Last, but by no means least, we come to the Font; around the base were creepers and grain, and on the top moss and ferns, resting on which was a most beautiful cross of white berries. The Church of the Messiah is to be congratulated in having some of the most willing workers, who are known, even outside of the parish, for the unflagging interest they take in different branches of the church's work. The choir, under the management of Mr. Dore, one of the best organists on this continent, deserves all praise for their efforts to make the services bright and cheerful. The thank offering amounted to \$51.

LISTOWEL.—Deanery of Perth.—Rev. M. Turnbull, of Christ Church, Listowel, has returned from the North-west, where he had been a few weeks spending his vacation with his father, the rector of Rapid City, Manitoba.

SARNIA.—The ladies of St. George's, Sarnia, will hold their annual harvest home festival in the second week of October. A supper will be given in the town hall on that evening from six to eight o'clock, after which there will be presentation of tableaux.

SIMCOE.—Rev. John Gemly, rector of Trinity Church, has arrived home from his visit to England.

HEPWORTH.—Deanery of Bruce.—The Church is extending her borders in "the clearings" in the northern country. A contract for the building of an English Church at Hepworth has been let to a Tara firm for \$1,100.

LONDON.—The first of a series of Union Evangelical meetings conducted by Messrs. Brown and Avis under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. was held in the Princess Skating Rink last Sunday night. There was a large concourse of people present. His lordship, the Bishop of Huron and Rev. J. A. Murray, W. H. Porter, and T. S. Johnstone were on the platform. The meeting was opened with fifteen minutes song service. Mr. Porter addressed the people present. "We are met together," he said, "that God's Word may be revived. We want these to be purely union meetings, and that all the churches would take part in them." Rev. J. A. Murray in a very able address said his heart was with the meetings. He would be

glad if every unconsecrated man and woman in his church would come here to-night. He trusted this might be the initiation of the success of the meetings. Bishop Baldwin gave an earnest and eloquent address. Rev. H. B. Brown referred to the revival meetings in New York and England. Mr. Davis and Miss Summers sang duets. The choir accompanied by two organs and a flute added wonderfully to the interest of the meeting. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. T. S. Johnstone.

STRATHROY.—Rev. Joel T. Wright officiated at matins and evensong, the twelfth Sunday after Trinity in St. John's Church, Strathroy, Rev. L. De Bressay, officiating *quæ*. Mr. Wright in St. James' Church, St. Mary's.

PARIS.—The thanksgiving services for the ingathering of the fruits of the harvest was held in St. James' Church on Sunday, the twelfth after Trinity, at matins and evensong; Rev. D. W. Caswell assisting the rector, Rev. A. Brown, in the services. The church was decorated with choice fruits and flowers. The offertory was in aid of the improvement fund. On Tuesday a musical and literary entertainment was held in the town hall. Music was provided by ladies from Hamilton.

ALGOMA.

PORT SYDNEY.—The Rev. R. W. Plant desires to acknowledge the following gifts received during September: The Ch. of E. Mission Association, Toronto—(Session of Sept. 18th, St. George's Mission Hall), \$3.10 for work in the mission. The Orphan's Home, Toronto—Two cases of valuable books, Sunday School papers and Graphics for distribution. All Saints, S.S., Collingwood, per Miss Jennie Hamilton—The monthly budget of S. S. papers, etc.

The Incumbent gratefully acknowledges the handsome gift for himself, from the ladies of St. George's branch of the C. W. M. A., Toronto.

SAULT STE. MARIE.—Indian Homes.—The Rev. E. F. Wilson, who is at present travelling through Ontario with two little Indian boys, desires to acknowledge the following amounts given to him towards the extension of his work at the Shingwauk Home and the establishment of branch homes in the North-West:—Sir John A. Macdonald, \$25; Manager of Merchant's Bank, Montreal, \$25; A Widow Lady, a gold chain, worth \$25, (for sale); Mr. Willecraft, \$5; Mrs. Beccles, \$3; Mrs. McGregor, \$5; Women's Auxiliary, Prescott, \$5; H. B. White, \$1; A Lady for Willie, \$5; Rev. Mr. Mignon, \$1; Miss Fowler, \$20; Dr. Hamilton, \$5; Charles Wilkins, \$1; Mrs. Bogert, \$2; Miss Barker, \$2. Collections, though not asked for, were made after several meetings, and the amounts will be acknowledged in Algoma missionary news. Mr. Wilson requires for the enlargement of the Shingwauk Home, \$7,000, of this amount about \$2,000 has so far been contributed. For each of the four proposed branch homes, \$5,000 is required. About \$1,400 has been received thus far towards the two North-western homes, and about \$600 has been promised by the Sarnia and Walpole Island Indians towards the home to be built in their neighbourhood. Sir John Macdonald has promised to bring forward Mr. Wilson's work at the next session of Parliament, and to propose a special grant towards the intended extension and establishment of branch homes. A few liberal gifts, whether from the rich or poor, will be very acceptable just at this time, and enable the work to be pushed forward without further delay. God accepts the widow's mite from the poor, and those whom He has prospered should give according to their ability. All donations will be acknowledged in the church papers, and appear also in the annual report at the end of the year. Whatever is given goes *bona fide* to the work. Mr. Wilson pays his own expenses while travelling, unless special gifts are made to him for the purpose.

Persons interested in these Indian homes should get a copy of Mr. Wilson's book, "Missionary work among the Ojibway Indians," published by the S. P. C. K. This book will show how God has owned and blessed the missionary's patient labours.

QU'APPELLE.

On Sunday, September 5th, the Bishop opened a little church at Abernethy, a very thickly populated settlement north of Katapwa, about 30 miles north of Indian Head. The church has a very pretty spire and a small sanctuary chancel. It holds over 60, and yet has cost under \$500. The credit for this is greatly due to the Rev. P. K. Lyon, who has himself helped very considerably in the building, and to many of the settlers, who did all the necessary freighting. It is as good a model of a little country church as could well be found. Unfortunately the weather was terribly bad,