

produced were needed and appreciated, and thanked the congregation for their liberal warm-hearted support, stating that their permanency there was guaranteed by the acceptance of the bonds of the congregation by the Synod. The Rev. Dr. Hodgkin was the first speaker. The Hon. V. C. Blake in a very earnest and forcible address urged upon the people the necessity of building a church, and stated he was authorized by friends in Toronto to promise \$100 towards the undertaking. Mr. W. H. Howland then spoke in his genial manner, pointing out the need of greater efforts to help our brethren less favourably situated. Miss Leaney, the organist, efficiently led the musical part of the service, ably seconded by the united choirs of Stouffville and Grace Church, Markham, the ladies, having kindly driven eight miles to assist. The collection amounted to \$16.12. The hall was crowded by a pleased and attentive audience.

ROSEMONT.—The parishioners unexpectedly dropped in on the evening of the 17th, loaded with all kinds of eatables, and having taken possession of the Parsonage enjoyed a pleasant evening, after which followed an address, accompanied by valuable presents. The following is the address:—

To Rev. George Nesbitt, M. A., Rosemont:

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—Now that your ministrations, in this parish, have been brought to a close, and as you are about to enter upon another field of labor in God's vineyard, we desire in this humble manner to manifest our loving attachment and high appreciation of your faithful, earnest and self-denying services in our behalf. Please accept through us, from your many friends, these simple presents to Miss Nesbitt, Mrs. Nesbitt, and yourself, as tokens of the sincerest expression of thankfulness for your estimable qualities for the pleasant relations existing between us and your family, and as tokens of our heartfelt regret at your departure. We are also pleased to hear of your success in your new field of labor, and may your parishioners there long enjoy the pleasure and blessing of the association of your exemplary wife and family, and your own invaluable services as the minister and steward of God's mysteries.

JOHN HOEY, Churchwardens.
ANDREW MURPHY.

January 9, 1880.

The address was replied to in suitable terms.

SHAWT BAY.—The Christmas Service with Holy Communion was well attended. Offertory, \$27. Also Services at St. Luke's, with offertory, \$4.50.

NIAGARA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CAYUGA.—The congregations are most encouraging here. A good substantial fence has been put around the Church property. A Christmas Tree has recently been put up for the Sunday School, well laden with presents for the scholars. Music, tableaux, recitations, &c., were given by some excellent local amateurs, assisted by some valuable Toronto talent. There is a great need of a Parsonage in this old settled Parish. It is hoped that so desirable an aid to Church work will soon be forthcoming. The offertory on Christmas Day was \$24.23, and was, as usual, given to the Incumbent.

The Rev. Canon Given's address is 21 Barton St., Hamilton.

HURON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

STRATHROY.—The annual Christmas pastoral from the Bishop of this Diocese reminds members of the Church of the long established usage that the offertory of that Holy day is to be given to them who labour among us, and are over us, in the Lord. If the parish have an assistant minister, as in our St. Paul's, the offertory is given to him by the Rector. We note with pleasure that the liberality in giving has suffered no diminution in the good Church folks of St. John's, Strathroy. The Christmas offertory was more than usually large. At the morning service the offertory amounted to \$122.85. With this the following address was laid on the plate:—To the Rev. A. C. Hill, M. A.—Rev. and Dear Sir, Your parishioners taking advantage of this time of the year, a time universally recognized as that for the reciprocation of good feeling and expressions of kindly regards tender for your acceptance the enclosed sum of money as a slight token of the respect and esteem in which you are held by us. Wishing you and Mrs. Hill may enjoy many happy Christmases amongst us, and that the work you are doing may reap a rich harvest and the bonds of friendship now existing may be still further strengthened, we

are, Rev. and Dear Sir, on behalf of your parishioners, Yours very truly—Signed, H. L. DEWAR, S. V. GOONWIN.

The Diocese of Huron represented in the Diocese of Michigan. Seas and rivers and mountains, or nationalities and forms of government may be a sufficient barrier to separate empires; but the Church is one. Her empire knows no dividing limit—"One Lord, one faith, one baptism." Every Churchman rejoices over every manifestation of this truth. The subjects of our Queen the and citizens of the U.S. Republic are brethren and sisters in the Church. At the consecration of Grace Church in Detroit, Diocese of Michigan, the Church in Canada was well represented. A large audience was naturally attracted. The interior of the church was decorated to some extent. The chancel windows were darkened and the gas was lighted. Upon the rear wall of the chancel was a large five-pointed star wrought in Lake Superior moss, and in the centre of it a solid star wrought in the same material, while festoons were suspended from the ceiling to the side walls. The font was a mass of foliage and flowers, while flowers and floral devices were profusely displayed upon the altar and pulpit. A beautiful floral harp ornamented the front of the choir gallery. The services opened at 10:45 a. m., when the Wardens, vestry men and Young Men's Association of the church ranged themselves in the centre aisle in open ranks and received the Bishop and clergy, who entered in procession. The clergy comprised Canon Innes, of London, Ont., and the Revs. Dr. Darnell, of Dufferin College, London; Dr. John Fulton, of Milwaukee; John A. Eichbaum, of All Saints Church, Brooklyn, Mich.; Mr. Gemley, Bishop's Chaplain, of London, Ont.; Dr. Caulfield, of Windsor; Dr. C. H. W. Stocking, rector of the church, who immediately preceded Bishop Harris; and about forty Michigan clergymen were also present. The Bishop advanced through the long double row of laymen, vestrymen, wardens and clergy to the altar, while Mrs. Cicotte played upon the organ. The Bishop being seated, the Rev. Dr. Stocking, rector of the church, standing between his wardens, E. W. Hudson and W. J. Waterman, presented to him the instrument of donation in accepted form and duly signed and sealed. Then followed the service of consecration. The sentence of consecration was pronounced by Canon Innes, of London, Ont., representing the Lord Bishop. The order of morning prayer was then said, several of the clergy participating. The music was one of the features of the service. It was rendered by a carefully trained choir of twenty-five voices, assisted by the organ and Spell's full orchestra. Dr. Sippi, and Mr. G. B. Sippi, organist of St. Paul's, participated in the music.

PROGRAMME OF MISSIONARY MEETINGS.—City of London, February, Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th, Friday 13th; Petrolia and Wyoming, Sunday 15th; Pt. Edward, Monday 16th; Perche, Tuesday 17th; Camlachie, Wednesday 18th; Forest, Hillsboro and Thedford, Thursday, Friday 19th and 20th; Mooretown, Corunna, Collinsville, Fromfield, Sunday 22nd; Alvinston and Brooke Mission, 23rd, 24th, 25th; The Rectory of Warwick, 26th, 27th; Simcoe, Sunday 29th; Port Rowan, March, Monday 1st; Rowan Mills, Tuesday 2nd; St. Williams and Walsingham Centre, Wednesday 3rd; Delhi, Thursday 4th; Lyndoch, Friday 5th; Port Dover and Woodhouse, Sunday 7th; Vittoria and Ryerse, Monday 8th; Norwich, Tuesday 9th; Otterville, Wednesday 10th; Tilsonburg, Thursday 11th; Dereham, Friday 12th; Millbank, Crosshill and Elma, Sunday 14th; Mitchell, Monday 15th; Dublin, Tuesday 16th.

PARKHILL.—The Rev. William Johnston, Incumbent, has announced his intention of admitting a "Baptist" preacher to the pulpit of St. James' Church, and of preaching himself in "Knox Presbyterian Church." This is unfortunately a specimen of the churchmanship displayed by some in this Diocese.

ALGOMA.

The Rev. Mr. Crompton, Travelling Clergyman, desires gratefully to acknowledge \$2 from Mr. G. Hallen, Toronto; \$10 from Mrs. and \$10 from Miss Girdlestone, Galt; for Dufferin and the work of his mission in answer to his appeal in the DOMINION CHURCHMAN. He would at the same time renew his request that used copies of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN be sent to him at once so that he may be able to distribute them during his journey with the Bishop in the Nipissing District.

HOODSTOWN.—On Friday evening the Rev. Mr. Crompton, wife and family were honored with a surprise party formed by his congregation here. They were headed by the two Churchwardens and came marching in singing "When Good King Wincelans," &c. As the words "Give me flesh and give me wine"

were sung, a piece of pork was put into the hands of the reverend gentleman, and a bottle of home-made wine into those of his lady. A handsome present of oats was also part of their burden, and they brought all the good things of this world which the bush affords by the way of creature comforts. The Churchwarden, Mr. Malkin made a few remarks expressive of the joy they had in thus paying their respects to their pastor, by whose energy they had been enabled to raise their church, and whom they hoped long to see amongst them. Mr. Crompton, for himself and family, thanked the good people who had come so far to do him honor; he was grateful they had brought something to eat with them or he would not know what he could do with so many. However, as they had taken possession of his Log Parsonage, they were welcome, and he begged to assure them he was glad to see them and that the cellar floor was perfectly dry, so they need not fear, if in their frolic the old floor did give way. As the reverend gentleman's family are all musical a return treat was given to the strangers, many of whom had come sixteen miles, and none less than nine, and a most agreeable evening was spent until the wee sma' hours about 2 a.m.

Correspondence.

All Letters will appear with the names of the writers in full.

CHRIST CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL, OTTAWA.

The annual Christmas Sunday School Festival of Christ Church was held on the evening of Jan. 9th, that in connection with St. Albans was held on the previous Tuesday, the Epiphany, and St. John's was held on Thursday. I attended these last two as a spectator,—the Christ Church one as superintendent of the school, and I am impelled to send you a few impressions created by the occasions. There is no doubt that the importance of the Sunday School as a handmaid of the Church is being better understood and more fully appreciated as the years pass by. That in the Church in Canada, its supreme value as a promoter of Church influence has not been perfectly recognized either by clergy or laity is now becoming apparent. The reason is not far distant. As to the clergy, they, as a rule have been gentlemen educated in England or Ireland, where the Sunday School is looked upon as an institution rather for the children of the lower classes, then one for the children of all classes. As these classes do not in these countries constitute the power of the Church either in wealth, culture, education, or social or political influence, the education of these children is naturally relegated to the perfunctory performance of a few religious duties on Sundays compressed within an hour's attention. When they arrive in Canada they find a far different state of society, for here the children of the highest classes as well as of all other classes flock to the Sunday School. But what do these young seekers after knowledge find? A clergyman at the head inoculated with his foreign views, and really incapable for a long time at least,—and possibly during his life, of thoroughly identifying himself with a system which differing so materially in its social elements from that to which he had been accustomed in his own country, he is incompetent thoroughly and effectively to work. The want of adaptability of the clergyman operates in a reflex manner upon the laity, and the result has been that the Sunday Schools of the Church of England has not been so popular, so attractive, so useful, so valuable as their wonderful power as Church organizations would under more favourable circumstances have rendered them. The evil however is being remedied. Our clergy are becoming more alive to the importance of the Sunday School—the laity are being aroused and a wave of activity is now flowing through the system in Canada. I can speak thus of Ottawa, and I do not doubt that hundreds of other superintendents can speak in a similar strain. About a year ago a society was formed called the "Ottawa Church of England Sunday School Teachers Association," having for its chief objects the adoption of a uniform system of teaching, and the working of what may properly be termed a Normal School. It has had great success. It has increased the interest in Sunday School work, and the status of teachers is being gradually improved. One of the indirect results of the organization has been the introduction of the medal system into Christ Church Sunday School, whose example has been followed in St. John's School. The experiment has worked so successfully that it has been determined to continue and extend its operations. The plan was this—There are in the school five divisions—the Infant, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, and Bible classes. A silver medal has been provided for each division. Every fourth Sunday the teacher of each class sent up for oral examination by the Rector in presence of the whole school, the best pupil of the class. For instance, there are, say, twelve Infant