

each one to do their duty faithfully to help on the progress of the Church, as the rowers were expected to help on their ships in early days." Miss Jessie Mand Poole sang two solos from Elijahs Oratorio during the services, in the morning "O rest in the Lord," in the evening, "Woe unto them." The offertories amounted to over fifty-five dollars. The services were conducted by the Incumbent, assisted by the Rev. Canon Pettit, the Rev. Arthur Jarvis, the Rev. Montague Poole, and the Rev. David Jenkins. The clergy were all hospitably entertained by Mr. Wert, of Wales.

TORONTO.

St. Alban's Cathedral.—Mr. Geo Mercer delivered a lecture last Tuesday evening, recounting the incidents of his journey to England last summer, and his impressions of the conditions of the Church in the Mother Land. The lecture was illustrated and highly appreciated.

St. Matthias.—The young people of this church completed the formation of their Young People's Association Tuesday evening. The following were elected officers: Rev. R. Harrison, M.A., Rev. C. B. Darling, B.A., Rev. F. G. Plummer, honorary presidents; John DeGruchy, president; E. Sampson, vice-president; Chas. Phillips, secretary; Miss Lennox, associate secretary; Miss McCleary, treasurer.

St. Stephen's.—The regular fortnightly meeting of the Church of England Temperance Society filled the school house on Monday evening. An excellent programme of songs and recitations was presented, in which Mrs. Harbige, Miss Graham, the Messrs. Thicke and Mr. Sutton took part, after which an entertaining and instructive lecture, "A Holiday Trip to London, and What I Saw There," illustrated with the aid of maps and views, was delivered by Mr. G. Mercer.

A new Parish.—The Bishop has signified his intention to create a new parish to be known as St. Mary Magdalene, and has appointed the Rev. Charles B. Darling, B.A., Oxon, as the Rector-elect. Mr. Darling for some time has been in charge of a mission in this district and met with most encouraging success. He has issued an appeal for help in purchasing an additional piece of land required for the Church, which needs enlargement and such additions as will fit it to be a parish edifice. We commend this appeal earnestly to all Churchmen, as the new parish really needs outside help, and the devotion already shown by the parishioners, who are not rich in this world's goods, should evoke general sympathy. The parish will have Bathurst street on the east, Crawford on the west, College on the south, and Bloor on its northern boundary. Contributions may be sent to Mr. Darling, 481 Manning Avenue.

NEWMARKET.—The Rev. J. Farncomb, of Lakefield, has been appointed to the Rectory of Newmarket.

COBourg.—The Rev. J. H. McCallum is taking temporary duty at St. Peter's until Rev. Mr. Spragge takes up his residence in town.

NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—Bishop Hamilton Sunday morning held an ordination service in Christ Church Cathedral, and ordained as priest Rev. L. I. Smith, of St. Thomas' church, Toronto.

MOUNT FOREST.—Just before Lent, a very successful concert was given in our Town Hall, of which the Mount Forest Representative gives the following account:

"St. Paul's Church Concert in the Town Hall, on Tuesday evening, was in every way a success. The attendance was large as may be judged from the receipts at the door which amounted to about \$75. The singing of the Misses Strong was, of course, the great feature of the programme, both receiving the ovation they deserved. The choruses by the choir were well sung, while the next best on the programme was the appearance of the little Misses Grieve, of Fergus, in songs and club swinging. The two children appear to be about the same age, 10 years, and can entertain an audience much better than people of a more pretentious age. Certainly they give promise of a successful future as beautiful and successful performers. The other members on the programme were songs by Mr. McFadyen, Miss Lewis and Mr. Newman; readings by Miss Stevenson and Messrs. Agart and Osborne, and piano selections by Miss Kate Strong and Katie McFadyen, all of whom were well received. Mr. Hagarty was chairman, a position he

filled successfully. The stage decorations were very fine and drew forth admiring remarks from all.

St. CATHARINES.—St. Barnabas Church.—Daily services are held during Lent according to the printed list. Subjects of the week day sermons: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, Lenten thoughts and helps. Wednesday and Friday, the sufferings of Jesus. Saturday afternoon, a short instruction on the church—God's Garden. Sunday sermons—in the morning, the Gospel creed; in the evening, Ritualism.

HURON.

WARWICK.—Rev. Rural Dean Hyland exchanged work with the Rev. G. W. Wye, of Watford, on the 24th, in order that Mr. Wye might preach missionary sermons.

WYOMING.—On Quinquagesima, the Rev. G. W. Wye, of Watford, preached missionary sermons at St. John's, Wyoming, and parts adjacent, to large congregations. Mr. Wye is a fluent extemporaneous speaker, and his earnest sermons on Quinquagesima, will not soon be forgotten by the people of this parish.

BRANTFORD.—The congregation of St. Jude's held a highly successful entertainment last week in the School House, which was prettily decorated for the occasion with flags, bunting, mottoes, etc. There was a very large audience in attendance, in fact standing room was in order shortly after the hour of commencement.

The Rev. Jas. L. Strong occupied the chair, and His Lordship Bishop Baldwin also graced the occasion by his presence. Rev. Rural Dean Mackenzie, too, was on the platform, together with Rev. Mr. Casswell, B.D., of Kenyngton, and Rev. J. O. Farthing, B.A., of Woodstock.

The chairman mentioned the fact that when he first came to the parish, Rev. Mr. Mackenzie had told him St. Jude's was a perfect bee-hive. He had found it so. He had worked in four parishes since his ordination, but never one where he was surrounded with such earnest and willing workers. He believed in the voluntary system of giving. Sometimes they did not know hardly whence the money was to come from to meet the calls.

Not the least noteworthy feature of the meeting was the reading of letters from former rectors, containing words of cheer and congratulation viz., Rev. Canon Salter, Rev. Mr. Davis, Sarnia, and Rev. W. A. Young, Goderich.

The chief event of the evening was the address by the Bishop, which was at once humorous, didactical and impressive. In the course of his remarks he paid a glowing tribute to the zeal of the rector of St. Jude's and his congregation in having so arranged matters as to remove the debt from the church and secure its consecration. The result was all the more pleasing to him as he understood the church was conducted on altogether a voluntary subscription plan, entertainments and such like means of raising money having been discontinued. His Lordship said as long as he filled the episcopacy he intended to do everything in his power to put a stop to the church helping to teach her young people to patronise the drama and the gaming table, by herself indulging in operettas and raffish. He referred to the church collector, and said that in Montreal, he knew the Sheriff and the Bailiff were not more feared than the collector, who came round with his lists for \$100, \$50 down to the dismal depths of \$5. They called it voluntary subscription, but it was a horse pistol style of voluntary giving. A man knew he would have to give or else be held up to contempt. The speaker referred to the fact that one of the most pleasant experiences he brought back with him from England was the remembrance that the majority of the large hospitals and public institutions were run on the voluntary basis there. Men slipped as much as a thousand pounds sometimes in the boxes of these institutions, and ran away so they should not be observed, and as though they had committed a felony.

The Bishop referred to the fact that a church must give liberally to missions if ever it hoped to prosper, and concluded a powerful address amidst prolonged applause.

Rev. Rural Dean Mackenzie made a neat and happy speech, and Rev. Mr. Farthing paid a glowing tribute to St. Jude's and its congregation, and more especially its worthy rector.

During the evening an excellent musical programme was rendered.

During an intermission bountiful refreshments were handed round, and the Bishop also mingled with the people and was introduced to all present by the Rector.

Altogether the entertainment throughout was of a most delightful character—one worthy of St. Jude's

past record in every respect, and a fitting wind up to the notable consecration ceremonies.

LONDON.—The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Huron, was held here on Wednesday, March 13th. A meeting of the Board of Management was held at Bishopstowe, on Tuesday afternoon, March 12th, the following branches were then represented by their presidents or substitutes: Ailea Craig, Aylmer, Beachville, Brantford, (Grace Church), Brantford, (St. Jude's), Chatham, Chilton, Durham, Forest, Glanworth, Ingersoll, Lucan, Owen Sound, St. Thomas, St. Mary's, Sarnia, Stratford, (St. James), Stratford, (Home Memorial), Strathroy, Tyroonville, Woodstock, (Old St. Paul's), Woodstock, (New St. Paul's), London.—St. Paul's Cathedral, Cronyn Memorial Church, St. John the Evangelist, St. James, London South, St. George's, London West. On Wednesday Morning Divine Service was held in the Cathedral at 10 o'clock. His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese preached a most earnest and impressive sermon from Ex. xxv. 8, "Let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them." The sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered to about two hundred and twenty members of the W. A. M. A. and others. The public meeting was held in Victoria Hall on Wednesday afternoon and was largely attended. After the singing of a hymn, the 40th chapter of Isaiah was read, and the prayer written by the Bishop for the use of his Auxiliary was offered up. The President, Mrs. Baldwin, then gave a most excellent address. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer showed a great increase of interest—manifested in a practical shape in the cause of missions; the report of the latter showing that \$1,193 had been received by her during the past year, against \$845 last year, while the value of the boxes sent by the different branches to various missions in the North West and elsewhere, had increased from \$1,182 to \$2,558. There was also an increase in the number of delegates in attendance at the meeting, over those present last year. In addition to those branches represented at the board meeting on Tuesday were, Delaware, St. James, Biddulph, Burford, Christ Church, London, and All Saints, London. Three admirable papers were read by delegates, viz., "Duty is ours, results are God's," "In earthen vessels," and our "Home" Missions. An excellent report of the committee on literature was also given. The Rev. McQueen Baldwin, missionary designate to Japan, made a most earnest address. In the evening a general public missionary meeting under the auspices of the W. A. M. A. was held in the same hall, the Lord Bishop of the diocese in the chair. Able speeches were made by the Rev. R. K. Rector of Ingersoll, the Rev. R. G. Fowell, Principal of Huron College and London South. The Rev. G. C. Mackenzie, Rector of Grace Church, Brantford was also to have spoken, but was unable to be present owing to illness in his parish. A largely attended drawing room meeting was held on Thursday morning at Bishopstowe, when the Bishop spoke some stirring words of sympathy and counsel to the members of the Auxiliary. A meeting of the Board of Management was held in the afternoon when much important business was transacted.

FOREIGN.

The historic chair in which the Archbishops of Canterbury are enthroned at the Metropolitan Cathedral is known as St. Augustine's Chair, but the chair in which the primate sat at Lambeth on the hearing of the Bishop of Lincoln's case is almost as ancient, for it belonged to the Abbot of Reulver, who was consecrated Archbishop of Canterbury A.D. 689.

The net gain of new churches in the United States during the year 1888 was 6434; the increase in the number of ministers was 4505, while the increase in church members was 774 861. The average gain for each day of the year was 17 churches, 12 ministers, and 2120 members.

The Bishop of Montana, acting for the Bishop of Massachusetts, recently admitted to the diaconate the Rev. George E. Allen, formerly a Congregationalist minister, and confirmed the Rev. Frederick W. Bailey, lately a Universalist minister and an intending candidate for orders.

It is well known in the diocese of Durham (says *Truth*) that Bishop Lightfoot has always made it a rule to spend his Episcopal income (£7 000 a year) on Church and educational work, and not a shilling has gone into his own pocket. The Bishop is now building, entirely at his own expense, a large church in a poor and densely-populated part of Sunderland. His