

DIOCESE OF HURON.

GLANWORTH.—The corner stone of the new brick church was laid by His Lordship the Bishop of Huron on Wednesday, the 26th. The old frame building has been removed back some distance and the new one is to occupy its place, being the highest point in the ground. Much interest is being taken in this new work.

His Lordship the Bishop of Huron is now engaged in his Confirmation tour and will be absent from the city for some time.

LONDON.—The Bishop of Huron held a Confirmation in Christ Church Sunday, April 24th, when twenty-six candidates were presented by the Rev. Canon Smith. The Bishop addressed the candidates in an earnest manner on the nature of the solemn vows they were about to assume. There was a large congregation present, and the services were impressive throughout.

I. O. O. F. ANNIVERSARY SERMON.—There was a fair turn-out of Oddfellows representing the various city lodges, Encampments and Cantons Sunday afternoon, April 24th. A procession was formed in front of the hall, which marched to St. Paul's Church, where Bishop Baldwin preached a deeply impressive sermon from the words, "I have compassion on the multitude," part of the thirty-second verse of chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel. His Lordship said Christ was the founder of all the charity in the world; that, before His time the sentiment of the Roman poet—I hate the common crowd—was the universal sentiment of all who by talent or circumstances or education were lifted above the rank of the common people. The public or private institutions for the care of the aged and the afflicted were altogether unknown amongst the most advanced nations up till His day, and the practice of the world was embodied in the words—the strong may live but the weak must die. Only for Christ their society would never have an existence. The speaker recognised the work they were doing, and felicitated them on the great growth of their Order, which now had a membership of considerably over half a million, and an annual income of \$5,000,000. A liberal collection was taken up for the benefit of the Protestant Home.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND MISSIONS.—The Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada adjourned their meeting in this city on the 21st inst., to meet again in Toronto next September. A good deal of important business was transacted. The Bishop of Algoma was in the chair, and there were present the Bishops of Huron and Niagara, Rev. Canon Dumoulin, Rev. J. D. Cayley, Mr. A. H. Campbell, of Toronto; Judge Reynolds, of Brockville; Mr. R. T. Walker, of Kingston; Rev. Canon Innes, Mr. V. Cronyn, Mr. E. Baynes Reed, of London; Rev. Dr. Mockridge and Mr. J. J. Mason, of Hamilton, the latter two being respectively the General Secretary and General Treasurer of the Society. The three Bishops were called away yesterday morning to attend the important business affecting the whole Church before the Local Legislature in Toronto, when the chair was taken by Rev. Canon Innes, and the business of the meeting was proceeded with. Appropriations of funds were made, and several questions debated, amongst them the subject of undertaking foreign mission work as a direct work of the Church in Canada, instead of, as hitherto, through the missionary societies of the Old Country. A deputation from the newly-formed Church Union waited upon the Board and were received cordially, words of encouragement being addressed to them by Bishop Sullivan (the chairman) and Mr. R. T. Walkem, of Kingston.

BISHOPSTOWE.—The last meeting for the season of the Women's Auxiliary Missionary Association was held here on the 20th instant. A very large number of members were present and several delegates from the Branch Associations contributed greatly to the interest of the meeting. The Secretary's report gave an account of the Association since its first formation. It was very gratifying to hear of the great progress which this very young association had made during the past year. Twenty Branch Associations have been found many of which are working with great success.

The Treasurer's report showed receipts for the past year \$626.14.

A short address of welcome to the delegates was read by Mrs. Boomer to which Mrs. Eakins, one of the delegates from Woodstock, made a very pleasing reply.

The proposal of Mrs. Boomer, to celebrate the Jubilee by raising a Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the Diocese of Algoma has met with a warm reception by the W. A. M. A. of the Diocese of Huron and subscriptions are being taken up for that purpose.

Mrs. Eakins had an admirable paper upon "Systematic giving" and after a mutual interchange of greetings between the delegates and the London Association and kind words of welcome and sympathy from the President, Mrs. Baldwin, the closing meeting came to an end.

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The Treasurer acknowledges with many thanks the receipt of the following contributions: "Women's Auxiliary, New St. Paul's, Woodstock, per Mrs. Eakins, \$52.50; St. James' Church, St. John, N. B., per Rev. — James, \$150.50; Offertory, Missionary meeting, All Saints' Hamilton, per Rev. Geo. Forneret, M. A., \$10; three little children, do, do, \$1; two sisters, Toronto, \$2; Miss Rowe \$24; Mrs. Jas. Henderson \$5; Mr. Butler \$1; Mr. Hutchison \$5, per Mr. Rowe; D. H. Charles, Esq., \$10.

BRUCE MINES.—The annual Easter Vestry meeting in connection with the Episcopal Church in this place was held on Tuesday evening, April 12th, at which there was a fair attendance. The accounts of the building Committee were examined, and it was found that there was a balance of \$71 yet due to relieve the Church entirely of debt; this was still a very good showing for a small congregation in the wilds of Algoma to have raised by their own efforts in a little over a year about \$1,400 towards the erection of a Church of their own, showing that both pastor and members must have taken a lively interest in it.

The Missionary in charge, the Rev. F. C. Berry, stated briefly his satisfaction with the progress church matters were making in their midst, owing in a great measure to the efforts of the people and their readiness at all times to help him in attending to their church, and warmly congratulated them on their effectual efforts to pay off the debt in such a short time; stating that not only was he pleased and encouraged by their exertions, but that the Bishop of Algoma, writing from Toronto, 1st of April, says: "I was not a little gratified to learn that the congregation had accomplished so much during the winter, you can say to them from me that I don't know of any other little flock of the same size in the diocese that has done so much, it certainly shows that they take a very warm and active interest in their Church and its welfare."

The Rev. Mr. Berry then rather surprised the meeting by stating that he had recently tendered his resignation to the Bishop purposing to discontinue his connection with the Diocese; this announcement was heard with great regret by every one present, and as the Bishop by his letter, a part of which was read to the meeting—appeared to be unwilling that Mr.

Berry should persist in his determination to leave the Diocese, as it would, as he stated, add another to the five vacant parishes then on his hands, it is to be hoped that Mr. Berry may change his mind and decide to cast in his lot with the pioneers of this new district now being carved out of the wilderness, where, although the scope for advancement is not so good as in the older and richer parts of the Province, the field for the work of the Church is fully as promising in the future, "the vineyard is large and the laborers few."

A motion was made and carried unanimously "that this vestry hears with regret that the Rev. Mr. Berry has tendered his resignation to the Bishop and hopes that he may find it consistent with his own interests and the welfare of the Church to reconsider and if possible to withdraw his resignation."

The meeting resolved itself into a committee of ways and a subscription was at once started to increase Mr. Berry's salary if possible by at least one hundred dollars—the result being so successful that \$125, if not more, will be realized.—Com.

PROVINCE OF RUPERT'S LAND,

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WINNIPEG.—The Easter meetings have passed off most harmoniously. The Churches are still struggling with financial difficulties, but the prospects are brightening. There were three celebrations of the Holy Communion at Christ Church, two at Holy Trinity and All Saints, and a late celebration at the Cathedral and St. George's. All Saints' had a bell for an Easter gift, and Christ Church a gift of Communion Plate. \$3,000 has been subscribed to pay off the floating debt at Christ Church. In connection with this parish, Rev. Mr. Pentreath has organized a Mission in an outlying part of the parish, which is carried on by the Guild of the Holy Saviour. It has a Sunday-school, a reading room, Temperance Society of twenty-two members, and services are held here in the week. All Saints' is expecting its new Rector, Rev. H. A. Tudor, the first week in May. A very influential delegation has been elected to the Synod from the city parishes.

The Revs. O. Fortin, Canon Coombs, and E. S. W. Pentreath are a committee to arrange for a grand Jubilee service on Tuesday, June 21st. The service will be held in Trinity Church. It will be full choral, and all the Church choirs in the city will take part. Each congregation will observe the preceding Sunday by special services.

Additions have been recently made to the Church Endowment Fund of the Diocese, enough money having been raised by the Bishop in England and from other sources to claim certain grants from the English Societies.

St. John's Cathedral.—A building is about to be erected from the design of Mr. C. O. Wickenden, to serve for a Hall and Sunday-school. It will be of brick veneer, and will cost \$3,000.

St. George's.—This Church has been enlarged. The seats are all free.

VIRIDEN.—Rev. F. F. Davis has left for a parish in the Diocese of Huron. Mr. Davis says: I have been happy amongst so many warm friends I have made during my stay throughout the mission. But I do not feel physically able to cope with the work, and do it all to my satisfaction. This is a source of worry and anxiety to me, and I have thus concluded to seek a field which is more suited to my strength.

SELEKIRK.—A new Church has been built at this place.