

our Church, resided here for some time, and attended lectures, one of whom is now an Archdeacon. I may also mention in this connection—and it gives me very great pleasure to do so,—that the town of Cobourg alone has given in addition, seven of her sons to the ministry, viz. Ede, Ruttan, Broughal, two Bethunes, Wilson and Fennell, making the whole number who had been more or less trained under his Pastoral care, amount to 50. These all took orders in the Church, of whom some are now dead, and the survivors are widely scattered, some have been doing duty in England, some in the United States, some in the Diocese of Ontario, some in Huron, some in Niagara, and some in our own Diocese of Toronto, among the latter of whom may be mentioned, one of the Bishop's surviving sons, the Rev. Dr. Charles Bethune, the Headmaster of Trinity College School, Port Hope.

The Professor's lectures were very carefully prepared, being characterized by great perspicuity and elegance, and were remarkable for the easy and graceful flow of language in which they were written, so that in this respect they might be said to be model compositions. As such they were easily understood and remembered by the students.

In addition to these labours, he wrote and published "Sermons on the Liturgy," "Lectures on Historical Portions of the Old Testament," together with various other pamphlets and sermons on special occasions. And after the death of the Right Reverend Bishop Strachan, he published a "Memoir" of his life and writings, which comprises a large portion of the history of Upper Canada at that time.

It may well be supposed that with the pastoral care of this large and important parish, and the duties arising from the Theological Institute, together with the editing of a Church paper—the best we have ever had—his labours were often very trying and anxious. Yet they were all duly and faithfully discharged, without ostentation or display, in a quiet, orderly and strictly methodical manner, little calculated to win applause, or to attract public admiration. This love of order and strict punctuality was, I imagine, the secret of his success in life. He might, with truth, be said, "to redeem the time." For besides the duties of his own parish, he found time to attend Missionary meetings, throughout the country, in such places as Port Hope, Cavan, Newcastle, Bowmanville, Peterborough, Seymour, Percy, Brighton, Colborne and Grafton; and when all these places were visited, and meetings held, a General Missionary meeting for the whole district was annually held in this parish, attended by most of the neighboring clergy.

About this time he was appointed Archdeacon of York, which added materially to his duties, as it involved some very extensive journeys, together with various commissions of enquiry, sometimes not of a very pleasant nature.

Thus his life was passed from day to day for nearly forty years, "spending and being spent" in his Master's service, in the quiet routine of Parochial work, going in and out among his people, visiting the sick, comforting the sorrowful, and administering pastoral counsel and advice where it was needed. The happiest years of his life were spent here in the bosom of his family, and in the regular ministrations of the parish. But his Divine Master had still other and more responsible work for him to do, and he was now to be called to fill a higher position in the Church of God—a position of great responsibility,—and surrounded by many peculiar trials and difficulties.

The aged and venerable Bishop of Toronto, now feeling the weight of years, and the heavy burden of duties, which he could not adequately discharge, desired a Coadjutor, who should assist him in his duties, and eventually succeed him in his office. Accordingly on the 19th of September, 1866, a special meeting of the Synod was held in St. James' Church, Toronto, for the election of a Coadjutor Bishop, and after a pro-

tracted struggle of three days the Venerable Archdeacon Bethune was declared duly elected. His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto, as chairman, in proclaiming the election of his friend and former pupil, said, "With great gladness of heart I now declare, in all your hearing, that the Venerable Archdeacon Alexander Neil Bethune has been elected Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto, and I hope that his future life will be, what his past has been—just and holy, and upright, and in every respect worthy of the high station to which he has been called.

This was a noble tribute from one who knew him from his earliest youth, and who had largely assisted in developing those good and excellent qualities, which distinguished him through life. Upon his consecration as Coadjutor, the new Bishop took the title of Bishop of Niagara, and upon the death of Bishop Strachan, in 1867, succeeded him as Bishop of Toronto. For upwards of twelve years he continued to discharge the very arduous and trying duties of his new position with the same assiduity and diligence which characterized him as a Parish Priest. But from various causes then existing in the Diocese, his Episcopate cannot be said to have been a happy one, and his gentle spirit was broken, and finally sank under the pressure of troubles which then afflicted the Church, and which he felt himself unable to prevent.

He entered into rest on the third of February, 1879, in the seventy-ninth year of his age.

These troubles, thanks be to God, have now in a great measure passed away, and let us hope that with the blessing of God upon his labours, a long era of peace and prosperity, may mark the Episcopate of his successor, the presentable and excellent Bishop of Toronto.

I have thus, my brethren, endeavoured briefly—but very feebly and imperfectly, I fear—to bring before you a faint outline of the life and labours of your late Pastor and Bishop. And I trust that the tribute of affection, which you have so generously and lovingly paid to his memory, may serve to perpetuate in the hearts and minds of the people of this parish, and especially of the flock which he so long and faithfully served, the recollection of the many excellent qualities for which he was so distinguished.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON.—The second monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Association for the winter season was held at Bishopstowe, the new residence of the Bishop of Huron, on Saturday, 25th Oct. This association was formed in February 1885, and although comparatively in its infancy promises to attain a prosperous maturity.

At the meeting on the 25th, 45 ladies were present and his Lordship the Bishop presided. A list was read of 23 parishes in which branch Associations had been formed, in response to a circular addressed by the Bishop to the different parishes in the Diocese last Easter.

The Treasurer of the Memorial Church Branch, (London,) (which although united with the parent society in London, is in reality much older than its parents, having been in existence some six or eight years,) stated that they had \$100 ready to give to the Emmanuel College, Saskatchewan, being their half yearly contribution to it.

Another interesting report of a new Branch, that of St. James Church, London, South, was read. This Branch formed last June has already made great progress, having working parties every fortnight to support a native female Missionary to the Zenana Mission. Each member of this Branch takes Monday in every week for special prayer for Missions.

It seems singularly appropriate that this Church should interest itself specially in Mission work, St. James being the first of the

Apostles who went out to preach the religion of Christ.

The Bishop advised that the Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Association of Huron, should be affiliated with the parent Society in Canada of which the Metropolitan is the head. This suggestion of the Bishop's was at once complied with.

Unity is strength, and the Church of England Missionary Society in Canada has an enormous field for its labors, and has the need of the help of all its members from the Bishops down to the Sunday-school children.

We shall hope soon to hear an account of the other Branches in the Diocese.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

THE "EVANGELINE"—WHERE SHE TOOK ME.

(Continued.)

Mr. Younge, in an able and somewhat lengthy speech, brought out a point much needing our attention, the ratio of the average attendance to the whole number on the roll of our S.S. scholars. They could not at the Magnetawan do things at all upon the scale possible in the Sound. He had only 30 scholars on his list, but he was proud to be able to tell them that some of those children had to walk four miles to school and then four back, and yet the average attendance was as high as 25 out of 30, a far higher percentage, he thought, than most could show.

Mr. Gaviller, in following, said that Mr. Younge was one of our real missionaries, for he had given up a comfortable English home to come out here and occupy a shell, not to be called a house, not plastered, which could not as yet even boast of a chimney. He felt some confidence in appealing to them, and expressing the hope that they would be willing to do something to help Mr. Younge.

Mr. Gaviller (uncle to the Incumbent), thought they should not leave all to be done by the clergy, and therefore would offer a few remarks in support of what had been said. He knew a case of a little boy, who once told his mother that he much wished to help the missionaries, but he had no money. "If you like," the mother answered, "to do without butter at your meals, Johnny, I will give you the money that would cost." The condition seemed for the moment somewhat hard, but after a few seconds of reflection he accepted it, and he found such pleasure in the sacrifice that he added money from one similar source after another, till thus was laid the foundation of a long life of self-sacrificing labor.

Mr. Chowne had returned to Rosseau, and as therefore we have no word of his to offer, a characteristic incident may be allowed instead. A few years ago, a very malignant fever having broken out in a portion of his mission, such was the panic in the immediate neighbourhood that no one outside the families attacked could be found to nurse the patients, which sometimes meant that the sick should nurse the sick. Mr. Chowne tended the parents and children in one family, made the coffin for the first corpse, dug the grave, carried the remains, read the service and alone performed all the offices for the dead; and so when the next child died. We often hear of self-sacrificing labours. We believe the best of them remain untold. Of Mr. Osborne, it was said by some who made his acquaintance during this visit to Parry Sound, that they had never parted from any man with more regret. There is considerable ambition about the congregation of Trinity if I may be allowed a term which very inadequately describes the fact, for in private conversation some of the members expressed the hope that ere long their commodious church may be turned into a Sunday-School house, and a more elegant and ecclesiastical structure erected in front (which hope accounts doubtless for the present state of the foundation, to which the Bishop referred), and also to stimulate Port Arthur in its noble ex-