

and his wife was a valued teacher there. Last week the officers and teachers of the school, after an excellent tea was disposed of, presented Mrs. Hewitt with an address and a parlour lamp, and the Rector, Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, presented Rev. Mr. Hewitt with some books.

The University Examinations are over. St. John's College, as usual, carried off the largest number of medals and prizes.

CARMAN.—The Rev. F. Robertson, of Wyoliffe College, Toronto, who was ordained in Winnipeg on Whitsunday, has taken charge of Carman and Miami. A parish has been organized at Carman, and the Dufferin Hall has been placed at the disposal of the congregation, free, by Mr. F. D. Stewart. Mr. Alex. Morrison was elected people's warden, and Mr. Jas. Palmer was appointed Rector's warden.

PERSONAL.—The Archdeacon, John A. Mackay, of Prince Albert, passed through Winnipeg last week on his way to England for a three months' visit. He goes to superintend some publication about to be printed in the Cree language.

VIBDEN.—Rev. H. L. Watts, of Emerson is to be removed to this Mission.

MINNEDOSA.—The Bishop held Confirmation services in Minnedosa and Clanwilliam on the 15th.

DIOCESE OF SASKATCHEWAN.

SASKATCHEWAN.—On Trinity Sunday the Bishop held an Ordination in St. Alban's Church, when Messrs. Barton and E. Cook, two students of Emmanuel College, were ordained deacons. The sermon was preached, and the candidates were presented by the Ven. Dr. Mackay. The offertory at that service was given to the Provincial clergy and Widow's & Orphan's fund.

The Bishop will remain in Prince Albert for a short time, and then will go to Regina to attend the meeting of the Board of Education.

THE FOREIGN MISSION BRANCH OF THE C.E.A.—The total amount of grants of Church needlework, &c., by that excellent Society, the Church Extension Association of Kilburn, Eng., for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1889, was £1029. Of this, £459 was the value of grants given to Canada. Rupert's Land received gifts to the amount of £43 10, and Saskatchewan £4 10s. Missionaries in every part of the world have had their heart's gladdened by the thoughtful kindness of these devoted Sisters of the Church, and many a church would be bare indeed were it not for the beautiful specimens of needlework sent out by them.

DIOCESE OF BRITISH HONDURAS.

BELIZE.—*St. Mary's.*—A June Pole was held in the Rectory ground on behalf of the new Church debt on the 2nd Tuesday of this month, which was very successful. There was a good attendance the afternoon being very fine, until about six o'clock when a heavy shower quickly sent the joyful crowd into St. Mary's Hall. After paying all expenses the debt was relieved by nearly sixty dollars. We have nearly \$350 yet to pay in order to wipe out entirely the debt on the new building, and this must be done soon to comply with the requirements of the S.P.C.K. as to grants, so we hope before the end of the month to be able to chronicle the extinction of the debt.

The Mission.—We are holding a special Mission service every Wednesday and Thursday with a splendid attendance of people for this time of the year. Last Thursday the senior Missioner dwelt upon the important subject of conversion, showing the confusion that arises on account of the misuse of the word—indeed stating that one could do without

the word not the thing, and might confine ourselves to the Gospel word of repentance. For it was possible to be a converted man, but neither a penitent, a pardoned nor a cleansed man; illustrating his subject by the examples of the Prodigal son and St. Paul, and that conversion might take place as many times in a day as a man sinned, but that he was not consequently a pardoned or cleansed man. After the singing of a hymn, the Rev. Mr. Swabey then addressed the congregation most fervently, exhorting them to accept the true repentance of the Gospel, and not to trust to a mere conversion which might only have a bearing upon their natural or social life, without touching their spiritual condition or relationship to God.

Diocesan School Room.—The first united Missionary meeting for the young of both parishes was held in the afternoon of the second Sunday after Trinity, when the large school-room was packed.

The efficient Sunday school choir belonging to St. John's Parish ably conducted the choral part of the meeting. The opening address by the Rev. F. R. Murray on 'Missionary work and zeal,' was followed by Bishop Heber's grand old hymn, 'From Greenland Icy Mountains.' Mr. Lay Reader Usher, who is also the energetic Superintendent of the St. John Sunday School spoke very aptly of the earnest need for definite efforts being made by the young as well as the old in Missionary work, dwelling chiefly upon the amount of work that was required to be done by us in this our own Diocese. The Rev. I. A. R. Swabey then spoke on the Missions of Africa, and especially alluded to the Pongas Mission, which had become the Missionary child of the West Indian Province. He traced the history of the mission from its inception up to the present date. Mr. Tucker, the assistant schoolmaster at the Diocesan Schools, a recent convert from the ranks of Wesleyanism, spoke very fervently on the Gospel command to evangelize the world, and of the need for active work not only in Africa but even at our own doors. The offerings were \$5.75, which will be devoted to the Shingwauk Home.

ST JOHN'S PARISH.

1st Quarterly Returns.—Subscriptions \$195.52; offertories \$246.20; fees \$99.25; pew rents and offertories \$267.45; G.S.F. \$22.50; organ fund \$28.69; Church improvement fund \$1,193.77; grand total \$2,053.38.

New Vestry.—A large wooden vestry is now in course of erection. This will, when finished, be of great value to the clergy and wardens. It will be divided into two parts, the clergy sanctorium and the parish room for the transaction of Parish and Church business.

Diocesan School.—The Schoolmaster's new house will soon be completed. It is a very handsome and imposing structure, and quite in keeping with the other school buildings.

The Organ.—The new organ, which is being built at Hull, by the firm of Bishop & Son, is expected out at the end of this month.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

The Algoma Missionary News says:—

Many a worthy Christian has been and will be, for years to come, contributing towards the maintenance and extension of foreign missions, forgetting, or perhaps not knowing, that the home mission funds are far from being sufficient for the work that is waiting to be done. Would it not therefore, be well, and from a business point of view, wise to put forth, for a few years, a strenuous effort to make up such endowments as are, and always will be, needed? These funds are, in our humble judgment, the three following: The Widows' and Orphans' Fund, the Episcopal Endowment, and the Superannuation Fund. Of these three, the two first would seem to be the most important. So long

as these funds are insufficient to yield the necessary or adequate income, just so long must a continual appeal be made to the laity, but when once these funds are sufficient for their respective purposes, then the Church 'is free' to turn her attention to the foreign field, has rolled away the reproach which lay at her door, namely, that she was like unto the man who had neglected to provide for his own household.

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION.

BY THE BISHOP OF NEW YORK.

Our Mother Church of England has an excellent custom of preparation for the Holy Communion.

Each week, in many of her parishes, there is a special service with appropriate devotions and particular instruction, having reference to the requirements and benefit connected with that holy sacrament.

In some parts of our own Church such usage has begun to prevail, and would undoubtedly be more general, if the need of it was more widely recognized by lay people, and more earnestly urged by the clergy. A few earnest communicants in a parish might just here be of great service to others, by urging this matter upon their attention, and by encouraging the parish priest in inaugurating some such instruction. The Church wisely calls upon us not to neglect the frequent reception of the Holy Communion, but she no less strenuously enjoins that each one is to "examine himself and so to come" to that Holy Sacrament. In such self examination, however, the wise counsel of one's pastor may well be sought, and no earnest priest would deny to those who desire it, the privileges of every instruction in this most important matter. In this, as in other things, the power of example is most potent, and we are persuaded that where regular and faithful preparation for the Holy Communion is once undertaken, those who avail themselves of it will find in it inestimable blessing, while many others will recognise and imitate a custom so wholesome, primitive, and reasonable.

For it is with this, as with other things. When we have to welcome a friend, it makes all the difference in the world, whether we have begun to get ready for him *before he comes*, or are content to let him, as we say, "take us as we are." It is a poor way to welcome such a One, to be preoccupied with other things, and have no place ready for Him, whether in our house or in our heart, to have Him find us so full of other things, cares, pleasures, interests, that when He comes to our door, there is really no room for Him. And surely this is a very unworthy way to welcome the chief Friend of all.—*Trinity Record.*

THE CHURCH UNITY SOCIETY.

The executive committee of the Church Unity Society, of the U.S., proposes to issue four quarterly numbers of "Church Unity Papers." At least 10,000 copies of each issue of these papers will be sent to the ministers of the leading religious denominations in the United States. They will be written in the spirit of "an ardent longing," while yet preserving a strict loyalty to the teachings of the Church, and will aim to set forth the need and nature of visible corporate unity and the only basis on which such unity seems possible.

The Rt. Rev. Hugh Miller Thompson, S.T.D., will furnish a paper on "Unity." The Rt. Rev. George F. Seymour, S.T.D., will write on "The Historic Episcopate, the only basis of Unity." The Rev. A. C. A. Hall will treat of "The Nicene Creed the sufficient Doctrinal Basis of Unity." The Rt. Rev. F. D. Huntington, D.D., will conclude with "The Church the Only Centre of Unity."

The executive committee consists of the Rt. Rev. Cortlandt Whitehead, the Rev. Walker Gwynne, the Rev. W. S. Sayres.