

DIocese of NIAGARA.

MOUNT FOREST.—W. C. Perry's commodious residence was well filled by the people of the English Church congregation and a liberal sprinkling of members of other denominations on the evening of 29th Oct., when the English Church Ladies' Aid gave a chicken pie social to afford an opportunity to all who desired, to say farewell to Mr. Agar, the retiring manager of the Ontario Bank, Mount Forest. The evening was pleasantly spent in a social way, and just before the company sat down to discuss the delicious chicken pies, the guest of the evening was presented with an address by Mr. Perry on behalf of the church officials, Ladies' Aid and Sunday School of St. Paul's.

The address was signed by C Edwin S. Radcliffe, B.C.L., Rector; W. C. Perry, Thos. Wood, Churchwardens; Hattie A. Wilkes, President Ladies' Aid; M. Roddick, M. W. Perry, Vice Presidents; Geo. L. Allen, Superintendent Sunday School.

Rev. Mr. Radcliffe followed the reading of the address with a few well chosen and highly complimentary remarks after which Mr. Agar replied in a most happy manner. Mr. A. C. Osborne, then, on behalf of the Young Men's Guild of the Church, read an address accompanied by presentation of a photograph of the Guild. All regretted Mr. Agar's departure. He left for Toronto on the 30th, bearing with him the high esteem of all Mount Forest and of the Church people in particular.

TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

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The October meeting of the Church of England Temperance Society was held lately. The Rev. R. W. E. Green presided. The annual report of the Executive Committee showed that nine public meetings had been held and a fair amount of business transacted. Special mention was made of the services of the Rev. R. W. E. Greene, President. A considerable amount of Temperance literature had been distributed during the year. The report was adopted on motion of Messrs. F. Evans and N. Baker. The following office bearers were elected for the ensuing year: Honorary President, the Rev. Rural Dean Stewart; President, the Rev. R. W. E. Greene; Vice Presidents the Rev. J. Jones, Messrs. G. J. Booth, S. S. Robinson, F. Evans; Treasurer and Librarian Mr. G. H. Hale; Secretary, Mr. C. Smitheringale; Executive Committee, Mesdames McNabb, Greene, Goffatt, and Baker; Misses M. A. Evans, A. Stewart, McMullen, and Farrer; Messrs. N. Baker, H. Greenland, C. McNabb, William Marston, B. H. Rowe, and Knox. Hymns were sung at intervals, led by the choir, and Misses Stewart and McMullen presiding at the organ. There were also a quintette, and solos by Messrs H. French and C. Smitheringale. The Rev. G. E. Lloyd, Chaplain to the Provincial Reformatory for



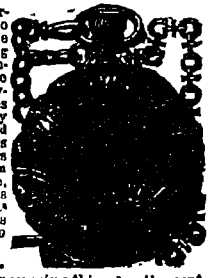
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boy's, gave an interesting and instructive lecture on "Crime" and our Juvenile Criminals." When he pointed out the results of not enforcing the compulsory school law, one wished that his audience had been largely of Public School Trustees. When he very forcibly showed the duty of the Church, and urged some such system as they have in Quebec, one could not but regret that the ministers of other denominations had not accepted the invitation to be present. The evils at present existing were not the fault of the officials, but of the system, and a thorough reform could not be looked for until the people became aroused. Mr. Lloyd suggested that, instead of sending young lads to a convict establishment for little or no greater fault than being friendless, these unfortunates be handed over to the churches with which they were nominally connected, the Government paying \$100 each per annum, and the Church undertaking the duty of educating and training them.

The education and care of these unfortunate lads was the duty of the Church, and "would pay" in the long run. In this matter, the Mother Country, had far outstripped us, and when what had been accomplished there was described, it was impossible not to recall the absurd blander which was made by the Ottawa Government in yielding to ignorant clamour and returning the training ship which the Imperial Government gave for beginning a system of manly training of the waif population. No other calling better fits a youth for the duties of life and good citizenship than that of a sailor, especially when acquired under the safeguards of a properly regulated training ship.

But that is past, and the speaker on this occasion confined himself

to what is now taking place, and the remedies which present themselves in this inland province. The herding system, euphemistically designated "want of classification," certainly is well calculated to sow and develop the seeds of vice and crime, and everyone who studies the subject must, if imbued with the feelings of humanity, echo the cry that something must be done to remove this blot upon the civilization and Christianity of Ontario. Before according a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, the Executive Committee was directed to memorialize the Governments at Ottawa and Toronto upon the subject, and the President requested to endeavor to interest the East Simcoe Ministerial Association in the matter. The Chairman said that they should not be discouraged by the statement that such reforms were impossible. He had read in that day's Mail that alterations in Toronto gaol which he had urged for seventeen years, and had been told repeatedly by the Governor were quite impracticable, had at last been made, and were now regarded with as much pride as they had formerly been scouted as absurd. The Rev. Rural Dean Stewart pronounced the Benediction. The collection was \$5 50. Three pledges were taken.—Orillia Packet.

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