

nified his intention to visit the parish of Moore and address a Missionary meeting to be held in the church at 7 o'clock. His Lordship will be assisted by the Rev. F. W. Sandys, D.D., Archdeacon of Kent, and others of the clergy.

ST. CATHERINES.—The controversy existing in St. George's Church here, was settled Monday evening, as least so far as the congregation were concerned, by the entire congregation putting all prejudices aside and uniting and extending a unanimous call to Rev. Robt. Ker, of Ingersoll, formerly of Mitchell and Stratford, instructing the wardens and delegates, to request His Lordship to meet the congregation half way and make this appointment.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

NEPESON.—Kindly allow me space to acknowledge the following contributions towards repairing the losses sustained in the destruction by fire of our Mission house in October last, in response to the Bishop's appeal in the Church papers: and to offer all our sympathizing friends our very warmest heartfelt thanks:

The Onward and Upward Club, Shingwauk Home Sault Ste. Marie, \$67; Mrs. Wilson \$10; Miss Pigot \$6; Mrs. Richardson, Winnipeg, \$18; St. George's Young Ladies' Missionary Society, per Mrs. Carmichael, \$25; Rev. Edwin Daniel, Port Hope, \$5; Mrs. Boomer \$10; Mr. Joseph A. E. H., Toronto, \$50; Mrs. Shore, Ailsa Craig, 5; Mr. Marsh, London, \$5; Rev. Mr. Dobbs, St. John, N. B., \$5; Sault Ste. Marie, W. A. M. A., per Miss Wilde, \$75; St. Luke's Sunday School Sault Ste. Marie, \$10; Mrs. Plummer, do, \$5; Mrs. Simpson, do, \$5; Mrs. Marshall, do, \$2; Mrs. Crawford, do, \$5; Garden River Mission \$9; Schreiber Church Algoma, per Rev. Mr. Evans, \$20; Mrs. Gaviller, Beeton, \$10; From Hamilton, per Mrs. Stewart, \$22.50; Mrs. Merrick, College street, Toronto, \$5; a friend Toronto Diocese \$2; St. James' Church, Ingersoll, W. A. M. A., \$30; from St. John's Church, Port Hope, per Rev. E. Daniel, as follows; H. Covert \$20; H. Meredith \$1; Miss Mary Walker \$3; Rev. E. Dame \$1,—total \$35.

The following has just come in for Building fund, collected by Mrs. Boomer:

Mrs. Sabbathson \$5; Mrs. Rowland \$2; Mrs. Fox, R. Brown and C. Greer \$1 each; V. Crownyn \$5; Mrs. Warner 50; Havergal Mission Band \$15; a friend \$5; F. Jewell \$2; Mrs. Newman, Bullen, Nevins and Graydon, \$1 each; Rev. J. Edmonds \$2; Mrs. Thorpe 50c; Mrs. J. Labatt \$3; Mrs. English \$5; Mrs. Lings (for freight) 75c; Anon St. Thomas \$5.

Kingston, per R. V. Rogers and per Rev. Mr. McMorine \$20; Molsons' Bank \$5; a sympathiser, Campbellford \$3; Rev. A. Allman, Port Sydney \$4; Rev. James Simpson, Charlotte-towne \$5; Mrs. Ramsay \$5; Richard Hawkins, per S. S. Harmony \$6; W. W. \$20; Church of the Redeemer, Cote St. Paul, Que., per L. H. Davidson, Q. C., Montreal, \$9; St. John's Ch., per Miss Ellen Holt, sec.-treas. W. A. M. A. \$25; Inmates 'Sunnyside' Tyrconnel \$5; Bishop Boyd Vincent, Cincinnati, \$5; Rev. Mr. McLeod Gore Bay, Diocese Algoma, \$3.

PARRY SOUND.—*Ruri Decanal Chapter.*—On Tuesday, the 10th inst., the Ruri Decanal Chapter, met in the town of Parry Sound. The Chapter consisted of the following clergymen: The Rev. Rural Dean Chowne of Rousseau, Revs. G. H. Gaviller, Gilmour, Young, Vesey and Sinclair. At eight o'clock Evening service was held in Trinity Church, the preacher was the Rev. Gowan Gilmour, of North Bay. In consequence of the snow storm the congregation was not so large as expected. Next morning after Holy Communion, the Chapter met in the vestry, and the New Testament was read in the original Greek, the Rural Dean presiding. At 12 noon the Chapter adjourned till 3 p.m., when a paper was read by the Rev. A. J. Young, of

Magnetawan, on the subject of "Our duty towards our neighbor," in which he pointed out the teaching of the latter portion of the Decalogue. This subject was well discussed by the members of the Chapter. Another paper of much ability was read on the qualifications necessary for Holy Orders by the Rev. G. H. Gaviller, of Parry Sound, after which the Rev. Eustace A. Vesey read his essay on Church music. In the evening Divine Service was held in the Church; all the clergy were present also a full attendance of the choir and a good congregation. An address was given by the Rev. L. Sinclair, of Christ Church, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. A. J. Young. At the close of the service the Rev. Rural Dean Chowne, in the course of his much appreciated remarks, said that he could not say too much in commendation of the incumbent and the congregation for the rapid advance they had made in the general improvement of the interior of the church, and that he wished them God's blessing on their efforts. The clergy met on this occasion under much difficulty in consequence of the roads being unsuitable for sleighing or driving, some of them had to walk forty miles.

ROUSSEAU.—On Friday, the 13th instant, the Rev. Rural Dean Chowne, accompanied with the Rev. L. Sinclair, went to visit a sick communicant three miles from Rousseau, and on returning, owing to the bad state of the road, the Dean fell out of the sleigh and sustained a bruise on the face and a deep lacerated wound on the knee. Dr. Topp dressed the wound at 10:20 p.m., and ordered the Dean to keep his bed for ten days. The Dean sent a special message to his Uilswater congregation to prevent their disappointment on Sunday.

DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.

NEW WESTMINSTER.—The reception given by the Bishop and Mrs. Sillitoe in honor of the 10th anniversary of the Bishop's Consecration, and the formation of this Diocese, was held in the Opera House on 13th November, and was a decided success.

We are glad to say that a Church social club amongst young men has been formed, and is likely to be a great success.

Confirmation in Holy Trinity Parish is fixed for the 18th of December. There are now about twelve candidates for the rite.

There are now sixty-nine names on the roll of the Sunday School; and the present room is too small for them. This may hasten the building of a parochial hall for many purposes besides Sunday School. In a parish like this there should be a building where public meetings could be held, and which could be looked upon as the special property of the parishioners.

A cablegram from the Rev. Geo. H. Tovey says he has accepted the position of second assistant priest in this parish. Mr. Tovey was ordained deacon in 1879, and priest in 1880 in the Diocese of Lichfield, England, and served the first two years of his ministry in the curacy of Normacott, Staffordshire, after which he held for five years the chaplaincy of the North Staffordshire infirmary, and then went to Bournemouth, where he is still engaged as senior curate of St. Stephen's. He is expected to arrive in New Westminster about the end of January next.

VANCOUVER.—An entertainment was given in St. James' schoolroom on Tuesday, Nov. 12th, by the Rev. S. C. Scholefield, consisting of a lantern exhibition of cathedrals, abbeys and castles of England. The proceeds were given to the Treasurer of St. James' Guild, for the reduction of the debt on the schoolhouse.

St. Paul's.—The sacred rite of Confirmation was administered by the Bishop of the Diocese at this church, on Tuesday, Nov. 19th, to two adults.

St. Michael's.—This little Church suffered slightly in the severe gale on Sunday, Nov. 17, the building being blown a few inches out of plumb, and a stained glass window, the gift of a lady in England, being badly smashed.

SAPPERTON.—Port Moody, which is part of the wide Parish of St. Mary's, Sapperton, is rousing itself to meet the efforts of Archdeacon Woods, the Rector, to provide regular church services, which are at present held in an empty store built and occupied when Port Moody promised to be a place. More than one lot has been offered on which to build, but it is thought advisable to obtain, if possible, a lot more central as regards the present population, than any that has yet been offered, and it is hoped that the early spring will see the erection of a suitable building to be used as Parish room and Mission room until such time as the requirements of the growing congregation demand a properly appointed building consecrated to the greater Glory of God. The congregation have provided a handsome organ, which was used for the first time on Sunday, Nov. 24th.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

The *Guardian* (England,) in its issue of last week, in a leader on "Reunion and the Roman Controversy," has some good remarks on the question of maintaining the institution of the Episcopate at all hazards. It says:—"We contend that the principle of succession, as the Catholic Church has preserved it in the Episcopate, is the only principle capable of preventing the natural tendency of human thought to disintegration and change, and maintaining the catholicity which is of the essence of the Church's life. To declare such a principle as this unessential, for the sake of an uncertain union with bodies that are continually shifting, would be an act of suicide." We perceive that the new Professor of Church History in the Assembly College, Belfast, has taken the opportunity of his inaugural address to traverse the entire position of an original Episcopate. According to Dr. Heron, originally Bishops were elders, "and there was a plurality of Bishops in each congregation. . . . Whatever succession there was, was a succession of presbyters." Of course it is impossible to reconcile on any logical grounds Dr. Heron's view of Church government with that shown in St. Paul's Pastoral Epistles, where the one-man principle is so plainly revealed. "For this cause" (writes St. Paul to Titus) "left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldst appoint elders in every city, as I gave thee charge." And to Timothy he writes—"The things which thou hast heard from me the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." Now here is a form of Church government and authority vested in a single individual which is entirely irreconcilable with Dr. Heron's theory of the Christian ministry as propounded in his address. And when we get out of inspired history and into that of the earliest Christian writers we come on a universal Episcopate, which lasted unbroken to the sixteenth century, when Calvin out of his own head invented Presbyterianism.—*Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette.*

The *Church Record* of Conn. says:—"What is the foundation of our faith? If we lean chiefly upon the miraculous, our faith will be shaken, perhaps destroyed, by the first popular lecturer who ridicules or throws doubt upon the miracles. It will be liable to be sneered out of countenance by a Balaam's Ass, or swallowed up by a Jonah's big fish, or taken aback with a dial of Ahaz.

If we depend upon arguments and reasons which appeal to the intellect only, there are plenty of sophists, far wiser than we; who can assail our argument till they appear to us like a card house.