

OTTAWA.

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OSUOODE AND RUSSELL MISSION.—Sunday, March 28th, was a memorable day in the history of this Mission. After 41 years of existence the old church is to be torn down and replaced by a new one. The farewell service at 11 o'clock was very largely attended, many having driven for miles over bad roads. Special lessons were used, and the Psalms for the day seemed specially appropriate. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. W. Mackay, of Ottawa, from the Ps. cxxii. 1: "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." At the celebration of the Holy Communion there were nearly 100 communicants, and the last words in the old building were the Pax Vobiscum. After service many lingered to take a last look at the building which was linked with the most sacred associations of their lives. The missionary, Rev. C. Clarke, is doing an excellent work, and has been twice visited by our new bishop. The new church will be built of stone, and when completed in the fall will be free from debt and ready for consecration, God having given to the people a willing spirit, so that they have offered willingly.

TORONTO.

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St. Stephen's.—The large school house of this church was filled with the members of the Y.P.A. and their friends to hear a lecture on "Italy," by Rev. Prof. Cody, of Wycliffe College, on Monday night, 29th ult. The lecture was illustrated with limelight views shown by Mr. Robt. Parker. For two hours the lecturer held the earnest attention of all present, while he took them from city to city, and vividly described the many famous buildings and lovely scenes to be found there. The lecture was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience.

Trinity Lectures.—The course of lectures on the English Universities, which have been given at Trinity College, Toronto, during the past few weeks, were brought to a satisfactory conclusion on Tuesday evening last, when a large audience gathered together in the Convocation Hall to hear the Rev. J. C. Roper, rector of St. Thomas' Church, give "The Story of Oxford." The lecture, which was greatly appreciated by those present, was illustrated by lime-light views of the different colleges, etc., at Oxford, many of which were very beautiful. At the close of the lecture the Provost showed some views of the buildings, etc., of the sister University of Cambridge, these portraying the ever-famous "Backs," the great Court of Trinity College, and the far-famed and absolutely unique (so far, at any rate, as England is concerned) Chapel of Kings, being especially enjoyed and appreciated by the audience.

The Holy Trinity Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to Missions held their annual meeting in the cosy parlor of their commodious school house, Trinity Square, on the p.m. of the 30th March, at 3 o'clock. The event proved a more than usually happy one, in its varied aspects of business, addresses, election of officers and presentation. The attendance of members was large and weather delightfully spring like. Proceedings were commenced by the reading of the very beautiful Litany of Intercession by the rector. Mrs. Thompson, after a few warm words of welcome, asked for the report of the secretary. Mrs. George Holmstead's statement proved most interesting, showing a great work accomplished by the Branch during the past year, many hearts having been made glad in the vast lone land lying to the north-west of us, by sales sent by the faithful workers of this industrious Branch, Rev. Hartley, among many others, sending in return their grateful thanks. The Secretary's report glowed with earnestness and was replete with interesting items throughout, proving the felicitous expression of Mrs. Williamson correct, in that the secretary should go up head. One small group of clouds alone obscured the sunshine of the report, in the passing on of two members to the better Land: as also in the departure from the city of Mrs. Wragge and her family. The report showed on the whole, a good attendance at the regular meetings of the Branch. The secretary deploring the fact of no junior branch; announcing the gratifying fact of fourteen extra-cent-a-day boxes having been given to members. The treasurer, Miss Selby, then read a carefully prepared report, which was received without a grumble, proving contentment with the balance in hand. Mrs. Macleod Moore then moved, seconded by Mrs. Bruce, that the reports as read be adopted, which was carried with enthusiasm; ballot papers being then furnished to the members on the vanishing behind closed doors of the scrutineers, Mrs. Macleod Moore and Mrs. Blackburn. Mrs. Thompson, Prest., invited Miss Montizambert to address the Branch on the Blackfoot Hospital, which, as every

one has heard before, the writer may omit; suffice it to say that the fervid recital of journey and visits paid to the Reserve by the indefatigable provincial diocesan secretary, was listened to with marked interest. The many beautifully executed photographs showing Blackfoot Hospital, home and pupils, evoked many flattering comments. The trained nurses sent by Ontario and Huron are proving a great blessing; one realizes this on hearing that were their places vacant the nuns of the Romish Church would hold sway. Miss Montizambert's address was markedly earnest, showing throughout the Christian spirit and the devotion which should be apparent in the life of each one of us. At the close of Miss Montizambert's thoughtful address, a flutter of excitement was in the air on the re-appearance of the scrutineers, the result of the ballot being as follows: President, Mrs. Thompson; secretary, Mrs. George Holmstead; treasurer, Miss Selby; 1st vice president, Mrs. Fletcher; 2nd, Mrs. Hammond. Delegates to annual meeting, Mesdames Blatchford and Blackburn; substitutes, Mesdames Luce and Fletcher. The result of the ballot was received with great applause, after which the event of the day took place in the presentation to their much loved president of a gold badge of life membership, a Winchester cross and motto, together with a very beautiful illuminated address as follows: The lettering was in blue and white and the frame well gilt—the whole of chaste design. The motto of this Branch formed a neat line at top, so: "The love of Christ constraineth us." "Woman's Auxiliary to Missions, Church of England, Diocese of Toronto. This is to certify that Helen Riege Thompson is consecrated a life member of this auxiliary by the members of the Holy Trinity Branch, in loving appreciation of her faithful services as their president." Mrs. Thompson was completely surprised and visibly affected at this much prized recognition from the Branch, the interests of which she has so much at heart. In unsteady tones, for she was deeply moved, Mrs. Thompson, as re-elected president, called for the report of Dorcas secretary—Mrs. Banks, of York Mills, giving in her usual concise and practical manner a brief summary of matters pertaining to her office. One could not but note the fact of 74 communicants presenting themselves at one time in the frozen regions lying far north of us; one devout squaw having walked thirty miles rather than miss this blessed means of grace. One hundred miles is frequently traversed by Indians to attend Communion service. It was stated that converted Indians frequently set a good example to white sportsmen, who go forth to kill God's creatures on the Sunday. The Dorcas secretary stated that a service is greatly needed at the Hudson Bay post. The diocesan president was next called to the floor, and in a happy speech congratulated Mrs. Thompson, adding a word in praise of Mrs. Holmstead's efficient work as secretary, affirming that she should be in the highest class. Mrs. Williamson asked, "where are your girls? Why not interest them in this great and useful work. We look to the girls to carry on this work when we are gone. Another thing I want to tell you is, that you should all know the parochial constitution. One said to me (she added) that it was 'my business to know it,' and I say it is yours also. Your first duty as members is to pray for missions and missionaries. Each individual member should be a working, an active member. I congratulate you on the work done by your Branch, but still, with the ever increasing calls upon us, we must all be zealous, each realizing the great responsibility resting upon us." A social tea having been partaken of, the pleasant gathering departed for their respective homes with renewed resolves for greater self abnegation.

The Rev. J. C. Roper, M.A., has been recently appointed to the Chair of Dogmatic Theology at the General Theological Seminary, New York, and he will leave Toronto in about a month's time to assume his new duties in that city.

TULLAMORE.—Since Epiphany the Rev. Geo. B. Morley, rector of Tullamore, has conducted five missions extending over six weeks, preaching three times daily.

BRIEF MENTION.

The various countries of the world now use 13,400 different kinds of postage stamps.

There are seventeen quinine factories in the world, and six of these are in Germany.

The Duke of Fife, son-in-law of the Prince of Wales, will, it is said, be made a Prince upon the occasion of the jubilee celebration.

London city is going to hold an exhibition at the Guildhall of the progress of art during Queen Victoria's reign.

The announcement is made, that Prince Christian, the heir of Crown Prince Frederick, of Denmark, has been betrothed to the Duchess Alexandrina, of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

The Earl of Ranfurly has been appointed Governor of New Zealand, to succeed the Earl of Glasgow.

Eagles do not have different mates every season, as do birds generally; they pair for life, and sometimes occupy the same nest for many years.

Emperor Julian, surnamed the Apostate, wrote, in Greek, several interesting works. The most notable was "Letters on the Use of the Beard."

Lord Iveagh has given \$62,000 to the Dublin Commemoration Fund for providing Queen's trained nurses for the Irish poor.

Official statistics for 1896 of the seven Australian colonies give their population as being 4,328,171. Melbourne is said to have lost 42,486 inhabitants since 1891.

It is said that Mme. Sarah Bernhardt has never used wine or other intoxicants, confining her beverages mostly to milk and water, and that she attributes largely to this the remarkable preservation of her powers.

The Rev. Edward Hutchinson, formerly secretary of the Church Missionary Society of England, and well known in connection with the exploration of Africa, is dead at Forest, Ont.

The theatres in Japan have a novel method of pass-out tickets, which are positively not transferable. When a person wishes to leave the theatre before the close of the performance, with the intention of returning, he goes to the doorkeeper and holds out his right hand. The doorkeeper then, with a rubber stamp, imprints on the palm the mark of the establishment.

For the first time in 17 years all the judges of England are about to meet in the House of Lords, to decide what constitutes intimidation in labour cases, the Law Lords of the House having divided equally in a recent case sent up to them.

DUBLIN, April 1st.—The Most Reverend William C. Plunkett, Protestant Archbishop of Dublin, died here this morning after a brief illness. William Conyngham Plunkett was born in 1828 and elected Bishop of Meath in 1876, and translated to the Archbishopric of Dublin in 1884. He was a member of the Senate of the University of Ireland.

British and Foreign.

A new Welsh church was opened on the 31st ult. at Paddington Green.

The dean of Canterbury has gone to the south of France for rest and change.

The Church both in South Australia and in Victoria will attain its Jubilee on St. Peter's Day of this year.

The Bishop of Auckland, who is the Primate of New Zealand, is expected to reach London about the middle of next month.

A magnificent reredos has lately been erected in St. Matthew's church, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to the memory of the late Mr. R. J. Johnston, F.S.A.

An effort is to be made to erect six new churches in what are commonly known as the Three Towns, viz., Plymouth, Stone and Devonport.

It has been decided to complete the peal of bells in the tower of the parish church at Taunton, as a memorial of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The bells belonging to Bath Abbey are to be rehung and placed in proper order. For some years past they have been rung with great difficulty.

It is not generally known that the largest dome in England is not that of St. Paul's Cathedral, but the dome of the reading room of the British Museum.

Honorary degrees were conferred recently at Cambridge upon Mr. Bayard, the retiring American ambassador, and Dr. Nansen, of Arctic Exploration fame.

An anonymous donor has forwarded a cheque for £2,000 to the Secretary of the Queen Victoria Clergy Sustentation Fund, Church House, Westminster, S. W.

The Rev. John Morgan, rector of Llandudno, is spoken of as being likely to succeed the late Very Rev. Dean Phillips in the deanery of St. David's. He is a High Churchman.

The Ven. the Archdeacon of Middlesex (Dr. Thornton) has been elected rural dean of Kensington, in the place of the Bishop of Peterborough, by the clergy of Kensington.