

was, among other things, wanted for Deux Rivieres Church, the writer had just ordered one weighing 125 pounds to be forwarded at once. The letter is dated from Edinburgh and signed "A Member of the C.S.P.S." We accept with profound gratitude this generous gift, one among so many for which this part of the mission field is indebted to loving hearts at home. Will not some of our Canadian friends give us a bell for St. Margaret's Church, Lake Tallon?

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The Toronto Church Sunday-school Association, now in its 4th year of existence has issued in circular form its Annual statistical report accompanied with its list of officers, extracts from Constitution and programme of meetings.

The Association is evidently managed by active and capable men of whom probably its Secretary, C. R. W. Biggar, Esq., of Toronto, Barrister, is the leading spirit.

From the report we find that in Toronto and immediate neighborhood there are thirty-six Church Sunday-schools in connection with the Association having 836 teachers and 8,806 scholars, with an average attendance (which appears exceedingly large) of 6,414. The Association meets on the second Thursday of each month, when the Sunday-school lesson for the following Sunday is taken up for half an hour, then general business follows for fifteen minutes; after which a paper prepared by some member and limited to twenty minutes is read and a discussion takes place upon the subject treated of, each speaker being limited to five minutes.

The Association has fixed the following meetings:

Jan. 13th, 1887.—St. Phillip's School House.—Sunday-school Lesson: Mr. Geo. B. Kirkpatrick. Paper: "Early History of the Church of England,"—Mr. G. S. Holmsted.

Feb. 10th.—Holy Trinity School House.—Sunday-school Lesson: George M. Evans, M.A. Paper: "Religious Teaching and Influence in the Public Schools."—Alex. Marling, M.A.

Mar. 5th.—Grace Church School House.—Sunday-school Lesson: Mr. S. G. Wood. Paper: "The Order for Morning and Evening Prayer"—Rev. John Pearson.

April 14th.—Church of the Ascension School House.—Sunday-school Lesson: Rev. J. P. Lewis. Paper: "Mission Work in St. John's Ward,"—Beverley Jones, M.A.

May 12th.—St. Luke's School House.—Sunday-school Lesson: C. R. W. Biggar, M.A. Paper: "The Psalter,"—Rev. Canon Dumoulin, M.A.

June 20th.—Celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee.

The General Committee of the Association suggests that the 50th Anniversary of the Queen's Accession might be very appropriately observed by a mass meeting of the Church Sunday-schools of Toronto in the Horticultural Pavillion, or in some other large hall; the Association to make the necessary provisions for such celebration, financially and otherwise.

The Committee also report that the Sunday-school Committee of the Diocese has arranged to hold a written examination during Advent 1887 for Sunday-school teachers and senior scholars upon the subject of the Church of England S. S. Institute Lessons for 1886 and 1887, viz.: "The Church Catechism and the Wanderings of Israel in Egypt and the wilderness." It is hoped that the clergy and Sunday-school superintendents will urge teachers and senior scholars to go up for this examination. Reference is also made to the complete and valuable help to the teaching of the Institute Lessons to be obtained from the Teacher's Assistant published every four weeks by the S. S. Committee

of the Diocese; specimen copies of which may be obtained gratis from Messrs. Rowsell & Hutchison.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

GEORGETOWN.—The Rev. J. Francis, of Watertown, has been conducting the services here since Rev. Mr. Adams left. A conference between the Bishop and churchwardens, as to the new appointment, is shortly to be held; and it is hoped that a satisfactory arrangement may soon be arrived at. Thorold, too, is still vacant.

BURLINGTON.—The Bishop of Niagara administered the rite of Confirmation here on Sunday, the 9th instant, to five candidates who had been unable to present themselves at the Confirmation held in June last. Three of them were adults, brought up in other forms of faith. In the evening the new Sunday-school was used for service, and the Bishop preached again on behalf of Foreign Missions. The congregation was pleased and edified with his earnest addresses.

MOUNT FOREST.—The entertainment given by the teachers and others of this Sunday-school was most successful in every way. The hall was well filled, the magic lantern views of first-class order and merit, and skilfully handled and explained by Rev. Dean Spencer. The Rev. R. S. Radcliffe occupied the chair. Short speeches were given by Rev. C. G. Snapp, Rev. D. Bickell, Mr. Jos. Reid, of the High School, and Mr. W. C. Perry. The Bible scenes were made more impressive by the singing of well known hymns bearing on the subject of the picture. All seemed to really enjoy themselves, and the Sunday-school children and others behaved in the best possible way. The prizes were given the following Sunday by the Rev. C. G. Snapp.

The watch-night service was held as usual in St. Paul's Church beginning at 11 p.m. The impressive office of Holy Communion with special prayers suitable to the occasion, with practical addresses from the Rector and Curate, made the service one not soon to be forgotten. The attendance was good and about forty persons received Communion.

Mr. W. R. Cross, a lay reader of the Diocese of Huron, assisted in the services at St. Paul's Church on Sunday last. He expects soon to enter Trinity College, Toronto. Mr. Cross is the son of a Methodist preacher, and father and son are respected by all who know them.

NANTICOKE.—December 30th was a red letter day in this mission, a substantial and well finished Church was dedicated to the service of Almighty God to take the place of one which had been used for over forty years. Great credit is due to the energetic Missionary, Rev. John Seamon, who never spares himself in his work, and his loyal congregation that in about six months after laying the foundation stone, the building, which cost in all about \$3,000, was finished, free from debt, and ready to be consecrated.

The Scriptural and Apostolic Rite of Confirmation was administered to eleven grown up persons, who were address by our Bishop in such loving and forcible words that all present must have been greatly edified and instructed. The Holy Communion was celebrated by His Lordship, assisted by Rev. Geo. A. Bull, M.A., Rev. T. Motherwell, B.A., in which a large number participated. The Church was filled to its utmost capacity.

At the evening service addresses were delivered by the Bishop, Rev. Geo. A. Bull, Rev. G. Johnston and Rev. T. Motherwell to a large and attentive congregation. May this be the beginning of many more happy and joyful days to be spent by pastor and flock together in the House of Prayer, where true happiness

and joys are to be found in the presence of Him who dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in His name He will grant their request.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

CLINTON.—St. Paul's Church.—Christmas day was welcomed as usual at this church with the old-time decorations, and a bright and hearty service of prayer and praise. The musical parts of the service were well rendered by the choir, assisted by ladies and gentlemen of this town, Stratford and Toronto, who were kind enough to give valuable and appreciated assistance. It was generally agreed that never before had there been singing superior to that of Christmas day. The "Te Deum" may be especially mentioned for evenness of tone, correct time and well-balanced parts. The sermon was from St. Luke ii. v. 8, 9, 10, 11. Another thing that added much of interest was the improvement in the appearance of the church made by a handsome brass pulpit which had been erected the day before. A new prayer-desk had also been put in, and we feel sure every one will acknowledge that these additions must help to make the church attractive and pleasant to the eye, which is something not to be lightly despised.

STRATHROY.—The Christmas and New Year's Festival of St. John's Church Sunday-school was held in the Albert Hall on the evening of the 7th inst. The building was filled with happy children, their parents, teachers and friends. The Rector, in the opening address, congratulated the school on having begun, during the past year, the missionary work of contributing half the annual support of an Indian boy in the Algoma Shingwauk Home, and expressed the hope that next year the whole support would be raised. Besides vocal and instrumental music, the children were entertained with a fine set of stereopticon views, taking them in imagination across the continent, from the natural wonders of the Yosemite Valley to the Capitol at Washington. The prizes for the past year were distributed, and the evening closed with a beautiful children's operatta, entitled "The Sleeping Princess," and performed with great credit by scholars of the school.

WARSDVILLE.—There was a good congregation in the Church on Christmas Day, a considerable number being children, who sang some carols with pleasing effect. The Church was prettily decorated. The offertory for the Board of Missions, since taken up, was a good one, considering the circumstances of the congregation it is one of the largest in the diocese.

The Christmas entertainment of the Sunday-school, was a most decided success. We have seldom seen a prettier sight than that presented by twelve children, all in white, on a seesaw, keeping time to the singing of the scholars, who voiced that popular melody. The Alphabet, in rhyme, was most amusing; every child represented a letter and a character; for instance, A was an archer, who shot at a frog; B was a butcher, who had a big dog, and so on with all the letters. The appearance of the children as they filled the platform was most effective; while the other scholars sang the pretty air to which the words were set the children passed one by one across the platform enacting the characters personated. Then followed a most comical series of "Nursery Rhymes," which caused the greatest merriment. "Little Miss Muffit sat on a tuft," etc. When the spider appeared, a huge creature about 18 inches long, swinging not only over Miss Muffit but over some of the audience, created quite a sensation. This was very effective. Then came "Simple Simon met a pieman," with his laughable experience; "Jack and Jill," "Jack Sprat," "The little old woman who lived in a shoe," and several others. One of the most