

The bell, weighing nearly 500 lbs., cast by Meneely & Co., Troy, N.Y., was formally presented to the church and accepted by the Rector, Rev. R. D. Irwin, and his warden, Mr. Howard, the Rector replying shortly, encouraging the youthful workers to persevere, after which a hymn of dedication, specially written for the occasion, was sung.

An eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Ker to an interested audience. The service was bright and impressive, the hymns being very appropriate and heartily joined in by all present. At the singing of the line, A. and M. 303, "Whene'er the sweet church bell," the clerk stepped forward and rang the bell, its sweet, clear tones blending harmoniously with the choir. Many Methodists and Roman Catholics were present and apparently took a great interest in the proceedings.

The offertory towards the fund amounted to \$10.61, and the bell is now fully paid for. The bell bears the following beautiful inscription: "To the glory of God and in memory of the faithful departed of St. Stephen's church, Chambly, given by the Willing Workers, 1895," a most appropriate inscription in an old historic parish like Chambly, being a perpetual reminder of the indissoluble connection between the past and the present and the doctrine of the Communion of Saints.

Diocese of Ontario.

GANANOQUE.—On the evening of the 26th February a tea and entertainment under the auspices of the ladies of Christ Church was held and passed off most successfully. The evening's entertainment consisted of vocal and instrumental music and a number of beautiful tableaux; that representing the ten virgins was especially meritorious. Twelve pupils of the High School gave an exhibition of archery drill during the evening. The financial result of the entertainment was very satisfactory. The Rev. Mr. Lowe represented the rector and Mrs. Auston who are presently in England.

Two services were held in Christ Church on Ash Wednesday, and a service will be held every Wednesday evening and Friday afternoon during Lent.

Diocese of Toronto.

TORONTO.—A Conference of clerical and lay delegates from the dioceses of Toronto, Huron, Niagara and Algoma was held last month in the Synod office, for the consideration of the question of extending the Episcopate and of rearranging the dioceses accordingly. Representatives were present from the four dioceses. The Lord Bishop of Toronto presided and after discussing several schemes a committee was appointed to make suggestions the result being that the following schemes were proposed for consideration:

New Diocese, "Bruce, Grey Dufferin, Simcoe and the Wellingtons."

New Diocese, "Parry Sound, Muskoka, Simcoe, North Wellington, Grey and Bruce."

1. Niagara, "to lose North Wellington, and take Brant, Waterloo and Norfolk." 2. Niagara "to take Grey and Bruce."

New Western Diocese, "Grey, Bruce and Algoma."

New Eastern Diocese "North and East Simcoe, North Victoria, North Ontario, Haliburton, Muskoka and Parry Sound."

PETERBOROUGH.—The special course of Lenten services at St. John's Church, so popular for several years past, will be continued this year and amongst others the following have been announced to take part therein: Revs.

Septimus Jones, Rural Dean of Toronto; Canon Burke, Belleville; Canon Spragge, Cobourg; A. J. Reid, Uxbridge; and E. J. Etherington, Sunderland. On Ash Wednesday the Rev. Carl Smith, of Lindsay, was the preacher and a large number attended the services.

At St. Luke's Church services are being held as follows: Evening Prayer on Wednesday's and Friday's at 8 p. m., with address by a special preacher or the rector; and on Monday's, Tuesday's and Thursday's Evening Prayer with reading at 5 p. m. A course of sermons on the Prayer Book is being delivered on the Sunday mornings of Lent which cannot but be useful and instructive.

ORILLIA.—During Lent a special service will be held on Friday afternoon in St. James' Church here.

CAMPBELLFORD.—During Lent special services are being held in the parish of Christ church every Wednesday and Friday morning and Wednesday and Friday evening.

At the evening services a special course of sermons will be delivered upon 'Conversion,' 'Conscience,' 'Knowledge of Christ,' 'Christ our example and daily life,' and 'How we may act like Judas and betray Christ.' On Good Friday special services will be held at 10 a. m. and 3 and 7 p. m., in the church. Attendants at any of the services are invited to remain after, if desirous of putting any questions to the preacher.

Diocese of Niagara.

GUELPH.—A sacred concert and organ recital was given in St. George's Church here on the evening of Monday, March 4th, under the auspices of the church choir, the proceeds being in favor of the general church fund.

"The Band of Hope and Ministering Children" connected with the parish has now a membership of 106. At a late meeting a very handsome album for photos was presented to Miss Bard on her retirement from the position of Secretary.

Special Lenten services are being held on Wednesday evening and Friday afternoon with addresses on Lenten topics.

Diocese of Huron.

ST. MARY'S.—The following clergymen will preach in St. James' church in this town on the following dates: Ash Wednesday, the Rector, Rev. W. J. Taylor; Thursday, Feb. 28th, Rev. A. Murphy, of Ingersoll; Tuesday, March 5th, Rev. G. C. Mackenzie, R. D. of Brantford; Tuesday, March 12th, Ven. Dean Innes; Tuesdays, March 19, 26, and April 2nd and 9th, the Right Rev. Bishop Baldwin. During Holy Week there will be service each evening, when it is expected other clergymen will take part. On Good Friday there will be a three hour's service from 12 until 3, and service in the evening.

Diocese of Algoma.

To the Editor of the CHURCH GUARDIAN.

The Rev. R. Renison, of Sault Ste. Marie, and Rural Dean of Algoma, has been holding missionary services in many of the churches of his extensive Rural Deanery with marked success. The offertories taken up at such services were sent to the Domestic and Foreign Mission Board.

In addition to Mr. Renison's assigned work

in Sault Ste. Marie and Korah, he holds week day services at the following places in regular succession: Garden River, Bruce Mines, Echo Bay, Macdonald Township, and Poplar Dale. These places embrace a very large area, in none of which is there at present a resident missionary. Poplar Dale, although an extensive farming community, is the most isolated of all the places mentioned, being situated about 18 miles from a line of railway and 20 from the nearest town. Here there are several families most zealously devoted to the Church, and one can always be found ready to drive the 20 miles to Bruce Mines to bring out Mr. Renison to hold service and take him back again; consequently one service means a drive of 80 miles for the farmer.

On the last occasion they told Mr. Renison that they were willing to subscribe \$80, besides the offertories, if a missionary could be found who would give them even one service every alternate Sunday. This is, however, only one solitary instance of the pressing needs of Algoma. At this present time two whole-hearted, devoted men in orders are needed to give our Church people in the above-named places regular Sunday services and other ministrations of the Church, and thus prevent a scattering of the flocks and hopeless absorption of them by other religious bodies.

In all these places the people express a willingness to give as liberally as their limited means allow in order to supplement the missionaries' stipends. At this Lenten Season may we not suggest and hope that some wealthy Churchmen will supply the balance of the stipends for the two men whom we seek.

Communications in reference to this matter may be addressed to Rev. Rural Dean Renison, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

The Rev. Rural Dean Chowne begs to acknowledge with hearty thanks the following sums in response to his appeal for a family in great distress. More help will be thankfully received: W. Drake, Montreal, \$5; two members of the Church in New Brunswick, \$5; J. G. F., Ottawa, \$2; Frankford, \$1.00; from a friend, \$4; Hamilton Rowe, Orillia.

THE URGENT CLAIMS OF JEWISH MISSIONS.

(From Bishop Blyth, Jerusalem, January 2, 1895.)

Missions to the Jews, equally with those to the Gentiles, form the missionary Commission of our Lord to the Church, St. Luke 24, 47. "To the Jew first, and also to the Gentile" was the uniform procedure of the Apostolic Church, until the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersion of the Jews suspended its possibility. There is no record that the Apostles observed any other order; and this order is specially noted wherever (on their repulse by the Jews of any city), they were forced to turn to the Gentiles. Nor is there any canon of the Church which excludes the Jews from our Lord's commission. St. Paul shews to the Romans the future destiny of the Church of the Hebrews, when the time of their restoration shall come. He states, also, that it is through the 'mercy' of the Gentile Churches that the Jews shall eventually 'obtain mercy.'

Now again Jerusalem is practically a City of the Jews. Two-thirds of its population are Jews. They command the trade and commerce of the City. When, on the foundation of the great Missionary Societies, the Church resumed obedience to our Lord's missionary command, there were not 1,000 Jews in Palestine. In 1840 there were 8,000; in 1887, 60,000; now there are about 125,000, of whom 45,000 (out of a