

labours freely given of this excellent man. Fortunately we possess a copy of his last report to the rural dean of Hastings, giving an account of his work. The account will best be read in his own words, which are as follows:—"Over the whole of this great and rough section of country, there are scattered poor church settlers, needing the comfort and help of the Word of God and the Church, to whom one's heart cannot help going out. Before I was appointed lay reader, I held services in my home on Sundays, and the neighbours used to gather to join in the church's prayers. I got my license in January, 1886, and since that time, I have been very actively engaged. I have now four regular appointments on Sundays, and on week days I have two, and am frequently called away from my work to visit the sick. I do all my journeys on foot having no horse. I leave home early on Sunday morning, getting some one to do the chores, and walk to my first appointment, seven miles, to Mr. Moor's, then I go on seven miles further to Gilmour, for the afternoon service, and return home on Monday morning. The next Sunday, I walk eight miles for the first service at St. Ola, seven miles farther for afternoon service at Cashel, returning as before, on Monday morning. "The last new service, which I opened, was at Coe-Hill, eight miles off. Mr. Scammell now goes there every other Sunday. There are other places which I could open up, if I were free to devote myself to them. In short there is enough work for a missionary at both ends of the parish, the work is too much for one. The people seem to relish the services of the church. They are warm-hearted, hard-working settlers, with few comforts, and it is a pleasure to work for them." And now a glance at the results of Mr. Scammell's five years of faithful work, carried on amid so much to make the knees grow weak, and the heart faint. Some of the richest results to the hearts and souls of his flock are known to God alone, and He will not forget them, but the visible, tangible upshot of his labours is that the mission of N. Hastings, is not only now a recognized and classified mission of the diocese, but it is ripe for division. Coe-Hill, the centre of the iron industry, which is being steadily developed, and the terminus of a railway, would form an admirable centre for one mission, while L'Amable would remain the headquarters of the other. It is indeed a matter of devout thankfulness to Almighty God, that he has enabled His missionary servant to persevere unto such a desirable end, in spite of the hardships and drawbacks which he encountered in his pioneer labours; and now that his removal to another, and we trust a less laborious and trying field is announced, we hope that the bishop of the diocese will speedily be able to send into this interesting portion of the Lord's vineyard, one or more young and active men, who unharrassed and untied by family cares, would be able to devote themselves without let or hindrance, to the work and labour of building upon the foundations so well laid by the pioneer missionary of North Hastings.

OTTAWA.—*Christ Church Vestry meeting.*—An adjourned meeting of the Vestry of Christ Church, was held on the evening of the 18th, in the school room. The chair was taken by Archdeacon Lauder, and Mr. John Christie acted as secretary. The printed reports of the wardens for the past year were laid on the table. There was some discussion on the item of \$85 for lifting and laying carpets. The estimates for 1887-8 were then introduced by Mr. Robertson, and the items explained in detail. Further explanations were given by Mr. J. C. Stewart, the rector's churchwarden. Dr. Wicksteed, on the item of the sexton's salary, suggested that that official should be clothed in some distinguishing uniform. A resolution to increase the stipend of the clergy by \$200 was carried. The estimates were then passed as amended.

A communication from the president of the Protestant Hospital, was read by the secretary, making the following proposition: That the Christ Church authorities hand over to the directors of the hospital, the old burying ground on Sandy Hill back of the hospital building, and that it be converted into a park for the use of the invalids of the hospital. Hospital Board of Directors to pay all expenses incurred in planting trees, and getting the grounds in perfect order and keeping them so. The vestry appointed the following committee to see the Directors of the Hospital, with a view of discussing and deciding the matter, Messrs. Robertson, C. Stewart, Dr. Hill and E. P. Remon.

A communication was read from Mr. W. A. Allan, offering to the management of the church the beautiful stained glass memorial window placed in the church to the memory of the late Mrs. Lewis, wife of Bishop Lewis. The vestry decided to accept the kind offer. The meeting then adjourned.

IREQUOIS.—*St. John's Church* was re-opened for divine service on Tuesday, April 26th, at 7.30 p.m. The clergy present were Rev. G. Meisler, of Cardinal, who said the prayers; the Rev. G. W. White, the

rector of the parish, who read the lessons. The Rev. W. Lawin, Rector of Prescott, preached the sermon from II. Corinthians xii., 9. The musical part of the service was conducted by Mr. H. H. Ross. The anthem sung while the offerings were taken up, was ably rendered by a quartette, consisting of Mr. and Miss Lewis. The offerings were above thirty dollars. The church had undergone a thorough cleansing, and was decorated with great taste and beauty by Mr. Spence, of Montreal. The same artist had erected a beautiful reredos, put up by Mr. Mason Mills to the memory of his brother, the late Cephas Mills, Esq., who was killed at the White River Railroad accident. The reredos contained five panels, in four of which were the emblems of the gospels, and in the centre one a golden cross with a halo at the intersection of the arms. The altar was vested for the Easter season, and on the re-table stood two fine vases, the gift of Mr. M. Mills, containing exquisite bouquets. The old stove, with its unsightly, protruded pipes, had given place to a new furnace. The church was brilliantly lighted with six new coronas, having each three lights. Last fall, the church was newly shingled and a new fence placed around the rectory. These improvements have cost about a thousand dollars. The church property now possesses a pleasing and finished appearance. It should be mentioned that the expense of clearing and beautifying St. John's church was borne by the ladies' guild, and the guild also contributed a liberal subscription to the furnace for heating the church. This result shows how actively and energetically the ladies of St. John's guild have worked.

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BRAMPTON.—*Christ Church.*—Special services were held in this church during Lent and every day in Holy Week, and were well attended. The offertory on Good Friday was for the London Society for the conversion of the Jews. On Easter Sunday the congregations were very large, the rector, the Rev. C. C. Johnson officiating and delivering impressive sermons. The services were bright and hearty, the musical portion being unusually good. The offertory amounted to upwards of \$50. The congregation was well represented at the vestry meeting on Monday evening; Messrs. W. W. Nation and Thos. Morphy were elected church wardens; Messrs. Isaac West, Walter S. Morphy, John Pexton, and John Clarke, sidesmen, and Judge Scott, Capt. Blain, and Mr. John Clarke were appointed delegates to the Synod.

RICHMOND HILL.—*St. Mary's Church.*—At the Easter vestry meeting the churchwardens presented their annual report, and the rector informed the meeting that it was the best financial statement received to his knowledge at this vestry.

The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year:—Nelson Playter and M. H. Keefer, churchwardens; Geo. B. Nicol, delegate to the synod.

TORONTO.—*Eighth Annual Meeting of the Churchwoman's Mission Aid.*—The eighth annual meeting of Churchwoman's Mission Aid Society of the Diocese of Toronto was held in the Synod rooms, on the 27th April. There was an unusually large attendance of members. The Bishop of Toronto presided. Mrs. O'Rielly read the report, which showed that considerable more work has been done during the past year than in the year preceding. The cash receipts during the year were \$2411.41, a balance of \$59.29 remaining on hand. The raising of money is not the object of the society. It is to provide clothing and church furnishings for poor missions. The ladies do the sewing, and the money received is used to defray incidental expenses. Fifty seven boxes of goods and clothing were sent out. These were distributed as follows:—44 to Algoma diocese, 6 to places in Toronto diocese, five to North-West dioceses, one to Niagara diocese and one to Huron diocese. The total value was \$2,357.74. The value of the articles sent out during the previous year was \$1,356.95.

Addresses were then delivered by the bishop, Rev. J. P. Lewis, Rev. Canon Osler, Rev. W. H. Clarke, and Rev. J. D. Cayley.

Rev. Dr. Mockridge, of Hamilton, Secretary of the Board of management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada, addressed the Society. In the course of his remarks also he said at the late meeting of the Board in London it was decided to discontinue the custom of transmitting the moneys contributed for foreign missions to the church societies in England.

A committee was afterwards appointed to consider the best means of raising funds for the society.

The meeting was then closed with the benediction, pronounced by the bishop.

A Frank and Valuable Admission.—The *Globe* of the 28th April claims that the vote of the House of Com-

mons when out of 215 only 47 voted for the suppression of the Crime Bill was a tremendous Roman Catholic victory. It tells Protestants of all ranks and shades to "be warned in time." It threatens any man who favors the "No Popery" sentiment with extinction. Our contemporary since its conversion to the Roman Catholic faith, as usual is a hotter zealot than those born in that corrupt apology for the faith of the Catholic Church. We note the warning, but it is too absurd to tremble over as we are asked to do.

Grace Church Vestry.—The vestry of this church was held on the 25th April, the Rev. J. P. Lewis, rector, in the chair. The receipts were reported \$5,849, a most gratifying exhibit considering the herculean labors put forth to damage the parish by those whose wickedness is most complacently regarded by some Churchmen on account of their social prominence. Messrs. Fortier and Covernton were appointed wardens, and Messrs. Hector Cameron, Q. C., R. Birmingham, and T. Kennedy, Delegates to Synod. A more determined effort to crush out a clergyman and to scatter his flock was never made than was made by the Mission Hall promoter and his friends to ruin the rector of Grace Church and to close his mission. The promise touching the impotency of the gates of hell stands yet, and its fulfillment is seen in the prosperity of Grace Church.

Memorial to late Rev. W. S. Darling.—An effort is being made to erect a memorial to the late Rev. W. S. Darling, in the Church of the Holy Trinity. The circular issued asking for subscriptions, signed by Mr. Wm. Ince, says:—

"It is scarcely necessary for me to urge the matter on your attention, for you are doubtless well aware of the valuable services rendered by Mr. Darling, not only in this parish where he faithfully served for so many years, but also to the Church generally, during his whole lifetime; and how fitting it is that his memory should be perpetuated in some substantial manner."

We trust that so commendable an effort may shortly be successful.

St. George's Society.—A Strange Omission.—The customary annual service of this Society was held at St. James' on the 24th April, and was unusually well attended, as the musical programme was highly attractive. The Bishop and a number of clergy were present. The preacher was the Rev. H. P. Hobson, curate of St. James, who based his discourse upon the glories of England, a well worn theme at this service. Mr. Hobson dwelt upon the work of the Bible Society with much unction, but by a most extraordinary oversight we presume, he made no allusion to England's greatest glory and the source of all her liberties and other social and religious pre-eminence—The Church of England. How is it that men of this school are so ashamed of the Church of which they are ministers? This extraordinary omission, the entire ignoring of the Church of England, as one of our national glories, was much commented upon and condemned by members of other religious bodies, who are quick to note the singular fact that in no other Communion are the ministers ashamed of the body they serve.

A St. George's Society Patriot.—A noteworthy speech was made at the dinner of the St. George's Society by Lt. Col. Denison, who said:—

It is a sad thing that there is any party in England willing to accept support from the Fenians of the United States. Some years ago he had served as an officer of the Volunteers under that gallant officer of the army—Lord Wolseley, in the defence of our frontier against those Fenians who are attacking the Empire. At that time the Fenians came like soldiers and the Volunteers knew how to meet them, but now the Fenians were sending their money into England and trying—as Mr. Chamberlain put it—to secure traitors in the ancient citadel at home. That was the greatest danger England had to fear. All honour to Mr. Chamberlain and men like him, who had put their country above party allegiance and everything else and come out like true Englishmen on behalf of the liberty of the Empire."

Doubtless the gallant and eloquent speaker was not unmindful of the fact that one sat near him who accepted support from the Fenians in Canada.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A quantity of Correspondence and Diocesan News unavoidably left over for want of space.