

held in the month of May next in Toronto, with a view to stirring up greater interest in the work of the society. Mr. Robert Graham, the well known general secretary of the Church Temperance Society in the United States, has kindly promised to be present at all the meetings, and to assist in promoting the objects of the Conference as much as possible. The following is a summary of the order of proceedings:—Tuesday evening, 10th May, public debate in St. James' schoolroom, subject, "Is legal prohibition desirable." Affirmative, Rev. Dr. Roy, Rev. S. Weston Jones, Mr. Caldecott. Negative, Professor Goldwin Smith, Rev. J. H. McCollum, Rev. T. W. Paterson. Wednesday morning ten to twelve, papers will be read by Mr. Graham on C. E. T. S. work and temperance literature, by Mr. Mercer on the C. E. T. S. and the Diocese of Toronto, and the Rev. R. Harrison on obstacles and how to remove them. Wednesday afternoon from two to four the scientific aspect of the temperance question will be treated by Dr. Geikie, Mr. Richardson, Dr. Aikins, Dr. Covernton, Dr. W. H. Oliphant and Mr. F. S. Spence. Thursday morning from ten to twelve will be devoted to the social and economic aspects of temperance, when papers will be read by the Rev. J. F. Sweeny, Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, and Rev. John Davidson. Thursday afternoon two to four, papers will be read on Woman's Work by Mrs. Curzon and Miss Tilley, and on Band of Hope Work by the Rev. H. B. Hobson, Mr. A. C. Winton and F. H. Fatt. Thursday evening, May 12th, the usual grand mass meeting of the C. E. T. S. will be held in the pavilion at eight o'clock, the Bishop of Toronto in the chair. Addresses will be delivered by the Mayor of Toronto, Mr. R. Graham, Rev. E. Stafford (Metropolitan Church) and the Rev. E. P. Crawford (Brookville). Friday evening, 18th May, a mass meeting of the Bands of Hope of the C. E. T. S. will be held in the pavilion, Canon O'Meara in the chair. Addresses will be delivered by Mr. R. Graham, Mr. J. C. Morgan and Rev. G. W. Morley. Much interest is being felt in this coming event in the annals of the C. E. T. S. in this diocese, and it is hoped that a large number of members and of persons interested in temperance work will be present at the various meetings. Opportunities for discussion will be given at all the morning and afternoon sessions of the conference.

NIAGARA.

ORANGEVILLE.—Very hearty services were held here on Easter Day; immense congregations filled the church at both services. It has become customary here on Easter Sunday afternoon for a number of the Sunday School children to visit the jail with the clergyman and sing a number of Easter carols. The prisoners appreciate this musical treat very much. In the evening a children's service was held in the church, when it was again crowded to its utmost capacity. The choir is making excellent progress under the management of Mr. J. H. Ross. On Easter Monday, Mr. John Armstrong was re-appointed delegate to the synod; Mr. Alfred Collier and Mr. H. Endacott were chosen churchwardens. The finances were in a very satisfactory state.

HURON.

BERLIN.—*St. John's Church.*—At a recent meeting of the congregation of St. John's Church of this town, the Rev. Dr. Beaumont, the pastor, intimated his intention of accepting a charge in St. Thomas. Dr. Beaumont has been in Berlin for about seven years, and deservedly gained the esteem of the community. He is a gentleman of scholarly attainments, an excellent preacher, and a man of undoubted piety. We wish him every success in his new field of Christian labour. We understand he intends leaving Berlin some time in May.

PORT DOVER.—The holy season of Lent was well observed by the Church people of Port Dover this year. The Wednesday evening services in St. Paul's Church were quite largely attended. The church was draped in black for Good Friday, and there was a full attendance at the services that day. On Easter day at matins the church was filled; the number of communicants was exceptionally large. The Incumbent, Rev. J. R. Newell, gave a brief statement of the progress made during the three years past. He stated that for missionary purposes, Widows and Orphans, &c., the members of St. Paul's Church contributed in the year ending at Easter, 1885, \$95.50; in 1886, \$128.01; and in 1887, \$163.49. The stipend was increased during the past year by \$100, house rent being also added. Moreover a driving shed was built at the cost of about \$150. According to this statement the church is in a most prosperous condition. It is the intention to have the church building thoroughly repaired this spring; it would be a right move. The auditors' report shows a balance on hand of \$69.50.

GALT.—The annual vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday, Rev. J. Ridley, rector, in the chair. The accounts were laid over until the adjourned meeting, on 19th inst. All the finances have been largely on the increase. Over \$580.00 have been raised during the year for diocesan and other missions, including \$100 given specially to Algoma. The Sunday School raised \$218, and has an attendance of 185 scholars, with 20 teachers. The following are the officers for the year: Rector's warden, Mr. Adam Warnock; people's warden, Mr. Geo. Godfrey; Sidesmen, Messrs C. Warnock, T. Peck, A. Ball, jr., R. McMillan, H. B. Lewis, Wm. Stickland; delegates to Synod, Messrs R. S. Stony, sr., Jas. Woods; vestry clerk, J. W. Beaumont. A permanent sexton is to be engaged whose whole time shall be devoted to the church, Trinity Square, rectory grounds, and the cemetery.

WARDSVILLE.—On Easter Day the chancel of this beautiful church was most tastefully adorned with flowers. The singing was very good, and the congregation large. The number of communicants was the largest for many years.

GLENCOE.—The service on Easter Day was very bright and hearty. The Psalms were well chanted, and the rest of the singing heartily joined in. The Holy Table and Font were very prettily decorated with flowers.

MEAFORD.—The Lenten Services in this parish have been unusually well attended this year. On Easter Sunday the Church was crowded at both morning and evening services with devout worshippers. The offertory for the day amounted to over \$75.00. The annual vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday evening, the Rector in the chair, when the following officers were elected: Robert Kerr and J. D. McGee, Churchwardens; H. Manley, D. Stirling, W. Gibson, H. Heletrop, S. Corley, A. G. Marmion, Sidesmen; P. Fuller and J. D. Montgomery, Lay delegates to Synod; R. W. Evans, vestry clerk.

CLINTON.—*St. Paul's Church.*—During Lent there were three services in the week. In Holy Week, daily services, morning and evening, at which the attendance was much larger than usual. Easter Day the services were bright and hearty, and the singing was admirable, particularly the chanting of the psalms at Evensong—the custom of this Church. Loving and devoted hands had beautifully decorated the church with flowers. The Easter offerings amounted to more than \$80. The annual vestry meeting was held on Monday evening. The churchwardens presented their accounts for the past year which were considered satisfactory, all current expenses paid and debt reduced. On motion the accounts were referred to the auditors, Messrs. J. H. Combe and F. W. Watts. The rector appointed W. W. Farren as clergyman's warden. W. Jackson was appointed people's warden. On motion Messrs. John Ransford and H. B. Combe were appointed delegates to the diocesan synod. A committee was appointed to consider the question of enlarging and otherwise improving the church, and providing means to carry the work out successfully.

ALGOMA.

The Treasurer begs to acknowledge for Mission Fund:—All Saints' Church Sunday School, per Rev. A. Baldwin, \$15; Anonymous, New Brunswick, \$10; Henry Rowsell, Esq., Toronto, \$25; Mrs. Schrieber, per Rev. F. Frost, \$5; A Quebec Churchwoman, \$7. Widows and Orphans' Fund—Henry Rowsell, Esq., Toronto, \$25.

NORTH BAY MISSION DISTRICT.—During the past fifteen months considerable progress has been made in this mission, with its far-stretching territory. We have now a third church, which will be completed for service in the early spring, at Chapleau, on the C. P. Railway, 251 miles west of North Bay. The village of Chapleau contains about four hundred inhabitants, and towards the building of the new church a sum of \$300 has been subscribed by the residents themselves. We expect by summer to have this Church finished, free of debt, and ready for consecration.

Our Church at Sturgeon Falls has been heavily weighted with the grievous burden of debt. But the congregation, though comparatively few in numbers, have all along exerted themselves nobly, and with success. During the past fifteen months a sum of over \$240 has been collected and expended in the payment of this debt, leaving a balance of only \$50 due on the building, and \$25 on the organ. Towards this happy result, and for the time mentioned, the only outside aid came, through our Bishop, in a grant of \$50 from the Burnside Trust Fund, Diocese of Toronto; and

two sums, amounting to \$45, from Miss Alice C. Day, of Sussex, England. In the last place, but by no means the least, there is our church at North Bay. During the same period of fifteen months we have paid over \$600 to creditors, and now on the building we do not owe one cent. Here, again, the congregation themselves effected this freedom from debt, the only outside aid being also through our Bishop, in a grant of \$50 from the Burnside Trust Fund, diocese of Toronto.

The Bishop came to North Bay on visitation on Saturday, 26th ultimo. Next day, Sunday, he consecrated our church, and confirmed fifteen young soldiers in the service of Christ, and preached to us even as Arnold used to preach in the chapel at Rugby School. We are determined in this Mission to strive and always show him still greater progress.

FOREIGN.

A Japanese ex-Minister of State has called at the Church Missionary Society's rooms in London, and urged the committee to press forward their work in Japan with all urgency.

The Rev. Mr. Ashe, who has arrived in London from Uganda, says that in all more than two hundred converts and adherents of the missions have been put to death by Mwanga.

Bishop Wilkinson held an interesting confirmation service recently in the English Church and the chapel of the British Embassy at St. Petersburg.

During the fifty years of Queen Victoria's reign the eight British foreign missionary societies have grown to twenty-five, the seven in the United States to thirty-nine, and the ten of continental Europe to forty.

The Bishop of Honolulu writes that the part of the Cathedral now nearly completed will accommodate three hundred and fifty worshippers, and that, as there are two distinct congregations at the place, provision is thus made for seven hundred members of our communion.

During the last eight years 61,259 seamen, fishermen and bargemen, besides numbers of their families, have taken the pledge of total abstinence as members of the Missions to Seamen Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society.

According to a recent enumeration of churches in New York City, there are 28 denominations, 500 places of religious worship, and 400,000 church sittings.

The Archbishop of Dublin lately held the annual confirmation in St. Peter's, Dublin, when one hundred and eighty-three candidates were presented.

The death is announced of Canon Lett, the oldest clergyman in the diocese of Down and Connor, at the age of eighty-two.

A memorial, signed by about three hundred architects and members of the Royal Institute of British Architects, has been addressed to the Liverpool Cathedral Committee, requesting the latter to allow the designs of the Cathedral to be exhibited in London.

A public meeting was lately held at the Edinburgh Castle Coffee Palace, London, to bid farewell to two hundred boys who were about starting for Canada, from several of Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

According to the *Missionary Review*, there are now 35 women's foreign missionary societies, with 17,768 auxiliaries, and 3,534 children's bands. They employ 886 missionaries, and 1,644 Bible readers and teachers, have 54,609 pupils in their 2,091 schools, and an income of £233,000.

On Sunday, the 19th of December, an ordination service was held by Bishop Caldwell, of Idaiyangudi (Tinnevely), South India. Fifteen lay agents were admitted to the diaconate, and one deacon to the priesthood. This is the first step that has yet been taken in Tinnevely to form a permanent diaconate.

At the recent Lent ordinations there were eighty-nine candidates for Holy Orders. Among these was the Marquis of Salisbury's second son, Lord Rupert William Ernest Gascoyne-Cecil. He was ordained in the parish church of Danbury by the Bishop of St. Albans.

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