

most beneficial effect. The Rev. W. H. Clarke was the preacher, assisted by the Rev. R. T. W. Webb. The neighbouring clergy occupied the pulpit during the remainder of Lent. Good Friday cannot soon be forgotten here, the plain service (with exceptions of hymns) read throughout; the dark hangings; the distributed tracts and sermons; all pointing to and speaking of our sins, and the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world. Easter day was just as joyous as possible, there were over 73 Easter Communion made, and the Easter offering amounted to nearly \$60. The congregations were large, and the decorations bright and handsome. The curate preached in the morning and the Rector at night. There will be a class ready for Confirmation (D.V.) next autumn.

Preparations are being made to if possible build a new church at one of the outstations, viz: North Arthur, next year. The old church now in use has been up at least 30 years; being in a very bad state of repair, a new and more suitable one is positively required. Already \$500 has been promised, and the Rev. R. S. Radcliffe will make a personal canvass in June, to each family in the neighbourhood, to solicit subscriptions for the proposed new church. It is hoped before long the new Bishop will set apart this station, and farewell as a distinct field of labour; there is quite enough work for a good clergyman to do here, and with good earnest work great results might follow.

On Sunday, 28th, the Rev. Mr. Bilkey, of the Church of the Ascension, Toronto, occupied the pulpit of the Cathedral, and delivered two very eloquent and effective sermons. Dr. Mockridge, Rector in charge, was absent in Fredericton, where he went to attend the consecration of the Bishop, and will return in company with him to Hamilton.

His Lordship, the Bishop of Niagara, will preach at the Cathedral on Sunday morning, May 10th, also, at St. Mark's in the afternoon and the Church of the Ascension in the evening.

The Sunday school room of Christ Church Cathedral wore a gay face on the evening of St. George's Day. At the east end a large stage was erected, draped to the wall with flags and gay bunting, and where the footlights usually are was a mass of foliage plants, flowers and shrubs, which gave the whole a bright and decidedly handsome appearance. The occasion for all this was the first annual concert of the Cathedral literary society, and it was brought about mainly through the indefatigable exertions of Mr. George A. Harvey, chairman of the evening and president of the society, who has worked hard at it for some time past, and has done a great deal to make the whole affair the brilliant success that it was. Dr. Mockridge explained this in a brief address he made during an intermission in the programme. He heartily congratulated Mr. Harvey on the handsome and effective appearance of the room, and said it had never looked so beautiful before. Mr. Harvey replied briefly, and on behalf of the Literary Society thanked those present for their attendance. Both he and Dr. Mockridge stated that they would be glad to have young men join the society, and explained that its members had also to belong to the Bible class in connection with the cathedral, so that the one was to help the other.

The concert was a complete success in every respect. The room was crowded and the programme provided was an excellent one and fully appreciated by the audience. Many of the numbers were loudly applauded, and in several instances encores were demanded, but in only one case was the recall responded to, the exception being Miss Mary Walker, who recited King Henry of Navarre with a good deal of spirit, and subsequently the Widow's Last Word, a humorous dialect poem. Mrs. F. Mackelcan was expected to be present, but as she is suffering from a severe cold, unfortunately could not manage to do so.

Prof. O'Brien played the accompaniments with his usual finished execution and power, and all through there was not a number that was not welcome to the audience. The entertainment was brought to a close by a farce. The Stage Struck

Clerks, in which nine characters were sustained, principally by members of the literary society. The performance was a very creditable one and proved that a great deal of undeveloped histrionic ability smoulders in the society. At the conclusion of the farce the national anthem was sung, the audience joining heartily in the singing.

ST. MARK'S LITERARY SOCIETY.—At the closing meeting of this society at the residence of the president, Rev. R. G. Sutherland, there was a large attendance of members, and a number of who could not be present sent letters of apology. After partaking of the delicacies which had been so bountifully provided a long toast list was opened. The Queen was responded to by the president; The Prince of Wales, by Mr. O. Ambrose; The Governor-General, by Mr. Code; The Volunteers, by Mr. Farron, and this toast was cheered to the echo; Our Guests, by Messrs. J. H. Wilson and W. J. Ambrose; The Press, by Messrs. Whatley and Fairclough; The Professions, by Mr. Code for law and Mr. Fairclough for music; Our Society, by the secretary, Mr. Whatley, who gave a resume of the season's work, showing that the attendance was 50 per cent of the number of members; The Commercial Interests, by Messrs. Davis, Ambrose and Olliver; Our Sister Societies, by Mr. Fairclough; The Ladies, by Messrs. Dempsey, Papps, and Code; The Bishop, by the president, who said that at the next closing meeting of the society he hoped to have the Bishop as one of the guests. Our Host and Hostess was honored amidst unbounded enthusiasm, after which songs and music were contributed by the members and several songs by Miss Denroche closed the meeting.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON.—Bishop Baldwin preached the annual sermon to the St. George's Society in St. Paul's on Sunday, the 26th. There was a good attendance of the members, besides many outsiders who enjoyed the service.

St. Paul's.—The Rector and Vestry of St. Paul's are taking steps to secure an assistant minister, Canon Innes having been alone in the work since last year.

Huron College Council, by a majority vote, decided at a recent meeting to withdraw from the Western University. As to the wisdom of such a step there is a great difference of opinion on the part of those who have long laboured in the interests of each institution.

MITCHELL.—Mr. Robinson, Divinity Student, is doing duty in Trinity Church, until Mr. Ridley is able to move from Quebec to assume charge of his new parish.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—A large number of the teachers and officers of the Church of England Sunday Schools assembled at the residence of Bishop Baldwin last night, the object being the establishment of a Church of England Institute in London. The meeting opened with a hymn, followed by a prayer by the Bishop.

The Secretaries of the different schools presented a short report of the standing and condition of the schools. A brief synopsis of the report is given as follows:—

St. Paul's consists of Bible class, senior and junior schools. Number on roll, 204; teachers, 19; officers, 3; total, 226. Average attendance, 130. Library for senior and junior schools; collections received in mission boxes, devoted to Shingwauk Home; a collection was taken up on Easter Sunday for prizes, which is supplemented by a vestry grant for library purposes.

Christ Church.—Divided into Bible classes, senior and junior schools. Number of teachers and officers, 30; scholars, 290; total, 320; average attendance, 220. Library of 350 books and illustrated papers also distributed.

Memorial Church.—Divided into Bible classes,

senior and junior schools. Number of teachers and officers, 32; scholars, 483; total, 525; average attendance, 275. Library, 700 books.

Chapter House.—Senior and junior divisions. Average attendance, 156; number of teachers and officers, 24. Good library.

LONDON SOUTH.—St. James Church.—Divided into Bible classes, senior and two junior divisions. Number of teachers and officers, 25; number of scholars, 260; total, 285; average attendance, 170. Library, 750 books. In addition to general collections over \$300 has been put aside as a building fund.

LONDON WEST.—St. George's Church.—Number of teachers and officers, 13; average attendance, 86. Library of 400 books. School is small owing to people moving away on account of flood.

LONDON EAST.—St. Matthew's Church.—Officers and teachers, 14; scholars, 165; total, 179; average attendance, 80. Library of 60 books.

LONDON TOWNSHIP.—St. John's Church.—Officers and teachers, 10; scholars, 80; total, 90; average attendance, 56. No library, but use illustrated papers.

All the schools use the lessons based on the Church of England Institute series.

At the conclusion of the reports, His Lordship addressed the meeting, giving his own opinion and personal experience in Sunday School work. He said it was a great privilege to be able to teach, but persons who had not the right feeling and spirit should not occupy that position. He pointed out the great error which a great many persons make, who think it is a very easy matter to teach, and to instruct young children in the right way. Some were in the habit of not preparing their lessons, and consequently were not able to interest the children in a proper manner. He advised all teachers to study the lessons during the week and to be prepared to meet and to interest their classes on Sunday. He also desired them to visit their scholars at their homes and make each individual scholar a subject of prayer. His opinion in regard to the finances of the schools was that what was given on Sunday should be given to Missionary work—the school supported by the Church. In regard to festivals, &c., he thought the spirit was a bad one, and advocated the children to give rather than to receive. In some schools which had come under his notice, the scholars brought presents of different kinds which were forwarded to Missionaries.

He was in favour of distributing good books and tracts, as they had a good influence on the children and also on their parents. He would very much like to see a Church of England Institute established in this city, but would defer action for a short time. The weekly meeting of teachers for the study of the next lesson was also a grand thing, and he was pleased so many schools had adopted this plan.

The meeting closed with a hymn and prayer, after which refreshments were distributed, and the meeting dispersed.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

The friends of the Diocese of Algoma will be glad to hear that the sale of fancy and useful work recently held in St. James School House, by the ladies of the various parishes of Toronto, in aid of the erection of an Indian Church at Sheguiandah, Manitoulin Island, and one or two other objects, was, in every way, an unqualified success. A final meeting of the promoters of the enterprise was held last Friday, in one of the Cathedral School Rooms, for the purpose of ascertaining the net proceeds, after all expenses had been paid. The Bishop of Algoma, who was present by request, had the pleasure of being the recipient, on behalf of his Diocese, of no less a sum than \$1800. Over and above this, he had already received the sum of \$174 from St. Paul's Church, being half the proceeds of a sale recently held by the "Women's Aid Society" of