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urch.—The seven- tion of this parish ecial services of a

full, choral nature. In his sermon Canon Belcher alluded to the founding of the edifice, observing that Sir Henry Tyler had been present at the opening services. He also alluded to the good work being done by Grace Church congregation.

At the evening service the sermon was preached by the Rev. N. P. Yates, B.A., from Romans xii. 1 and 2, "I beseech you, therefore, brethren," etc. The services were largely attended, and special festival services of song and an organ recital will be held on Thursday evening next.

Diocesan Sunday School Association.—Interesting papers were read at the regular monthly meeting of this Society at the Synod hall to a fairly good audience. At the request of Mrs. Henderson, Mr. D. W. Ross came first—Foreign Missionary Work was his theme, and from a comparative statement the Church of England in Canada is apparently behind in the number of men sent into the foreign field. Rural Dean Lindsay explained, however, that several native clergy, catechists and scholars are supported by various congregations in Canada, and that they were the very best agencies for carrying on the work. The millions of money spent on missions during the last fifty years appeared small contrasted with the billions squandered on luxuries. Mrs. Henderson said that large possessions had been lost to the empire by the ignorance of statesmen about geography, and that the Bible student suffered loss, too, from ignorance of sacred geography. Living among sermons was her apology for adopting a sermon style in presenting the subject: 1. What is sacred geography? 2. Why teach it in Sunday School? 3. How should it be taught?—(and, to dovetail one subject into the other), both Mrs. Henderson and Mr. Ross strongly recommended the use of the magic lantern, and a word was also said in favour of the black-board in the Sunday School, and of good maps of Palestine and the Mediterranean. Four good arguments were worked out for teaching sacred geography, viz.: 1. Because it is instructive, in demonstrates why "He must need go through Samaria." 2. Because it is interesting—Bethlehem, Nazareth, Machpelah, awaken touching memories which a knowledge of the localities helps to increase. 3. Because it gives valuable testimony to divine truths. 4. Because it is part of the inspired word of God. Among the books recommended were Thomson's Land and the Book, Stanley's Sinai and Palestine, and Farrar's Life of Christ. A most delightful evening was spent. The Lord Bishop opened and closed the meeting.

MONTREAL, NOV. 20.—This was a red letter day in the parish of St. Matthias; through the kind hospitality of the rector and his sister, a very numerous attendance "At Home" was enjoyed. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of a beautiful bouquet and an illuminated address to Miss Raynes, who has, for some years, rendered the Church valuable aid as organist. There was a general hum of conversation through the evening, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. The evening closed with two verses of the evening hymn and doxology, Scripture, Ephes. v. 15-21, and prayer. Would that every parish might develop as happy an influence from the parsonage!

ONTARIO.

CARLETON PLACE.—The Bishop of the diocese held a confirmation in this parish on Sunday, Nov. 11th, when ninety-five candidates were presented, including several adults, seven of whom had been baptized a short time before. The church was filled to its utmost capacity, all the seats and improvised benches being occupied, and the aisles themselves crowded with those who were content to stand during the long service. Many, besides, were unable to get even standing room, and were obliged to go away. Plain matins were said at 10 a.m., after which the female candidates retired to put on their veils. The confirmation service began at 11 o'clock, and was followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion. At evensong the Bishop delivered an address upon the Lambeth Conference, which was listened to by another very large congregation. The church was lighted by electricity for the first time, and the improvement was very marked. The offerings at the morning service were for the purpose of placing a painted window in the nave as a memorial of the confirmation. The ladies of the Guild of St. James' have recently presented a handsome pulpit and Bishop's chair to the church, and an order has been given by them for prayer desks, stalls, and sedilia, all carved in oak from drawings by the rector. A former member of the congregation is sending an oak lectern. A reredos of the same material, with illuminated panels, was erected a short time ago, and it is the intention to add a rood screen as soon as possible. A paragraph has been going the rounds of the papers for some time

back to the effect that the handsome communion plate belonging to this parish had been stolen. We are glad to learn, however, that it has been recovered.

BELLEVILLE.—Christ Church Young People's Association elected the following officers at their meeting last week: Hon. President, Rev. S. Daw; President, W. B. Grannum; First Vice-President, Miss Diamond; Second Vice-President, G. Manskell; Secretary, Miss Kyle; Treasurer, Mr. Kerr.

KING-TON.—Several committees of the diocese met last week. The Mission Board made grants to various needy missions, totalling in the last six months \$4,747 50. In 1888 the receipts have been \$12,595 08, and the expenditure \$10,912 92. The sustentation fund had a balance of \$5,386 67 on November 1. The yearly receipts of the foreign mission fund were \$1,394 49, and the disbursements \$1,235 39. In this connection an important resolution was read, namely, "That the committee press upon the Church the duty of making efforts to Christianise the Chinese within the Dominion; that it is deeply to be deplored that hundreds of Chinese make money in the Dominion and take back to their own land no Gospel; that before long some missionary work be undertaken by the Church in British Columbia in behalf of the Chinese population." The committee requests delegates from the diocese to communicate the resolution to the General Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions at the next meeting. The clerical secretary furnished the following statistics:—Number of churches in the diocese, 200; number of clergy, 114; on leave, 18; number of Sunday schools, 165; of teachers, 985; of pupils, 9,808; total average attendance at churches, 23,000. The division of the diocese is not at all favorably regarded, and the committee reported that no progress could be made with it. The majority of the clergymen are against division. The expenditure out of the clergy reserve fund last year was \$14,518 20. The increase of the year to date is \$5,438, leaving a surplus of \$914 80. The total capital is \$271,616 07. The clergy superannuation fund amounts to \$3,158 71.

TORONTO.

Church of England Temperance Society.—The annual meeting of the C.E.T.S. was held on November 13th. The Lord Bishop of Toronto, President, in the chair, when the Rev. J. D. Cayley and Mr. G. B. Kirkpatrick were unanimously elected Vice Presidents, and the following to be the Executive Committee for year ensuing, viz.: the Revs. Rural Dean Allen, W. C. Bradshaw, R. A. Bilkey, B. Bryan, Canon Dumoulin, R. W. E. Greene, R. Harrison, C. L. Ingles, C. C. Kemp, Canon O'Meara, I. K. Powell, Dr. Roy, Dr. Sweeney, and G. M. Wrong; and Messrs. R. C. Bickerstaff, W. L. Boyd, G. Clif, W. Cummings, H. C. Dixon, O. S. Elliott, M. A., R. H. Holland, I. C. Morgan, A. L. Mott, G. W. I. Shaw, James Scott and O. H. Wethey. A resolution proposed by Mr. Hoyle and seconded by Rev. J. D. Cayley was adopted, by which the position of the society towards Prohibition (legislative) was defined to be that of strict neutrality; it being generally felt that the question is one for the State, rather than for a Church Society founded on Scriptural principles. It was also the opinion of the meeting that the dual basis of the Society should be carefully maintained, by which those who moderately use and those who totally abstain from alcoholic drinks, work together on a perfectly equal footing, for the promotion of temperance and the repression of intemperance. Hitherto, on account of the undue prominence which has been supposed to have been given to one section of the Society, some of the clergy have held aloof, but it is felt that after this definite statement as to its position, there will be no cause for any appearance of indifference to its important objects; and further that the organization of branches may now be looked for in many parishes where, so far, the work has been somewhat coldly regarded. From the financial statement presented to the meeting there appears to be a great need of increased effort to place the Society in a sound position. The Report, cash statement, and a summary of receipts and expenditure from the formation of the Society, will be printed and circulated.

St. Philip's.—A thanksgiving service of praise was held last week in this church, Spadina avenue, at which the choir rendered a programme and Rev. R. C. Caswell delivered an address.

Church of St. Augustine.—On the 25th Nov. the Bishop of Niagara preached at one of the opening services of the Church of St. Augustine, taking for his text: "O, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." The discourse contained the following passage: "The true aim of public worship was not one's own edification, but God's glory; of course that could

not be accomplished without receiving personal edification; but the latter was scarcely possible without first aiming at the former; and where it was a wanting both then would be missed. Public worship should be, not to get something, but to give something, to offer spiritual sacrifice of the best and highest order, anything short of this must be a positive dishonour to God. The worship of the present day was as direct and positive as was that of the Jewish Church; it was even of a higher and nobler type, as spiritual is higher and nobler than the material. The highest form of worship was the Holy Eucharist, and by it God could be worshipped in the beauty of holiness." Dr. Hamilton preached at the Church of the Holy Trinity at night.

Rumoured Changes.—Rumour is busy with several changes said to be likely to take place in the clerical staff, Toronto. That some changes are sorely needed we need not say. The city is developing at a far more rapid rate than the Church authorities seem aware of.

NIAGARA.

NIAGARA.—The following address was presented to Rev. J. B. Mead, late of St. Mark's, and now assistant at St. Luke's, Toronto, before his departure. Mr. Mead had previously been the recipient of a substantial offering:

NIAGARA, OCT. 31, 1888.

To the Rev. J. B. Mead:

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—It is needless to say how very deeply we regret your severance from St. Mark's Church, Niagara, but we cannot allow you to depart without giving expression to the great respect and affection entertained for you.

You have pursued a quiet, but consistent course in your endeavour to inculcate the true principles of our beloved Church, and we trust that some of the seed dropped may bring forth fruit one hundred fold, and that we may hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering.

Your teaching, and the example set us in your daily walk and conversation, should, if followed, be productive of greater spirituality amongst us.

Your removal will cause a blank not easily filled.

We pray that wherever your lot may be cast, or to whomsoever you may minister in holy things, your eyes and heart may be gladdened by bright and hearty services amid a united and appreciative congregation. May God shower His choicest blessings on yourself and Mrs. Mead.

Signed by J. Geale Dickson, churchwarden, and two hundred and three other parishioners of St. Mark's, Niagara.

Mr. Mead replied:

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—The kind words you have addressed to me upon an occasion attended in many respects with grief and disappointment, are full of encouragement and cheer, and will ever be treasured in my memory. Their expressions of regret and Christian sympathy I need not assure you are warmly reciprocated. They will ever remind me, too, of the universal kindness and courtesy I have experienced in St. Mark's parish, even from those who were not fully in accord with me. They will more strongly remind me of more marked and disinterested generosity in special cases. If I have in any slight degree been the instrument of leading any in the parish to a more clear and definite knowledge of their heritage in our dear Mother Church, if I have, in any way, been a help to tried hearts, or given an impulse to Christian devotion, it is with devout thankfulness to Him who knoweth the secrets of the heart and for whose glory the Church exists. With faith in His promise that His word shall not return unto Him void, I can only pray that in His own good time He will give His Church her right footing in Niagara, and sanctify and strengthen the hearts of those who are seeking her welfare. Praying that God's blessing may rest upon you and the whole parish, I remain, my dear friends, your faithful servant.

ARTHUR.—The Rev. P. T. Mignot has been appointed to this parish.

DRAYTON.—The Rev. A. Bouny, on behalf of the congregation of Christ Church, Drayton, begs to acknowledge with sincere thanks, the receipt of fifteen dollars from the "Ladies' Auxiliary" of the Church of Ascension, Hamilton, in aid of the funds for the extensive alterations and repairs of the Church building. This kindly gift, coming as it does without solicitation, has greatly cheered and encouraged the brave, loyal, "little flock," whose chief talent in the way of raising Church funds is to Pray and Pay. In this way they have nobly struggled with a heavy Church debt, the heritage of former years, without ever making an appeal outside the village.