

mutual respect and good-will. He must be a man of considerable general information, and he (the Bishop) need scarcely say he must be well taught on the subjects proper to his whole vocation. A minister must be able to instruct and comfort his people on the one hand, and sympathize with their religious aspirations, and help to elevate them on the other. And even more than that, it was desirable, if a man's leisure and mental capacity rendered it possible, as leading to useful things, that the minister should be able to enter in and enjoy the general tastes of his parishioners, where they were elevated and good, even although they were what were generally called secular. Nothing ought to be allowed to come between them and their Bible, and they ought to guard carefully against the neglect with which they were apt to treat familiar things. They ought to also make the Prayer Book their faithful friend. On the subject of Church consolidation the Bishop said the report of the committee appointed to consider the matter rightly expressed the attitude the Synod of Montreal ought to assume. They were willing, and even desirous, that all the dioceses in British North America should be formed into one province, but they were not willing to weaken their ecclesiastical system by the introduction of a so-called general synod, which offered nothing which they did not already possess in the combined action of their diocesan and provincial synods. His Lordship expressed the grateful thanks of the Church for the bequest by the late Mrs. Charles Philips of \$10,000 towards the Sustenance Fund, like amounts to the Diocesan Theological College and the Church of St. James the Apostle, and \$5,000 to Trinity Church. The Bishop also spoke of the loss sustained by the death of the Rev. Mr. Young, of Coteau du Lac, and referred in a sympathetic manner to the death of the Rev. A. T. Whitton, a superannuated minister, and who had lately been living in the United States. Since last meeting he (the Bishop) had visited thirty-eight parishes and confirmed 286 persons.

*The Late Duke of Clarence.*—Continuing, his Lordship said: I cannot close without adverting to a great grief which weighs on all hearts. Death has been very busy amongst us of late. The young have been cut down like early flowers, and the aged like ripe corn. And now the nation is herself called upon to mourn the death of one who, though young in years, by his position as Duke of Clarence, filled a large space in the eyes of the world. All the circumstances surrounding this death move us to deep sympathy with the bereaved. There is our beloved Queen, long acquainted with sorrow, touched with the feeling of all her people's sorrow; there are the bereaved parents, and amongst the young hearts pierced there is one stricken through by a dart winged with youthful love. What can we do to help these afflicted ones? We can put on mourning; we can join the nation in its deep heartfelt sorrow; but what can we do to comfort our widowed Queen and her desolated house? How can we reach that heart-stricken group of parents and loved ones that I see bowed down in unutterable grief for the loss of a deservedly loved son and brother? How can we make our sympathy and love felt by those desolated hearts in the mourning and gloom of the palaces of England? We cannot make our voices heard there; we cannot tell our afflicted Queen and children how much we love them, how loyally our hearts weep with them; how the thought of their anguish of soul has drawn us closer to them in tenderness of spirit; but we can pray for them. He who has wounded can heal; He who has broken can bind up; He who has stricken can comfort; He who has bereaved can speak peace. And we can reach Him; we can move our Heavenly Father's loving heart; and we will. We will join the nation in looking unto Him that He will give unspeakable comfort, and strong consolation to the desolated household.

(To be Continued.)

#### ONTARIO.

*Renfrew Deanery.*—The Chapter of this deanery was formally organized at a meeting of the clergy held in the mission of Cobden on the 12th inst. There are eleven clergymen in the deanery, and all were present at the meeting save one. The Rev. T. Arthur Shaw, M.A., Cobden, was elected secretary of the Chapter for the ensuing year. The recent resolution of the Mission Board, anent the present necessity for larger contributions thereto, was the subject of considerable discussion, the prevailing opinion being, of course, in favour of large contributions, but distinctly adverse to a continuance of the policy adopted of late by the Board of making appropriations largely in excess of its revenue, and thereby involving the fund in debt. The whole question of the inadequate support now extended our missionary clergy was dealt with by our Rural Dean in a carefully prepared paper, which at once secured the attention of the Chapter, and as its leading features, and the practical working there of were brought out in the animated discussion which followed, the Chapter unanimously requested the

Rural Dean to permit the publication of the paper, with a view to its circulation amongst the members of the Synod. It was then resolved "that the paper of Rural Dean Bliss entitled 'Our Ill-paid Missionaries,' be published by the Chapter and a copy thereof sent to each member of the Synod." Several of the clergy present arranged with the Rural Dean for an early visit to their missions, for the purpose of canvassing the parishioners for increased contributions to stipend. The Rev. Mr. Shaw was congratulated on all sides on the success of his work, as seen in the beautiful new parsonage just nearing completion, and the hope was expressed that the prosperous state of the mission would long continue. The arrangement of services in connection with meetings of the Chapter, was somewhat interrupted in consequence of several of the clergy having to leave early in order to keep appointments in their own missions the following day. It was agreed that the Annual Deanery Conference this year be held in Cobden, in the latter part of April.

*SOUTH MOUNTAIN.*—The Rev. W. Almon Des Brisay has taken the duty at South Mountain and Winchester, since the resignation of J. B. Haslam. He preached his last sermon Jan. 17th. On Wednesday evening, Jan. 20th, the Churchwardens in the presence of the congregation presented him with the following address, to which he gave an eloquent reply:

South Mountain, Jan. 20th, 1892.

To the Rev. W. Almon Des Brisay

We the undersigned wardens of St. Peter's Church, South Mountain, on behalf of the congregation of this parish, beg leave to express our grateful acknowledgments of your acceptable services during the several months that you were commissioned to labour among us by the Ven. Archdeacon Lauder, commissary of the Lord Bishop of this Diocese. The good work done by the Rev. Belton Haslam was successfully taken up and carried forward, keeping the parish united. You have visited our sick and buried our dead, and our hearts go out to you, with expressions of gratitude, while remembrances of your warm and hearty sympathy with all that concerned our well being, will always remain a green spot in every memory. May God bless and prosper your work in the future as in the past, and crown all your efforts with success. Praying the divine blessing may rest on you, and your sacred duties, wherever you may be, we have the honour to be yours very faithfully. Wardens, Chas. Paton, Richard Eager.

#### TORONTO.

*St. Thomas' Church.*—"Quiet Days" Tuesday, Wednesday, Jan. 12th and 13th, were observed at St. Thomas as Quiet Days, or days of parochial retreat. The address, meditation and instruction were very ably and eloquently given by the Rev. G. M. Christian, Rector of Grace Church, Newark, N.J. It is the object of those who come to a Quiet Day, to spend as many hours as possible in the quiet of the sanctuary. The services were therefore arranged to follow each other quickly from 10.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., and a light luncheon provided for those who could stay at the Clergy House. The Holy Communion with address at 3.30 p.m., and sermon and service at 8 p.m., offered a special share in the privileges of the retreat to those who could not come at other hours. The attendance was large at all services, and on both days. Mr. Christian's able, earnest and eloquent words were greatly appreciated by all who heard them. The subjects of the morning and afternoon meditation were four principal events in our Saviour's infancy and childhood, the visit of the Magi, the Presentation in the Temple, the Flight into Egypt, and the Loss of Jesus by Mary and Joseph after the Passover. The sermon on Tuesday evening upon the question, "What think ye of Christ?" was addressed to men only. This service was largely attended by members of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood, and was perhaps more hearty and enthusiastic in singing and in response than any other. At the celebration of the Holy Communion, Mr. Christian spoke of the "Hidden Life of Jesus," and of the Holy Sacrament as the nourishment of the life of grace. The addresses were brought to a close on Wednesday evening, by a sermon on Heb. xii. 1, 2, with its practical exhortation to a life of earnestness and perseverance in recollection of the cloud of witnesses and of Jesus our Lord, the Author and Finisher of our Faith. Days such as these have been found so helpful both last year and this, that arrangements will be made to hold them every year at St. Thomas, either in Advent or during the Epiphany season.

*WEST YORK.*—*Rural Deanery.*—A meeting of the clergy of the Rural Deanery of West York took place at Richmond Hill, on Thursday, the 14th inst. In connection with it a convention of all the choirs of

the deanery was held. It was largely attended, over one hundred members were present, all met at St. Mary's Church, at 10 a.m., for service and Holy Communion. The service was said by Rev. F. Heathcote of King. An appropriate and impressive sermon was preached by Rev. F. G. Plummer, who was also celebrant. It was a joyous privilege to participate in the worship so heartily and earnestly rendered, and in partaking of the Blessed Sacrament, of which almost every one present partook. The Rector, Rev. W. W. Bates, and Mrs. Bates, were assiduous in attending to all necessary arrangements, and the hospitality of our good people of Richmond Hill was manifested by the sumptuous luncheon provided for so large a number. During the afternoon, after the business meeting of the clergy, able papers were read by Revs. F. G. Plummer and Rural Dean Swallow, on the proper mode of rendering the services. A number took part in the discussion of the papers, and much valuable information was gained. The instruction given during the rehearsal of the hymns was very important. This convention cannot fail to result in practical benefit to those in attendance, and therefore indirectly to the whole deanery. At 7.30 p.m. a choral service, largely attended, unanimously rendered in the true spirit of devotion and praise; and a forcible sermon by the Rural Dean of Peel brought a very important function successfully to a close.

The Rev. Robert C. Caswall, M.A., chaplain of the Toronto General Hospital and City Gaol, returned to Toronto last week after a five months absence in England, with renewed health and vigour. During the greater part of his vacation, he has been assisting the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel as Deputation: speaking at missionary meetings every evening, and preaching three times each Sunday. The account he is able to give of the progress of the Church, during the seventeen years that have elapsed since his last visit, is very encouraging. The Church has increasing control over the education of the country at large; Board Schools being found only in some of the larger towns, while even in these the Church has frequently the controlling power. But this demands incessant activity on the part of the clergy, who often have to complain of the moderate personal and pecuniary assistance rendered by the laity, who yet rejoice at the success of the work; interest in missionary work has increased in a wonderful manner, and although the weather was abnormally wet, which is saying a great deal, the various schoolrooms were almost invariably filled with most attentive listeners at the S. P. G. meetings; one of the best meetings was in a scattered country village in North Wilts, on a night as dark as pitch, with the rain pouring incessantly from early in the afternoon, and all through the evening.

*St. Mark's.*—The eleventh anniversary of the opening of this church, Cowan Avenue, was celebrated Sunday last. Special sermons were preached morning and evening by Rev. F. D. Woodcock, of Camden East, Ont., and a children's service was held in the afternoon, at which Rev. Mr. Woodcock delivered an address. The offertory at all three services was applied to the reduction of the church debt.

Miss Lizzie A. Dixon acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following amounts for Rev. J. G. Brick, Peace River, per Mrs. Lings, London, Ont.: Boy's Mission, Chatham, \$10.00; Stratford (L.C.D.), \$3.00; Glanworth, \$13.32; Sarnia, \$10.00.

#### NIAGARA.

*GUELPH.*—On Sunday morning last, Archdeacon Dixon preached a very able sermon on the death of the Duke of Clarence. The church was draped in black. In other churches feeling reference was made to the sad affliction to the royal family.

*St. James'.*—The Bishop of Niagara on Sunday morning administered the ordinance of confirmation in this church, when about twenty were confirmed, and in the evening at St. George's, where over thirty were confirmed. On both occasions the bishop spoke on the practical duties incumbent on them in every-day life as followers of the Saviour.

#### ALGOMA.

*SUDBURY.*—*Correction.*—In reference to subscriptions for font, read per Mr. T. Shortiss.

*SUDBURY.*—The Sunday school entertainment and Christmas tree in connection with Church of Epiphany, was held in McCormick's Hall on the evening of the 14th inst., and was a decided success; friends of Algoma will be gratified to know that their gifts, forwarded per W. Aux., to missions, enabled us to

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