

cleaned, the walls freshly tinted, the pews restained and varnished. The chancel has been greatly improved, the walls now being hung with an exceedingly handsome gilt paper, the floor recarpeted, and the reading desk, which before had the appearance of a box stall, has been cut away and reduced to somewhat more sightly dimensions. There were large congregations at each service. Miss Montgomery presided at the organ. The singing as usual was of the best description and would have done credit to any city choir. The Rev. Charles George Snepp, L.T., of Woodbridge was the preacher at both services.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—At a recent meeting of the central association, the Bishop in the chair, several matters of interest were discussed. The Bishop stated that in compliance with the desire of the executive committee of Synod he had addressed a circular letter to all the clergy requesting them to take steps to form a branch in each parish, and calling a meeting of delegates from the branches, to be held in Toronto on Nov. 8th when the executive committee and other officers of the Diocesan society will be elected. Respecting the memorial from the association to the Provincial Synod, it was stated that the proposal for a "Temperance Sunday" had been favourably received, though it was thought preferable that each Bishop should appoint a Sunday for his own Diocese, and that as to the formation of a C. E. T. S. for the Province, the opinion was that each Diocese should first form its own society. The subject of the ribbon or badge was also discussed, it appearing to be a general opinion that the badge now in use too nearly resembles that of the Blue Ribbon Army, and so is liable to cause some misconception, and it was mentioned by one of the committee, Rev. D. Hague, that in London the badge of the C. E. T. S. is publicly worn by very many persons. Specimens were shown by Mr. Hague and met with general approval, and it was unanimously resolved to adopt it as the badge of the C. E. T. S. in Canada, and the Secretary was directed to procure a supply. The badge is of narrow blue ribbon with the initial letters C. E. T. S. and a small latin cross in gold. The present badge will be used for Band of Hope. A report was presented stating that certain pamphlets, etc., had been added to the list of those issued by the association, and a catalogue and price list prepared, a copy of which would be sent to each Incumbent in the Diocese, and that specimen copies of all the publications could be seen at the Synod office. It was also mentioned that branches had been formed in several parishes in other Dioceses, that at Belleville being especially vigorous, and hopes were entertained that the Temperance movement had now taken root in our land.

DEPOSITORY FOR LADIES' WORK.—We regret we did not receive the accompanying announcement in time to publish with our other notes of the exhibition. It is not too late, however, to record that the Depository obtained the first prize, a silver medal and ten dollars, at this exhibition, for the best case of plain, fancy and decorative art work. We are glad to learn that this society is in such a flourishing condition, having been largely patronized by the Princess Louise during her recent visit to Toronto. Her Royal Highness expressed herself highly pleased with the work, she saw and the society gave several orders, which have been executed to her entire satisfaction. There are some beautiful specimens of art-work now on view at the rooms of the society, 12 King St. West. The Depository pays out over two hundred dollars a month to its workers who are eligible on the payment of one dollar annually. The attendance of members is earnestly requested at the meetings of the society on the first Thursday of every month, at 11 o'clock.

NIAGARA.

DUNDAS.—The Rev. Thomas Geoghegan, Missionary, West Flamboro and Beverly, begs to acknowledge with thanks the subscriptions on account of the work of Sister Sarah: Rev. C. K. Stroh, Decorah, U. S., \$15; Miss L. Turner, Toronto, \$1; Mr. Newman, Hamilton, \$1; Mr. Brooke, Dundas, \$1; Mrs. Cowper, \$2; W. Cowper, \$1; T. H. A. Begue, \$1; A Friend, \$1; H. C. Gwyn, \$1; Miss Bolton, Toronto, 50 cents; Rev. C. Darling, 50 cents; M. J. and J. W. T., \$2; Th. and C. B., 50 cents; A Friend, \$1; W. Wilkinson, \$1; T. McCleary, \$1; J. Catto, \$1; W. Wedd, \$1; Rev. W. Jones, \$2; Rev. A. Boys, \$2; A Friend, \$2; F. Winans, \$2; E. B. C. T. and B. V., \$1; H. Shuter, 50 cents; R. H. Bethune, \$2; E. B. Osler, \$2; J. Cooper, \$1; Rev. J. D. Cayley, \$2; Mrs. Begue, Dundas, 50 cents; Mrs. J. R. Cartwright, T. \$1; Mrs. Christopher Robinson, \$8; Mrs. Dalton McCarthy, \$1; Roger Lamb, \$1; Mrs. Sullivan, 50 cents; A Friend, 50 cents; A Friend, 50 cents; John Hague, \$1; Mrs. Tinning, 50 cents; A Friend, 50 cents; Mrs. Lockhart, \$1; G. Plumer, 25 cents; P. Dykes, \$2; _____ \$2; J. C. Worell, \$1; Mrs. O'Hara, 25 cents; A Friend, 25 cents; Mrs. E. H.

Oval, \$1; Mr. E. Hallen, \$5; W. Sutherland Taylor, \$1; E. Wragge, \$1; Richard Snelling, \$2; George Verral, \$1; D. Hughes Charles, Dundas, \$1; Total, \$77.75. Any further contributions towards this object will be thankfully received addressed to Sister Sarah, Ogeltvie Street, Dundas.

The Bishop of Niagara has issued a second pastoral, Oct. 3, to the clergy of his diocese, strongly reminding them of the obligations of their several parishes to meet the apportionments made by the Synod to them for the sustentation of the various Diocesan objects. The Bishop says: 1. I consider the requirements of our Diocesan Missions as the first claim on our people. 2. The claims of the widows and orphans' fund for \$2,000 is equally binding on our people. 3. Algoma has a very strong claim upon this and other Dioceses of old Canada. 4. Rupert's Land, including all Manitoba, has also strong claims upon us. The Bishop enlarges upon each of these claims upon the clergy and laity of the Diocese and concludes the pastoral by urging them to accompany their gifts with earnest prayers that those supported by their gifts may sow seeds that will bring forth fruits of everlasting life.

OUR ANNUAL SHOWS.—The annual Provincial Show has been recently held at Guelph city, and a Central Show of similar nature was opened on the 1st October and ended on the 5th inst. at Hamilton. Both exhibitions were marvellous displays of excellence and beauty, and were unmistakable proofs of Canadian wealth, enterprise, industry, intelligence, and skill. Thousands of people have again been gratified in each of the many departments of art and science, labor and skill, comprising those fixed institutions here and in several parts of Ontario, as Toronto, Kingston, London and Ottawa. It is almost 40 years since the first, or nearly the first, Provincial show was held in Hamilton, and was visited by Lord Elgin, as Governor General; but since that day of small beginning, each successive exhibition, whether Provincial or Central, in its character, has manifested the gratifying spirit of *Excellence* of our country and people. Strangers invariably congratulate us on our proofs to them of a sure and substantial progress. In view of the Great Giver from whom all our bounties proceed, and by whose word "seed time and harvest do not cease while the earth remaineth" the lesson of love and devout thanksgiving to His name should be increasingly impressed upon us, and increasingly rendered by all. We ought to be a people growing in Christianity, adorning the doctrine in all things, and ever trying to spread its influences for good among the less favoured portions of this vast Dominion. This is one great lesson which Divine Wisdom would now set before us in this land. We shall be wise to learn and practise it. It is a duty which the Bishop of Niagara feels to be imperative upon us, and so earnestly counsels the people of his Diocese that they should not forget while their probation lasts.

GEORGETOWN.—A mission of ten days for spiritual revival was opened here on Sunday, Oct. 7, the Rev. H. L. Yewens, Missioner. The following order was arranged: Sundays, Oct. 7th and 14th, 10.30 a. m., Morning Service, Sermon and Holy Communion; 8 p. m., short sermon and address to the children (on 7th), and young people (on 14th); 7 p. m., Evening service and sermon; 8 p. m., after meeting and address. Week days.—9 a. m., Holy Communion for the Communicants of the Church; 3 p. m., Short Service and instruction; 7.30 p. m., Service and Evangelistic Sermon; 8.30 p. m., after-meeting and address. The Clergy remained after each service to give spiritual counsel and advice to those who may desire it.

INTERCESSION SUNDAY.—The 20th Sunday after Trinity, Oct. 7, was generally observed in the Diocese of Niagara in behalf of Algoma and the North West in particular.

FLAMBORO WEST.—Harvest Thanksgiving Services (local) took place on Oct. 11, at Christ Church. The following were the appointments: 8 a. m., Holy Communion, Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, celebrant; 2.30 p. m., Evensong and sermon, Rev. Rural Dean Mackenzie, of Brantford, preacher; 7.30 p. m., concert in Town Hall; 10.30 p. m., Closing service of Praise in the Church, address by Rev. Rural Dean Bull. The day was as heretofore cheerfully and thoughtfully well spent, and is long to be remembered.

BARTON EAST (Rymal Railroad station).—The Bishop of Niagara was enabled to administer Confirmation at St. George's Church here, on Sunday, Oct. 7, at 11 a. m. The congregation as usual was very large. The candidates for Confirmation were from the three united churches of Tapleytown, Woodburn and Barton East, now under the diligent care of the Rev. Thomas Smith.

ARTHUR.—Thursday morning Oct. 4th, the day of the Harvest Thanksgiving services in this mission, dawned bright and clear, though throughout the day the chilliness of Autumn was felt. Preparations for decorating the church had been going on for more than a week and when the day arrived the result of the ladies' untiring work was seen in a beautifully adorned House of God. The new church bell (a memorial of the congregation and friends to the late missionary) rang out for the first time to call the people to worship. Morning service and Holy Communion began at 11 a. m., an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. E. A. Irving, curate of Guelph. The attendance at the service was large, though owing to the lateness of the harvest this year many of the farmers had not finished gathering in their grain. A capital dinner was provided by the ladies in the drill shed. The afternoon each one spent as individual fancy dictated, and the day of Thanksgiving was brought to a close, by again gathering in the House of God for another service of praise. The church was filled to overflowing, and an earnest and impressive sermon, the central thought of which was "Thanksgiving with Humiliation," was preached by Rev. W. H. Clarke, M. A., of Bolton. The net proceeds of the day were \$75, which are to be applied towards reducing the debt on the church.

HURON.

MEAFORD.—The annual Harvest Home and Thanksgiving Services were held on Sunday the 7th inst., in Christ Church. The weather was delightful and very large numbers attended the three services. The morning service was taken by the Incumbent, the Rev. C. H. J. Channer, M. A., the afternoon and evening services by Mr. Channer and the incumbent of Clarksburg, the Rev. H. Wylie, the latter preaching on both occasions. The Clarksburg choir under the able leadership of Mr. Henderson, attended and gave their valued services, the union of the two choirs making the music very effective. The church, which is a fine stone building with lofty open roof, was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit, grain, and plants, the altar and font being especially beautiful. Very much praise is due to the ladies who worked so energetically at the decorations. The offertory amounted to nearly sixty five dollars and was devoted to the payment of the half yearly interest of the church debt. These annual services seem to be thoroughly appreciated in Meaford, a large number of the members of other churches usually attending some one or other of the services, and kindly contributing flowers or plants for the occasion.

KETTLE POINT.—The annual missionary meeting at Kettle Point Indian Mission, was held on Monday Oct. 8th and was largely attended by men, women and children. The Rev. J. Jacobs, Missionary, in charge, presided. Rev. W. Henderson of Forest attended as deputation, and delivered an exceedingly appropriate and instructive address, full of missionary information, interspersed with suitable illustrations. The collection and subscriptions amounted to twenty-five dollars and thirty-five cents. The Indian choir sang most admirably some missionary hymns.

WINDSOR.—The Apostolic Rite of Confirmation has not been postponed until a more convenient season, though we are as if without a Bishop. The Right Rev. the Bishop of Michigan has, as befitting an *Episcopus*, held Confirmation Service in the Church of All Saints, Windsor, where a class of candidates for the laying on of hands, was presented to him by the Rector, Rev. W. H. Ramsay. They were not all young disciples; one was a man of mature years, and wore the choristers surplice as he knelt at the chancel, he being one of the choir (the only surpliced choir we believe in Huron). A memorial from the members of the Church has been presented to the Rector requesting him to have full choral service at least once every three months in addition to those services at the greater festivals as at present. Such termination hath the little schismatic unpleasantness at All Saints, that the organ of the Anti-Church party so magnified.

LONDON.—Rev. T. O'Connell has for some weeks been delivering in the Chapter House, a series of lectures on the Inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. The Hall was densely crowded. Mr. O'Connell is thoroughly versed in the subject on which he lectures and he presents his arguments to his hearers with irresistible force. He purposes delivering another series of lectures on the objections advanced against Christianity by scientists and other quasi-philosophers.

SARNIA RESERVE.—The Harvest Thanksgiving Service of St. Peter's Church was not merely evanescent rejoicing, as it is to be feared is the case with many revival services. The decorations of the Church, it