

LONDON.—St. Paul's.—The Infantry and Artillery of the 7th Battalion attended Divine Service on Sunday the third of Advent. They marched to the church in military array, the band playing the Old Hundred. The morning services were read by Revs. A. Brown and Canon Innes, and an excellent Advent sermon was preached by Mr. Innes on the glorious promise of our Lord in St. John iv 2-8.

Clerical Association.—The clergymen of this city and suburbs, have formed themselves into a Clerical Association, and will meet monthly in council. The object of the Association is mutual aid by counsel and strengthening each other in their parochial work and the discussion of subjects of an edifying and practical character. The Association was organized at a meeting held at the residence of Very Rev. Dean Boomer at which a number of the clergy joined.

Memorial Church.—His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese preached at the Memorial Church on Sunday, the third of Advent, the anniversary of the consecration of the church. The church was densely crowded and the Bishop's sermon on the text: "We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ," left a deep, and we hope a lasting impression on the hearers. The church, enlarged as it has been is none too large for the congregation that worships within its walls.

BIRMINGHAM, LONDON TOWNSHIP.—The new church will very soon be completed but the opening has been deferred until the third Sunday in January, the Bishop having on hand so many appointments.

STRATHROY.—Rev. John Gemley preached at St. John's on the second Sunday of Advent to a large congregation. Of the zeal of the church folk of St. John's their large subscriptions when appealed to is ample testimony. Mr. Gemley received subscriptions to the amount of \$140 for the Western University. The church people of Strathroy are not many, and they have had to subscribe liberally of late for the Church of St. John.

LONDON.—A monument has been erected at St. Paul's Cemetery over the grave of the late Rev. Professor Halpin, fitly testifying to the undying love and respect of those who are indebted no little to the invaluable instructions of their departed friend for their usefulness in the ministry. It is a column of Italian marble on marble pedestal, resting on a granite base. On the monument is the family crest, a dove as if spreading her wings to flee away to her home, with the motto, "Sic itur ad astra." The following is the inscription: "In memory of the Rev. W. H. Halpin, A.M., T.C.D., who departed this life Oct. 5, A.D., 1878." The deceased was for fourteen years Professor of Classics in Huron Theological College. The monument is erected by the Principal and Alumni of said college as a memento of their high appreciation of his great attainments as a scholar, as well as of his general kindness and his success as a teacher. On the base is deeply engraved the name HALPIN.

The following address has been presented to Mrs. Halpin:

DEAR MRS. HALPIN,—We, the Alumni of Huron College, gratefully remembering the kind and faithful interest in our welfare which your beloved husband, our late lamented Classical Professor, ever manifested while we were students in Huron College, receiving instructions from him, desire on this opportunity, being assembled at our annual meeting, to express (the Very Rev. the Dean, our President, uniting with us) our warmest sympathy with you in your sad bereavement, and also to give expression to the high and affectionate esteem in which we held his memory by erecting a memorial monument in St. Paul's Cemetery, which we beg of you to favorably accept. We are conscious, dear Madam, that we have by his decease lost a warm friend and faithful adviser, as well as a liberal contributor of our scheme for the establishment of the Western University. Praying that our Heavenly Father, who has promised to be the God of the orphan will graciously supply all your need and that of your family out of His fulness, and bless you with all spiritual blessings. We remain, dear

Mrs. Halpin, your sincere friends. Signed on behalf of the Alumni, M. BOOMER, President and Principal of Huron College

ALGOMA:

GRAVENHURST.—The Rev. Thomas Lloyd acknowledges the following, in response made in churches named; Trinity Church, Barrie, offertory, \$15.00; St. Paul's Church, Innisfil, offertory, \$12.00; Aurora, offertory, \$10.70; S. Jones, Barrie, \$1; Mrs. G. Cook, \$2; Mrs. Ardagh, \$2; Anonymous, \$8 (per Canon Morgan); also, from Canon's friends, per Canon Morgan, a quantity of very useful cast-off clothing, books and papers for distribution; also, from Sunday School children and congregation of the Church, Newmarket, four cases of useful cast-off clothing, books, pamphlets, &c.—most liberally and sympathetically donated for the poor of this large and struggling mission; from J. C. Robertson, two kegs of nails for new church; Mrs. J. C. Robertson, \$2.50; Joseph Cawthra, \$1.00; T. J. Robertson, \$5.00; J. Davison, \$2.00. I have to thank the clergy and congregations of these Churches, not only for permission to appeal—in every instance most cordially given—but also for the most liberal responses made to my appeal through their christian charity. Numbers of poor families in the Gravenhurst Mission will at last "be warmed," and I only wish that they could be cheered, as I am, by the cheerful looks and hearty thanks of the various recipients, as they receive and march off with their allotted parcels. If the children's clothing was five times as much, I could still usefully dispose of it amongst deserving and needy recipients. I have also to thank unknown friends for a case of frocks and underclothing, per Miss Dixon, Toronto. In conclusion, let me say that if any of your readers are desirous of ministering to any of the Lord's little ones, I shall be only too happy to receive and dispense anything that may be sent, only asking that they be prepaid.

Correspondence.

All letters will appear with the names of the writers in full.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, EDINBURGH.

SIR,—Permit me to bring before your readers the following from a notice in the *Guardian* regarding the new cathedral of Edinburgh:—

"The difficult problem of combining an organ, worthy of the building, with a so called Gothic edifice has in this instance been met by giving up the north transept to the instrument, and bringing the choir under the central tower." May the authorities of Montreal cathedral take the lesson! For the last time I worshipped in that beautiful building, the ear could not rejoice with the eye, the choir being simply unintelligible, because cut off from the congregation by the "central tower." Yours,

D. C. MOORE.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

DEAR SIR,—Permit me through your columns to acknowledge the assistance rendered our Church cause in this far backwood settlement by the "Church Woman's Mission Aid Society," it having supplied to the lay reader a beautiful surplice at a merely nominal price. The officers of the church desire to do all things "decently and in order," and to make the place wherein we worship look for the time being something like a Church of England. Our great want is a building of our own. It is alien to the spirit and traditions of our Church to worship in buildings used for other and secular purposes. If we could obtain help to the extent of about \$230 we could speedily erect a good-looking, substantial and convenient church. Perhaps some well-to-do Churchmen interested in the missionary Diocese of Algoma, which is so rapidly growing in population, will be disposed to assist us, which can be done through our worthy and esteemed Bishop. Some old books, illustrated papers, and tracts would be very welcome to us, and help us in our work. Yours faithfully,

H. W. EVISON.

Dunchurch, Parry Sound, Dec. 1, 1879.

FROM THE WILDS OF ONTARIO.

SIR,—In the *DOMINION CHURCHMAN* of Nov. 27th is "A voice from the wilds of Ontario." I can deeply sympathize with that voice; and there are hundreds of

Churchmen with the same feeling. There are people in the backwoods who never see a church; who have no means of joining in the services of the Church, yet who yearn for her ministrations. I know that neighborhood well, have known it many years, knew it when there were a good number of Church people, know it now when there is scarcely one. For twelve years but one clergyman visited the neighborhood of LaMab (properly L'Aimable) and York River, that was the Rev. K. L. Jones. I wrote to a member of the Mission Board of Montreal—I did not know then what diocese we were in, 15 years ago. I wrote to the newspapers, but without avail. I hope now that this "voice from the wilds" will be heard, for not only there, but here and elsewhere, in many places the cry is going up "Men and brethren, help," but it waxes weaker; others come in who are not of us, and from the sheer wish to be able to join in some public worship of God our people go; they are weaned from the faith, and in many cases cannot be restored. Yet is not the Church altogether to blame? if professed Churchmen were loyal and true, and held fast their profession of the faith without wavering, they would find some way of conducting public worship—they have the Prayer Book—and would not be so soon carried about with every wind of doctrine (Eph. iv. 14); but when the Church is looked upon merely as a sect among sects, no matter of how much better a kind, it is not to be wondered at that people fall from their own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked (2 St. Pet. iii. 17). The ground pointed out from L'Aimable (La Mab) through York River, and Doyle's Corners or Manooth; to Rockingham or Brudenell, County of Renfrew, is more than enough for two clergymen. One stationed at York River and supplying that place, Bronson, with the several settlements around, and L'Aimable would find good material to work on. I know of no place in the back woods with so many good families in proportion to the population. Some, I fear, have hopelessly left the Church; some, I hope, have not, and some amongst the working farmers are, I believe, sound. Another clergyman stationed at Doyle's Corners will find plenty of good work; north is a large settlement and south and east to Cumberland, &c., and west to Kenaway in the English Company's limits, which might be reached. If the Diocese of Ontario could station a clergyman at York River, I could insure a gift of a few acres of cleared land for a church and parsonage.

May our gracious Lord grant that this cry may be heard, for we are being surrounded by a cordon of unfriendly outposts.

Yours faithfully,
P. HARDING.

JUVENILE MISSIONARY OFFERINGS.

DEAR SIR,—The great need of the Church to-day is a missionary spirit, such an interest in the cause of missions as will ensure self-denial in its behalf; make it an object of frequent thought and deep affection. The question which earnest minds feel to be paramount is: How can we most effectually increase the number of individuals animated by such a spirit and the number of congregations thoroughly identified with mission work? I humbly think the true answer is, begin with the children. Juvenile associations are especially important, not only on account of the pecuniary aid they render, but also because they early enlist the sympathies of the heart. At a Missionary Conference held in London in 1860, one speaker related that he had presided at a missionary meeting of the children comprising a Sunday School gathered in from the ragged schools of the neighborhood. The missionary boxes, with the contributions of these children for the three previous months, were opened at this meeting; and, to his astonishment, in farthings, half-pence and pence the collection amounted to no less a sum than £4 1s. 1d. On inquiry he found that the interest of these children had been brought about, to a great extent, by the circulation amongst them of juvenile missionary papers. In the Diocese of Huron, in the year ending March 31st, 1878, the sum of \$472.02 was collected for the mission fund by means of missionary boxes which had been placed in the hands of Sunday School children. Is it not most important that this interest among the juvenile portion of the Church should be encouraged and thoroughly maintained by the use of every legitimate means, not only from the value of the juvenile offerings themselves (which would be a substantial aid to the mission cause), but from the fact that thereby children will be among the chief supporters of missions some ten or fifteen years hence. It is well known as a matter of fact in the history of eminent missionaries that first thoughts of missionary consecration were entertained at an early age. This fact shows the importance of enlisting our children in missionary work, showing that the Most High may influence even the little ones to offer themselves to God for the work of the ministry. Surely, Mr. Editor, more general efforts should be made to infuse a missionary spirit into the hearts of the young of all classes and ranks in the Church of Christ. I believe it to be an object of immense importance and worthy of the most able and systematic attention. We must feel that all Christian children should be trained to take an interest in the mission cause; they may then, under God's blessing