

thereon. The Mission Priest then invited the building Committee to the platform, together with the Treasurer of the Church, Mr. William Gibson, and the contractor, Mr. John Beatty. The Rural Dean then began the services for the occasion, the responses being heartily given by the clergy, the large choir and the congregation. The hymn, "Christ is our corner stone," having been enthusiastically sung, the stone—the gift of Mr. William Gibson, owner of the quarries, was unveiled by removing the Union Jack; the trowel was presented by the Reeve to the Mission priest, who by unanimous vote of the vestry had been requested to perform the ceremony. A box containing the history of the Church of England in Beamsville, the coins of the realm, copies of the *Dominion Churchman*, the *Church Guardian*, and the *Living Church*, the organ of the Mission of Smithville and Beamsville, was deposited in the cavity, and the stone lowered. The solemn invocation was then pronounced, the stone was deposited in its place and adjusted, and the hymn "O Lord of Hosts, whose Glory fills," followed. The final prayers were then said, and "The Church's One Foundation" was sung as an offertory hymn. Brief, yet very excellent addresses were then delivered by the clergy present. The Rev. the Rural Dean speaking upon the necessity of self sacrifice on the part of the congregation of the new church; the Rev. Canon Read upon the need felt by man in all ages for places of public assembly for worship, and the need especially in the Christian Church; Rev. Canon Bull, after referring to the life of St. Alban the Martyr, spoke upon the History, the Creeds and the Liturgy of the Church of England; Rev. P. L. Spencer, upon the necessity of a Church of England edifice to the community in general, both in regard to use and to ornament, and referred at length to the movement for the union of Christendom now agitating every one, and the efforts of the Church of England and her sister Episcopal churches towards this end; and Rev. Thomas Geoghagan gave a most excellent address upon the need of erecting not merely an imitable church edifice, but also a Christ like structure in the daily life and conduct. The hymn, "Through the night of doubt and sorrow" was then sung. The Reeve, Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Beatty, gave a few brief words of congratulation, followed by the Doxology and the Benediction.

In the evening a most successful social was held at the house of Mr. William Kew, one of the building committee. A large number were present and all enjoyed themselves greatly.

It may be added that during the past year the congregation have bought and paid for an organ and the lot whereon the church stands; also that with a small membership of by no means wealthy people, over \$900 towards the new church has been subscribed.

The Building Committee are: Rev. F. C. Piper, Chairman ex-officio; Joseph H. Zimmerman, Chairman. D. F. H. Wilkins, Secretary; George Rogers, William Kew.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

WINGHAM.—The Rev. Canon Davis preached Thanksgiving sermons in St. Paul's Church on Sunday, the 20th, to large congregations. The sacred edifice being crowded, especially in the evening, with a congregation which listened with much interest to the earnest and interesting discourses.

The church was neatly decorated for the occasion, and the singing particularly good. The Rector, Rev. H. Moorehouse, conducted the services.

On Monday evening the Rev. Canon Davis delivered a lecture on "Travels," which attracted a good attendance and elicited a most warm and cordial vote of thanks. The proceeds are towards a fund for the proposed new church, and netted a nice sum.

RIDGSTOWN.—The Rev. Canon Richardson, of London, preached here on Sunday, 27th, to large congregations, on the subject of Harvest Thanksgiving. In the afternoon he addressed a large gathering of Sunday School workers of all denominations who assembled in the church.

Rev. Mr. Bart read prayers and conducted the services. There is a good work going on here, although the Church is not so strong as in many other places in the county.

LONDON.—Christ Church was crowded to the doors last night with a deeply interested congregation, who listened to a powerful sermon by Bishop Baldwin. The preacher chose for his text Matt. xxi., 11, 12 and 13. and drew many lessons from the dealings of the King with the "man who had not a wedding garment," and closed with an invitation to all to provide for themselves by putting on the robe of Christ's righteousness, and thus prepare themselves for the marriage feast.

MITCHELL.—The Rector some time since thought it well that the C. E. T. S. meetings should be discontinued in the Temperance Hall, and that services, with the shortened form of Evening prayer and a Gospel Temperance sermon or address, in the church, should take their place. The first of these gatherings was held recently, when the Rev. D. A. Mockridge preached. Last Monday evening the second service of a like character was held, when the Rev. Canon Davis preached an excellent sermon from the text, "Woe to the Drunkards." Miss Mabel Dent sang very sweetly, during the taking up of the offertory, a solo, "The Ninety and nine." There was a good congregation. It is believed that these services will be productive of much good.

The members of the Women's Missionary Association have lately sent out two large bales of clothing and toys to the Northwest and another is to follow.

The Rector has issued the plan of work for the winter months. There will be service every Wednesday in the church, with lectures upon special subjects, after which the Teacher's Preparation class will be held. There will be a short additional prayer meeting once a month after evening service on Sunday, and another after Sunday school. A series of socials will be held once a month, and prayer meetings from house to house every fortnight. Prayer meetings will also be held in the country. An occasional Gospel Temperance service, C. E. T. S., will be held in the church, and confirmation classes will shortly be commenced. The Women's Missionary Association will meet once a fortnight.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me space in your columns to acknowledge, very gratefully, the receipt, through Mrs. Crawford, (the Rector, Church of the Ascension, Hamilton) of the sum of \$100, (collected by her while still resident in Brockville) of which, according to instructions given, \$75 is to be refunded in the purchase of modern theological works to be placed on the shelves of our Diocesan Clerical Library, and the balance applied to incidental expense, such as the printing of catalogues, &c. In no more practical or permanent form could the friends of the Diocese confer a benefit on it than by thus replenishing our Infant Circulating Library, and so supplementing the necessarily scanty stock of literary and theological love already in the possession of our missionaries. I may add that in order to secure, in the outlay of this contribution a variety of theology fairly reflecting various schools of thought to be found in the diocese, I have requested each of the clergy to suggest the names of three works which he would like to see added to the Library. All monies contributed to its support in the future will be ex-

pendent in the same principle. Books desirable for this purpose, will be thankfully received, prepaid, by the Librarian, Rev. Rural Dean Lloyd, Huntsville. E. ALGOMA. J

Sault St. Marie, Oct. 30th, 1889.

The Bishop of Algoma begs to lay the following letter before the friends of his diocese. It tells its own sad tale and needs no comment:

RED ROCK, October 20th, 1889.

My Dear Bishop.—I am grieved at heart to have to send you the sad tidings that our new Mission House at Negwenenung with all the property which we possessed there is in ashes, the stoves only excepted.

Two weeks ago I wrote to you telling your lordship that the Indians had come down to take us up, but when the canoes were loaded, the Indians had so much stuff for themselves that there was no room for Mrs. Renison or May to enter, and so Georgie and myself went up in order that we might take out the potatoes before freezing, and also lay in a supply of fish for our dogs, intending after this work was accomplished, to come down again after Mrs. Renison and May.

On Thursday morning, the 17th October, we had all our fish and potatoes safe—21 bags of beautiful potatoes in our cellar, and 1400 fish hanging for winter use—breakfast preparing and a strong west wind blowing, and had been blowing for 15 hours before. I went over to Thomson's house advising, if possible, that the nets should be taken in, or else they would soon be destroyed. Georgie was still in bed up stairs sleeping; when I returned I found him sitting at the kitchen stove; he came down stairs during my absence, being awakened and half stupefied by the smoke, but of course he knew nothing of whence it came, and did not notice it much. I soon detected the burning, went up into the attic and found to my horror, that the flames had made so much headway, that I was obliged to return at once or else I should be suffocated. I gave the alarm and all the Indians assembled as quickly as possible, but it was too late. The house was dry and a strong wind fanning the flames. We managed to save a few windows, and a few doors, and some flour that was in the cellar. I had to borrow a hat, a pair of shoes, and a blanket to return, and what food we used. An Indian woman took off her moccasins for Georgie, as he had nothing but the stockings which were on his feet. All our clothes and bedding except the few things that we had here are all gone. All Mrs. Renison's trunks and jewelry, a good part of a chest of tea, feather pillows, bedding, moccasins, quilts, blankets, two clocks, and all our furniture (except chairs) knives, forks, cups, and plates, all gone. All the potatoes roasted in the cellar. I hope the Lord will enable us not to murmur. I believe the cause of the burning was this: The strong wind shook and loosened the stove pipes that projected outside over the roof and disjoined them within. I had mended them so secure a day or two before, that I never thought of a wind shaking them, and besides they stood so many storms before. This is a very great loss both to the Diocese and to the Missionary. Of course we must now live at Red Rock in the old house for the winter, but we thank God even for this. If Mrs. Renison had been at the Mission she would have been even worse; she would have to stop with the Indians. I brought down Thomson with me, who will now stop here for a time to fix the house, and finish the church when the grant comes from the S. P. C. K.

If a north wind had blown during the burning the church as well as the mission would have been consumed; so matters might have been much worse than they are. Thank God no lives are lost, and the Lord will surely enable us to bear any personal loss we have sustained.