

is of frame, with stone foundation, and consists of chancel, nave, organ chamber, vestry and porch. The chancel window is a triplet of stained glass, from Messrs. Elliot & Son, Toronto. In the north light is a font with water lilies, in the south light a chalice with a vine bearing grapes, and in the centre is a dove, the head being surrounded by rays of light. The building is convenient, and is strikingly neat, pleasing and correct. In the morning, the Archdeacon of Guelph read the lessons and preached. The text was taken from the first verse of the cxxii. Psalm. The sermon was carefully prepared, well delivered and truly edifying. Celebration of the Holy Communion was the service of the day; being the highest act of Christian worship, and the most acceptable mode of offering thanksgiving and praise. In the afternoon, the Rev. W. Craig, for some time incumbent of the parish, now rector of Clinton, preached on the subject of "The Building up of the Spiritual Life." The discourse was suitable and excellent. In the evening the Pre-byterians and Methodists of the village omitted their own services, that all might have an opportunity of being present at the closing service of the day. The Methodists very kindly offered their place of worship as being more spacious, and the offer was with the Archdeacon's permission thankfully accepted. The large building was completely filled; the sermon bright and cheerful. The Archdeacon selected as his subject "The Risen Dead," and preached with great clearness and power. This is the first building erected by the members of the Church in this village or neighbourhood; Divine service having been celebrated in rooms or halls. The Rev. John Smithurst was the first clergyman resident in the neighbourhood; but was too far advanced in life to accomplish much. The Rev. A. Boulton, now of Cayuga, held Clifford as one of his stations when first ordained; he resided in Harriston, and obtained from England aid in building the church in that town. Mr. Boulton was succeeded by the Rev. Robt. Gardner, who at length was induced by the people of Mount Forest to remove thither. Mr. Gardner was succeeded by the Rev. W. F. Graham; his stay in the mission of Mount was brief. The Rev. W. Cracy, now rector of Clinton, followed, but did not remain long, and his departure in 1881 was much regretted by the people of the mission. The work is very trying, and the contributions of the people of the outlying stations merely nominal. The Incumbent is expected to take four services every Sunday, two of them in Harriston, one at 11 a.m., the other at 7 p.m., the other two requiring a journey over a bad road of 18 or 19 miles. A remedy is sorely needed for the unequal manner in which work and reward are distributed as we see it.

WEST FLAMBORO.—On the 17th inst., at the Township Hall, a concert was given by the congregation of Christ Church, to defray a debt on their organ. It would be unfair to single out any ladies or gentlemen who distinguished themselves in either the dramatic, musical or other portions of the entertainment. Miss Wyld, of Dundas, sang "The Three Old Maids of Lee" in splendid style, and was deservedly encored. Miss Ryckman, of Hamilton, was very popular with the audience, who have not forgotten her last appearance here. Mrs. Morris, of Toronto, sang with great effect and expression, showing great power of execution in the management of her voice. Thoroughly appreciated songs were given by Miss Minnie Hore, and delightful piano overtures by the Misses Wishart and Humphreys, showing clearly that there is great musical talent in West Flamboro'. The Barton Mountain Dramatic Club rendered with excellent effect a charade, "All is well that ends well." Miss Cook played the leading role famously, Miss Bull also acting very nicely; both were well supported by the other members of the club. Mr. Charles, of Dundas, sang well and was warmly received. Mr. Canavan, of Toronto, gave readings in five different dialects. The entertainment was a great success. Everybody considered this to be the best concert yet given in the hall; and the Rev. T. Geoghegan and all concerned in getting it up deserve great praise. The hall was crowded—"LAUS DEO."

PORT DALHOUSIE.—The Rev. Percy W. Smith, of Dunnville, will begin (D.V.) an active mission service in St. John Church on the first Sunday in Lent. Mr. Smith is a very earnest and impressive speaker, and has often proved himself an instrument under God of drawing many souls nearer to Jesus.

SOUTH WENTWORTH AND HALDIMAND.—A meeting of this Rural-deanery was held on the 18th inst. The proceedings were, first, Litany and Celebration at Holy Trinity Church, Barton; and, secondly, Scripture reading and meditation, together with discussion on general and local topics of interest. The members present were—Revs. Rural-dean Bull, Dr. Mockridge, W. B. Curran, L. Des Brisay, H. Carmichael, H. F. Mellish, and C. E. Whitecombe, secretary, also the Rev. C. R. Clarke, late of Algoma.

BARTONVILLE.—A missionary service of more than usual interest was held in St. Mary's Church on 16th inst., the service was intoned by the Rev. C. E. Whitecombe, Missionary in charge. The lessons were read by the Rev. C. R. Clark, late of Huntsville, Diocese of Algoma. The responses and Psalms, with Hymns appropriate to the occasion were exceedingly well rendered by the choir of Holy Trinity Church, Barton, under the able direction of Miss Bull, who presided at the organ. The Rev. Rural Dean Bull, M.A., preached an intensely earnest and practical sermon taking as his text St. Luke xxiv. 47. He showed that it was a duty as well as a necessity to attend to home missions first, and pointed out the awful fact that even in the diocese of Niagara there were not only many villages but large and important districts of country where Church people resided that were yet destitute of the service of the Church. He congratulated the congregation of St. Mary's and its zealous Missionary upon their prosperity and the grand work which they had achieved in raising a home, worthy of the name and service of God, in a spot which had so long been neglected. He made touching reference to the service which had been established for the residents along the beach, and expressed the hope that the time was not far distant when a church would be planted there which would prove a lighthouse to the residents of that beach district.

STONE CREEK.—This Mission, of which Bartonville and the Beach now form a part, has within the last few years passed through a wonderful transformation. If any wish to see the power of Church principles, not only in raising the tone of the services but in elevating the people morally and physically, we invite them to visit this mission. If our Church in the past or in the present has not taken hold upon the people it has neither been the fault of her doctrines nor her ritual, it has been because the former has not been taught while the latter has been neglected. We are at that age in the world's history when we can neither live upon our "glorious history" nor "our over-awing dignity" we must have life, we must let the world see we are in earnest, or if we do not, the last sect which has just come to light will prove more than a match for us. A living dog is better than a dead lion. Our dear old Church has been inert long enough. Here we have a proof of returning life, for which, let us thank God and take courage. This country lies at our feet, if we would conquer it for God, we must do so upon definite Church lines and of giving the people of this age not indefinite negativism but definite Church teaching. Something firm to stand upon, when we learn to do this we shall draw to us and again reunite in one, the broken and scattered members of the Lord's body.

HURON.

SARNIA AND KETTLE POINT.—The Rev. J. Jacob begs to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of parcels and money for Christmas-trees, from Rev. Canon Smith, London; Rev. N. H. Martin, Chatham; C. W. M. A., per Mrs. O'Reilly, Toronto; B. Homer Dixon, C. S. Gzowski and S. H. Blake, Esquires, Toronto.

BURFORD.—The Christmas services were well attended in this parish. The church was beautifully and tastefully decorated as befitting the season, for which too much praise cannot be given to the young ladies and other members of the congregation. On the Wednesday preceding Christmas, the congregation of Trinity Church visited the rectory and presented the Rev. Mr. Hind, with a donation of considerable value. Mr. Hind came to us highly recommended from Nova Scotia some six months ago. His entrance into this parish was under very trying and perplexing circumstances, but his rigid attention to duty, his kind and sympathetic manner and discourse coupled with his scholarly attainments have conquered all obstacles and won for him many firm and lasting friends in Burford and the vicinity. The donation and Christmas collection netted one hundred and three dollars.

ALGOMA.

TARENTORUS.—The little school-house, while on Sundays, serves the temporary purpose of a church was, on Dec. 27th, the scene of quite a happy event in the annals of the township, for on that day thanks to the kindness of the C. W. M. Association, of Toronto, we were enabled to enjoy the first Christmas tree, that ever bore fruit in the place.

In the early part of the day, loving hands were kept busy preparing and labelling the articles and decorating the trees for the evening. The school house was quite filled by visitors from the Sault, Garden River, Shingwauk Home, &c., and we were pleased

to see, in addition to the Rev. G. B. Cooke, incumbent of Sault Ste. Marie, of which mission Tarentorus is one of the stations, and Mr. Glass, our lay reader. The Rev. E. E. Wilson, Principal of the Shingwauk Home, the Rev. R. Roman of Garden River, and other friends. After a few introductory remarks from our beloved pastor, a short programme of music, singing, reading and recitation was gone through very creditably, with the help of our friends from the Sault, Keshew, &c. At about half past eight, the work of distributing the presents from the tree, of which there were two connected by an arch of evergreen, began. Owing to the liberality of the C. W. M. A., each child, who had attended Sunday school regularly, and collected over \$1 on the Sunday school collecting card, towards the new church, received two handsome presents besides bags of clothes, supplies, nuts &c. One little girl, Annie Legart, who by her industry and zeal gathered over five dollars, receiving a hand of the Bible. The members of the Bible class, and some of the adult Church, who happened to be present, received souvenirs of the occasion. The quilt, so kindly sent by C. W. M. A., to the Marland family, consisting of father, mother, and eight little ones, under fourteen, who are living in a state of great poverty, and there is no doubt that the quilt will prove a great comfort to them. It is hardly necessary to add that the C. W. M. A. have the warmest thanks and earnest prayers of the home, back woods men of far off Tarentorus. Mr. Glass, lay reader, begs to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of \$5 from the Bible class in connection with St. George's Sunday school, Guelph, per Mrs. Hooge, and a further sum of \$1 from a friend in Brampton, per C. W. M. A., Toronto, towards the new church at Tarentorus. Further contributions are earnestly solicited, and may be sent either to the Rev. G. B. Cooke, Sault Ste. Marie, Sault Ste. Marie, or to Mr. H. Glass, Shingwauk Home, Sault Ste. Marie, or by kind permission, to Mrs. O'Reilly, Sault Ste. Marie, C. W. M. A., 31 Blocker street Toronto.

The Rev. W. Compton begs to acknowledge, with sincere thanks, \$5 from Mr. Hamilton, and \$2.02, the proceeds of a savings box, belonging to the late Arthur Campbell, per his son, Marie Campbell, Perrytown; both gifts being accompanied by kind and encouraging notes. As "M." is now an old friend, Mr. C. would be glad to communicate privately by mail upon the subject of the note sent, which has given him quite a refreshing. Mr. C. would at the same time beg the excuses of his numerous friends, for the delay which will be unavoidable for the next two or three weeks, owing to his Bishop's visitation. Aspidin, P.O., Jan. 16th, 1883.

RUPERTS' LAND.

WINNIPEG.—There was held at St. John's Church, Sunday morning, Jan. 7th, an ordination service in which three deacons were advanced to the priesthood, and one candidate admitted to the diaconate. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Prince Rupert's Land, assisted by Archdeacons Cowley, and Piekham, Rev. Canons O'Meara and M'Intosh. The service, to end of the Psalms, were taken by the Rev. Canon O'Meara, the lessons by Rev. Canon Matheson, and the part of the service from the Creed to the end of the third Collect, by Archdeacon Piekham.

The Bishop then preached from 1 Samuel vii. 12: He applied these words to the circumstances of the congregation in entering upon a new year, and reminded them of the many temporal and spiritual blessings they had experienced during the year. The life of Samuel was made the occasion of a few words of advice to parents in bringing up children. Reference was made to the ordination ceremony, and to the momentous importance of the ministerial office, and the sermon concluded with an exhortation to all, whether ministers or people, to place themselves with child-like confidence in the Father's hands and allow themselves to be moulded according to His will. Mr. W. L. Cheeney, a student of St. John's College, was then presented by Archdeacon Cowley to the Bishop for admission into deacon's orders; and the Rev. A. L. Parker, M.A., fellow at St. John's College, Rev. F. W. Green, of Stonewall, and Rev. James Irvine, missionary at Lac Seul, were presented for admission into the priesthood.

The ante-communion service followed, after which the candidate for the diaconate advanced, and answered the questions put to him by the Bishop. Having been duly ordained, he read the proper gospel, beginning with St. Luke xii. 35.

The candidates for admission into the priesthood were then brought forward and interrogated in the usual manner, after which the Bishop uttered the prayer for strength to perform the work into which they had entered. The congregation were then desired to make their supplications to the same end, "for the which prayers," in the simple language of