

CHESTER

The items of interest in the history of this parish for the past month are the addition of a pulpit Bible and sacramental wine cruet to the parish Church property, four more hanging lamps, new chancel carpet and organ tuning for St. Mark's Church, Western Shore, given by the Church Women's Mite Society, the institution of a weekly Sunday School Teacher's meeting at Chester, the licensing of Mr. Allan P. Shatford (theological student) as lay Reader for the parish, the entering upon a course of Lenten week-day services consisting of three additional at the parish church and one in each of the others, besides a Bible class by Mr. Shatford at Chester Basin, and, very especially, his Lordship the Bishop's visit for confirmation.

The chief items to be noted respecting this are the Saturday confirmation at Indian Point when the Revd F. W. M. Bacon presented six and the Rector of this parish three candidates, all of whom received their first communion in the administration that followed; a very pleasant meeting of the Bishop and parishioners in our St. Stephen's Hall on the Saturday evening, with a long address by the Bishop in his happy style, and in the course of which he made very kind references to the Rector and Mrs Ball; whilst coffee and cake were being handed round and enjoyed the speech of Capt. Lordly, our zealous vestry clerk, on the subject of our coming centenary of the parish in the year 1900, and how to celebrate it; the Rector on the same; Senior Warden Whitford's speech on the happiness of the parishioners in thus socially meeting his Lordship, and on the hope that they would practically remember his advice of how to readily supply more than the

parish needs by proportionate giving; the Sunday morning confirmation of eight males and nine females at Chester, and the Bishop's eloquent evening sermon in the same church to a large congregation: the cold ten miles drive to Western Shore church on the Monday morning, and the confirmation of fifteen candidates, thirteen of whom received their first communion at the administration which followed; the afternoon confirmation of four candidates at Chester Basin, and Mr. and Mrs. Keddy's hospitality to his Lordship and the Rector till Tuesday morning when the Bishop left for New Ross.

IN MEMORIAM

Entered into the rest of Paradise Feb. 11th., Lucy Manning, wife of Revd J. Manning and formerly of Doctor Kearney, aged 86 years. Mrs. Manning's memory is blessed by her devotion to the good work of visiting and reading to the sick, and her love of regular attendance at the means of grace up to within a few months of her death.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

E. H. B.

TRURO

The month of February was quite fruitful in music and entertainments. On Monday the 3rd, the organist, (Mr. Karl W. Vincent M. Mus., F. G. C. M. etc.) delighted a large congregation with a full recital. It would be difficult to say which of his pieces was most enjoyed but the general opinion seemed to favour "The Dramatic Fantasia" the Concert on the lake and The storm." This latter part needs to be heard to be realized, but to those who heard it, so realistic was it,

that it is hoped Mr. Vincent will play it again at some future recital. It certainly surprised many to find that such sounds and power could be brought forth from the organ of St. John's Church. It might not be amiss here, to suggest to those who are able to visit Truro and wish to study any branch of music under a Master of the Profession, to secure Mr. Vincent's services. He teaches Harmony and Theory by correspondence if desired.

On Thursday the 13th, the children, teachers, and friends of the S. School gave an entertainment in the Crypt. The object was to obtain funds for the support of an Indian boy in the "Shingwauk Home.

The entertainment was a success in every way and reflects great credit on those who made the arrangements and so successfully carried them out. Every piece in which the children took part gained well merited applause, especially the "Dialogue by eight scholars." Indeed, it is evident that some of the children have considerable talent in this line, altho', it is hoped that none of the members of our Sunday School will ever "boss the show," as "Ebenezer John" did so successfully on this occasion. This character was impersonated by a boy in the first class, and he deserved a great deal of praise—which indeed he received—for the really clever yet natural way in which he did it. The teachers and friends were seen to advantage also in a dialogue, entitled "How Mrs. Gaskell did not hire a cook." It was really a very funny piece and much merriment was caused when one of the applicants for the vacant situation—a comparatively meek little creature—asked of the would-be-mistress, who was nearly twice her size—in a most "umble" way, "will your dresses fit me?" Altogether it was as good an entertainment as has taken