

ful and appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. W. J. Armitage, on 2 Tim. i: 7. At the business meeting next day an address of condolence with the family of the late Canon Holland was agreed to, he having for many years discharged the duties of Rural Dean in this Deanery, while Rector of St. George's, St. Catharines, and will be long missed at the meetings of the Chapter. Part of St. John xviii and xix were then read and considered; comparison being especially made of the revised with the old version.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

THORNDALE.—The Young People's Association in connection with Grace Church, gave a Concert in the public hall here, on Friday the 10th. The Hall was well filled; a good musical programme was rendered. The Rev. Evans Davis, of London, gave an address. The proceeds go towards reducing the debt on the parsonage. Since the Rev. F. F. Davis entered on his duties in this parish everything has gone on nicely, and few Churches are in a more flourishing condition than Grace Church, Thorndale.

PORT RYERSON.—The Congregation in this out of the way village has been steadily increasing for the past year. The Church had been closed for years, and no service in connection with the Church of England held in the place until the Rev. W. Davis, Rector of Woodhouse, who in connection with his other duties gave us a week-day service. He presently saw his way to opening the Church regularly every Sunday; now we have a good congregation and flourishing Sunday-school. The few Church people assisted by those of other denominations who attend the services, presented Mr. Davis with a purse of \$60 and an address, on Feb. 10th, as a slight token of their esteem and gratitude for his many faithful services.

LONDON.—Special Lenten Services are being held in each of the city Churches. His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese, who is and will be out of the city the greater part of the time until Easter, is announced to lecture in St. Paul's Cathedral on the Friday afternoons, and preach there Easter Sunday morning.

MITCHELL.—A well attended Vestry meeting was held in Trinity Church on Tuesday evening last, with the rector in the chair. After prayer, the resignation of Rev. Mr. Ker was received. On motion of W. R. Davis, seconded by Jos. Jackson, A. Dent and T. McClay were appointed a Committee to confer with the Bishop respecting a successor to the present incumbent. It was also decided to sell the present rectory, and purchase another property more convenient to the Church. Meeting then adjourned. [The Bishop has since been waited upon, and at the request of the deputation agreed to appoint Rev. J. C. Farthing, M.A., a graduate of Cambridge University, and one of the most promising young men in the Diocese. Mr. Farthing will accept.]

EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS.—If the Lord will, the following order will be observed by the Bishop in his visitation of the Diocese for Confirmations for 1888:

Clergymen in each Parish or Mission are requested to have all the candidates from their several stations prepared and ready to be presented at the service, as arranged in the following lists.

It is the Bishop's wish that a list of all the candidates, with christian names in full and plainly written, be handed to him on his arrival, which lists, if necessary, will be subject to correction after the service.

The Bishop places the responsibility of punctual attendance at each service on the clergyman in charge, and particularly requests that

nothing be allowed to interfere and prevent the Bishop from being present and ready for service, as named in printed lists. For February the appointments are:

County of Grey.—Tuesday, March 1, St. John's, Dundalk, Rev. O. Edgelow; Tuesday, March 1, St. Paul's, Shelburn, and Friday, March 2, Hornings Mills, Rev. H. G. Moore.

Sunday, March 18, Christ Church, Meaford, and St. Thomas', St. Vincent, Rev. A. C. Chan-ner, M.A.; Monday, March 19, St. Matthew's, Sydenham, St. Philip's, Walters Falls: Tuesday, March 20, St. James', Euphrasia, St. Augustine, Heathcote, Rev. J. A. Ball; Wednesday, March 21, St. George's, Clarksburg, Rev. G. Keys.

Sunday, March 4, Christ Church, Glanworth, Trinity Church, Lambeth: Tuesday, March 13, St. Anne's, Byron, Rev. C. W. Ball; Sunday, February 19, St. John's, Glencoe, Christ Church, Newbury, St. James', Wardsville, Rev. W. J. Taylor; Sunday, March 11, St. Matthew's, London E., Emmanuel, London Tp., Rev. W. M. Seaborn; Sunday, March 25, St. George's, London Tp., Trinity, London Tp., Rev. N. Wilson.

Sunday, April 18th, Brantford, St. Jude's, Rev. J. L. Strong, and 7 p.m., Grace Church, Rev. G. G. McMenzie; Sunday, May 6th, London Tp., St. John's, Ven. J. W. Marsh; Sunday, May 13th, Kincardine, Church of Messiah, and St. Luke's, Pine River, 3 p.m., Rev. W. J. T. Hill, B. A.; Monday, May 14th, Beaver, St. John's, and Church of Ascension, Kinlough, Rev. F. G. Newton; Tuesday, May 15th, Walkerton, St. Thomas, Rev. W. Shortt; Tuesday, May 15th, Pinkerton; St. Paul's, Rev. A. Fisher.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

The Treasurer of the Diocese acknowledges with many thanks the receipt of the following:

Mission Fund, by the Bishop, Mrs. Stephen Howard, \$50; Mrs. Beecher, \$50; G. Wilgroes, \$25; H. W. Beatty, \$50; F. Wyld, \$50; H. B. Brock, \$100; Sir. Adam and Lady Wilson, \$50; B. H. Charles, (2nd Feb.) \$10; Henry Lye \$5; Ottawa Twenty Minute Society, \$5; Infant Class Sunday-school per Mr. Harcourt, \$20; Rev. G. Forneret, \$10; Geo. Gooderham, \$100; W. G. Gooderham, \$25; S. Caldecott, \$5; C. Brough, \$5; Sir W. Howland, \$5; Rev. G. Griffin, \$5; S. C. Wood, \$20; A. Lee, \$100; Col. Gzowski, \$100; Geo. Gillespie, \$50; F. W. Kingston, \$100; H. C. Blackford, \$10; Rev. W. Craig, \$2; Mrs. Roper, \$5; A Thank offering, N.B., \$20; St. George's, W. A., Granby, P.Q., \$10; Trinity SS., Galt, \$15; Barlow, Cumberland, \$25; Avon, St. Mark's, Parkdale, \$10; Churchman, Dio. Ont., \$5.

Also, per M. F., Lady Augusta Onslow, £5 5s.; Miss E. Dixon, \$1; Miss Beatty, \$1 20; Miss Wilson, \$1; Dr. Daniel Wilson, \$25; Churchman, \$5; Mrs. Deal and Mrs. Metcalf, Mitchell, \$8.80; Rev. G. M. Wrong's Bible Class, \$50; Offertories per Rev. G. Gillmor, \$19.50; Legacy by Mr. W. Elliott, per Rev. B. Mellish, \$200; Hon. E. Blake, \$30; do special for Parry Sound District, \$25; New Hamburg, per Rev. R. Mitchell, \$5.

Widows' and Orphans Fund:—Jubilee Offering of Mission Helpers, Church of the Ascension, Toronto, \$125; Hon. E. Blake, \$25; per Mr. Boomer, London, \$34; Rev. Weston Jones, per do, \$20; W. A. M. A., Delaware, per do, \$10; Mr. Beekford, per Mr. Strachan, \$20; an old woman of St. James, \$1; Mrs. E. Murphy, \$5; Miss E. Galt, \$5.50; Mr. C. Moss, \$2.25; Mr. T. Moss, \$1; All Saints, Collingwood, add'l, \$23.59; St. John's SS. Chester, \$3; St. John's Stisted, per Rev. W. Crompton, \$1.

The Bishop's appointments for Muskoka, for February, were as follows:

Feb. 12th, Hoodstown and Graswall; Feb. 13th, Axe Lake, Stanleydale; 14th and 15th, Afdin and Lancelot; 16th, Afford; 17th, Beatrice; 18th and 19th, Port Sydney; 20th,

Brunei Township; 22nd, Stoneleigh and Baysville; 24th, Bartsville and Falkenburg; 25th and 26th, Branbridge.

DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE.

The Bishop of the Diocese (The Right Rev. Dr. Anson) issued the following Lenten Pastoral to be read in all Churches on Quinquagesima Sunday or the First Sunday in Lent:—

Brethren Beloved in the Lord:

It was once the custom for the Bishop to issue a Pastoral to his Diocese at the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent. Thereby, once a year, at least, all the people were reminded of the unity of the Diocese in spiritual as in temporal matters, the Chief Pastor spoke to all as to one flock, the same lesson reached all at one time.

And surely there is a solemn power in such an utterance, however imperfect in themselves may be the words spoken. I have resolved, therefore, this year, to revive this solemn practice. May God's Holy Spirit give life to the written words that they may reach some souls, that what is amiss amongst us may be rectified, what is weak may be strengthened.

What is the purpose of Lent? It is a solemn call to search into our ways; to repent; to turn from our sins; and to seek mercy and salvation while the day of our probation lasts. "Therefore, also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning; and read your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God, for he is gracious, slow to anger, and of great kindness."

We have all need of such a call from time to time. Many are sleeping in the deadly embrace of some unrepented sin; many are altogether indifferent and careless as to their spiritual state before God; and those who are trying to live the life of the Spirit come far short of what they know they ought to be and desire to be, and by such a call are stimulated to increased effort and prayer.

This Season, then, calls us to earnest and faithful *Self-Examination*, to *Fasting*, and other self-disciplining exercises of a sincere penitence; to increased *Prayer*, and other devotions of the spiritual life.

1. It calls us to *Self-Examination*. How few people know themselves even as their fellow-men know them? How much less as God knows them? The heart is deceitful above all things. There can very easily be a cry of "Peace, peace," when there is really no peace. Sin often hides itself in the folds of self-righteousness. Even heathen philosophers recognised the need of careful self-examination if men would know themselves. Self-examination is the first step to true repentance, as true repentance is necessary before we can obtain the joy of salvation.

Take, then, the commands of God's Law interpreted by the light of Christ's words, and with earnest prayer for the Holy Spirit's guidance, search deeply, honestly, faithfully into your past life, if you have never yet done this, and bring each sin that you can remember to the Throne of God's Mercy that you may obtain the promised pardon. "If we confess our sins," our God, His Word tells us, "is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." The promise of forgiveness is here, and everywhere in Scripture, attached to the confession of *our sins*—not merely of our general *sinfulness*. But there are some sins that are "*open and go before to judgment*"; some sins that are so notorious and so common that we may speak of them as the *sin of community*. Are there any such amongst ourselves? Alas! brethren, it would be vain to attempt to disguise the fact that there are.

First amongst these I would name the terrible habit of *Swearing* and the use of *profane language*, especially the common use of the Sacred Name that our Lord took as man—that