

H. P. Dobson; President, J. Baldwin Hands; Vice-President, Arthur W. Carkeek; Secretary, G. W. F. Shaw; Treasurer, H. J. McMullen. The Society promises fair to be very successful this year. All young men of the congregation are cordially invited to attend and become members.

St. Stephen's.—In spite of the unfavorable weather on Sunday 23rd ult., very large congregations assembled in St. Stephen's Church to listen to the powerful sermons of the Missioner, the Rev. T. N. Morrison, of Chicago. The reverend gentleman's subject in the morning was "The Consequences of Sin," and in the evening, "Repentance."

BROOKTON.—The St. Anne's Mission, Brockton, rector, R. J. M. Ballard, is now being conducted by Rev. A. W. Macnab, of St. Barnabas' Church, St. Catharines. The services are well attended, and a growing interest is being manifested in the Mission. Mr. Macnab is showing himself to be a thoroughly efficient missionary.

The Toronto C. E. T. S. are about completing arrangements to have a series of lectures in the city during the winter from prominent Church dignitaries and other well-known speakers.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

DUART.—A Harvest Home Thanksgiving Service was held in St. Paul's Church, on Monday week; the building was very handsomely and tastefully decorated, chiefly the work of Mrs. Shore. The Church was crowded by a very appreciative congregation composed largely of members of other Christian bodies. The Rev. V. A. Burt, Ridgetown, assisted the Rev. M. Shore, Incumbent, in the service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. J. Taylor, Rector of Wardsville, whose text was, Ruth ii. 2, "Let us now go to the field to glean." The strikingly practical and spiritual thoughts the preacher so earnestly brought before his hearers were listened to with the closest attention, and much appreciated. The choir rendered some choice anthems.

TILSONBURG.—The Annual Thanksgiving Service in connection with St. John's Church, was held on the eighteenth Sunday after Trinity. The Church was suitably decorated for the occasion with fruit, vegetables, flowers and autumn leaves, and there was a large attendance at both services which were semi-chorally rendered. Sermons bearing on the subject of thanksgiving were preached at Matins and Evensong by the Rector. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 7.30 p.m., with Special intention of returning thanks to Almighty God, at which there was a large attendance about twenty receiving. On the following Sunday a similar celebration took place at the little Mission Church of St. Albans, Culloden. The Church, thanks to the exertions of Mrs. Henry Price, of Verchoyle, and the Misses Price, of Quebec, was beautifully decorated with grain, fruit and vegetables, and presented quite a striking appearance; there was a large attendance. The services consisted of Matins and of course Holy Communion that greatest of all Thanksgiving services, at which over twenty received. A liberal collection was taken up in aid of the building fund of the Church. The Rector of Tilsonburg, Rev. F. Price, preached. The history of this Church, affords a very good illustration of what can be effected by lay help. About 18 months ago the Rector of Tilsonburg, inducted a young member of his congregation, Mr. W. R. Cross, to commence services in the Culloden Orange Hall. These services which have since been kept up by young men from Tilsonburg, have resulted in the erection of a neat little Church where regular Sunday services are maintained by Mr. Herbert Dransfield, the present Lay

Reader. This has been emphatically a layman's work, the Rector of Tilsonburg under whose charge the mission has been placed being of course unable to attend except at very rare intervals, his time being fully occupied in other parts of his extensive parish. It is a remarkable fact that since the establishment of services in Culloden, on Easter Sunday, 1886, not a single break has occurred—a record that some old established parish Church cannot boast, and this is all the more satisfactory when we consider that the Church for a great part of the time has been served from Tilsonburg a distance of nine miles, in all sorts of weather by volunteers. Mr. Cross, the first to commence services, has since entered Nashotah Divinity College, N.S., to study for the ministry.

The Bishop of Huron opened the new Church at Glouthan, Sunday the 23rd. The congregations were large although the weather was far from being fine. The building costs about \$3,500; a tower on one corner of the front gives the building a fine appearance. It has a frontage of 45 feet and depth of 75 feet, with a spacious chancel, and open wooden ceilings; also stained glass windows. Altogether this is considered a very neat little country Church, and Rev. Mr. Ball and congregation are to be congratulated on its completion.

LONDON.—Rev. Mr. Brick has received \$180 in voluntary contributions for his Industrial School at Dunvegan, in the Peace River district. A quantity of goods has also been given, and more contributions have been promised. The building will be started, and it is hoped finished next summer. Mr. Brick left for Brantford on Saturday, and preached there yesterday. He will not return to the Northwest until the Spring.

The Rev. Mr. Richardson on behalf of the Memorial Church parish, is negotiating for the purchase of the old Primitive Methodist Church, Hamilton Road. This building was sold by public auction some time ago. The bargain is still pending, but meantime Mr. Richardson is having it made ready for occupancy by Nov. 1st. The parishioners will either rent it or buy it outright from the owner, Mr. Charles Depper.

SOUTH LONDON.—The Young People's Mission Band, of St. James's, London South, have sent a large quantity of new clothing and other useful articles to a mission in the Diocese of Algoma. About 45 of the young people of the parish have been working for months past and no doubt, many hearts will be made glad by the result of their labours. They are continuing their good work for some other needy ones.

Rev. Canon Richardson preached in St. Thomas on the 23rd, on the subject of Sunday-schools. Rev. Canon Hill took his duty in the Memorial Church.

DIOCESE OF SASKATCHEWAN.

CALGARY AND ALBERTA.—How is it that we never see any Church news reported from here of late for the GUARDIAN? It cannot be for dearth of interesting events as we have had a succession of good things; the result of which leaves us in contemplation of much in store for our beloved Church in this beautiful town.

In May last, the new Bishop paid us his first visit. It was with much pleasure he then informed us that after travelling over the diocese he concluded to make this town his home. Since then, at the meeting of the Synod of Rupert's Land, it was decided to ask for a division of the diocese into two parts to be called Saskatchewan and Calgary.

The Church was established here three years ago with Rev. E. Paske Smith, S.P.C.K. Missionary in charge. Through his efforts much good has been accomplished. A beautiful Church building costing \$6,000, and free of

debt, stands as a monument to the zeal of the missionary and the liberality of the Church people here.

Wishing to devote his time to the outside stations, the Rev. Paske Smith placed his resignation in the hands of the Bishop, which was accepted.

His Lordship at a meeting of the Parishioners held in May last, waived his authority and requested the people to choose for themselves a Rector. Good sense prevailed and a unanimous vote was passed requesting the Bishop to exercise his undisputed authority and chose for them a Rector. A stipend of \$1,500 was guaranteed. In due time His Lordship secured the appointment of the Rev. A. W. F. Cooper, of Dublin, Ireland, but for some short time in Qu'Appelle Diocese. He was inducted on Oct. 2nd, and gives promise of being the right man.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

The Church Press, N.Y., says:

The utility of Parochial Missions is practically settled. They have contributed largely during the past few years to the energy and progress of the Church in England, and they are now doing the same with our own branch of the Church here. In England the Church is full of life and zeal and effort in this direction, and from the Archbishops and Bishops themselves, the clergy on all hands are giving them their countenance and support.

This is the way the Archbishop of York speaks of them.

The Church of England must learn in future, as she has already in some measure learned to recognize, that she must open her arms to everything that is good. Twenty years ago there was a great fear about parochial missions; now we know them thoroughly there is no fear. Missions have undoubtedly taken a deep root in the Church, and they will never be rooted up; and it is not to be wondered at that a young Society like this, having made good its ground, is now taking steps to provide in the Church of England lay evangelists.

The Church Guardian of Omaha, Nebraska, says of Lay Help:

The subject of lay assistance in church work, and more particularly in church worship and teaching and, in fact, preaching, is receiving a large share of attention in church literature.

That there is felt on the part of the clergy generally a deep necessity for assistance in practical church work, such as parish visiting and house to house teaching, none can deny. It is almost impossible for a priest to properly visit his parish and pursue his studies at the same time. There are clergy who do it—but all of the clergy cannot absorb learning so easily as these exceptional men do.

Lay readers, we may have, but every parish ought to have a parish visitor, whose duty it should be to go from house to house and report to the rector the special spiritual and material needs of persons and families within the defined boundaries of his parish.

This is the kind of lay help one needs—nor do we see any objection to the use of an order of lay preachers, composed of men appointed by the Bishop after special training, for the work of preaching in places which would not or could not be reached by the clergy.

Such lay help is constructive; there is a lay help which is destructive or might be—that of self-constituted advisers of the clergy, as to what they shall preach and how they shall conduct the worship of the church, etc.

The less of the last sort and the more of the first sort of lay help we have, the lighter will be the burdens of the clergy.

The Church Helper (Florida), says:

In a recent number of the New York Weekly