

the services being fifty minutes. Special Mission hymns are sung, and in many cases win the hearts of those who sing them. The absence of anything like excitement is generally commented upon, most people regarding it as one of the pleasing features of the mission, and which augurs well for the permanence of the good that may be effected by it.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE RESULT OF THE SYNOD'S CHOICE.—On the evening of the 1st Feb., in St. Mark's Church a solemn *Te Deum* was sung as an act of thanksgiving for the happy and united result of the election just held by the Synod of Niagara. The choir of the Church, with cross and banners, grouped in front of the altar, rendered the "Hymn of Praise." The sermon by the Rector, the Rev. R. S. Sutherland, was on the subject of the election; basing his remarks on the 2nd Timothy 1st chap 6th verse. "Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in Thee by the putting up of my hands?" The rev. gentleman congratulated the congregation and diocese on the choice of the Rev. Chas. Hamilton as Bishop of the diocese. They were however to expect no sudden changes, no out burst of ritual; but must look rather for an advance of evangelistic work. Moral influence rather than episcopal authority would be their new Bishop's most effective weapon. He went on to say that as a parish priest of 27 years standing their Bishop-elect knew the happiness and the sorrow, the hopes and the disappointment, the help and the hindrances of the priestly life, and that in him his clergy would find a true father in God, with a father's love and a father's sympathy. They would have in him an example in labour and a support in difficulty; one who would stand by the brave and share their danger, who would rouse the timid to renewed energy, and who would say to all with as cheering words of courage as St. Paul did to his despondent delegate Timothy, "Stir up the gift of God that is in Thee by the putting up of my hands."

It is currently reported in the city that the Rev. Mr. Hamilton, Bishop elect of this Diocese will favor us with a visit at an early date.

HAMILTON.—The Metropolitan of Canada has requested the Rev. Dr. Mockridge to act as temporary Secretary to the Board of Foreign and Domestic Missions of the Church of England in Canada, in the place of Rev. W. F. Campbell, who took a sudden departure from the country, till the next general meeting of the Board, which is to take place in Ottawa in May.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH LITERARY SOCIETY.—The first meeting of this Society was held in the choir-room of the Church, on Monday, Jan. 12th., when those present were enrolled as members. The following were appointed officers of the Society. Rev. R. G. Sutherland, President; Geo. E. Mason, and E. J. Ambrose, Vice-Presidents; J. L. Whatly, Secretary-Treasurer; C. T. Oliver, E. H. Farrow, J. R. Code, and Geo. H. Fanclough, Managing Committee; the future meetings will be held every Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

St. Luke's Church.—A concert will be given at the Sunday-school room of Christ Church Cathedral, on the evening of Wednesday the 17th Feb., in aid of St. Luke's Church. A very pleasant programme is anticipated.

St. Thomas' Church.—An entertainment was given last evening in the school-room of the Church of St. Thomas, under the direction of Mr. Newman and Mr. E. W. Collins. The attendance was large, and the programme very interesting. The musical cantata, "Silver Clouds," given by Mr. Newman's singing class, assisted by the Misses Champ and others, was well rendered, and reflected great credit upon Mr. Newman, the organist. The "Pickwick Trial" scene, given by

Mr. Collins' class of boys, was also well performed. The entertainment was so successful that the managers have decided to repeat it at an early date.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

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	CONFIRMED.
Sunday, Jan. 25, Woodstock, St. Paul's, 11 a.m.,	13
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7 p.m.,	
Monday, Jan. 26, Christ Church, Oxford Centre, 11 a.m.,	5
Monday, Jan. 26, St. John's Church, Eastwood, 7 p.m.,	15
Tuesday, Jan. 27, St. Paul's Church, Innerskip, 11 a.m.,	22
Tuesday, Jan. 27, Christ Church, Huntingford, 7 p.m.,	56
Wednesday, Jan. 28, Trinity Church, Zora, 11 a.m.,	21
Wednesday, Jan. 28, Christ Church, Lakeside, 8 p.m.,	16
Thursday, Jan. 29, St. John's Church, Thamesford, 11 a.m.,	18
Thursday, Jan. 29, Grace Church, Missouri, 4 p.m.,	23
Total confirmed,	239

STRATFORD.—The remains of the late Robert Smith, L. S. B., one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Manitoba, who died at Winnipeg on the 19th ult., was brought to Stratford, his former home, and buried on Sunday the 25th. Judge Smith was highly respected by all who knew him. The funeral was one of the largest ever seen in the town. The solemn burial service was read by the Rev. Rural Dean Patterson, Rector of St. James'. Deceased always took a prominent part in Church matters, and was ever forward in all good work, as the sad procession left the sacred edifice many an eye became dim, and tears fell freely as those who knew Judge Smith, and loved him best realized that never more would his familiar form thread the portals of St. James' Church and unite with them in prayer and praise.

STRATHROY.—Evangelistic Services have been carried on in St. John's Church for nearly two weeks with hopeful results. Canon Hill was assisted by Rev. P. DeLom.

DELAWARE.—The new brick Church is nearing completion. The work, however, has been going on very slowly, owing partly to the severe weather. It should have been completed some time ago. The congregation has been worshipping in the Town Hall; and will be pleased to get once more in the House of Prayer. The date of opening has not yet been decided upon. The Church will be a credit to this ancient village. The Rev. Mr. Holmes, Incumbent, is doing a good work there.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

(Concluded.)

Thursday, January 15th. After Morning Prayer at 9.30 a.m., in Christ Church, the Conference met again in the Music Hall. The Bishop opened the proceedings with prayer, and then examined "Letters of Orders," and gave his "License" to those who had not received it.

The subject of "Sunday Schools" being resumed, the Bishop emphatically laid down the dictum, that the Clergyman of any Mission ought to have absolute control and supervision of every Sunday School in that Mission. The Clergyman being responsible to the Bishop, the Superintendent responsible to the Clergyman, and the Teachers receiving their instructions from the Clergyman through the Superintendent. Thus all would be "under authority" and more probably work as a harmonious whole, than where "every man did

that which was right in his own eyes." The suggestion was made that a series of "Lesson Papers" should be arranged which should receive the approval of the Bishop, and in which should be given distinctively Church teaching as to the different Church seasons, and every Sunday; and in this series to be "Lesson Papers" on Church History and cognate subjects written clearly and in simple language, so as to train up our children in such a way that they may in after life, give a reason why they belong to the Church, and why they believe her to be a true Branch of the Church of Christ amongst us. These "Lessons" to be of no greater length than would fill one page of letter paper, and to be read as a lesson in Sunday School under the careful guidance of the Teacher, and when a scholar can read such lesson clearly to the satisfaction of the Clergyman, a clear copy thereof to be given, which the pupil could take home and read to the family circle. There are few family circles who would not gladly sit down and hear the children read the "lesson they had in Sunday School," and thus an effectual method could be brought to bear upon old and young which would go far to minimise that ignorance of their Church which is too common amongst her members. The idea was strongly endorsed by the whole conference, and, at the suggestion of the Bishop, a committee was appointed which should take up the subject of Sunday School instruction and, if possible, prepare a scheme of lessons on the basis proposed which could be approved by the Bishop, and by him laid before the Clergy of the other part of the Diocese, and, when agreed upon, to have thus one uniform system of teaching in all the Sunday Schools of Algoma.

A paper on "Clerical Stipends with reference to local contributions" was read by the Rev. Mr. Knight of Port Carling, and in the discussion upon it, every member of the Conference took part. It was agreed to without dissension that "there ought to be no payments whatever from congregations to the Clergyman personally, but that all contributions for the support of the Clerical Staff ought to be sent directly to the Treasury and the stipends all paid therefrom. The difficulty which met the Conference was "how could this be managed?" Every one bore testimony to the fact that there was a willingness on the part of the people to contribute to the support of the Clergy, if not in money (which at present they have not) in kind or produce. But how can this be made available or properly directed? Giving "in kind" needs great care and supervision, or much might be given which would be of small intrinsic value. The Bishop ought not to be expected to yield his Episcopal functions and "serve tables," and no Treasurer, who gives gratuitously valuable time for his branch of Diocesan politics, would undertake the task of managing the collecting of "kind" all over the Diocese; and the "Funds" of the Diocese are at so low an ebb that no means can be forthcoming to furnish a man whose sole occupation it would have to be. We cannot spend at the rate of \$900 or \$1000 a year in the hope merely, of adding \$2000 to the Treasury. The idea suggested was a good one but the Conference was reluctantly compelled to come to the decision that the plan must be deferred, and "we do not know what to do under the circumstances to make things better." We can only pray that the Lord of the Vineyard will guide His Church to the haven where she would be.

The Bishop stated that the proposed W. and O. Fund was moving slowly onward, there being some \$3000 in hand, but nothing which could be made available at present. There was absolutely no provision for those left behind should any of the Clergy be called away by death. There was a scheme afloat by which it was proposed to insure the lives of Clergymen, in some cases at the expense of the Diocese, but this, like all other schemes, could not be carried out, however good they might be in themselves, without the necessary means at command.

The Rev. Mr. Lloyd of Huntsville, read a thoughtful and earnest paper on "Missionary work, its methods and requisites," in which he gave