

Brantford.—The Rev. Provost Welch preached in Grace church at morning and evening services on Sunday, January 30th, on the subject of "Religious Education," and on Monday evening lectured to a keenly appreciative audience on "Religious Revivals of the 18th and 19th Centuries." His hearers were all both entertained and edified, feeling themselves strengthened in their faith as Churchmen, and at the same time broadened in their sympathies. On Monday afternoon a meeting of the clergy of the Deanery of Brant was held at the rectory. The special subject for consideration was religious education, (a) in the Church, (b) in the university, (c) in the day school. Considerable discussion ensued with regard to instruction in relation to Baptism and Confirmation, and the necessity for more careful and longer preparation of candidates for confirmation was agreed on. As regards the day school, the meeting was unanimous in the opinion that the only method of religious instruction which commends itself as practicable in the present, probable of attainment, and likely to meet largely the needs of the case, is by means of a text book, of such Biblical and dogmatic teaching as is common ground to the religious bodies concerned. Instruction to be given by the teacher, in adherence to the text-book, and where it falls short, to be supplemented by the work of the Sunday school.

St. Jude's.—A mission lasting two weeks was brought to a close in this parish on Sunday, the 30th ult. The services were held at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. daily, and were well attended. So far as we are permitted to judge from outward manifestations, the mission has proved a decided blessing to the parish. Rev. A. Murphy, diocesan missionary, conducted the mission, and delivered very stirring and heart-searching addresses, and is specially suited for mission work.

Port Dover.—At the annual meeting of St. Paul's church W.A.M.A., held on the evening of Feb. 1st, Mrs. Newell, honorary president, Miss Barrett, secretary, and Mrs. E. J. Low, were presented with life membership certificates. Under the energetic guidance of Miss Battersby, acting president, the society of Port Dover has closed a most successful year.

CALGARY.

RT. REV. CYPRIAN PINKHAM, D.D., BISHOP, CALGARY.

Pincher Creek.—The Ladies' Guild of Saint John the Evangelist held a most successful entertainment in the Alberta Hall of this village on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, the 16th December, 1897. These entertainments have always proved popular, and have always been well patronized by all sections of the community. This present one consisted of a sale of work, with the usual surroundings of candy-stall, bran pie, etc., with a good substantial supper from 6 o'clock to 8, and the young people finished up the evening with a dance. The few members of the Guild deserve much praise. There are only some half dozen of them, and getting up such an entertainment meant a great deal of patient working and self-denying effort. They were, however, well supported by others of the congregation, and by some of the congregations of the other religious bodies. The unity of the Church was at least witnessed from its social side, and while this reassures good-will and good feeling towards the Church, it made one long to see equally encouraging movements towards that unity which her Master longs to see, "the peace of Jerusalem," and which He has bidden us to pray continually for. The gross receipts from this reached the handsome sum of \$170. Some expense in hire of hall, etc., was incurred, leaving a net balance of \$135, which sum is in due time to be applied to the reducing of mortgage on the rectory property, and will then leave a small balance still due of some \$50, and this the congregation hope to clear off before Easter comes round. This is one of the many instances of what a few devoted Churchwomen can do, when they make up their minds to devote week by week a small portion of their time for the well-being of

the Church. A parish which has not its few workers bound together in a "guild" or "aid," or "society" of some kind, loses an opportunity of strengthening the mother society of the Church. If there are no internal interests of a definite character within the parish itself for thus extending the active agencies of the Church, it is an easy matter to call in from the outside Church world some such, and so extend extra-parochially that charity which is the very bond of peace, knitting up the links in the great chain which binds in this way the souls of the faithful in the bond of love and joy and peace in believing. Struggling parishes need help; let the stronger ones help them, and besides, there is in the missions throughout the world, in the missions within the confines of our own provinces, ample opportunity for each parish to devote something to help lighten the burdens of the struggling Church. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." Right at our very doors, we have the Church's mission to the Peigan Indians, and thus we have an opportunity of extending the kingdom of heaven, by doing something definite to help in the work of educating the children for whom, during the past year, a new home, called the "Victoria Jubilee Home," has been erected. Towards the building of this many of this district have subscribed, and their interest will now be increased on the practical side of the work, and some of that human kindness and sympathy which is so precious extended to these dusky children to their "great and endless comfort," and to the blessing of those who, having "put on Christ," endeavour to clothe others who are being brought to a knowledge of their Saviour, with the same garment of righteousness, by a kindred love, a holy life, and deeds that speak the Christian's strife. Christmas services in the two parishes under the charge of the incumbent were bright and hearty: good congregations, fair number of communicants, and most liberal offertories as a Christmas box. From the three congregations, of which that of St. John's is the largest, the offertory at Christmas time amounted to \$87, and besides the rector was made the recipient of many and substantial evidences of Christmas cheer. The present incumbent will have been in charge of this large district, including two organized parishes, each with its outstation, 10 years at Easter, 1898, and there is much for which to thank God, not the least that during that time he has been able to administer the blessings and privileges of the Church and her sacraments without interruption, health and strength have been supplied, and in that he has done what he could—not without failures and misgivings, not without a conscious sense that he might have done more, to establish the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the hearts of the people committed to his charge. And the bond of love which has bound priest and people together, is at the present time being fully portrayed in the sharing of anxiety and the expression of sympathy. God in His inscrutable wisdom has laid aside on a bed of serious sickness she for whom the prayers of the congregation have been asked, and who has been a ready and willing help in all pertaining to the welfare of the Church in this parish. For a month past she has been laid low, and for the latter part of it hovering between life that is, and life that is to come, and through it all the ready help, even in menial things, has characterized the sympathy and devotion of a people kind in heart and full of resource. Thank God for it, and for the hope that the crisis is past, and may His blessing still rest upon all, and His mercy and goodness upon her for whom we have spent these weeks of anxious, careful watching, waiting His own time for the fulfilment of His will with regard to her, meekly bowing our heads in humble submission as He has taught us to pray, "Thy will be done."

NEW WESTMINSTER.

JOHN DART, D.D. BISHOP, NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.

Rossland.—On the fourth Sunday in Advent we celebrated the first anniversary of our church building here. A year ago the average attendance per Sunday was under one hundred. To-day, despite

the snow, the attendance is nearer two hundred. Extra chairs have not infrequently to be borrowed from the theatre. We had quite a joyful Christmas; the town is showing signs of increasing prosperity, but the Church is advancing in greater proportion. The popularity of our service is quite wonderful. On the Sunday after Christmas we had a special musical service in the afternoon, at which the attendance was so great that there was not even standing room, and over 100 people were turned from the door. The order of service was chiefly musical. The remarkable feature of this special service was the presence with our own choir of those of the Roman, Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian church and chapels. It is noteworthy testimony to the motherhood and to the Catholicity of our Church, that all are welcome and may worship in its edifices. The ladies of the congregation celebrated Christmas by making the church a present of white altar and lectern coverings, of their own handiwork, which I think would be hard to rival for magnificence in any many-year-old parish of the diocese.

Chilliwack.—The new St. Thomas' church was formally opened on Sunday, Dec. 12, 1897, by the Bishop of the diocese. His Lordship preached in the morning upon the Advent, and showed clearly how Christians should earnestly look forward to and prepare for their heavenly, without in any way neglecting their earthly, home. In the evening his Lordship again preached. On this occasion his subject was the healing of the ten lepers, taking "Thankfulness" as his text. The Bishop showed how the unthankful nine were the rule, and the thankful one the exception, and impressed upon the congregation the paramount duty of thanksgiving, beginning with our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life, and ending with God the Father's inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ. At the celebration of Holy Communion in the morning, the Vicar, the Rev. W. Baugh Allen served, and in the evening he read the prayers. The offertories during the day amounted to the handsome sum of forty dollars.

British and Foreign.

The Rev. Joseph Carson, D.D., Vice-Provost of the University of Dublin since 1890, died last week.

The Bishop of Sodor and Man sustained severe injuries a short time ago by being knocked down by a falling tree.

A gentleman has given anonymously the sum of £2,000 towards the building fund of St. Ambrose church, Bournemouth.

The Rev. Henry Good, for 57 years the senior priest-vicar of Wimborne Collegiate church, died recently in his 99th year, at Weston-super-Mare.

The remains of the late Very Rev. Dr. Liddell were interred in the chancel of Christ Church cathedral, Oxford, on the afternoon of January 22nd last.

The death of the Rev. L. S. Tugwell, who was the founder, and for many years the director of the Spanish and Portuguese Church Aid Society, is announced.

It is proposed to completely restore the ancient parish church of Bow East, which is one of the oldest in London. It dates from the year 1181, A.D.

The Rev. Edward Allen, of Tiverton, recently completed his hundredth year. He was ordained priest in 1822. He is undoubtedly the oldest clergyman in the Church of England, and is still in the enjoyment of good health. He has long ago retired from active work.

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