

Rev. Mr. Sutherland, Mr. James, Mr. Hodgins, Messrs. from the lay delegates from the various churches, were present.

visitation and confirmation services were in Christ Church, Newbury, and St. James' Church, Wardville, and on Friday, St. John's Church, Glencoe. These three churches are the mission of Rev. W. J. Taylor, and are in the county of Middlesex.

OBITUARY.—The older missionaries of the Huron diocese are fast disappearing from the scene of their labours. Very few now live to tell their younger brethren of the trials and labours of those who bore the glad news of a Saviour to the Red men of the forest within the present half century. The Ven. Archdeacon Nelles, one of the oldest clergymen of Huron, has, after an active useful life of almost four-score years, fallen asleep, and rests from his labours. Archdeacon Nelles was a native of Ontario, he was born in Grimsby in 1805, and was educated under the first of Ontario's Bishops, the venerable and Right Rev. Bishop Strachan, at York. He was ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Exeter in 1829, and priest in 1830. The fifty-four years of a laborious and useful life in the ministry has been devoted to the missionary work among the Six Nation Indians on the Grand River Reserve, near Brantford. In 1868, he was made Canon and Rural Dean of Brant. On the elevation of the Archdeacon to be bishop of Toronto, Canon Nelles was, by Bishop Hellmuth, made Archdeacon of Brant. The fiftieth anniversary of his ordination was selected as the most appropriate day for his appointment to the Archdeaconry. The Archdeacon's blameless life and his consistent daily walk, bore unmistakable testimony to his love for his Lord, whom he served devotedly, and whose gospel of love and peace, he had, both by precept and example, for the long ministry of sixty-five years, conveyed to the Indians of the Grand River. Many a kindly and grateful remembrance will spring up in their minds of their old friend, not merely as they assemble to pay to his remains the last token of respect, but for many long years will the remembrance of the good old Archdeacon be present to them in their families and councils.

MOHAWK.—*St. Paul's Church.*—The old church of St. Paul, in which the Archdeacon officiated so many years, is the most venerable and historical church in the Diocese of Huron. It is said to be the first church erected in Canada West, having been built by the brave and loyal Mohawk Chief, Brant, who amidst the trials that proved men's souls in the days of the great colonial revolution, was ever loyal to his king, the good king George. Within the old church yard of St. Paul's, lies the remains of the great warrior chief. The inscription on the church bell bears the date of 1786, nearly a century ago. The reredos and the silver communion plate were a gift to the Indian church from her majesty Queen Anne, whose armorial bearings are affixed to the walls of the church.

SIMCOE.—*Trinity Church.*—The annual missionary services of the parish took place on Sunday and Monday, 7th and 8th inst. The rector preached on the Sunday morning, taking for his text 1 John iv., 9. The Rev. D. J. Caswell, B. D., of Kanyageh, occupied the pulpit at the evening service, and preached a suitable, intellectual and effective sermon from the words of Malachi, i., 11. On the Monday evening a public meeting was held in the Sunday school house. Prayers were said by Rev. Mr. Gemley, who in a few words introduced Rev. G. C. Mackenzie, rector of Grace Church, Brantford. Mr. Mackenzie was very happy in the choice of a topic, viz.: the consecration of the late Bishop Seabury, the centennial of which important event has just been celebrated in the old country and in America with great enthusiasm. Dr. Seabury was the first Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States. He was the son of a Congregational minister, but who after became a member in the Episcopal Church. Dr. Seabury was consecrated by the laying on of the hands of three non-juring Bishops of the Scotch Episcopal Church in Scotland. Mr. Mackenzie, himself a Scotchman, though Canadian born, presented his theme with an ardent and contagious enthusiasm, carrying his audience completely with him, and impressing them deeply with the valuable facts of this revived subject of the origin of the Episcopacy of the sister church in the United States. After the singing of a hymn, the Rev. Mr. Caswell delivered his address, which dealt in detail with the work of a truly missionary character now being done by the Church of England throughout the world, but with special reference to the labor expended in the great North-West and British Columbia. Mr. Caswell illustrated his comprehensive and valuable lecture by charts of the countries noticed. These charts are the production of his own intelligence and skill; one of them furnished a very ingenious representation of the religious and moral condition of the nations of the earth. It showed very clearly the great work yet before the churches. The audiences were deeply

impressed by the lesson it taught. The congregation that attended, and the amount of offertory presented, were quite satisfactory. The services of the deputation gave great satisfaction, and must be hopeful in deepening a missionary spirit among those who heard them.

BRUSSELS.—The congregation of St. John's Church presented the Rev. A. Ryan, late Incumbent, with the following address.

Dear Friend and Pastor.—It is with feelings of deep sorrow and regret we assemble to meet you here to-night, knowing that in all human probability we may never all meet together again on earth. We recall with great pleasure many little social pleasantries, many happy and kind words of advice, and the untiring and self-denying interest you have shown in the guidance of both our spiritual and temporal welfare, during the six short years of your ministry among us. We shall miss your kind, genial face coming among us so frequently, and in parting with you and your good lady, who has always been so ready and willing an assistant in your good work here, we shall ever pray to the "God of all good," that your futures may be cast in smooth and pleasant places, and that you may both be long spared to carry on His own good and noble work. As a very slight token of our respect and esteem, we here present you with this purse of money, as expressing an earnest and hearty desire for your future welfare and happiness in this world, and with a fervent wish that you and yours may enjoy a long and useful life, and that we may at last all meet again in heaven. Bidding you farewell, hoping that the people of Florence may reap a great profit by our extreme loss, and wishing you all a safe and pleasant journey to your new home. We are, most sincerely yours, (Signed on behalf of the congregation of St. John's Church.)

MRS. JOHN CARDIFF.

MRS. THOMAS KELLY.

Mrs. Long presented the purse containing \$34.00, and also presented Mrs. Ryan with a beautiful rattan rockingchair. Mr. R. Leatherdale presented Mr. Ryan with an easychair. Mr. Ryan was deeply affected and replied in suitable terms.

BOTHWELL.—Last Wednesday, Dec. 17th, the Bishop visited this mission and confirmed nineteen candidates, nine at Bothwell, and ten at the pretty little church of St. Peters, on the Indian Reserve, which is now, thanks to the liberality of English and Canadian churchmen, entirely free from debt. At both places the bishop delivered eloquent and affectionate addresses, which were listened to by large congregations. In the evening his lordship preached to a large congregation in Bothwell.

SIMCOE.—The late Rev. Samuel Harris, who had been for many years a resident of this place and neighborhood, was well known to the community, especially to the older inhabitants. He departed this life on Sunday, the 2nd of November, in the 85th year of his age, after a brief illness of five days. The immediate cause of death was congestion of the lungs. But our venerable friend had been for the past four years in very feeble health, and during the most of that time seldom able to leave his house. He often, however, made great efforts to reach the House of God on the Sunday, join in that worship which he so much loved, and listen to the preaching, from the lips of others, of that holy gospel which for so many years he himself had preached with earnestness and love. Mr. Harris was a native of Suffolk, England, and came to Canada in the year 1839, being then thirty-nine years of age. Forty-one years ago he entered upon the work of the Christian ministry in the Congregational Church, and was, during a portion of that ministry placed over the Congregational Church in Simcoe. It is now twenty-one years since he sought admission to the ministry of the Church of England, and, being accepted, he received Episcopal ordination at the hands of the late Bishop Cronyn, the first Bishop of the diocese of Huron. He laboured in his new sphere in the parishes of Waterford, Delhi and Lynedoch—in which he is gratefully remembered to this day. For several years past he had been compelled, owing to advancing years, to retire from the active work of the Christian ministry. But he was always willing to assist in the services of the Church he so much loved when health permitted. Mr. Harris was a sincere and earnest Christian. Exact and honorable in all his worldly transactions. He was kind to others, and was ever mindful of all the interests of his Church, to which he freely and regularly contributed. His remains were interred in St. John's Cemetery. The services were read by the Rev. John Gemley, Rector of Trinity Church, in this town—the late Rev. W. B. Evans taking part as one of the mourners with the bereaved family. Mr. Harris leaves no family, but a wife to mourn his departure. A true, loving, and

devoted wife, to whose unremitting and constant attentions it may safely be said that many months, if not years, were added to the life of her beloved husband.

ALGOMA.

On Tuesday, December 9th, the Bishop arrived at Bracebridge in a little steamer, "Lake Joseph," having just visited the Gravenhurst Mission. His lordship enjoyed good sleighing over the eighty miles he crossed. The first station visited was Baysville, a village of about 200 inhabitants, situate at the south east end of Trading Lake, or Lake of Bays, and about sixteen miles distant from Bracebridge. Service was held in the little frame church, dedicated to St. Ambrose, at 7 o'clock, the first held by any one save the lay reader, for nearly a year. There are not many church families, but amongst them are some who show a very practical interest in the improvement of their church in spite of the paucity of the services. They have collected among themselves and from outside help between \$300 and \$400 with which the building has been roofed and plastered, window frames have been put in, and the church ground fenced. There are still several needs such as Communion Plate, Font, rail for Chancel, and a Vestry, but as there is a debt of \$20 on the work already done, these needs must remain unsupplied for the present. A start was made next morning, Wednesday, Dec. 10, for Stoneleigh 8 miles, where 11 a.m. was the hour appointed for service, but the clocks of Muskoka are proverbially indifferent, so that it was close upon noon before our congregation had assembled. The little log church here is of the roughest description, the plaster in many places being conspicuous for its absence, thus providing an inexpensive system of automatic ventilation. A hearty little service was followed by a vestry meeting at which attention was called to the unfinished state of the building, about \$50 being needed to put it into a sound condition. No grant having been already made by the S. P. C. K. towards its erection, the Bishop held out the hope that an application for aid would meet with a favorable response. The various heads of families present also promised to aid their minister with oats for his horse, and potatoes. A Sunday School lately started here was spoken of as being in a flourishing condition the great need being magazines to give the children every Sunday, and a lending library for the use of the scholars. Mr. Piper, the people's warden, entertained us most hospitably, we had to hurry on to Bracebridge 8 miles distant, where at 6 p.m. the Bishop met the church workers and officers at tea in the Parsonage, (*pro tem*) and had some social intercourse with them before adjourning to the church for a devotional service, at which he gave an address especially to Workers, calling their attention to the way in which all the returned Jews aided Nehemiah in the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem, princes, priests, guilds, and women all being found willing to take their share. About twenty-five of the congregation, which numbered 70, remained to partake of the Lord's Supper. Next morning, Thursday, Dec. 11, we drove six miles north to Falkenburg, but all the settlers were hard at work on the railway, now in course of construction, and as a consequence the attendance at the service was miserably small. The Bishop preached from Romans i., 16. After the service the warden, Mr. Moore, stated that the church was free of debt but uninsured, this the Bishop said must be remedied at once, and he called on the families belonging to the church to unite in showing more interest in the cleanliness and general condition of the building. After a hasty dinner, kindly provided by Mrs. Moore, we drove another 10 miles to Ufford, where the Rev. R. W. Planté, of Port Sydney, met us. The hour for service being 6.30 p.m. We had ample time to rest and refresh ourselves with Mr. and Mrs. Gill's abundant hospitality. Then a mile of heavy walking brought us to St. John's Church, where a crowded congregation, numbering between fifty and sixty, assembled to see and hear the Bishop. Here the good work done in the Sunday School was very apparent, for in it the children are taught to respond and take the alternate verses in the Psalms, consequently the service was a most hearty and enjoyable one, and although there is no instrument to lead the singing, the canticles are chanted and the hymns sung admirably. The Bishop preached from the words "My Father worketh hitherto and I work." His sermon being listened to with marked attention. It was followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion, at which there were eight communicants. At the vestry meeting attention was called to the very draughty state of the church, and it was decided to put up felt paper, and over that a wooden lining. It was also definitely settled that this station should belong to Port Sydney and not to Bracebridge, for though each missionary supplies a monthly service, there can only be one hand to hold the reins. Mr. Knowles provided