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existing nowhere in actual life at the present day. He showed specimens of the Sozenite stone used in the Great Pyramid, and of polished granite, polished four thousand years ago. At the close of the lecture several beautiful photographs of places of interest in Egypt were exhibited. There was also some fine music on cornet, violin and piano by the Messrs. and Miss Newton, and two capital recitations, humorous and tragic, by Miss Hope Smith. The proceedings terminated by an apron sale, concluding with the national anthem. The pecuniary results will provide a new carpet for the chancel. Last Monday evening, Jan. 20, the Trinity College Glee Club gave a performance in connection with the St. Bartholomew's Young Peoples' Association started about six weeks ago, and which is a source of pleasure to the young folks.

WINDERMERE—*St. Olave's Church*.—A Concert Service entitled "The Light of the World," which consisted of recitations, readings, dialogues, carols, etc., was given by the Sunday School scholars on Wednesday evening, Jan. 8th. Considering the stormy weather, there was a fair attendance. A heavy loaded Christmas Tree was provided and some valuable books for prizes. All were highly delighted with the entertainment. Much praise is due to Mrs. Softley, the Superintendent, for her untiring efforts on behalf of the Sunday School.

COLDWATER—*St. Mathias Church*.—This edifice was tastefully decorated for Christmas by the ladies of the congregation, and Holy Communion was administered on the day commemorating the birth of our Lord for the first time by the Rev. C. H. Shutt, M.A., incumbent, he only having been ordained by the Lord Bishop on the previous Sunday. It is intended to have the Sacrament monthly. The rev. gentleman, in the short period of about ten months he has been in this Mission, has done wonders—from a mere handful of a congregation at this church alone—about six or so, it has been developed into one of about a hundred. Then there is a crowded building at every service held in North River, always a large attendance at Waubashene, and when service is held at Gratrix's in favourable weather on week days a goodly number is always present. The making of a good choir has been organized for this church, practising regularly and improving accordingly. A Ladies' Aid Society has been at work for months, meeting fortnightly at different lady's residences. A Boys' Guild has been formed, its object being instruction and innocent amusement. A Girls' Sewing Class is progressing nicely under Mrs. Shutt's care. The Rev. Incumbent is an earnest preacher, and we candidly admit an indefatigable worker.

OSHAWA—*Bishop Bethune College*.—We congratulate the Council of this most promising School for young ladies on the admirable start they have made. They have secured a beautiful house and grounds, and a lady Principal of the highest qualifications, together with able assistants. The situation of the School, in regard to the beauty and salubrity of the neighborhood, is all that could be desired. There is not only room for this school, but an actual need for it. Bishop Strachan's school is full to overflowing; and the lady Principal showed wisdom as well as generosity by being present at the opening of the new institution. Other Church of England Ladies' Schools are flourishing, and the population of the Province is rapidly increasing, so that it is not at all as a mere speculation that additional institutions of this kind should be provided, but as meeting a growing want. All sincere friends of the English Church will wish prosperity to the Bishop Bethune College. We are happy to learn that, so far, its success has been beyond the expectations of its promoters.

PETERBOROUGH.—*Induction of the Rev. J. C. Davidson*.—A service of deeply interesting character was held in St. John's church, on the first Sunday after Epiphany, on which occasion the Rev. J. C. Davidson who has, for some time, been acting as curate in charge of the parish, with great energy, acceptance and success, was instituted to the rectory, by the Lord Bishop of the diocese, who preached a very important sermon on the occasion. We take the following particulars from the *Daily Evening Review*:

The ceremony of inducting the new rector took place before the service of the day. His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto, was accompanied by Rev. Canon Davidson, Rev. V. Clementi, Rev. C. B. Kerrick and the rector elect, Rev. J. C. Davidson. The congregation, having joined in singing [the opening hymn, remained standing during the ceremony. His Lordship turned to the congregation and said: "Brethren, we are here assembled together to induct the Rev. John Cheyne Davidson, M.A., as rector of this parish, he having been already instituted by the Bishop to the cure of souls."

Rev. Mr. Davidson then read his declaration of assent to the canons of the Provincial and Diocesan

Synods, and Rev. Canon Davidson, representing the rectors of the diocese to whom the mandate of induction was addressed, read that document, after which the Bishop said: "In the name and on behalf of this parish, we do now induct you into the real, actual and corporal possession of the incumbency of the said parish and of all the rights, privileges and emoluments thereto pertaining. And in token thereof we give into your hands the keys of this church." The church wardens then stepped forward and handed the keys to the Bishop, who delivered them to Rev. Mr. Davidson, who received them with the words: "I receive these keys of this House of God at your hands as the pledges of my induction and of your reception of me as your appointed minister. And on my part do promise by God's help to be a faithful shepherd over you, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."

The Bishop then handed to the newly inducted rector the Bible and Book of Common Prayer, with the words, "Receive these books and let them be the rule of thy conduct in dispensing God's Holy Word, in leading the devotion of the people, in administering the Sacraments of Christ, and in exercising the discipline of the Church, and be thou in all things a pattern to the flock committed to thy care."

This ended the ceremony, and then followed the regular service of the day, with the special prayers, proper psalms, lessons, epistle and Gospel appropriate to the occasion. Rev. Canon Davidson read the lessons from Ezekiel xxxiii, and St. Luke x.

His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto delivered the sermon. It was a discourse appropriate to the occasion, pointing out the duty of laity and clergy and referring in a most pleasant manner to the new rector. His reference to the latter's labors will be endorsed by all. His Lordship chose as his text the words:

"As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me, Barnabas and Saul for the works whereunto I have called them."—Acts xiii. 2.

After speaking, at length, of the greatness of the ministerial office and the responsibility of making appointments, the Bishop went on: I have dwelt on this occasion upon this exalted view of the divine mission of God's ministers, because I feel a very strong confidence that in the appointment of your new rector we are all able thankfully to recognize the guidance of the Holy Ghost. The indications of His divine will have seemed most clear. There have been no difficulties or doubts to make the question of the appointment one of controversy or even of hesitancy. In the providence of God Mr. Davidson came here, not at his own seeking, to assist in the work of the parish in the emergency of the pastor's illness. God has been pleased to set His seal of approval upon his faithful and most untiring, devoted labors in a measure of success that is signal and unmistakable. So that when the parish is suddenly and unexpectedly bereaved by the lamented death of its rector, the question as to his fitness to succeed to the charge of it cannot even arise in any man's mind. It has been answered before hand by the evidence of his work. The duty which I have been called upon to discharge this morning, of inducting your new rector into the legal possession of this rectory, is under these circumstances one of more than common satisfaction. I have not to introduce to you a stranger with the hope that the experiment of his appointment to this place will be a success, but to confirm and cement in what I hope may prove a lasting and happy connection, a pastoral relationship which has already been fruitful in spiritual blessing. It is undoubtedly both an arduous and a responsible position for a young man to which Mr. Davidson is called. There is abundant field for hard ministerial labor in this growing town, and a demand for ministerial abilities of a high order in him who undertakes it. But though young in years Mr. Davidson is no novice in his duties. He has enjoyed exceptional advantages in laboring for two years in an English parish under the direction of a parish priest of acknowledged administrative powers, from whom he learned the best methods of parochial organization, and whose earnest spirit he has largely caught, and in the test work of recovering a parish almost spiritually dead, to a state of active church life and efficiency, he proved before he came here how practically successful his training had been.

Of his work here I need not speak further, as I know how completely it has been appreciated by you, but I would not omit the expression of my great satisfaction that the labors of his devoted and like-minded co-adjutor have by God's blessing been so eminently fruitful and so highly esteemed, and that he is to be still associated with your rector in the prosecution of their joint counsels and labors for the welfare of the parish, which will thus suffer no interruption.

In closing His Lordship hoped that the pleasant relationship would continue between pastor and people, solicited the prayers of the latter for the

former, and said he could not do better than to leave with them the earnest words of the apostles:—"We beseech you, brethren, to know them that labor among you and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake; and be at peace among yourselves."

We learn from the *Examiner* that the Bishop in his sermon spoke of the good work done in the parish by the Rev. C. B. Kerrick, who has been Mr. Davidson's fellow curate, and expressed his great satisfaction at his continuing his labors there as the rector's assistant.

The Bishop spent Sunday afternoon in inspecting the two Sunday Schools, and also the two large Bible classes of the parish. In each case the whole assemblage rose as His Lordship entered. After addressing the pupils the Bishop shook hands individually with the teachers and officers, speaking words of encouragement to them and the different classes in turn. After the evening service the bishop retained the choir, to whom he gave earnest counsel as well as hearty congratulations.

ECHOES FROM PARIS.—The following circular has been sent to the Ladies' Aid Societies of the principal Churches of all the Christian denominations in Toronto. It speaks for itself:—To the President of the Ladies' Aid Society, dear Madam—During a recent visit to Toronto, Mrs. Travers Lewis (Miss Leigh, whose great work in Paris among the English, American and Canadian young women who go there as governesses, shop-girls, and in various other capacities, we are all familiar), appointed me her Secretary, and requested me to make the work and its needs known as widely as possibly in Toronto. In pursuance of her request I venture to send your Society a few papers relating to the work, and quote a paragraph from a recent letter of hers to me: "What we most want help for at present is our Orphanage—being £1,200 on the wrong side of the exchequer. One of our London Directors has written me since my return from Toronto, asking me if I will undertake to collect £1,000. God, who has never failed us yet, will, I am sure, raise us up friends to help this much-needed work among our own country-people in a foreign land." During the seventeen years this work has been in operation more than 6,000 girls have been helped in various ways. Most of them homeless, and friendless, strangers in a strange land, we can hardly estimate the boon that such a home would be to them. Any subscriptions, either for the papers, or of money to carry on the noble work, I will gladly receive and forward to Mrs. Travers Lewis. Believe me, yours sincerely, Helen F. Hodgins, Secretary, 92 Pembroke St., Toronto.

#### NIAGARA.

HAMILTON—*Church of the Ascension*.—The Christmas services at this church consisted of an early celebration at 8 o'clock and full service with second celebration at 11. Even Song (special children's service) at 4 p.m. There were 49 communicants at 8 a.m., and 139 at mid-day, making a total of 188. The offerings amounted to a total of \$156. At the children's service appropriate Christmas cards were distributed to the teachers and scholars of the Sunday School. The Festival of the Epiphany was observed by a celebration at 10.30 a.m., and a special offering for Foreign Missions. There were 12 communicants, and the offering amounted to \$127.45. In the evening an entertainment was given to the Sunday School children. The total offerings for Foreign Missions from this parish in response to the Epiphany appeal amount to \$206.30; this is larger by \$51.30 than the amount contributed for the whole previous year.

#### HURON.

NEW HAMBURG.—*St. George's Church* was on Wednesday morning, the 8th ult., filled to its utmost seating capacity, when thirteen young people were, by the apostolic rite of confirmation, admitted into the full communion of the Anglican Church. The service was well rendered, and the church presented a bright appearance, the Christmas wreath being still up, and a row of choice lilies in bloom were appropriately placed above the altar. The Bishop of the Diocese and the Rev. J. Edmunds were the officiating clergy. The Bishop addressed the candidates and the congregation from the chancel steps with an eloquence and earnestness that went to the hearts of all present. The liberal offertory goes to the extinction of the debt of St. George's Church.

The rector of the "Wilmot Mission," Rev. Jabez Edmunds, was lately entertained to a call from Hillsburg Diocese, Michigan, U. S., with an increased salary of \$400 per annum. But at a recent visit of the Bishop of Huron to this parish his Lordship announced to the parishioners that he had taken upon himself to persuade the rev. gentleman to stay where he is.