

held in Cobourg on Tuesday and Wednesday the 20th and 21st days of January, 1880. Divine Service on Tuesday 20th, at 7.30 p. m. Preacher, Rev. Clement Smith. Holy Communion on Wednesday the 21st, at 8 a. m. Essayed Rev. J. W. R. Beck, M. A. The Clergy of the Deanery are requested to bring their surplices and stoles, &c., and to notify the Rev. Canon Stennett, M. A., Cobourg, of their intention to be present.

H. D. COOPER.

Secretary-Treasurer, N. R. D.

COLBORNE, January 10th, 1880.

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(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

HAMILTON.—Receipts at Synod office during the month of December, 1879.

MISSION FUND.—*Offering Collections*.—West Flamboro, \$6 25; Dundas, \$6 48. *Donations*.—W. Sorby, Esq., Guelph, \$50 00. *On Guarantee Account*.—Palermo, \$45 00; Carlisle, \$5 00; Stewarttown, \$100 00; Omagh, \$38 00; Norval, \$75 00; Clifford, \$30 00; Port Colborne, \$87 50; Rockwood, \$25 00; Drew, \$25 00.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*Offering Collections*.—Louth and Port Dalhousie, \$7 60; Ancaster, \$21 97; Lowville, \$4 70; Nassagaweya, \$5 80; Kilbride, \$1 50. *Thanksgiving Collections*.—West Flamboro, \$2 90; Grimsby, \$8 00; Hamilton, Christ Church, \$30 00.

ALGOMA FUND.—Queenston, \$1 00; Drummondville, \$4 00; Stamford, \$3 15; Clifton, \$8 63; Thorold, \$9 00; Dundas, \$5 40.

CALEDONIA.—On New Year's Eve, Mr. William Keyes, the efficient and zealous superintendent of St. Paul's Sunday School, was presented with a handsome ink-stand as a testimonial of the long and arduous services he has rendered to the School. The same evening a Christmas Tree Celebration took place in the Town Hall. After music by the Church Choir, and carols by the children, Santa Claus distributed presents from the Tree, accompanied by sweetmeats and cakes of all descriptions. The Hall was densely crowded. Miss Cannon kindly and efficiently presided at the organ. The proceeds amounted to \$25.

PALMERSTON.—This Mission has sustained a loss in the removal of the Rev P. L. Spencer to the Parish of Elora, to the Incumbency of which he has been appointed at the unanimous request of the parishioners by the Bishop, as the successor of the Rev. H. L. Yewens. On Monday the 29th ult., at the Sunday School Festival, held in the new Sunday School room of St. Paul's Church, Palmerston, the following address was presented to him: REV. AND DEAR SIR—The members of the congregation of St. Paul's, to whom you have so faithfully and earnestly ministered for over two years, have learned with deep regret of the intention of his Lordship the Bishop, to remove you from your present sphere of labour. While regretting your removal, we feel that we cannot permit you to take your departure without some tangible expression of the high esteem in which we hold yourself and your estimable wife. We therefore beg your acceptance of this purse for yourself and the accompanying cruet stand, cake basket, and fruit stand for Mrs. Spencer. In losing you, we feel that we have indeed lost a faithful minister and sound counsellor—one who has always been foremost in the path of duty, and ever ready at the call of mistress. In bidding you adieu, we wish you "God speed," and pray that you may long be spared to labour in the vineyard of the Lord.

Signed on behalf of the congregation,

W. R. TIFFIN, Church Warden.

JOHN MCCOMBS,

JAMES G. MILNE, Secretary.

Mr. Spencer replied feelingly, expressing his very deep gratitude for the substantial proofs of his people's esteem and affection. On the same evening he was presented by the members of the Singing Class with a Royal Printograph (foolscap size.) In thanking them, he hoped they would still cultivate a love of vocal music and make themselves useful in the future as members of the choir. The value of money and presents exceeded \$100.

HURON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

FORDWICH.—New Year's Day of 1880 will be one that will be long remembered by the Sunday School scholars in connection with Trinity Church here, as it was on that occasion that they had their annual treat. About 12.30 both teachers and scholars accompanied by some of the parents, having assembled at the church, after having been addressed by Mr. R. B. Hopkins, the superintendent, got into some sleighs which had been kindly provided for the oc-

casional and drove to the very picturesque village of Harriston, where at the church they were welcomed not only by the Incumbent, the Rev. W. E. Grahame and the superintendent of St. George's Church Sunday School, Mr. O'Meara, who addressed the visitors in very kind terms, but also by the teachers and scholars, many of whom had assembled to greet them. After having enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content they returned home to reassemble at the Orange Hall at 6 p. m. to finish up the day's enjoyment. When all had met together again and the hall had been filled by the friends and well wishers of the Sunday School, the doxology was sung and prayers were offered by the Incumbent, the Rev. Geo. W. Racey, after which tea was served out to all who were present. When all had partaken of the good things which had so kindly been provided by the ladies of the congregation, the chair was taken by the superintendent, who, after having called upon the scholars to sing the opening piece, and they having done it admirably gave a most cheering and kind address, not only to the parents and scholars, but also to the assembly in general. This was followed by singing, recitations, and an address by Mr. Racey, when the meeting was brought to a close by a vote of thanks being tendered to the Organist for the use of the Hall, and by the doxology being again sung and the benediction being pronounced. Too much praise cannot be given to Miss Elliot for the way she led the children in singing, nor to the way in which the children sang, and also to those other gentlemen who so kindly lent their assistance for the occasion.

SARNIA RESERVE.—The annual public feast among the Sarnia Indians took place on New Year's day. The Council House looked exceedingly gay with its decorations of evergreens, flowers, flags, &c. The tables were laid out very tastefully and were loaded with turkeys, geese, chickens, pies, tarts, puddings, cake, &c. Nearly all the people on the Reserve were present including children. After all had partaken of the abundance of good things provided the people repaired to the Council Chamber, where a meeting was held. Head Chief John Sumner occupied the chair and presided over the large gathering with great efficiency. The Indian Brass Band, the celebrated Highwarden Band of Jubilee Singers, opened the meeting by furnishing the audience with appropriate pieces of music. The chairman then called upon the Rev. J. Jacobs to deliver the opening address. Several other speakers followed, viz., Mr. James Major, Chiefs Joseph Wawanosh, S. Waubruong, Wilson Jacobs, Mr. Highwarden and Mr. Wm. Wawanosh, all of whom delivered suitable addresses which were well received. The Highwarden Band of Jubilee Singers and the native Brass Band added very much to the enjoyment of the meeting. During a brief intermission a very comical looking individual, and very comically dressed, who bore the name of Kahbookwa, appeared on exhibition. In the olden times he was considered a supernatural being. His appearance, manners, and the remarks that he made created considerable merriment. After the exhibition fruit was handed around among the audience which was thankfully received. At the close of the meeting the whole assemblage shook hands and wished each other "a happy New Year." The national anthem and the doxology were then sung and the Rev. J. Jacobs pronounced the benediction, and the audience dispersed after enjoying a very happy New Year's day. Chief John Sumner deserves great credit for the manner in which he presided over the meeting. The ladies of the Reserve also deserve much praise for the splendid appearance of the tables and the beautiful decorations.

SARNIA: *India Reserve*.—The tea festival in connection with St. Peter's church, took place on Tuesday, Dec. 30th. After partaking of the excellent tea and the good things provided, the Rev. J. Jacobs called the meeting to order and also occupied the chair. After a brief address, the Highwarden band of colored jubilee singers and the Indian brass band gave a very enjoyable concert, during which Mr. Vigal, Head Chief J. Sumner, and Mr. Highwarden addressed the meeting in a happy and interesting manner. During a brief intermission voting took place, which realized \$8. The jubilee singers added very much to the pleasure of the meeting, and managed to keep up the enthusiasm of the meeting to the last. They will always receive a hearty welcome on the Reserve. The proceeds of the festival were \$15.00, and which is to be applied to the benefit of St. Peter's Church. The festival was got up by Mrs. Charles Wilson (a member of the congregation), in aid of the Indian church. The congregation of St. Peter's Church are greatly indebted to Mrs. Wilson for her kind assistance. Mr. Gray, Church Warden, and Chief Joseph Wawanosh moved a vote of thanks to the jubilee singers, brass band, and to the lady who got up the festival, which was most heartily and enthusiastically responded to.

The National Anthem was sung and then the pastor, Rev. Mr. Jacobs, pronounced the benediction.

EXETER.—A work of great taste has been the decoration of Christ Church in this place for Christmas. The ladies of the congregation deserve great praise for making the interior of the Church so attractive for the Christmas season.

On the 28th of December a sermon was preached in the Church to the Masonic body by the Incumbent, the Rev. E. J. Robinson, on Exodus 25: 31, 32 and Rev. 1: 12, 13, 20. Subject: "The Seven Golden Candlesticks, the integrity of the Church of God in its origin and oneness with the Christian Dispensation."

A concert was also held in Drew's Hall, in aid of the Church Sunday School, in which Mr. Fairbairn, Miss Carling, Miss English, Miss Fitton, Miss Alcock and others acquitted themselves with much satisfaction. The concert was most successful. Gifts were distributed from a Christmas Tree by Santa Claus, every Sunday scholar and every choir boy were remembered.

HENSALL.—A very successful and interesting Sunday School festival, took place on Christmas night in aid of St. Paul's Sunday School. The first part of the programme consisted of hymns, songs and recitations, entirely carried out by the scholars and that with the greatest credit to themselves, and the entire satisfaction of the large audience. The second part of the programme consisted of a Sciopticon entertainment, exhibited and explained by the Pastor, Rev. E. J. Robinson, who was ably assisted by Mr. Bunting, photographer. The whole concluding with a generous distribution from a Christmas Tree provided by contribution of the teachers and friends. Proceeds \$15.

BRANTFORD.—Divine service was held, as usual, in St. Jude's Church on New Year's Eve, commencing at 11.30, and was largely attended. The Rector, the Rev. T. R. Davie, M. A., conducted a shortened service, which was opened by the choir singing the 240th hymn (a. m.) As the last moments of 1879 were ticked out by the clock, the bell tolled and all present engaged for a few moments in silent prayer. Then the *Te Deum* was sung, and the Rev. G. C. Mackenzie, Rector of Grace Church, delivered an eloquent address on the "New Year." Both this and the one by the Incumbent were most appropriate to the occasion and awakened the deepest feelings in the congregation. After the Holy Communion was administered, of which a goodly number partook, the service concluded by the Rev. Mr. Mackenzie pronouncing the benediction. On New Year's evening the ladies gave an entertainment and bazaar in Wickliffe Hall. The congregation must be congratulated on having such earnest workers, for, since June last, the ladies have made up by small contributions and entertainments, over \$700, which amount has been applied on the church debt.

The teachers of both Grace Church and St. Jude's decided not to have a Christmas Tree for the children, as on former occasions, but, instead, to give them a sleigh ride and some evening amusements. Accordingly on Friday after the children had met at their respective churches, where sleighs were in waiting for them, Grace Church party joined St. Jude's, thus forming a procession of about eighteen sleigh loads. After a pleasant drive of two hours round the city they came to Wickliffe Hall, where tables were spread for them with all manner of good things. After they had partaken of these, the tables were removed, and W. J. Imlach, Esq., late superintendent of the Grace Church Sunday School, was called to the chair where he made a few very appropriate remarks, stating the pleasure it gave him at being present on this, the first reunion of the two schools. The evening's programme opened with the hymn, "Hark, the herald angels sing," which was sung by both schools. A pleasing incident followed, viz., the presentation to W. J. Imlach, Esq., by the members of the Grace Church Sunday School, of an address accompanied by a handsome Bible and a writing desk. Mr. Imlach replied in feeling terms. Then followed carols, duets, readings, a dialogue, and an instrumental duet, all of which were performed by the children of each school alternately, in a very creditable manner. After the singing of the hymn "Old Hundred" by both schools, short and interesting addresses were delivered by the Rev. G. C. Mackenzie and the Rev. T. R. Davis, when the evening's pleasure was brought to a close. We were glad to see so many parents and friends of the children present, showing the interest taken by them in the Sunday School work, and which must have been gratifying to the teachers. The large hall was filled to the doors, and all, both young and old, expressed thoroughly satisfaction with the day's proceedings.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Considerable matter has to be held over from want of space.