

5. February 9th, next.—Grace Church School house. Sunday-school Lesson, Rev. W. C. Bradshaw. Paper, "The Psalter," Rev. Canon Dumoulin, M.A.

6. March 8th, next.—St. Peter's School-house. Sunday-school Lesson, S. G. Wood, Esq. Paper, "The Bible Class and its place in the economy of the Sunday-school," Rev. J. Fielding Sweeny, B.D.

7. April 12th, next.—St. Matthias' School house. Sunday-school Lesson, J. C. Morgan, M.A. Paper, "The Rationale of the Liturgy," Rev. W. E. Cooper, M.A.

8. May 3rd, next.—St. George's Church, Choral Service and Sermon at 8 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. Hartley Carmichael, M.A.

Upon the invitation of Mr. S. G. Wood, the meeting of March 8th was ordered to be held at the School-house of Holy Trinity instead of St. Peter's.

The Committee's report was adopted with this amendment.

A motion by Mr. Currey that the Schools be longing to the Association be requested each to contribute the amount of one Sunday's collection toward the relief and assistance of the Church S.S. at Gravenhurst was adopted; as was also a motion by Mr. W. Cummings that the "Days of Intercession for Sunday-schools," annually appointed for many years past by the Church of England S.S. Institute, be hereafter observed by the Association.

Several Honorary Members were then elected, among them being the Rev. W. S. Rainsford, D.D., of New York; the Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, Chairman of the Diocesan S.S. Committee; the Rev. Canon Belt, M.A., of Burlington, Ont; the Rev. Hartley Carmichael, M.A., of Hamilton.

The officers for the current year were then elected as follows: President, the Lord Bishop of Toronto; Vice-Presidents, Clerical: Rev. Canon Dumoulin, M.A. and Rev. J. D. Cayley, M.A.; Lay: S. G. Wood, LL.B. and G. M. Evans, M.A.; Secretary, C. R. W. Biggar, M.A.; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. M. Currey; Treasurer, Mr. J. C. Wedd. Executive Sub-Committee—the above officers and Rev. A. J. Broughall, M.A.; Rev. J. F. Sweeney, B.D.; Rev. Richard Harrison, M.A.; Messrs. Grant Helliwell, W. Cummings and Douglas Sutton.

Viva voce examinations, lasting twenty minutes each, were then conducted by the Rev. J. D. Cayley on the Catechism Lessons, and by Mr. C. R. W. Biggar on the Scripture Lessons of the year, after which the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

PALERMO.—The quarterly meeting of the Hatton and North Wentworth Rural Deanery was held in Palermo on Monday and Tuesday, October 10th and 11th. The Rural Dean, Rev. W. J. Mackenzie, of Milton, presided and conducted the opening service, assisted by the Incumbent, Rev. J. H. Fletcher, and Rev. J. Fennell, of Georgetown. The Rev. Canon Belt, of Burlington, preached the sermon. The administration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., commenced the session of the 2nd. day, Oct. 11th; and after a pleasant and profitable discussion the Chapter adjourned to meet in Burlington (D. V.) Dec. 5th and 6th.

Confirmation services were held in St. Luke's Church, Palermo, and in the other Church, Omagh, of this Mission, on Monday, Oct. 17th, by the Lord Bishop. Five candidates were confirmed at the former Church, and seven at the latter.

BURLINGTON.—The Sunday School, purchased a year ago by the Congregation of St. Luke's Church, after being thoroughly renovated and improved, was re-opened with Special services, on Sunday, Oct. 9th. The Rev. H. Carmichael, of Hamilton, and J. Francis, of Watford, were the preachers at the two services. The Sunday School appliances have been increased

by the addition of 150 volumes to the Library Maps of Palestine, etc., and a new Bookcase.

The Bishop of Niagara visited this parish for the purpose of holding a Confirmation on Sunday, Oct. 16th. Ten persons were confirmed, one of them having been brought up a Methodist. The Bishop also remained for the day, and preached in the new Sunday School in the evening.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

POINT EDWARD.—On Sunday, October 16th, the Bishop of Huron held Confirmation services in St. Paul's Church, where twenty candidates were presented by the Incumbent, most of whom were young people of both sexes. The congregation was unusually large, composed of many from all denominations; and the address of the Bishop was listened to with rapt attention by all present. At the earnest solicitation of wardens and other prominent members of the Church, His Lordship kindly consented to return from Perche and preach at Point Edward in the evening. Every available corner of the Church was filled with a most devout and appreciative audience, numbering nearly three hundred people, who listened most attentively throughout to the Bishop's sermon from St. Matthew vii, 13 and 14th verses. The singing by the Choir and congregation was most hearty, and the responses very general. A liberal offertory was presented both at morning and evening service.

PERCHE.—Confirmation services were held in the afternoon of the same day in St. John's Church, ten miles distant from Point Edward—where an overflowing congregation from all denominations of Christians greeted the Bishop's arrival. Eight candidates received the holy rite of Confirmation.

The Incumbent, Rev. Mr. Steele, is to be congratulated on the success of his efforts in building up the Church of Christ in those two Missions.

LONDON.—The Rev. Mr. Brick from the Peace River district, preached in St. Paul's, London, on Sunday, October 16th, and in the Memorial Church in the evening of the same day. His sermons were most interesting and were listened to with the deepest interest. On Monday evening the 17th, he addressed a large gathering in St. James' Schoolhouse, London South. His descriptions of the country, climate, inhabitants, and their customs, together with the great missionary work which the Church is doing in that far off land, and the hardships which the faithful missionary has to endure, were most touching and enlisted a deep and individual interest on the part of those who had the privilege of listening to him. The work which he is engaged in commends itself to the Church people here, and he is receiving a response which evidently encourages him.

On the 23rd, Mr. Brick officiates in Brantford.

His Lordship the Bishop, purposes holding an ordination in Woodstock, on Sunday, Nov. 6th.

INGERSOLL.—The W. A. M. A. of St. James Church, Ingersoll, Ont., since the organization in September, 1886, are enable to record thankfully a very considerable amount of success.

In December the members sent to the Rev. James Irwin, Lac Seul Mission, Saskatchewan two large boxes of clothing; in April a box of clothing, dressed dolls and furnished work bags to Miss Collison, Kichnagar, for the Zenana Mission in India; in June two boxes of books to the Diocese of Algoma, and now October 19th the W. A. M. A. are about despatching to the same place another case of literature (a gift from the Mechanic's Institute of Ingersoll) and designed especially for Bishop Sullivan. In a

few weeks the members hope to send a supply of clothing to Fort Alexander and Mapleton, two extremely destitute Missions in Saskatchewan, and to which as yet no assistance has been afforded.

In February the sum of \$10 was handed in to the Diocesan Treasurer.

GLENWORTH.—The new brick Church at Glenworth, is to be opened by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese on Sunday, the 23rd. There will be three services in the day, and special sermons by various clergymen during the two following Sundays.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. E. W. Hughes and wife, have gone to England for a three months holiday. A student from Huron College is doing duty in the Mission during Mr. Hughes absence.

The Rev. Mr. Robinson, who purposes going to Japan in the Spring of the year as a Canadian Missionary from Wycliffe College, is doing temporary duty in Wingham. Rev. J. H. Moorehouse has been appointed to that charge, but will not be able to move there until about the middle of next month.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

The Bishop of Algoma acknowledges with many thanks the receipt of \$6, from "a Quebec Churchwoman," for the General Mission Fund.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

The *Record*, (London, England), thus speaks of modern preaching:—

The prominence of the sermon in the services of Dissent has never appeared to us to be amongst the advantages of Non-conformity. We are profoundly thankful that the system of lessons in the Church of England gives us in our public worship a full measure of the Word of God untouched by human exposition, however excellent; and that our incomparable—even if it be not perfect—liturgy preserves us from being dependent for the mode of our united devotion upon the varying condition—mental, physical and moral—of the minister. But if, on account of these advantages, the sermon be neglected, an admirable opportunity is wilfully thrown away. And yet cases are not unknown in which the sermon at Church is, for common folk at least, in an unknown tongue, so that to "call upon a child to hear sermons" is necessarily regarded as the least efficacious method of affecting the end for which it is prescribed in the baptismal service. Sometimes, of course, the teaching goes to the opposite extreme. But between the two errors of unduly appreciating and unduly depreciating the sermon lies the golden mean, which, though it does not attribute to exhortation the chief place in public worship, recognizes in preaching a great power and a solemn trust.

The *Rock*, (London), an Evangelical organ, under the title "Kneeling in Church," says:—

Is it not a pity that we Evangelicals, who find fault with the Ritualists for their observance of details and ceremonies, should give them occasion so often to retort upon us the want of a due observance, even according to our own standard, and of a seemly reverence? It frequently shocks me, and as it shocks it also saddens me, to see how stiff Evangelical knees are, in a great number of instances, in what are called, in the phraseology of the day, low Churches, although they hardly look like lowly ones. Is it because, as we confess, "there is no health in us" that so many members of the congregation have only strength to loll forward and not to kneel while they make the confession? "Hallowed be Thy name" comes the solemn—ah, the intensely solemn—prayer. Surely, it might be thought