

certain point as ceremonialism increases pure devotion declines. As to attendance upon public worship, it is true there are multitudes who absent themselves, but the fault belongs not to the principles of our Church, but rather to the want of their application, arising from insufficiency of means. The true principles of the Church of England produce glorious results wherever applied. In the discussion which followed, Dr. Small and Messrs. Shephard, Fortescue, Fletcher, Legge, Chesley and Greene put forth many valuable thoughts well worthy of reflection. The Rev. J. May will on the 28th inst. read a paper before the association and friends entitled "Symbolism in the Church."

BEACHBURG, Deanery of Lanark and Renfrew.—In July last the Bishop appointed the Rev. Mr. Daw, a deacon just ordained, to this mission, which had for some time been vacant, and such has been his success that there are now three new churches in course of erection within the limits of his charge. The missions at present vacant in this diocese are Maberly, Madoc, Milford and Pakenham. The Rev. Mr. Cooke, incumbent of Hillier, remains in Pakenham, his former mission, pending the settlement of the Hillier difficulty. Christ Church, meanwhile, sad to say, continues closed.

OXFORD MILLS.—On Dec. 1st, the Vicar and Mrs. Read returned from their wedding tour. Upon arriving at the vicarage they found it brilliantly illuminated. At the entrance to the ground stood an arch bearing the word "Welcome." Over two hundred parishioners assembled to welcome Mrs. Read to her new home. After supper a purse of \$63 and the following address were presented to the vicar:—

"Rev. and Dear Sir,—Allow me, on behalf of your parishioners, and in the name of the wardens, to express our joy at your marriage, and to give thanks to our Heavenly King for your safe arrival in our midst, and to extend to Mrs. Read our cordial welcome as mistress of the vicarage, and as one whom we hope and are sure will be a guiding star among us. As a small token of the sincerity of our wishes, and of our thankfulness to you for your untiring energy and zeal in promoting the object for which you are here, namely, to extend the cause of Christ, and to draw us more closely to the one fold, allow me to beg of you to accept this purse, and to express our wish for the future happiness of yourself and Mrs. Read, and that your united efforts for the welfare of the parish, may be crowned with abundant success."

Signed on behalf of the parishioners,
CHAS. B. CLARKE."

Missionary Meetings.—*Rural Deanery of Lanark and Renfrew.*—Deputation No. 1, Rev. Canon White, M.A., Convener; Rev. W. J. Macklestan, M.A., Coadjutor. Smith's Falls, Thursday, January 11, 7.30 p.m.; Lombardy, Friday, January 12, 7 p.m.; Montague, Saturday, January 13, 7 p.m.; Port Elmsley, Sunday, January 14, 8 p.m.; Perth, Sunday, January 14, 7 p.m.; Bathurst, Monday, January 15, 7 p.m.; Balderson's, Tuesday, January 16, 7 p.m.; Lanark, Wednesday, January 17, 7.30 p.m.; Innisville, Thursday, January 18, 7 p.m.

TORONTO.

Toronto—Church Woman's Mission Aid.—A meeting of this society was held on the 15th Dec., to hear an address by the Bishop of Algoma. About 50 or 60 members attended. The Bishop was introduced by the Rev. J. D. Cayley. The Bishop thanked the society warmly for the aid they had given to the missionaries in Algoma in the past three or four years, and said that he trusted they would not relax their efforts for the future. He then proceeded to sketch some of the geographical features of Algoma, chiefly along the coast line from Prince Arthur's Landing to the borders of Muskoka, explaining that this was the part he had been able to visit in the summer, but saying that he intended during the winter, beginning early in January, to visit more of the interior, and that he hoped to meet them all again in April, when he would be able to give them more details concerning this large diocese. The Bishop laid great stress upon the hardships which Algoma missionaries have to undergo, not only from inadequate salaries, but from the isolation which they and their families have to endure, some of them being almost cut off from their friends, and from intercourse with each other, entirely so during the winter; and he mentioned one instance, in which a missionary's wife had told him that his was the first white face she had seen for thirteen months! He then again alluded to the work the society had done, saying that although he knew the actual value of the gifts they had sent out during the past three and a half years amounted to somewhere near \$3,000, yet the real value would not be computed by dollars and cents, but was shown by the hearts made glad, and homes brighter by these

timely gifts, and the sympathy expressed by them. He had many times during his tour heard people say "God bless the C. W. M. A.," and God would bless it he felt assured, for it was Christlike in its nature, "going about doing good," and "this quality mercy is twice blessed, it blesseth him that gives and him that takes."

St. James. On Sunday the 17th inst., at the Advent ordination, the Rev. J. McCarroll, M. D., and Rev. G. B. Morley, were advanced to the priesthood. The Rev. I. Roy, M.A., who has been for some years in the Wesleyan Ministry was ordained Deacon and is appointed Curate to the Rev. Mr. Stennett, Cobourg.

RURAL DEANERY OF EAST YORK.—*Missionary Meetings for January, 1883.*—Monday, Jan. 8, Christ Church, Scarborough; Tuesday, Jan. 9, St. Jude's, Scarborough; Wednesday, Jan. 10, St. Paul's, Scarborough; Thursday, Jan. 11th, St. Philip's, Unionville; Thursday, Jan. 11, Grace Church, Markham; Friday, Jan. 12, Christ Church, Stouffville. Deputation, Rev. J. P. Lewis, with the exception of Grace Church, Markham, which will be arranged for by the incumbent. Sunday, Jan. 14, missionary services, All Saints' Church, Whitby. Deputation, Rural Dean Fletcher. Monday, Jan. 15, St. Paul's, Uxbridge; Tuesday, Jan. 16, Sunderland; Wednesday, Jan. 17, West Brock; Thursday, Jan. 18, Uxbridge; Friday, Jan. 18, Canington. Deputation, Rev. Joseph Fletcher, M.A. Monday, Jan. 22, Port Perry; Tuesday, Jan. 23, Brooklyn; Wednesday, Jan. 24, Port Whitby; Thursday, Jan. 25, Duffin's Creek. Deputation, Rev. G. M. Patterson, M.A., and Rev. Bernard Bryan. The hours of the several meetings will be arranged by the incumbents of the respective parishes.

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JOHN FLETCHER, Rural Dean.

WHITFIELD.—Rev. R. A. Rooney acknowledges, with thanks, the receipt of a box of Christmas goods and other useful articles, for the use of his parish and Sunday-school.

MINDEN.—The Rev. J. Jones, of this mission, will be absent from the diocese for three months which he intends spending in England, where he will use all diligence in collecting subscriptions towards building churches in his extensive mission. Prior to his departure, the people of Stanhope gave a sumptuous entertainment as a mark of their appreciation of his services amongst them, and many of his maiden friends presented him with tokens of their esteem.

HARWOOD—St. John's Church.—The ladies of this church received a short time since a handsome communion service from F. W. Barron, Esq., M.A., of Gore's Landing, as a Christmas offering. We give below the letter which accompanied the gift, and also a copy of the reply:—

Gore's Landing, Nov. 30, 1882.

My Dear Miss Thompson,—Will you and the other ladies of the congregation of your church at Harwood accept from me, as a Christmas present, the accompanying communion service to be the property of your church until such time as your congregation can afford to buy a better one. I am sure your churchwardens will feel, as I do, that the service is confided to faithful and zealous hands.

Yours faithfully,

F. W. BARRON.

Sully Harwood, December 1st, 1882

My Dear Mr. Barron,—In behalf of the ladies, the churchwardens, and indeed every member of St. John's Church, Harwood, let me try to thank you for the beautiful communion service which you have so generously presented us with; it is still another token of your kind regard for us which, though we may never be able to repay, we can never forget.

I am, dear Mr. Barron,

Yours most gratefully,

EVA THOMPSON.

CAMERON MISSION.—The Rev. J. E. Cooper, begs to acknowledge with many thanks a box containing articles for a Christmas tree, magazines for Sunday-school and some clothing for poor families, from the C. W. M. A. Toronto.

NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—*Church of the Ascension.*—On the 10th inst. the Rev. H. Carmichael, the newly appointed rector, preached his inaugural sermon from 1 Corinthians iv. 1. The discourse was very able, with touches of that warm, strong, manly eloquence which characterizes his gifted brother. We exceedingly regret being unable to find space for the whole of this discourse, and congratulate the Church at Hamilton on this powerful accession to its clerical ranks. One sentence in the rector's sermon we read with delight.

There is a noble ring in it which appeals to the sympathy of every loyal Churchman: "I try to be of no party, try to hold fast to the faith as given to me in the creeds of the Church. I try to give the due importance to each article of belief which our Master has given us; to avoid, as far as in me lies, the undue exaggeration or depreciation of any one article. Christ our Master, our Saviour, our Redeemer, our friend, is to me the basis of all belief in life. From Him the creed derives its vitality; without Him it would be a corpse; and remembering, as I do, His exceeding humility, His all reaching love and tenderness for men and their weaknesses, I cannot sit in harsh judgment on the opinions which others may hold divergent from myself. He is their judge, not I. My weak sight may pervert or obliterate what is good or true in them. But party spirit I can and will speak against; for party spirit is of the evil one and should be condemned, no matter what may be the opinions with which it is associated."

At the evening service on the same day, his brother, the Rev. Canon Carmichael, preached. The loving and earnest allusion to his brother's entering on his important and responsible charge, and the equal responsibility of the people, touched all hearts. He took for his text Acts x. 29, "Therefore, came I unto you without gainsaying when I was sent for; I ask therefore for what intent you have sent for me." The church was crowded to the doors.

Service of Praise.—A service of praise for the Sunday-school was held in the church in the afternoon. About 350 Sunday-school children were present, and the galleries were well filled with their parents and others. Hymns suitable for the joyous occasion were sung and addresses delivered by the Rev. E. A. Millar, Rev. Canon Carmichael, M.A., and the rector elect.

Reception.—On Tuesday, the 12th inst., in the Sunday-school room, between 8 and 10 o'clock p.m., the Rev. Hartley Carmichael was personally introduced to a very large number of his new congregation.

Christ Church (Cathedral).—A memorial window has been placed in the south side of the Cathedral church by the sons of the late Hon. H. B. Bull. It is from the firm of Lyons & Co., Toronto, and is much admired. It is 7 feet 6 inches high, by 2 feet 2 inches wide. Above the central figure, which is the Good Samaritan, as he is represented in the paintings, is the Bull family crest—a globe surrounded by a belt, with the signs of the zodiac thereon. Above the figure of the Good Samaritan is the Crown of Glory, from which diverge golden rays. Under the central design are beautiful Masonic emblems, supported by the Past Master's jewel. All the designs are surmounted by the All-Seeing Eye, under which is the emblem of Royal Arch Masonry. Under all is the inscription, "In memory of Hon. Harcourt B. Bull, Senator, a member of this church from its earliest organization. Died 12th August, 1881."

MILTON.—The Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, of Stoney Creek, completed an octave of mission services at Milton, on the 10th inst., with a large measure of success, notwithstanding the stormy, wintry weather of the preceding week.

BIRNBROOK AND SALTFLEET.—The Rev. Tomas Smith, missionary in charge, has lately received an earnest expression of the esteem of his people towards him. One item alone was equal to 100 bushels of oats, by which the faithful horse will be able to continue his journeys between three or four Sunday stations and several week day cottage appointments. We heartily congratulate Mr. Smith.

FERGUS.—On the 6th inst. some of the parishioners of St. James' Church met at the parsonage and spent a very pleasant evening, in the course of which Miss Morton, daughter of the incumbent, was addressed by Mrs. Green Armitage in very flattering terms, for her acceptable services as organist during the past two years, and was then presented with a gold watch and chain by Mrs. Marshall on the part of the congregation—the chain being the gift exclusively of Mr. Marshall.

DEANERY OF HALTON AND N. WENTWORTH.—The Rural-Deanal Chapters will meet (D.V.) at Milton on the 15th January. Subjects or discussion will be: 1. Parochial Work. 2. Communicant's Classes, or Fellowship Meetings. 3. The Subjects and Benefits of Christian Baptism, illustrated by Greek original Scriptures. The following missionary meetings have been appointed for the Deanery: Monday, January 15th, Milton and Dundas; Tuesday, 16th, Hornby and W. Flamboro; Wednesday, 17th, Norval and Beverley; Thursday, 18th, Stewartown; Friday, 19th, Georgetown; Sunday, 21st, Lowville and Carleton Place; Monday, 22nd, Oakville; Tuesday, 23rd, Palermo and Omagh; Wednesday, 24th, Nelson; Thursday, 25th, Burlington. Deputations will be announced hereafter.

GUELPH.—On Sunday, the 17th inst., the Bishop