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his criticism of the worship of various denominations, as he saw it in England? Of the English Church he says: "In the Established Church of England, he found the service rendered in very high class music. The singing was worthy of a very first class concert. It was simply an appeal to the hearing and feeling." There are, doubtless, some churches—chiefly of the "Evangelical" school—where the music is very florid, and is rendered, perhaps, by a quartette choir. But in the cathedrals, college chapels, and most parish churches in England, where the service is led solemnly and reverently by a choir of men and boys, the congregation heartily joining in, the music is indeed of a "very high class," but at the same time of a most sacred character, and utterly unlike anything that is ever heard at a concert. To hear high class concert music on Sundays, one need not go to England or to Anglican churches, but merely step into one or two places that Mr. Stafford knows of much nearer home, where "special soloists" are advertised. On the other hand, we are told that "Presbyterians, Baptists and Wesleyans appeal to the judgment and thought by simple services and preaching the Gospel. It was better to appeal to the judgment and intellect than to the sensibilities and feelings." This is certainly news so far as it respects the Wesleyans. For is it not notorious that that great body has been built up almost entirely by passionate appeals at excited revival meetings, by sensuous and fiery sermons, and in utter disregard of the judgment and intellect? Was it not on this account that it attracted to itself, as the Salvation Army does more powerfully now, the uneducated classes, while the more highly cultured held aloof from it? It is indeed reversing the order of things as we have understood them for a hundred years, to say that the Church of England appeals to the sensibilities and feelings, while the Wesleyans appeal to the judgment and intellect. For a hundred years it has been the unvarying charge of the Wesleyans against the Church of England that she did not appeal to the sensibilities and feelings. But now when she does appeal more than formerly to men's feelings, this is brought as a charge against her. In one moment she is condemned for doing what in the preceding moment she was condemned for not doing. I would recommend to Mr. Stafford's notice, an article by a leading Methodist layman, Mr. John Macdonald, in the November (1885) number of the *Methodist Review*. Mr. Macdonald was more fortunate in his observations, and happier in his criticism than Mr. Stafford, and, unlike the latter, who has only words of condemnation for the Church of England, he sees something to commend, not only in the conduct of her services, but also in the character and tone of her "preaching."

WISE IN THEIR GENERATION.—We should be sorry to insinuate that the Wesleyans are "children of this world," but that they are wiser in their generation than other "children of light," that is to say we Churchmen, is often manifest. Take a local instance. A few days ago, two missionaries came into Toronto from the North-West. One of these was Bishop Machray, the other, Mr. McDougall, a Methodist missionary. The Bishop's presence is hardly known, he moves about the city quietly, and not a single word as to his work has appeared in any newspaper. Yet Bishop Machray has been pre-eminently the missionary of the North-West. The Wesleyan missionary was heralded by the press, his arrival was announced as though it were a great civic event, every day his movements, his sayings, his plans, his whole work has been made the subject of lengthy statements in the daily papers. Mr. McDougall brought with him three Christian Indians, these interesting people have paraded the streets, have been taken to all public places, have been interviewed, have been "boomed" to create public sympathy with Wesleyan missions. A public reception has been given the Wesleyan missionary, at which the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario was present, and the Mayor of Toronto gave the Wesleyan agent and his converts a welcome on behalf of the city! Compare all this advertising and excitement with the reception accorded to a far higher, far abler, far more successful, and more heroic missionary, Bishop Machray, his presence was absolutely ignored, not only by the press and the citizens, but by even the clergy and prominent laymen of his own Church. We do not at all blame the Wesleyans for making so much ado over their agent and his converts, they are truly wise in their generation, and their rejoicing does them honour. But it is lamentable that we are so unwise as to suffer a Bishop like Dr. Machray to visit our city without paying him some mark of public honour. We trust this will be looked to on his return after a visit to England.

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HAMILTON.—The Rev. Geo. Forneret leaves this week on his vacation and was not away previous, as stated. Mr. Forneret has kindly undertaken the pas-

toral work to a considerable extent during the absence of the rectors of their parishes of the Church of the Ascension and St. Thomas.

HURON.

MITCHELL.—Perth Deanery.—The meetings of the Church of England Temperance Society, in the northern deaneries of the diocese, report very successful work, and being consonant to the "law and the testimony" they promise to be permanent. The regular meeting lately held in the Temperance Hall, was very interesting and was well attended. Rev. John Ridley presided, and the meeting having been opened with the singing of a hymn, he invoked a blessing on the meeting by prayer. A good programme was well rendered. During the evening Mr. Ridley read the report of the organizing secretary, Rev. B. Pierre De Lom, of the progress of the society in the diocese. He also read a report of Rev. Mr. De Lom's work in the diocesan Huron missionary, giving the number of religious meetings held, the number of communicants, and other very interesting details of his labors. The congregation of Trinity and the associated churches will greatly regret the departure of Mr. Ridley to another field of labour.

LYNDOCH.—Norfolk Deanery.—Rev. E. Softly, incumbent of Christ Church, met with a sad accident on Sunday night, the sixth after Trinity. The night was very dark, with a heavy rain storm, and frequent flashes of lightning. As he was returning from Lynedoch, his horse ran on to a stump fence and overturned the buggy, throwing him out and breaking part of the buggy, then it ran home, leaving Mr. Softly and part of the vehicle behind.

MILTON.—A correspondent from Mitchell says, "The Milton churches have now a uniform hour for service, and the town bell is used on Sundays as a church bell. This is what is wanted in Mitchell, and then we could get along without the army on the street to drum the church goes up."

MOORETOWN.—Not only has there been an increase in the number of our churches, but also our older houses of worship have been improved in every respect. Instead of being plain barnlike structures as many of them had been, efforts have been made in country parishes to make the sacred edifices more churchlike. Trinity Church, Mooretown, has had several coloured windows put in lately. They were given by members of the congregation. The progress in the good work though not rapid, is continuous, and in our many changes we may, *nullo vestigio retrosum*. The annual harvest home of Trinity was announced last Sunday to take place the first or second of September, and extensive preparations are being made for it.

POINT EDWARD.—A union Sunday school excursion and pic-nic in connection with the Anglican, Presbyterian, and Methodist Churches, is announced for August 25th, at Shady Side. A steamboat has been chartered for the occasion.

LONDON.—The Band of Hope of Christ Church, had their pic-nic in Mr. Thompson's grove, Westminster, on Friday last. The Band, numbering about 250, turned out in good force, and marched in procession to the grounds, where they spent a very pleasant day in races, games, base ball, and other amusements.

CLINTON.—St. Paul's Church.—On Sunday, the fifth anniversary of Rev. W. Craig's ministry, the usual sermon was omitted at morning prayer, and an address was given, reviewing the work and result of the past five years. Debts had been paid, improvements had been made to the church and rectory property, a new schoolhouse had been built and nearly paid for. The communicants had increased nearly one-half, and the contribution to church work had on the whole been larger than during the previous history of the parish. The rector, in making these statements, did not wish to appear to claim credit for himself, he mentioned them as reasons for thanks and praise to be given to God, and for encouragement in the future. After speaking of (1) some advance in the matter of conducting the services, (2) of sermons, (3) of church going, the rector thanked the congregation for all the consideration shown him. While they had never heard him complain of hard work—a clergyman's work was much harder than some people imagined—there was a nervous exhaustion in carrying on services, in preaching, in thinking and studying, in dealing with men, mentally, and in bearing, as any faithful, sympathetic clergyman must bear in his heart, the trials, troubles, and difficulties of his congregation—that few realized, yet he thanked God for the past

and took courage for the future. The rector stated that he had baptised 119 children and adults. There were 140 communicants, 140 heads of families. There had been 78 deaths, 38 marriages, and 2 confirmation services, at which there was a total of 54 persons confirmed.

LONDON.—Rev. Canon Innes, rector of St. Pauls, is enjoying the benefits of a brief vacation now that the assistant minister, Rev. R. Hicks, has returned, and has taken all the duty. Many of the members of the churches are returning from places of summer resort, and the family pews are being again occupied. Rev. Canon Smith, of Christ Church, is now spending a short vacation with his family at Port Stanley. Meantime Mr. W. Freeman occupies Mr. Smith's pulpit during the rector's absence.

Chapter House.—The Chapter House Guild are very energetic in their labors for the church that they have resolved to build in the northern part of the city. The congregation cannot be said to be very large or wealthy, but they are thoroughly in earnest in church matters. A few lady members of the guild have undertaken to pay, in equal shares, for the building site. On Friday last a garden party was given by Mrs. E. W. Hyman, under the auspices of the Chapter House Guild. The very handsome grounds were brilliantly illuminated, and the Italians rendered excellent music. The following ladies assisted at the floral, fancy and refreshment tables: Mesdames Taylor and Perry, and Misses Taylor, Imlack, Muir, Cousins, Maingault, Danks and Puddicombe.

London West.—Rev. Canon Newman and family have returned from their summer vacation. Meantime the congregation of St. George's had the ministrations of Rev. Principal Lowell, of Huron College. We are delighted that the Rev. Canon felt himself so much better in vigor and health that he would not remain longer away from his people.

MITCHELL.—No appointment has as yet been definitely made to the parish of Trinity Church, Mitchell, which was made vacant by the appointment of the late rector to the parish of Galt. The name of Rev. P. E. Hyland, incumbent of Trinity Church, Watford, is mentioned as being appointed, and many members of the congregation are desirous that the Rev. Mr. Kerr shall be the rector, as mentioned in last issue of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN.

Church Sunday Schools.—"The Decadence of the Anglican Church," is a very interesting subject for the opponents of our Spiritual Zion. One evidence of the mythical character of the report is the growth and strength of our Sunday schools. Our Huron synod has not supplied us with the statistics, but we know that the increasing number of Sunday schools and of scholars and teachers has been very large. The Sunday school report from our sister church is very encouraging. We quote the following from authority: The total number of Sunday schools in New York, of all Evangelical denominations, is 379; of this number, Protestant Episcopal Churches support 83; Presbyterian Churches 66, Methodists 59, and Baptists 41. Chinese missions number 26. The remaining 95 schools are scattered among churches of various denominations. The scholars in all the schools number 103,823, over whom there are 10,152 teachers. So that city having 379 Sunday schools and having, it is said, over 100 denominations, there are of Protestant Episcopal Sunday schools nearly 22 per cent.

HURON COLLEGE.—The many friends of the Rev. Canon Brock, sometime provost of Huron, rejoice to hear from him whose name is indelibly connected with the college and the college chapel. Since his resignation of the rectory of St. Peter's Church, Lennoxville, he has been engaged in his favorite sphere of duty as Professor of King's College, Nova Scotia.

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There are 500 children of Mormon parentage in the Church Sunday school of Utah.

Since May, the Bishop of Rochester (Dr. Thorold) has confirmed, at fifty-two centres, no less than 8,630 candidates, and there are fourteen more due before the vacation.

The ladies of Yorkshire have raised £8,000 of the £10,000, which they promised through Mrs. Fawkes of Farnley Hall, to obtain for the Wakefield Bishopric Fund.

The Hospital Sunday Fund has this year reached a total of £31,300, and there is more yet to be gathered in. A check for £111 1s. 9d., was received from Mr. Henry Irving, being the amount collected from the boxes at the London Theatres during the week before Hospital Sunday.