

Church, Lyndhurst, recently presented their president, Mrs. Moore, wife of the rector, with the sum of \$30, the proceeds of a social given by them.

TORONTO.

ARTHUR SWEATMAN, D.D., BISHOP, TORONTO.

Church of the Messiah.—The choir of this church gave a successful service of praise last Thursday evening before a large and appreciative audience.

St. Saviour's.—Rev. Mr. Creswick is now rector of this newly formed parish, a district in which, until the past week, he has been holding merely an incumbency. The new parish has been carved out of that known as St. John's, with the central church at Norway.

The monthly board meeting of the Church of England Woman's Auxiliary took place last Thursday in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Queen street west, corner of Dovercourt Road. The usual devotional meeting was held at St. James' Schoolhouse on Wednesday last.

St. Albans Cathedral.—*The Quiet Day.*—Tuesday, February 11th, was observed as a "Quiet Day" for the clergy of the diocese—the addresses being given by the Lord Bishop of Qu'Appelle. At the eight o'clock service His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto was the celebrant, assisted by Rural Dean Sweeney. The communicants numbered about thirty-five. Matins was said at 10 o'clock, after which followed addresses at 10.30, 12, 2 and 3.30, by the Bishop of Qu'Appelle, on "The Spiritual Life," in its threefold aspects, viz.: "The Life of Prayer," "The Life of Penitence," and "The Life of Sacrifice." The instructions were in every way admirable and most helpful—marked, as they were, by that high order of spirituality which is characteristic of Dr. Burns' teaching and preaching. The services of the day were attended by a large number of the clergy who had gathered from the city and country parishes to spend a "Quiet Day" in their Cathedral Church. Breakfast and luncheon were served in the crypt of the cathedral by the ladies of St. Albans congregation, and their excellent provision for the entertainment of the clergy called forth many compliments from those who partook of their kind hospitality.

The monthly Board meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, Church of England, was held in one of the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. hall, Dovercourt Road, at 10.30 on the a.m. of the 13th. It was a numerously attended meeting; the business of the combined parishes of St. Mark's and Church of Epiphany, Parkdale, and that of St. Anne's, being presented. These three branches of the W. A. entertained those present; a most generous luncheon being partaken of at 1.10, the close of the meeting. Mrs. Williamson, with her well-known ability, presided: After opening with the usual prayers, Mrs. Cummings, diocesan secretary, read the minutes of the previous Board meeting, in which much interest was manifested, and passed as exact in every item. Changes of address of subscribers were asked for by the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN, through the diocesan secretary. A resolution of deep regret at the death of Mr. Gilmour, late auditor to W. A., was read as passed in a standing vote at the last meeting of the Board. Next item being report of treasurer, the diocesan secretary then read her interesting report *re* proposed change of date of annual meeting; as also that it had been deemed expedient to discontinue the luncheon hitherto tendered at such like gatherings of the W. A., owing to the expense involved, as also the absence entailed upon some of the members—a very wise decision having been arrived at, viz., the providing by each lady of her own luncheon. The diocesan secretary also announced the fact of Mr. Cooke having kindly promised to act as auditor for the W. A. An exhaustive financial report was read *re* expenditure in many avenues. Mrs. Banks, of York Mills, read a gratifying report of grateful thanks from missionaries for comforting bales received. The Ministering Children's League having affiliated with the W. A., their report read that sixty dollars had been sent as the fruit of the labours (of their tiny fingers, but willing hands) to two adjoining city missions. The junior branches of the W. A. in country places and outlying districts have been promised girl representatives in town, to write a letter monthly of our work here at Toronto. Mrs. Banks read a letter from the Bishop of Mackenzie River, preferring bales to money, the former being permeated by sympathy and prayers. The wife of the Bishop longs for a striking clock as company during the absences of His Lordship. The transit of bales to Mackenzie River is something enormous. At 12 o'clock the Bishop of Qu'Appelle, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Ingles of St. Mark's, Parkdale, entered after His Lordship concluded reading a few appropriate verses from Corinthians; those present had the pleasure

of listening to a most interesting address on mission work among the Indians. His Lordship said that missionary work among the Indians is, as every one is aware, both dreary and monotonous, and that at Qu'Appelle is no exception. His clergy are 18 in number; stations on the C. P. R., 5; a few others in the interior. Life there is one continual struggle; climate severe; places scattered; isolation very trying; it is the heroism of loneliness; excluded from outside daily sympathy; out of touch with the minds and hearts of these children of the forest; scarcely any increase of population. And yet with all its disadvantages, English settlers who have, in a few cases, returned to England, have actually returned to the freedom of these wilds. Villages of 300 people are invariably called cities. Stipends of clergy very low. C. P. R. take a bushel of wheat for every one they carry. The greatest need, said the bishop, is money; men are now willing to come who would not do so ten years ago, but we cannot accept them without your aid. Immense gratitude has been evinced by clergy and their families for good warm clothing. Rev. Titlebaum craves a cottage hospital which would be a very great blessing. Five new churches were opened by the bishop last year, of which His Lordship gave a graphic description; these edifices hold about 20 persons in each, but they have no church debts on 33 churches. A boarding-school is greatly needed at Medicine Hat; the children, and indeed all Indians, become extremely degraded who live in tents near a railway station. Children when old enough are drafted from boarding-school to Industrial. The greatest needs are at Fishing Lake and the Gordon Reserve, the bishop making an eloquent appeal for money to bring down the castles in the air he and his clergy have been building to solid ground and an everlasting foundation for good. One hundred miles north of Touchwood is another "castle in the air, which I hope will soon come down," said His Lordship. The hostility of the Indian to the "pale faces" is rapidly dying out, and a spirit of tolerance springing up for the white man, for whom the proud Indian, in his native state, has a supreme contempt. "The Indian," said the bishop, "is as proud as the Emperor of Germany." When the Indian comes in contact with the white man, and only gets his vices and not his religion, he is a pitiable creature. The Indian is naturally devout; referring to the brilliant aurora—the northern lights—an Indian poetically expressed himself in that such auroral display "is the lamp of the Great Father to show the Indian the right path." The bishop concluded his interesting address by urging Canadians to endeavour to realize the great responsibility resting upon them to bring those children of the forest into the fold of the Mother Church. Rev. Mr. Ingles, in fitting speech, tendered His Lordship the staiding vote of thanks which the W. A. unanimously and gratefully passed. A substantial luncheon being then at 1.10 p.m. partaken of, the meeting adjourned.

We notice that Mr. W. R. Brock, with two of his daughters, have gone for a few months' holiday tour through Italy.

FAIRBANK.—The festival of the dedication of St. Hilda's Church was celebrated on Friday, 31st January, by a choral evensong. The following clergy were present: The Rev. the Provost of Trinity College, the Revs. C. E. Thomson, C. H. Rich, W. Carter, H. W. De Pencier, G. F. Davidson, R. W. Creswick and G. Card. The choir of Grace Church conducted the musical part of the service in a very able and helpful manner. Mr. Creswick sang the first half of the service and Mr. Davidson the latter. Dr. Welsh preached the sermon, taking as his text St. Matthew ix. 21, "If I do but touch His garment I shall be made whole." The sermon showed in a very convincing way the need of coming to Christ, and coming to Him as the poor woman did, with faith, and not in the heedless and unthinking way in which the multitude came; this woman came for a definite purpose, feeling conscious of her great need, a need which could only be supplied by the power and goodness of Christ. On the Sunday following the Rev. G. F. Davidson celebrated at 11 a.m. and preached to the children at 3 p.m. At the evening service, Mr. Rounthwaite preached his farewell sermon. Mr. J. R. H. Warren, who took charge the Sunday after, preached on confirmation. He is starting a confirmation class, and so far has been very successful in doing so.

ESSONVILLE.—It is now some time since you had any news from this large backwoods' mission, and perhaps your readers will be interested to know a little of our doings lately. I will mention, in the first place, a pleasing incident which took place at the parsonage on a very recent date, which will at once show that the services of the Church are appreciated. On the evening of February 4th, a small surprise party arrived at the parsonage, as a deputation from the people of Wilberforce. The respected incum-

bent (Rev. H. T. Bourne) was and is confined to his room on account of sickness; although in a feeble state, the deputation was admitted to his room, when one read the following address:

"To the Rev. H. T. Bourne, Essonville."

"REV. AND DEAR SIR,—We, a few of your friends of Wilberforce, have assembled here on this occasion with the design of tendering you our sincere gratitude for your services as a pastor at Wilberforce. Hoping your visits will not be discontinued and that you will remain long with us in your good work, we ask you to kindly accept this coat, not as a full reward for your services, but as a slight token of our esteem for you. Our united wish is that Providence may continue to guide you, as at present, in a life of usefulness, a life that leads to future joy. Signed, on behalf of the people of Wilberforce, C. Holmes, R. Hill, G. Stevenson."

A beautiful fur coat was then presented to Mr. Bourne; he seemed to be quite overcome at the unexpected event, as it was indeed a genuine surprise. Mr. Bourne, in a few words, thanked them for the kind and most seasonable and useful gift; the deputation then withdrew. The services at Wilberforce have gone on every two weeks for two or three years; the congregation averages 40 to 45 on a Sunday afternoon. Another service or station has been opened at Wilberforce. The Ottawa and Bancroft Railway has got as far as this place, and have regular trains running. The railway station is about two and a half miles from Wilberforce Settlement; a great many Church families have settled near the station; in fact, there is now quite a small settlement. Nearly all the families belong to the Church and have asked for regular services and for a Sunday-school. The incumbent has been able to meet their demand, and a service will be held every two weeks in a house which will be shortly fitted up to hold services in. As a certain amount of money is required to do this, the incumbent (Rev. H. T. Bourne, Parsonage, Essonville) will be glad to receive any outside help for that purpose. In the meantime, services have been commenced there, and the first took place last Sunday in rather a novel place. One of the railway cars had been put at our service by the kindness of Mr. Pusey, the manager; the first service therefore took place in the railway car, when 60 people assembled for worship. So now we have a service at Wilberforce every Sunday, one Sunday in the settlement and the alternate Sunday at the railway station; this now makes eight stations in the mission. The new church at Urso has now been opened for some time, and this seems to have increased the spiritual life of the people; there is a good congregation every two weeks and a very good Sunday-school every Sunday, superintended by Stephen Kettle, Esq. The church is by no means in a completed state. Funds are still required to purchase seats; any outside help will be very gratefully received by the incumbent. A handsome altar cloth has been given to this church by ladies in England, also an exceedingly handsome reading-desk, presented by Mrs. Hibbert, of Bowmanville. Communion linen and vessels have also been presented to the church. A large amount of voluntary work has been done by Stephen Kettle, Esq., and family, for the church at Urso. The services, etc., at the other mission stations have gone on as usual; our hope and prayer is that the good work may increase more and more, and that our incumbent may be long spared to continue his work for Christ and Holy Church for many years to come.—F. N. Shepherd, Assistant Missionary Priest, Cardiff and Monmouth Mission.

NIAGARA.

CHARLES HAMILTON, D.D., BISHOP, HAMILTON.

ST. CATHARINES.—The members of the congregation were rejoiced to learn of the noble gift made to the church by Mr. Thomas R. Merritt on the 30th of January, of \$5,000 on the mortgage debt of the church. Mr. Merritt is continually showing the deep interest he ever takes in the welfare of St. Thomas' Church, and on several occasions has given large sums, but this is the crowning act of his liberality. On Sunday, February 2nd, the rector placed the receipt on the Lord's Table, and asked the congregation to give glory to God, who had put it into the heart of His servant to give so freely to His cause. It was very impressive to hear the whole congregation join in "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

HURON.

MAURICE S. BALDWIN, D.D., BISHOP, LONDON.

HANOVER.—The congregation of St. James' Church held a social at the residence of Mr. G. Cooper, on the evening of February 4th. A most enjoyable time was spent. Music, singing and games were first order of the evening. Excellent coffee and lunch was served by the ladies of St. James'. A happy spirit ruled throughout the evening's enjoyments. The success of the event was complete.