

it should be, the most conspicuous object in the church. The new wainscotting of ash and pine is a great improvement. The platform and the wainscotting are the work of parishioners skilled in the arts relating to this kind of labor. Their services were given gratuitously, generously assisted by others. The rector and the members of the congregation heartily thank these good people for their kind services in beautifying the house of God. The Rev. Mr. Lipton completed his first year in the ministry last week, also his first year in the parish of Wolfe Island, where he has served acceptably.

#### TORONTO.

**St. Philip's.**—A special service for men only, under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, will (D.V.) be held in St. Philip's Church, Spadina Ave., on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 14th, at 3.30 p.m. A sermon will be preached by the Right Rev. Dr. Tuttle, Bishop of Missouri. It is hoped that all the members of the various city chapters will make it a point to be present.

**St. Luke's.**—There was held on Tuesday evening in the school house one of the finest affairs the friends of the church have seen. A splendid supper was prepared for the choir under the patronage of Mrs. Langtry and Mrs. F. W. Harcourt, ably assisted by a generous committee, at all times willing leaders in any Church work: Miss Ethel Langtry, Miss Ella McKenzie, Miss Voia Langtry, Miss Oates, Miss Agnes Kemp, Miss Clara Oates and Miss Boulton. The supper was sumptuous and the tables a picture of elegance and art. The motto cards were most skilfully executed by the talented Miss Langtry, the selections from the great Shakespeare and others being most happy in their effect. Some forty were presided over by the popular young curate of the church, Rev. A. H. Manning, and as well the enthusiastic choir master, who pronounced the blessing in chaste Latin. The young ladies graced the occasion by their assiduous and real attention to the guests. The honoured guests were the rector, Rev. Dr. Langtry, and wardens. Able and interesting addresses upon the choir and its work were given by Mr. Manning, Mr. Russell Baldwin, Mr. Wilmot Strathy, Mr. Timms and Mr. James H. Young, followed by some fine music. Much enthusiasm prevails in the choir, and it was stated of it as being destined to be the finest choir in the Province, and all were at work for this end. After refreshments, coffee and ice cream, this delightful evening closed with the National Anthem.

#### NIAGARA.

**GUELPH.**—The Bishops of Athabasca and Niagara took part in the ordination services in St. George's Church last Sunday. The candidate, Mr. Aylwin, was ordained to Taplestown as a missionary. In the afternoon the Bishop of Niagara addressed the young folks of St. George's Sunday School, and in the evening he preached an impressive sermon.

**HAMILTON.**—Rev. Thos. Geoghegan, rector of St. Peter's Church, has a scheme for giving work to the unemployed poor. It is to the effect that the Associated Charities shall be allowed to get stone out of the city quarries in bulk, employ men seeking for work to break the stone, and then sell the broken stone to the city at the price now paid for stone crushed by a machine, the difference in the cost between the hand work and the machine work to be made up by the Associated Charities.

#### HURON.

**SARNIA.**—An Advent mission conducted by Rev. F. H. DuVernet, B.D., of Wycliffe College, Toronto, in St. George's Church, has just been brought to a close. Faithful preparation had been made by the rector, ably assisted by many earnest Christian workers, prior to the opening of the mission, so that from the beginning a deep interest was manifested and the people were in a receptive frame of mind. But as the mission proceeded the interest deepened, and notwithstanding the unfavourable weather and the prevalent influenza the congregations increased, till on several occasions the church was well filled, this being especially the case on the last Sunday and at the closing service on Wednesday evening. The series of addresses on the Lord's Prayer, delivered on the afternoon of each day, were marked by beautiful thought and diction, whilst the evening sermons were heart searching and soul inspiring. The service for men only on Sunday was largely attended; the subject of "Social Purity" was handled with delicacy, and yet with such plainness that the crying sins of the day were pointed out and condemned with no unmeasured language. There were few present who ever had the privilege of listening to such a subject handled in such a manner. The service for women only, on Tuesday afternoon, was also largely attended. Many of the temptations

and sins to which women are peculiarly susceptible were pointed out, and they were earnestly exhorted to make their bodies the temple of the Holy Spirit. The last service on Wednesday evening was solemn and impressive. The sermon was an earnest appeal to Christians to be witnesses for Christ in the home, in the ordinary duties of life, as well as in the Church. Before closing the rector read a few of the many expressions of thankfulness sent to him for benefits received through the instrumentality of the mission. He thanked the missionary for having so fully and faithfully laid before them the way of life, and he counselled all to walk in it. Then the whole congregation on their knees returned thanks to God; the missionary pronounced the benediction, and thus the service closed. The earnestness of the preacher, the fulness of the gospel preached, has left a deep impression on all who heard him. Many have been awakened into newness of life, many have been strengthened, consoled, and comforted. There can be no doubt but that much lasting good will result from such faithful gospel preaching.

**MEAFORD.**—The Rev. D. J. Caswell, B.D., rector of this parish, has received an invitation to address the Church Sunday School Institute of the city of Philadelphia on Monday, Jan. 8th, 1894, on the subject of the Outward and Visible Sign Charts of the Church Catechism.

#### RUPERT'S LAND.

**BRANDON.**—Archdeaconry of Winnipeg.—Archdeacon: the Ven. O. Fortin, M.A., rector of Holy Trinity Church, Winnipeg.—On Tuesday, Dec. 5th, 1893, at 8 a.m., nearly forty clergy assembled in St. Matthew's Church, Brandon, at an early celebration of Holy Communion. The Archdeacon was celebrant, the Rev. E. Archibald, gospeller, and the Rev. MacAdam Harding, vicar of Brandon, epistoller.

At 10.30 a.m. morning prayer was said and a thoughtful charge delivered by the Ven. Archdeacon Fortin. At 2 p.m. the clergy met and organized for business, the Archdeacon in the chair. The Rev. C. R. Littler, B.D., vicar of Selkirk, was then elected secretary, then the Rev. George Rodgers, general missionary read an excellent paper on the Mission Fund, which, if condensed, would be interesting reading to the Church in Canada in the columns of the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN. The Rev. C. R. Littler, B.D., was then appointed speaker, and the following gentlemen also took part in the discussion: Revs. Hewitt, Hill, Garton, Johnson, Gill, Trivett, Garrioch, MacMorine, Canon O'Meara, and Stoddart.

The next subject was "Confirmation, age and necessary qualifications," a very able paper read by the Rev. T. C. Coggs, M.A., B.D. This paper is worthy of close study, and we forward it so that your readers may have the pleasure of reading what they could not hear. The Rev. W. R. Johnson of Killarney was the appointed speaker, but his views were broad and "breezy." The Revs. Girling, Dransfield, MacMorine, Canon O'Meara, Roy, Trivett, Hewitt, Littler, Sadlier, and Gill also spoke on this subject.

A Missionary meeting held in St. Matthew's Church on Tuesday evening was fairly attended. The Rev. Canon O'Meara delivered an excellent address, bristling with "points"; he was followed by the Rev. N. Hewitt, B.A., vicar of Manitou, who dealt with the "Country Parson and his difficulties" in a very interesting way. The last speaker was the Rev. W. J. Garton, vicar of Emerson. On Wednesday matins were said at 9.30, and the Rev. S. MacMorine, vicar of Portage La Prairie, read a paper on St. John's College. Anything coming from Mr. MacMorine is worthy of careful attention, and we are sorry that we cannot forward his paper. The Rev. G. Hill, vicar of Boissevain, one of the appointed speakers, in an energetic speech pleaded for more attention to the needs of the college. The Revs. Hewitt, Stoddart, Girling, Canon Pentreath, Rodgers, Gill, Baker, Roy, Stevenson, and Sadlier also spoke on behalf of the College. "Immigration" was dealt with in a paper by the immigrant chaplain, the Rev. H. T. Leslie; the appointed speakers were the Rev. F. V. Baker, vicar of All Saints', Winnipeg, and the Rev. George Gill, vicar of Treherne. The Rev. J. J. Roy, vicar of St. George's, Winnipeg, read a thoughtful paper on "Young People's Associations"; he was followed by the Rev. R. J. Stevenson, vicar of Elkhorn, who spoke at length on the subject. The last paper was read by the Rev. Canon Pentreath, vicar of Christ Church, Winnipeg; Canon Pentreath is a very practical man and his ideas ought to be put before the synod, and not allowed to die at birth. The Rev. H. Dransfield, vicar of Rounthwaite, one of the appointed speakers, advocated the appointment of a diocesan lecturer and book agent; he was followed by the Rev. C. A. Sadlier, vicar of Russell, who thought the clergy ought to be more united; as a young man he evidently thought that difference of opinion meant disunion. The Archdeacon, in a brief address, said that it was our pride that a more united diocese did not exist in Canada. In Rupert's

Land party spirit is an almost unknown quantity. The Rev. C. R. Littler closed the discussion by advocating a diocesan magazine. Perhaps Mr. Littler will give the clergy more information on this subject through the CHURCHMAN or a circular letter. Perhaps the brightest service ever held in Brandon was the closing service on Wednesday evening. The Revs. Harding, Baker, Stoddart, MacMorine, Littler, and the Archdeacon assisted in the service, and an eloquent sermon was delivered by the Rev. Canon Pentreath.

**Notes.**—Your premium pictures were on the church door and attracted general attention.

The next meeting of the archdeaconry will be held at Portage La Prairie.

Ten new men and means to help to support them are wanted now.

St. John's College is without a chapel; perhaps some of the faithful will remember this when making Christmas gifts.

A fund of \$1,000 ought to be raised to assist poor students at the College.

Few men understand how the Archbishop denies himself for the sake of St. John's College; one speaker stated that His Grace even corrects the exercises of the students when travelling on the train, unable to find time for this at home.

The Primacy of Canada is safe in the hands of such a Bishop.

We need to use the latent power in the Church, especially the latent giving power.

Boissevain and Selkirk, two country parishes, have lately become self-supporting in spite of the hard times—others will shortly join the ranks.

Our missions are told that they are being helped to make them strong enough to help themselves and others.

Brock of Brandon, a photographer, is making a group of the clergy of the archdeaconry.

Canon O'Meara said our people should be taught that \$800 is not more than a bare living for a clergyman; when more than \$800 is raised the grant ought not to be at once cut down, but the clergyman enjoy the increased stipend.

The meeting was an experiment and very successful.

The Rev. MacAdam Harding, vicar of Brandon, had the pastoral letter printed and five hundred copies placed in the pews. As it was still in type, the printer was requested to print copies for the clergy, who took from 100 to 300 copies each to distribute in their parishes. Perhaps the best way would have been to distribute copies of the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN containing the pastoral, and published at tract rates.

### Correspondence.

All Letters containing personal allusions will appear over the signature of the writer.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

N. B.—If any one has a good thought, or a Christian sentiment, or has facts, or deductions from facts, useful to the Church, and to Churchmen, we would solicit their statement in brief and concise letters in this department.

#### A Criticism of "Observations on a Paper Read by Canon Hammond, Entitled 'Polychurchism'."

(Continued.)

SIR,—It is asserted that if other Christian bodies must be considered non-Churches because their counterpart is not to be found in Scripture, the Church of England must undoubtedly be considered as no Church, for the same reason; and again, "if they are not Churches, much less is she." Expressing merely surprise at such astounding statements, I pass on to criticise them. The Church of England claims to be a true branch of Christ's visible Church, because she possesses the four essential conditions of such, viz.: The Holy Scriptures, the Creeds, the two Sacraments, and the Historic Episcopate. All bodies of Christians in possession of these she considers to be branches of the one Church founded by Christ. All who do not she considers mere human organizations. These four articles she has derived from the Word of God, endorsed by the Holy Ghost in His guidance of the developing Church of Christ. She further considers herself the keeper of this great deposit entrusted to her, and on no consideration will she alter her position either as to faith or discipline, which has been committed by Christ and His Apostles to the Church. This is the substance of the report of the committee on Home Reunion, Lambeth Conference, 1888, and the purport of it is in utter contradiction of the assertion of "Montreal Layman," who declares that the counterpart of the Church of England is not to be found in Scripture.