

ed for by engagements of another assistant. In the mission of Beachburg Mr. Anderson, who was recently advanced to priests orders, reports very gratifying Christmas services. At one of his celebrations he was rejoiced to see thirty-five communicants out of a congregation of forty-seven. The progress in this mission, too, has been so great that the Bishop is about to divide it and create a new centre at Cobden, Mr. Anderson retaining the Beachburg section, where he has in view the erection this year of a new Church at Westmeath. Mr. Young, the energetic Incumbent of Renfrew, reports very encouragingly of the mission work he has taken up at Calabogie. A site for a parsonage is about to be purchased. The services are held in a hall, and are well attended, Mr. Johnstone, lay reader, is doing efficient service for Mr. Young at these outlying points. Rev. Mr. Smitheman, Stafford Mission, is to be congratulated on the possession of another Church, having recently purchased from the Methodist body their place of worship, which has been abandoned for a few years. The praiseworthy exertions of Mr. Thomas Clarke led to the requisite sum of one hundred and fifty dollars being subscribed, and the building was formally opened a short time since, the sermon being preached by Rev. Mr. Anderson. The establishment of a local magazine has met with considerable success in this northern part of the county. It would be better still could each family be induced to take a Church paper weekly. Perhaps the former will pave the way for the latter.

TORONTO.

TORONTO.—Toronto College of Music.—A highly successful afternoon concert was given in the College Music Hall on Saturday last, by some of the pupils of Mr. Torrington, Mr. Doward, and Mr. Vogt. The programme was a rich one, embracing vocal, piano and organ music by such composers as Bach, Beethoven, Handel, Schubert, Chopin, Mozart and others, and was rendered in a manner highly satisfactory to both the pupils and their masters. Similar concerts are given every fortnight, by pupils from the all grades, and are intended to give the pupils the valuable experience and self-reliance which can only be gained from frequent appearance in public, and already good results may be noticed.

COBOCONK.—The new parsonage at Cobocoonk, erected in the latter part of the summer, has lately been completed, and is now occupied. The members of this Church are grateful to the friends of the Rev. A. B. Chafee, M.A., Incumbent, who resides in Toronto, for their kind donations. Mr. Ham, churchwarden, who has had the sole oversight of its erection, is deserving of much credit, and is to be highly complimented on the success of his undertaking.

Missionary Meeting.—A successful missionary meeting was held in Christ Church, Cobocoonk, on the evening of the 18th of January, the deputation consisted of the Rev. Rural Dean Allen, of Millbrook, and Rev. Mr. Marsh, of Lindsay.

NIAGARA.

DUNNVILLE.—This vacant parish has been filled by the appointment of the Rev. T. Motherwell, B.A., curate at Grimsby. Mr. Motherwell is a moderate churchman, and has done excellent work both at Grimsby and Loweville.

FORT ERIE.—The Rev. P. W. Smith has been appointed rector of this parish, vice the Rev. Canon Arnold, B.A., retired.

BERTIE.—The Rev. W. J. Pigott, late curate in charge at Fort Erie, has been appointed to Bertie and two other stations in the same township.

GUELPH.—It is expected that a new parish will be set apart here before long. There are two active men here, Archdeacon Dixon and his curate; but it is felt by not a few within as well as outside the parish that there is ample room for a second parish.

HAMILTON.—The curate in charge of Christ Church has resigned and will remove from the parish about Easter. No attempt has yet been made by the Vestry to appoint a successor. It will not be an easy matter to secure the services of a good all-round man such as they now have. Dr. Mockridge has worked faithfully for eight years; but lost cast with his people during the past few months on account of the stand taken on prohibition and free pews.

Church Conference.—The bishop of the diocese held a conference of the clergy and two prominent laymen from each parish within the Hamilton deanery a few

evenings since at the Cathedral school-house. It was called (1) for the purpose of considering whether the church could not be extended by setting apart new parishes within the deanery. (2) To consider the present state of our diocesan funds.

This was the last of the series held by the bishop in the diocese. At the previous conferences much good work was done, and all went away feeling that the bishop was taking the proper steps to recover the ground lost by the Church in past years.

The representatives of two city parishes came to this last conference to throw obstacles in the way by raising the ritualistic cry, and charging the Bishop with making vacancies for the purpose of importing ritualists, and bringing in, and even ordaining men of inferior education. His Lordship ruled the discussion of such matters out of order. The meeting was a stormy one and accomplished, it is feared, but very little for the Church. Since then, the secular papers have announced that a "Church of England Defence Association" has been formed on the lines of the old Church Association of Toronto, for the purpose, no doubt, of injuring the various diocesan funds and making things generally unpleasant in the diocese.

Missionary Meetings.—The missionary meetings have nearly all been held. The weather was unfavorable and the collections were much below the last two years. The house to house collections will no doubt make up the deficiency.

St. Mark's mission was filled with children on Saturday afternoon last, the occasion being the first annual treat the scholars of the S. M. M. Sewing School.

Through the kind efforts of Miss Henrietta Munroe, Sec-Treas., Mrs. Whitley, and the Misses Knox, Irvine, Izzard and Burns, the children to the number of fifty-five sat down to well-filled tables, and tea, cake, &c., disappeared in a short space of time, until every child had satisfied their appetites; oranges and candies were afterwards handed to each child in equal shares. Hymns were sung, and the Rev. Canon Sutherland, with a few well chosen words, closed the meeting, everyone departing well pleased with their afternoon's enjoyment.

MOREFIELD.—The Rev. A. Bonny begs to acknowledge with sincere thanks the receipt of \$12 from the Women's Auxilliary of St. George's Church, St. Catharines, in aid of the debt on Christ Church, Drayton.

LINCOLN AND WELLAND.—*Missionary Deputation No. 1.*—The Rev. Canon Worrell, of Oakville, and the Rev. P. T. Mignot, of Arthur, started on the missionary work allotted to them by the Bishop of Niagara on Tuesday, January 15th. The first place visited was St. John's Church, Bertie, where a few people had assembled to hear the deputation and to engage in the solemn prayers of our beloved Church. On the following day, in company with the rector of Fort Erie, and the incumbent of Bertie, the Deputation visited Buffalo, where a pleasant and profitable day was spent in viewing the ruins of the Cathedral, which is at the present time being rebuilt on more modern plans.

A very bright meeting was held at Fort Erie on the same evening, and a splendid collection given for the diocese of Algoma. On the Thursday morning we were welcomed at Port Colborne by the Rev. R. and Mrs. Cordner, and a well-attended meeting took place the same evening in the beautiful church at Port Colborne. The following day we drove to Marshville from Wainfleet station, but the roads were so terribly rough that we were in great danger of being thrown out of the carriage; but the deputation were amply repaid by finding a very large and attentive congregation who responded most liberally to their appeal. On the Saturday we travelled to Thorold and were most hospitably entertained by John McDonagh, Esq., one of the most prominent and enterprising citizens of Thorold.

On the second Sunday after the Epiphany, no less than four meetings were held in Thorold and vicinity, all of which were very well attended, and the collections nearly doubled the amount of the preceding year.

The following day the deputation were again on the road, travelling toward that charming spot, Niagara Falls, South, where they were kindly received by the Rev. Canon Bull, who showed them all the places of interest, including that ever memorable spot "Lundy's Lane," where many of our brave Canadians fell in defending their country against the intrigues of the Americans.

A splendid meeting was held in the Drummondville Church, as well as in the Stamford Church on the following evening. The next day through the kindness of Canon Bull we were driven to Chippewa, where we had the most successful meeting on the tour. Thus ended one of the most pleasant and enjoyable missionary journey's, which will live long in the memories of Deputation No. 1.

HURON.

RURAL DEANERY OF NORFOLK.—The Rural-Deanery Chapter of Norfolk was held at Courtland, January 15th. The Rev. J. R. Newell was re-elected Secretary. The statistics of the Deanery were presented, and were very satisfactory. In some cases the increase in contributions to the various diocesan calls is most encouraging. The Rural Dean informed the Chapter that he had received a communication from the Bishop empowering him to appoint delegates to attend the various Missionary meetings. Heretofore these meetings have been unsatisfactory, because no one had authority to make due arrangements for them; but now matters are as they should be. After considerable discussion on various matters the Chapter concluded its sitting, to meet at Simcoe next May.

GALT.—The Rector having made arrangements for a special course of Sermons and Lectures, to be delivered monthly—from January to May, has issued a very neat programme card, and sent the same to every parishioner. The course was auspiciously commenced by the Reverend Professor Clark, M.A. of Trinity College, Toronto; who lectured on Friday evening, 16th inst, on "Our Life Work and How to do it," and preached two very powerful and impressive sermons on the Sunday following. An audience of over 200 assembled in the School room to hear the eloquent lecturer, who for over an hour held the undivided attention of his hearers. The lecture was replete with information and practical advice, and delivered in his own unique way, produced a profound impression, and will long be remembered by the parishioners of Galt. Well would it be if in every parish such laudable efforts were as enthusiastically encouraged, instead of resorting to all kinds of questionable methods to amuse and entertain. The sermons on Sunday, 20th, which were delivered without notes of any kind, gave evidence of ripe scholarship and Christian culture, and were characterized by remarkable simplicity, and accompanied with the unction of the Holy Ghost. In listening to the burning words of the preacher, one could almost imagine himself sitting at the feet of the zealous Bishop of Hippo—the Saintly Augustine, who has in the scholarly professor, of Toronto,—so devoted a disciple. The effect of both lecture and sermons has already been most beneficial, and will no doubt "bring forth fruit after many days."—*Laus Deo.*

LONDON, JAN. 21st.—The Canadian Church Union delivered another of its course of addresses on the history of the Church of England last month in the Synod Hall. Considering the other attractions offered to the public on the same evening, the attendance was very fair. The address, which was compiled by Mr. W. J. Imlach from two lectures of the series prepared by the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, treated briefly of the history of the Anglo-Catholic Church from its establishment by the early missionaries until the era of the Norman conquest, from which point her struggles for the maintenance of her former independence were related in greater detail. Views of the various cathedrals and other ecclesiastical buildings, notable as being the scenes of many interesting events narrated in the address, were displayed with the help of Mr. M. Kershaw's excellent magic lantern. All present were greatly pleased with Mr. Imlach's exposition of his subject.

LONDON SOUTH.—About a month ago, the Rev. Canon Davis made an appeal to his congregation to wipe out the debt on the parsonage, which amounted to \$400. The congregation heartily responded, and now they have one of the handsomest rectories in the Diocese entirely free from debt. Besides this, \$700 of the debt on the Church has been wiped off, and an immediate effort will be made to liquidate the remainder. On Sunday last, the collections, morning and evening, were in aid of the Foreign Mission Society, when \$160 were collected. The Rev. Canon Davis preached in the morning, Rev. Mr. Wright in the evening.

The Bishop of Huron held an ordination in Christ Church, city, last week, when the following gentlemen were ordained:—Deacons: Mr. H. Bray, of Huron College, and Mr. T. B. Moore, of Ireland, Presbyters: Rev. T. A. Wright, of Gorrie, Ont.; and Rev. A. Murphy, of Forest, Ont. The Bishop preached a forcible sermon from Zeck. 4th chapter 7th verse, earnestly exhorting the candidates to preach Christ among the people. The candidates were presented by the Venerable Archdeacon Marsh, the Rector, Rev. Canon Smith, assisting in the services. A large congregation witnessed the solemn services which were impressive throughout. The newly ordained men preached in the evening as follows: T. A. Wright, in St. James' Church, London South; Rev. A. Murphy, in the Memorial Church; Rev. H. Bray in St. George's

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