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He left the mission about 17 years since. The Church which is seated for 100 had to accommodate fully twice that number both at this 3 o'clock service and at that at 7 p.m., when Dr. O'Meara was again the preacher. Benches and chairs had to be brought in to accommodate the multitude, many however had to stand throughout, and a number were not able even to get into the church at all. The responding was good, and the singing most enthusiastic and hearty throughout. The hymns to be used had been printed on leaflets for the occasion, and the tunes chosen were well known ones, (to some of which the walls had no doubt often re-echoed before), so that not only all could join, but assuredly all did join with great fervour. The offering for the day amounted to \$61.28, a very satisfactory amount when it is considered that Stewarton has only a population of 200. An old gentleman mentioned to one of the clergy after the service that at the time the old church was opened 25 years since it was one of only three English Churches in the county of Halton, while on the present occasion Stewarton Church is one of fifteen, while of these fifteen four were formerly Methodist places of worship. May these enthusiastic church builders have as speedy and complete a conversion as the churches they have built.

HAMILTON.—St. Luke's Church.—This church was reopened on Sunday Dec. 16. The interior has been painted and greatly improved.

St. Thomas' Church.—A full choral service was held in St. Thomas' church, in this city, on Friday last, the day of the festival at St. Thomas. Rev. G. McKenzie, of Brantford, preached, and Rev. R. G. Sutherland intoned the service. The Freemasons of this city will attend St. Thomas' church on St. John's day, Dec. 30. The sermon will be preached by R. W. Bro. Rev. Evans Davis, of London, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Rector, Rev. Canon Curran preached in St. Catharines Dec. 16. Rev. O. F. Booth, of that place, who has recently received a call to Grace church, Detroit, occupied the pulpit of St. Thomas' church, morning and evening, in exchange.

OAKVILLE.—The new Church of St. Jude, Oakville, was opened on Sunday. Sermons were preached in the morning by the Rev. Dr. Mookridge, Hamilton, in the afternoon by Rev. Canon Tremayne, and in the evening by the Rev. John Langtry, Toronto. The collection amounted to \$678. This beautiful church was erected at a cost of \$10,000 from a design of Mr. Wyndeat, Toronto.

SALTLEET, &c.—On December 13, the united congregations of Binbrook, Saltfleet and Barton East, were duly represented at the Tapletown parsonage and a happy evening spent. Miss Smith, daughter of the Rev. Thomas Smith, Missionary in charge, was the recipient of a very kind address with a purse of over \$30 for her faithful and valuable services as organist. In addition to this testimonial, Mr. Smith, who is also very highly esteemed, received a fine supply of farm and garden produce.

As the annual appeal in aid of our various missionary fields will very shortly be made in the several parishes of this Diocese, it is hoped that a greatly increased attention will be given and so secure a goodly response from our people in the coming year. The North West, Algoma, and many rural rectors of this Diocese present before us such urgent appeals for men and money that we must not, yea, presume not to treat them coldly. Never before in our Canadian history has missionary work been so incumbent as it is now, and never has duty been so incumbent as it is now that we should rise and strive to do mightily for the Lord and His people. Alas, if we as a Church, are selfish and neglectful of the missionary cause in this land, we shall be deemed slothful and wicked, and unworthy of Divine grace.

ANCASTER.—The Rev. W. R. Clark, of Ancaster, was agreeably surprised upon his return home, a few days ago, to find that some members of this congregation at Copetown had called at the rectory and left a quantity of oats, potatoes, butter, eggs, meat, etc. Such acts as these brighten a clergyman's life and encourage him not a little in his great work. We are happy to add that such thoughtfulness is frequent in the Diocese of Niagara.

HURON.

WOODSTOCK.—The annual report of the Sunday-school of New St. Paul's was read during service by the rector, Rev. J. J. Hill, on the first Sunday of Advent. The Sunday-school year closed on Nov. 1888. During the year they laboured under adverse circumstances—want of suitable accommodation—

the library old and worn out, and no school maps to aid the teachers in their work. Notwithstanding these disadvantages, the good work prospered. To the great interest manifested by the teachers, and their personal influence is the satisfactory progress of the school attributed by the pastor. The average attendance numbered one hundred scholars, about forty of these forming a primary class under the care of two teachers. The other scholars are divided into classes under the care of thirteen teachers, who cannot be too highly commended for the unremitting services in the cause of their Lord. The lessons taught in the school are the International Series, published in Toronto, combining with the Scripture reading lessons on the Church Catechism, on the Collects, and also on the various seasons of the Church year. A collection is taken up every Sunday for general purposes. On the first Sunday of the month the collection is taken up for missionary purposes. There is now to the credit of this general fund the sum of \$28, and to the credit of the missionary fund the sum of \$27; they have sent to the funds of the Children's Hospital, Toronto, \$15, making \$42 contributed to the missionary cause during the past year, and it is proposed to aid in foreign fields of work—the Zenana mission to the women of India, and in the home field, the diocese of Algoma. We must heartily congratulate the rector, Mr. Hill, on the prosperity of his Sunday-school. We need to know somewhat of the working of all our Sunday-schools. We should feel a fraternal interest in the labours of other Church schools than the one with which we are immediately connected. Such an association as that now proposed would tend to put away from us that selfish congregational spirit so contrary to the very first principles of our Catholic religion.

WATFORD.—A lecture and tea meeting was held in the Town-hall of this village, by the ladies of the English Church. It was literally packed with friends. After tea the Rev. P. E. Hyland took the chair, and the exercises of the evening were begun with appropriate music by the choir of St. Mary's Church. The Rev. E. J. Robinson, of Exeter, then gave a very instructive and interesting lecture on "The Great Pyramid," which was heard with pleasure by an appreciative audience. The choir again discoursed sweet music, and then followed an address by the Rev. J. M. Gunn, of Brooke, which pleased the audience very much. The Rev. C. J. A. Batstone, of Alvington, also gave an address, which was very appropriate to the occasion, and was listened to with rapt attention. The following evening the Sunday-school children enjoyed tea, and had also a Christmas tree, with gifts hung on it for all the children. This entertainment, like that of the preceding evening, was very successful in every respect. The lecture tea of Thursday brought \$70, and the children's festival \$17. Thus \$87 was taken on the two evenings, and we hope good was gained in other ways by the two meetings.

THE NEW BISHOP.—On the second Sunday of Advent the Bishop of Huron, who had arrived in the diocese on the previous Friday, occupied the pulpit of Trinity Chapter House at matins. The hall was thronged to its utmost capacity. The number present has been estimated at six hundred—a very large number for the limited space. After the opening service the record of appointment was read by Mr. E. B. Read, Secretary-treasurer of the Diocesan Synod, and his lordship preached a very impressive sermon on Isaiah xlix. 5: "And he said, is it a light thing that thou shouldst be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel; I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the ends of the earth." "The two advents of our Lord," the preacher said, "are the two centres around which all revelation revolves. They are the grand centre for the attention of all ages." The topic of his discourse was not so much Christ's second coming, as to call the attention of his hearers to some facts of the first, having a bearing upon the second, holding as he does that Gentiles were to have the right to be taken up in the light and taken out from the darkness to the peace and joy of Christ. He graphically depicted the state of mankind, Jewish and Pagan, at the time of the first Advent and the opposition with which Christ had to contend. He compared the condition of society then and to-day. In conclusion, he said: "As this is the first time I have addressed you, I may say that I hope to know among you only the love of Jesus Christ. I came not to seek yours, but you. I came to preach One in whom I have found a Friend, and who will heal your sorrows and give you peace. I know no principle in the ministry but Christ, and anything that deviates from Him is against Him."

LONDON.—The Bishop in St. Paul's—At evensong on the second Sunday of Advent, his Lordship the

Bishop preached his first sermon in St. Paul's. His text was taken from St. Matthew xxiv. 35: "And there shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven." His sermon was, The Son of Man, the deliverer of all mankind, the embodiment of suffering humanity, the Son of Man—that Man who is the world's hope, the Saviour; the Son of man—a title bringing with it a feeling of deep sympathy, One at whose feet mankind could roll their burden, and He would give them rest and peace; the Son of Man—the Representative of the human race. There never was a perfect man before, without sin and without wrong. It was as the Son of Man that Jesus died to wash away the sins of the world. His death was the propitiation for the sins of the whole world. As the Son of Man, He was the personification of charity, and the type of the second coming. As the Son of Man He will come again to judge the world. The large church was crowded to the doors, and many were forced to go away unable to gain an entrance. The number present was estimated at 2,000.

BRUSSELL.—On Tuesday, 11th Dec. there was a monster tea meeting in connection with St. John's Church, Brussels. Rev. T. O'Connell addressed the meeting. The Town-hall, in which the meeting was held, was crowded. The result was very satisfactory; \$100 were added to the fund for the liquidation of the indebtedness of the Church. Rev. F. Ryan is, we are happy to learn, very successful in his labours in St. John's, Brussels, and St. George's, Watton.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE of the Diocesan Synod is to meet on Thursday afternoon, at 2.30 p.m. The meeting will be preceded by a Church service.

WINDSOR.—Rev. W. H. Ramsay, rector of St. George's Church, has been offered the rectorship of a new church at Winnipeg, and declined the offer.

RECEPTION TO THE BISHOP.—A public reception was tendered to Dr. Baldwin by members of the Church and other citizens on Monday afternoon in the Western University. The library lecture room and dining hall were thrown into one. The Bishop and Mrs. Baldwin occupied positions on the platform. A bountiful table of refreshments was prepared by the ladies, and the afternoon was spent very pleasantly in social intercourse.

MOORETOWN.—On the 16th inst., the 20th anniversary of the opening and consecration of Trinity Church was duly commemorated, a special sermon being preached by the incumbent, the Rev. Dr. Armstrong, who considered the time important, inasmuch as for the first time in their history as a Church and congregation they were out of debt and thus relieved of a weight which under any circumstance is difficult to carry; but he congratulated the congregation still more upon the fact that they were not only out of debt, but there was a nice round sum in the treasury to the credit of the ladies, which he might say they propose expending in renovating, altering and painting the church. In every other respect also the parish is prosperous and peaceful, and it is hoped that by the time the church has attained its majority of twenty-one years of age, it will be one of the prettiest country churches in the diocese. There are three Sunday-schools connected with this congregation, all conducted on strict Church principles.

CHATHAM.—The Bishop of Huron held Confirmation service in Christ Church, Chatham, on Tuesday evening, the 11th inst., when a class of forty-seven candidates was presented by the incumbent, the Rev. N. H. Martin. There was a very large congregation. The Bishop preached an impressive sermon. He also addressed the candidates on the solemn vows now renewed by themselves in their consecration to Christ. The Very Rev. Dean Boomer accompanied the Bishop, and he and Rev. Mr. Sandys took part in the service. At the close of the service a reception was given in the schoolroom to the Bishop and Mrs. Baldwin and a large number of the congregation uniting with their Bishop on his first visit to Chatham.

GRANTON.—On the third Sunday of Advent the new church in this place was opened. The Rev. T. O'Connell, of the Chapter House, London, preached the opening sermon at matins and again at evensong, both eloquent and very impressive discourses. Rev. M. Turnbull, of St. Paul's, Shelbourne, preached at an afternoon service. The church was filled to its utmost capacity at all the services, and there were large collections. The Rev. T. W. Magahy, rector of Holy Trinity, Lucan, deserves great credit for his zealous labours; one of the results is manifested in the church of St. Alban, Granton.