

gun of the work for which the Rector has labored persistently and earnestly, must have caused him deep satisfaction and joy; and it is hoped that through the services to be here reverently carried on, with such beauty and dignity of ritual as is possible, many a soul may be drawn to the true and living fountain of life, Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Diocese of Huron.

ST. MARYS.

On the evening of Thursday last a very pleasant social and parlour concert was given at St. James' rectory in this town. The evening was an exceedingly unpropitious one, but notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather the cosy rectory was fairly filled with visitors. Mr. T. D. Stanley acted as chairman, and an excellent programme was well rendered.

During its course the chairman made a short address in which he spoke of the steady increase in members in the Sunday school, and assured the rector and Mrs. Taylor that it was owing to their indefatigable labors that the school was now in a more prosperous condition than it had ever been before. While the chairman was delivering his address two of the members of the infant class, Master Harold Jamieson and Miss Flora Stafford came forward and presented Mr. and Mrs. Taylor with a handsome screen—valued at \$20.00—on behalf of the Sunday school. The screen was painted by Miss Morphy, and reflects much credit upon the young lady as being an artist of superior talent. Mr. Taylor's reply was full of feeling, and he thanked the parents, teachers and scholars for this expression of their appreciation of his and Mrs. Taylor's labors amongst them regretting his enforced absence from the school for the past month through his illness. After refreshments had been served games and other amusements were engaged in until nearly midnight, when the company broke up.

WINDSOR.

The missionary meeting in All Saints' School Room on Thursday, 25th Feb., was very respectfully attended, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather. Rev. Canon Hincks, rector, occupied the chair and Rev. Canon Johnson occupied a seat on the platform.

The chairman opened the meeting with a brief appropriate intercessional service, and after the singing of a hymn, he introduced Mrs. Boomer, of London, relict of the late Dean of Huron, a noble christian woman who, since her husband's death, has thrown her whole heart and energy into the cause of missions in the North-west. Mrs. Boomer has earned a just reputation in the realm of letters, but her literary talents are now consecrated to the Master's work, and she has taken a foremost place in extending the Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Association, which has proved such an efficient instrumentality in every part of Canada and in connection with the Windsor branch, of which she lectured Thursday night.

Mrs. Boomer came forward, and with all modesty, but with great force and command, proceeded to advocate the support of the Anglican Missions in such remote and ungenial spheres as were to be found in the dioceses of Athabasca and Mackenzie River. She gave a graphic and touching description of the hardships which missionary labor involved in those climes, and urged a more practical and liberal sympathy with the almost superhuman efforts of the little missionary staff engaged.

Rev. Canon Johnson expressed his satisfaction

and gratitude for the treat afforded by Mrs. Boomer's telling and inspiring appeal, and also added some interesting instances of courageous championship of the cause of needy missions by church women in the sister churches of America. A collection was then made on behalf of N. W. Missions, and with the singing of the doxology and giving of the benediction, the meeting closed.

LONDON.

The new Sunday school building in connection with Christ's Church will be ready to open at Easter.

Rev. Canon Smith and Mr. S. Gregg held a missionary meeting at Mount Brydges on Tuesday, Feb. 23rd. Interesting addresses were delivered with much earnestness and great force. The weather was favourable and the attendance good.

The Executive Committee of the Diocese of Huron is called for March 17th in the Chapter House, London.

The Bishop is engaged every Sunday, visiting parishes and holding Confirmations.

BRANTFORD.

It is understood that Bishop Baldwin, well known as one of the most eloquent preachers of the day, and beloved by all denominations for his warm Christian sympathies, will, during Lent, deliver a series of discourses in Grace Church in this city, preaching every Wednesday evening, commencing with Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. The bishop's generous offer to undertake this duty was an entirely voluntary act on his part. In consideration of the heavy demands the care of the church in so large a diocese as Huron always makes on the time and strength of its chief pastor, this evidence of the deep interest taken by the bishop in Brantford cannot fail to be highly appreciated both by the members of his own and those of other communions.—*Brantford Expositor*.

BLENHEIM.

The Bishop of Huron visited this parish on Sunday, Feb. 21st. The service was taken by the Incumbent, Rev. L. Wood. A large class of 75 persons was confirmed. His Lordship's address was most searching and impressive. The large congregation was deeply impressed and rejoiced with the Bishop's visit.

DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER.

From the Bishop's report for 1891, which we find in *The Churchman's Gazette*, of New Westminster, for February, we take the following particulars as to this diocese.

The whole number of Church people is 5276, being an increase of 187 over last year. The Communicant list showed an increase of 267, being a general average of 33 0/10 of the whole number of congregations and there had also been an increase of 85 in the number of Confirmees during the year, the total being 133.

In offerings, offertories at Easter, and in subscriptions a total of \$3,660.89 had been raised within the diocese; whilst the whole sum contributed for Church purposes within the year had been \$18,546.99, an average of \$3.47 per head of the Church people for every man, woman and child, Indians and white people included.

To Foreign Missions, notwithstanding the emergencies of the diocese no less than \$346.90 had been contributed.

Referring to the Indian Mission work of the diocese the Bishop speaks encouragingly, and regards its stability and vitality as established through the test it had experienced during the year, through the difficulty in supplying the place of the Rev. E. S. Wright, who left suddenly in May; and the Indians had to be satisfied with Sunday services taken first by one and then by another priest, as they could be spared from other districts. Notwithstanding this there had been an increase in the number of Confirmees of 12, there being 82 in all, against 70 in 1890, and the constancy of the Indians to their Church was most remarkable and gratifying. The Yale school continued to afford the deepest satisfaction in both branches. The two native Catechists had both remained in the service of the missions and both were indispensable.

Remarkable progress had been made in the Kamloops Missionary District through the wise management of the Rev. A. Shildrick, who by patience diligence and good judgment had overcome the discouraging condition of things existing when he undertook the Incumbency, and had brought about a hopeful and promising future. The Communicants had increased from 130 to 196; Baptisms, from 36 to 44; Confirmees, from 2 to 39; offertories, from \$981 to \$1,568; Easter offering, from \$55 to \$139; and "subscriptions," which were blank in last year's returns, showed this year a sum of \$4,095.22.

The people of the District had increased their contributions towards local support from \$450 to \$1,690. The Kamloops district extends along the C.P.R. eastward, as far as the summit of the Rocky Mountains, in which there are now three priests, Rev. S. C. C. Kemm, Rev. T. W. Outerbridge, and Rev. Mr. Shildrick.

The Bishop regrets the failure of *The Churchman's Gazette*, the diocesan organ, to secure subscribers and advertisers, and expresses his opinion that the publication of parochial papers, two of which had been started, was a mistake; the diocesan organ if properly supported being alone sufficient and better than a mere parochial one.

DIOCESE OF COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA.

On Wednesday, February 10th, a special service was held in the Cathedral at 8 p. m., when the choir sang the 1st part of the Oratorio, "Christ and His Soldiers." The Oratorio (1st part) describes in brief, the Birth, Life, Death, Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost, in the words of well known Hymns and Chorales. The second part in a similar manner deals with the work of the Disciples, "His Soldiers," left behind to fight His battle and their own. The music is by Edward Farmer, organist and choirmaster of Harrow School, England. The Cathedral choir hope to give the second part after Easter.

Six sets of plans for our new Cathedral were sent to England from Victoria, early in this year, and eight others have been sent in by English architects to Sir Arthur Blomfield who will shortly report as to which three are the winners of the prizes offered for competition. It is hoped that before long the committee here will be able to put out one design for tender and that this year will see the foundation stone laid, and the work begun. The present building has done its work. It is not large enough, it is not beautiful enough for the Mother Church of the Diocese, for the chief House of God in the Diocese, and it is not worthy of the finest site in the city of Victoria. We expect that when definite action is taken, Churchmen in the Diocese of Columbia will rally to carry to a successful issue a scheme devised for the glory of God, the welfare of His Holy Church, and the salvation of souls.