

prudence and Sanitary Science, Allen Baines, M. B. In the Faculty of Music, Prof. F. L. Ritter, Vassar College, New York, was appointed examiner. The boards of study in the different faculties were then appointed. Votes of thanks for donations to the library were passed to the Lord Bishop of Ely, England; the associate, of the late Rev. Dr. Bray, England, for books to the value of £25; Mr. J. R. Cartwright, and Rev. R. S. Forneri, Belleville. At a previous meeting of the corporation Mr. Elmes Henderson took his seat for the first time, and a statute was passed fixing the fees to be paid by women for examination and certificates.

BOLTON.—Mrs. Clarke desires to thank Mrs. O'Reilly, and the other ladies of the C. W. M. A., for the warm and generous parcel sent for the benefit of a poor woman, for whom it was much needed.

NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—Church of the Ascension.—Three sermons have been preached on christianity and secularism, in this church, by the rector, Rev. Hartley Carmichael, M. A. In the first the preacher pointed out that while controversy on the public platform was unworthy of a minister of Christ, yet that it was every pastor's duty to point out the errors of those who attack Christianity, and to build up his own people in the faith. He proceeded to show that many of the popular arguments used against Christianity were based on ignorance of the *Christian Scriptures*. Then he instanced the objection that Christianity cannot be true, because many of its professors are so little influenced by it, and answered it by pointing out that Christianity as taught by Christ, assumed that its growth would be gradual, that many would profess it who were unworthy of their Master. How ignorant, then, he urged, was the objection that Christianity was not true because we find in it now those very abuses that were foretold by its Founder centuries ago. In his second sermon the preacher pointed out the fallacy of all objections to the faith of Christ, which were founded in ignorance of His teaching as to the nature of God. He showed that the infidel wilfully confuses the loose popular notions of God with those taught by Jesus. He also held that the same wilful confusion was made in the less perfect revelation of God in Judaism, and the full revelation of Him in Christianity. He concluded by pointing out what was the Lord's teaching on this tremendous subject. The last sermon of the course was devoted to the consideration of Agnosticism and Atheism as working theories of life. Their failure in this respect was traced from history and experience, and Christianity was put forth as the one true and scientific *Working Theory of Life*.

HAMILTON.—Church of the Ascension.—A very pleasant and successful meeting of the members of the Total Abstinence Society, was held in the school room the evening of the 27th ult. The Rev. Hartley Carmichael, President, occupied the chair. The chairman said it afforded him much pleasure to see so large an attendance. He hoped all present would assist him by attending these meetings, as well as the open ones. The committee would make them more attractive in future, and had made arrangements for a piano to be used both at members, and at public meetings. He also referred to the Band of Hope held at the Mission house by Miss McLaren, and bore testimony to the good work that was being done there. The Rev. Mr. James, the newly appointed Assistant Minister, and himself had visited the meeting, and were much gratified at the result of the work done. Miss Close then sang, Mr. H. K. Brown followed, a solo was played by Miss M. McLaren; these and a duett by Mrs. Henry McLaren, and Miss Gates were encored. Readings were given by Mr. Adam Brown and the Rev. C. James. The meeting was closed by members standing up and repeating the Pledge after the committee. The pledge book was signed at the close of the meeting.

HAMILTON.—Salvation Army.—The Rev. Dr. Mockridge has written to the *British Whig*, Kingston, to contradict the nature of a report repeated in that city by the Rev. Dr. Wilson, that he (Dr. Mockridge), had been attending the meetings of the Army in Hamilton, and so manifesting himself favorably disposed towards their proceedings. Dr. Mockridge thus explains the mistake:—"When the Army had a big gathering some time ago, in our Drill Shed, I went in for about half an hour to see what was going on, and subsequently I took some ladies to one of their meetings because they wanted very much to see the work which Dr. Wilson is endorsing in Kingston and would not go unless I accompanied them. Hence the rumor. I have too much to do of my own work to take up anything outside of it and at a time when I look for some steps to be taken

towards the union of Christendom I feel that I, as a Church of England clergyman, should pause most carefully before I help to build up one more sect within our divided fold, however kindly I may feel towards the Army people for dealing with the depraved and lost. With a united Christianity that work could be done without the undignified absurdities of the Army. Meantime I do the best I can in my own proper sphere."—Yours truly, CHAS. H. MOCKRIDGE, Rector in charge of Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton, Nov. 18th, 1888.

THE NEW GOVERNOR GENERAL, AND THE INDIAN DELEGATION OF ONTARIO.—His excellency, two weeks ago, received an address from the delegates on behalf of the Indians represented in the Grand Indian Council of Ontario. Chief Dr. Jones, Hagersville, County Haldimand, of the Messissaugas, was one of the deputation, and with Chief Simpson Green, Annosothkah, Chief of the Mohawk Indians, settled on the Bay of Quinte, and President of the Grand General Indian Council of Ontario, accompanied by Mr. Vankoughnet, Deputy Superintendent of Indian affairs, waited upon his Excellency the Governor-General at Government house, Ottawa, and presented him with the address, which was signed by Chief Simpson Green, of the Bay of Quinte; Chief James Styers, of Six Nations, first vice-president; Chief Solomon James, Parry Sound, second vice-president; Chief Dr. Jones, Messissaugas of the Credit, secretary-treasurer. The deputation was most graciously received by his Excellency the Marquis of Lansdowne and Lady Lansdowne. Lord and Lady Meldrum also were present. THE REPLY given by His Excellency, touching each feature of the loyal and dignified address, is so full of interest and so expressive of the true relations existing between the British Government under Her most Gracious Majesty and the Indians of Canada that we gladly lay it before our readers:—*Reply*.—Mr. President and Officers of the Grand Indian Council of Ontario. I regard your presence to-day as an event not only most interesting and satisfactory to myself, but of much political importance and significance. You are the representatives of those remarkable races who long before the footsteps of white men had disturbed the solitudes of British North America were occupiers of the Canadian soil. There is no problem more difficult of solution requiring greater tact or delicacy in handling than that which was presented, where a great colonizing people like the British, outgrowing the narrow limits of its birthplace, and fulfilling its mission by spreading over the less thickly inhabited districts of the globe, binds itself in contact with native races, less powerful and less advanced in civilization than itself. That, gentlemen, was a problem which had to be solved as between the European settlers in this country and the Indian natives which they found here. I think I may assure you that your presence here to-day affords evidence that the rulers of British North America have endeavored to solve the problem by wise, just and human methods. I have heard with much pleasure your declaration of allegiance and loyalty to the illustrious sovereign of whom, in language full and generous, you speak of as your Great Mother. That sovereign, whom I have the honor to represent, does not desire that the native races of Canada should disappear from the land of their birth before the advancing tide of European progress. She respects your rights in the Canadian soil, and she remembers that your forefathers fought bravely by the side of the soldiers of her forefathers for its defence. What she does desire is that the men of your race shall adopt industries, that the education of your children in the mechanical trades as well as in the ordinary branches of instruction, is being cared for, and that your settlements are thriving and well ordered. I shall hope in some early day to accept the hospitable invitation conveyed in your address. You may depend upon this, that it will be my object, during my connection with the Government of Canada, to do all I can to advance your prosperity and draw tight the knot of friendship and loyalty which unites you to us. And, sir, I shall be guided by the feelings which I have endeavored to express, not only in dealing with the natives which are represented here this morning, but my relations with the other Indian tribes of British North America. Many of these are less advanced in civilization than you, and are, consequently, more in need of guidance and assistance than you. In doing this I shall be following the example of my predecessor, who left upon record the expression of his interest in your affairs in fulfilling the wishes of Her Gracious Majesty, who has your welfare at heart. Let me, in conclusion, thank you for your kind reference to Lady Lansdowne. I am very glad she is here to receive the good wishes which you have expressed for us both, and I hope that she may be able to accompany me when I visit the headquarters of those whom you describe, in words which I note with satisfaction, as Her Majesty's Indian allies in the Province of Ontario.

FONT HILL.—The Rev. F. C. Piper is very desirous

of fixing up an old building in his mission to be used for the Church's services. If any of the clergy have a pulpit, lectern or altar which they have discarded or any texts which would in any way decorate the walls, he would be very grateful for them.

OAKVILLE.—The new Church of St. Jude, will be opened on the 2nd Sunday in Advent, 9th inst. Morning service, 11 a. m.; Preacher, Rev. Dr. Mockridge. Afternoon service at 3 p. m.; Preacher, Rev. Canon Tremayne, M. A. Evensong at 7 p. m.; Preacher, Rev. John Langtry, M. A. We congratulate our Oakville friends upon this event and trust they will have happy services and good collections.

HURON.

WOODSTOCK.—Special Services.—There were special services in St. Paul's Church, East Woodstock, in connection with the S. S. anniversary, on the 25th ult. The Rev. Canon Innes, of St. Paul's, London, preached at matins and at evensong, and the announcement that the Canon would occupy the pulpit and of special choral services attracted a very crowded congregation. The preacher addressed himself especially to the young, and was heard with pleasure by all present. The S. S. children in the morning conducted the psalmody, assisted by the choir, and at evensong there was special music by the choir. Miss Johnston, Miss Swan and Mr. McLeod sang "Protect us, Father," with beauty and pathos. The service as a whole, with the sermon, was one to be remembered with pleasure in future years, and made a great and, we hope, an indelible impression on many hearts.

Old St. Paul's.—The service on Sunday morning last in Old St. Paul's was conducted by the rector, assisted by the Rev. F. Granger, M. A., of Buffalo. Mr. Granger was the morning preacher; his text was the words of the Apostle: "And when we have done all these things say that we are unprofitable servants." There was in the sermon a depth of Christian thought that it was evident was appreciated by the large congregation. At evensong the congregation was even larger than at matins, and embraced in a marked degree others than those of the regular congregation. The responses were more general, and it was remarkable that there was evidently a disposition on the part of those present to lend united force and beauty to the ritual and the psalmody that is too often deficient in Church worship. The preacher at evensong was the rector, Rev. A. W. Hastings, whose subject was the Transfiguration. As in eloquent words he presented to his hearers that wondrous scene, he dwelt on that article of the Christian Faith—"Christ, Very God and Very Man"—of whom the Father proclaimed: "This is my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him;" and who cried on Calvary: "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"

HIGHGATE.—At evensong on the 26th Sunday after Trinity Rev. Rural-dean Davis officiated in the Church of the Redeemer, Highgate. He preached in behalf of the Mission Fund a very practical sermon, strongly enforcing the Christian duties of purity energy, and benevolence.

CLINTON.—The Rev. T. C. DesBarres, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Yorkville, preached in St. Paul's Church, Clinton, at matins on Sunday, the 17th ult. His old friends in Clinton were glad to see him. Rev. W. Craig preached at evensong on the "Communion of Saints in Glory."

BLITH.—The Bible Society meeting was held at Trinity Church Monday evening, Nov. 12th. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. R. McCosh, St. Paul's Church, Wingham, and Revs. McLean and Fisher.

INCREASED STRINGENCY IN THE BY-LAWS TO BE APPLIED FOR.—Messrs Cronyn and Betts, solicitors for the diocese of Huron, intend applying to the Ontario Legislature for an Act amending another Act before passed, and declaring that the Synod have, and always have had, power to regulate by their by-laws the number of votes which shall be necessary to form a quorum at any of the meetings of the Synod, and for confirming and assuring to the Synod power to confirm the sale of lands. Greater power in the hands of the few! Are there rocks ahead?

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—We hope soon to report the formation of a Sunday-school Institute in the Forest City. There have been some difficulties to be overcome that have prevented its institution are this. It is proposed that the seven city and suburban Sunday-schools at once form the first institute, and that the association shall from that extend throughout the