

is a vestry, and from this room access is had to an extensive basement. The church is heated by hot air and the ventilation is complete and efficient. The whole structure, when complete, will cost \$3000 and will seat about 200.

St. Clement was organized about four years ago as a mission station in the parish of York Mills. Services since that time have been held in the Y.M.C.A. rooms. Canon Osler has acted as rector and his efforts have been reinforced by T. Powell of Trinity College.

The membership at the present time numbers 40 and the Sunday school is of about the same in number.

The building was to be formally opened on Wednesday, Feb. 17th. Canon Dumoulin officiated in the morning and the Bishop of Algoma in the evening.

**TRINITY UNIVERSITY.**—A meeting of the Corporation was held on the 11th February, the Hon. Chancellor Allan presiding and there were present: The Bishop of Algoma, the Provost, Dean Rigby, Professors Jones, Clark and Huntingford, Revs. Dr. Langtry, Rural Dean Cary, (Kingston) and E. P. Crawford (Hamilton), Messrs. William Ince, James Henderson, Edward Martin, Q.C., Barlow Cumberland, C. J. Campbell, R. H. Bethune, John C. Kemp and George MacKenzie.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Rev. Canon Du Moulin, Hon. Mr. Justice Osler, Rev. A. J. Broughall and R. T. Walkem, Q.C., Kingston.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at a previous meeting of the corporation, the Land and Finance Committee presented a full and satisfactory report of the present financial condition of Trinity College, including statements showing the numerous improvements which have been made in the college building and the various steps which have been taken to bring the professional staff to its present state of strength and efficiency.

A report was also received from the New Buildings and Endowment Fund Committee in regard to the present state of the canvass for funds and showing subscriptions already received to the amount of about \$35,000.

The committee appointed to consider the advisability of making changes in the length of the academic course reported against the change of the present three years' course in Arts to four years; but they considered that it would be most desirable, if it can be done, to replace the present two years' course in the Divinity class by a course of three years, the course in each year closing in April. The recommendation was endorsed by the Board of Divinity Studies.

A letter was read from Mr. H. T. Beck executor of the estate of the late Miss Harriet Boulton, enclosing the sum of \$200, bequeathed by that lady in aid of Trinity College.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.**—At the regular quarterly meeting of the S. S. Committee of the Diocese of Toronto held on Feb. 10th, the following resolution was passed:

*Resolved*—That the thanks of this Committee are due and are hereby tendered to the gentlemen who acted as examiners in the recent Inter-Diocesan examinations; and that this resolution be published in the Church papers.

The examiners were:—Rev. Canon Sweeney, D.D., Chairman, Toronto; Rev. G. W. Sibbald, Lloydtown; G. B. Kirkpatrick, Esq., Toronto; S. G. Wood, Esq., L.L.B., Toronto; Rev. Chas. L. Ingles, M.A., Secretary, Toronto.

Local examiners: The Rev. James S. Broughall, M.A., Toronto; R. A. N. Defries, Esq., Toronto; Rev. E. W. Sibbald, Lloydtown; Rev. A. W. Spragge, M.A., Cobourg; Rev. I.

H. Nimmo, M.A., M.D., Brockville; George L. Starr, Esq., Brockville; Rev. J. W. Burk, B.A., Belleville; Rev. L. Des Brisay, M.A., Strathroy; Rev. Thos. Rudd, Richmond, Que.

## Diocese of Huron.

The annual missionary meetings are being held throughout the Diocese at present. His Lordship the Bishop is assisting at some of them in the county of Middlesex.

Arrangements are made for the Bishop of Huron to preach in Grace Church, Brantford, on the several Wednesday evenings during the approaching Lent.

The annual missionary meeting was held in the Memorial Church, London, Wednesday, Feb. 3rd. His Lordship, the Bishop of the Diocese occupied the chair and gave an address on missionary work. The Rector, Rev. Canon Richardson, gave an account of what the congregation had contributed during the year, and Rev. Rural Dean McKenzie gave a good address, during which he pointed out the prosperity of the work in the Diocese and the healthy condition of the several funds. A liberal collection was taken up at the close of the meeting.

## STRATFORD.

The Rev. Rural Dean Patterson has been in poor health for some months past. He is unable for work. Indeed although, he got a leave of absence and purposed going south for a change, he is too poorly to leave home.

On Sunday, Feb. 7th, Rev. R. McCosh, of Petrolia, took Canon Patterson's duty, and administered the Holy Communion. He preached morning and evening.

## INGERSOLL.

The half yearly deanery meeting was held in Ingersoll on Thursday Feb. 4th. There was a very good attendance. The Rev. Canon Richardson, of London, delivered an appropriate sermon.

Rev. H. A. Thomas, rector of St. Mary's Church, Warwick, is slowly recovering from an attack of bronchitis, following la grippe, although it will probably be a fortnight or more before he will be able to leave his room. Meanwhile his work is being carried on by students from Huron College and by the kind assistance of the rectors of Watford and Forest.

## THE WORKING OF A FREE AND OPEN CHURCH.

—There is another way besides appropriation by which churchwardens can perform their duty of regulating the seats, and that is by leaving people to seat themselves where they please, and interfering as little as possible. This is what is done in free churches. Habitual worshippers, rich and poor alike, sit Sunday after Sunday in the same places. They do not struggle for special seats. There is a tacit understanding about the matter. If strangers come, the churchwarden standing at the door tells them to sit where they please. If, unused to such freedom, they hesitate, places are quickly found for them. If unbidden they take places usually occupied by others, the others do not scowl at them as intruders, but find seats elsewhere. Difficulties, as a rule, there are none.—*Rev. W. J. Frere.*

## Diocese of Montreal.

**AYLMER.**—On Monday night, February 1st, a number of the parishoners of Christ Church met at the residence of Mr. R. H. Conroy, church warden, and among those present was Revd. Mr. Almon. After some discussion of the affairs of the church, Mr. Conroy arose, and on behalf of the parishoners, presented the rector with a beautiful Persian lamb coat, cap and gauntlets. The recipient was completely taken by surprise, and in reply to Mr. Conroy's very kind speech, thanked the donors for their costly presents.

## DIOCESE OF COLUMBIA, (B.C.)

## NANAIMO.

**ST. ALBANS.**—The total receipts of the choir concert amounted to \$76.25. There still remains a debt of \$40 to the Building Fund on account of the organ. A course of sermons was delivered on the Sunday evenings after Epiphany, on "Christian Evidences." The subjects were "Scepticism," "Free Thought," "Atheism," "Revelation," "Inspiration of Scripture," "Historical Evidences," "Discrepancies," and "The Catholic Faith."

## HUMANITY NEEDS THE GOSPEL.

Dean Lefroy, in his masterly address at the Islington Meeting, expressed in admirable words the one need of humanity.

"Some" he said "assure us that enlarged education will renew the heart and regenerate the life of our society. They tell us that information, bestowed individually, gratuitously and pleasantly, will rectify the conscience, elevate the conduct, and restrain vice. They appear to believe that a little Euclid, or trigonometry, or algebra, with drawing, and music, and chemistry, and so forth, accompanied by a policy of sewage, sanitation, and athletics will reduce rampant vice, and will eradicate callous crime. But there was secular knowledge in Greece and the loveliest of art when St. Paul regarded its possessors as enslaved by the course of this world, by the prince of the power of the air, by the spirit which then wrought in the children of disobedience. There was education, and art, and philosophy, and culture in the land of Apelles, and of Phidias, and of Plato, when the same historian—without an approach to exaggeration—described even the intellectual as those who had their conversation in times past in the lusts of the flesh, gratifying the basest propensities, and realising the foulest imaginings.

"The record is admonitory. It warns us that while we do our utmost to advance the education of the masses, and while we encourage in every legitimate mode any effort made to prevent over-crowding, and to advance the laws of sanitation, we do not meet the real wants unless we bring to them the message of regeneration which is contained in the whole counsel of God. The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is designed to restore man to the high estate from which sin has driven him. Humanity needs the Gospel. The Gospel is adapted to the need. Education enlightens, informs, and amuses. But it is not capable of effecting spiritual regeneration. He who substitutes secular knowledge for saving truth, forgets that knowledge is no match for sin. The acceptance of the council of God vitalizes the spirit, rectifies the conscience, regenerates the inner being, and, by restraining the power of sin, turns the forces of the soul to higher and nobler ends, which are assuredly expressed in conditions which prove the right of Christianity to be regarded as the only scheme by which social regeneration can be secured."