

NIAGARA.

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HAMILTON.—*St. Thomas' Church.*—The St. Thomas' branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, W. D. and F. missions, held its annual meeting on Tuesday evening, Feb. 23rd, the rector in the chair. The reports of the work during the past year showed a steady increase, and this branch is to be congratulated on its growth. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Mrs. Champ, president; Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Kittson, Miss Davis, vice-presidents; Miss West, recording secretary; Miss Perry, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Grossman, treasurer; Mrs. Morgan and Miss Redfield, delegates; Miss Wright, Miss Peene, appointed by rector. After the transaction of business, there were addresses from the Bishop of Niagara, Canon Sutherland and the rector of St. Thomas'. The meeting, composed chiefly of women, was large and enthusiastic, and every one listened with pleasure to the speakers. Rev. H. G. Miller spoke of the great results which have been accomplished throughout the world by the preaching of the gospel, and contrasted the enormous extent of our Canadian Dominion, with its small population scattered throughout the length and breadth, with the densely populated portions of the old world, thereby making it difficult to keep up the Church as it should be supported. Canon Sutherland spoke of the large and comprehensive work to be carried out in our home missions, and begged the ladies to use their influence on the men and children in their families. The bishop added some cheering words to the Woman's Auxiliary, calling on the members not to be discouraged at their efforts having small results, and exhorting them to patience and perseverance, which overcome all difficulties. Above all, to be hopeful, for hope will carry us through many a difficulty. His lordship concluded by giving them the following text as a motto: "The God of heaven, He will prosper us."—Nehemiah ii. 20.

CHIPPAWA.—Readers of the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN are often heard saying that they never see anything in that paper about Chippawa. Such kindly interest in the general and particular welfare of the Church ought to be thankfully acknowledged, and efforts made to supply the desired information. Chippawa, although a historic village, "beautiful for situation," and a quiet resting place for summer visitors, is not now, as it once was, a populous place—the inhabitants, men, women and children, not numbering much above five hundred in all. It has its share in the diversity of religious denominations, the Presbyterian and Church (of England) being the most numerous; the others being the Roman Catholic and Evangelical Association or German Methodist. This divided condition of the Christian community, with a considerable percentage of non-Churchgoers, may well indicate that the congregation of Trinity Church, although supplemented by a few occasional worshippers from the country, must of necessity be far indeed from being large. It is also far from being wealthy, yet it endeavours, not unsuccessfully, to do some useful Church work, as the following facts may show: It has a Junior Branch of the Auxiliary to Missions, consisting of about 20 members, which, besides circulating about 25 copies of the *Monthly Letter Leaflets*, meet weekly for work, and send yearly one or two good sized bales of their handiwork to our Indian and other missions. About three years ago was formed the Women's Parochial Society, which during its brief, but still continued existence, has done some good work. It first expended \$150 for carpets, matting, etc., for the church and vestry. Since then they have erected a Sunday schoolhouse, valued by its builder at \$1,000, and furnished it with a chandelier and a \$50 bell. And quite recently they have supplied it with about \$100 worth of the best kind of modern school chairs. A reading desk having been still wanting to complete the furnishing, a very handsome lectern was presented (February 26) from our worthy customs officer, Mr. T. B. Harvey, at a public entertainment given by the Women's Parochial Society and Sunday-school teachers. The Sunday-school has six teachers, about 70 pupils, and an average attendance at present of about 60. Connected with the Sunday-school, there existed for about two years, in a flourishing condition, a branch of the Church Lads' Brigade, consisting of about 30 members, who had almost all attained to considerable perfection in instrumental music and military drill, under the able tuition of Captain John Greenwood, of the Volunteer Force. While yet in a prosperous condition, the Brigade suffered a sudden collapse on account of some insubordination on a public occasion two summers ago, from which it has not yet recovered; but some hope is still entertained that it may be re-organized as a branch of "The Boys' Brigade," which is not confined to the Church of England. The good results of its previous existence are yet apparent in the improved manners and general conduct of the boys who belonged to it.

HURON.

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MILBRANK.—During last winter in this quiet little village, where there was not much in the way of amusement, the Church people kept giving a series of entertainments at a small charge, and the result is that some \$50 has been taken in and devoted to the Mission Fund of the diocese. Besides what was thus made, these meetings brightened the evenings for the young people and gave encouragement and opportunity to many to sing or read or recite. The other neighbouring ministers, members of Parliament, etc., gave kind and willing help.

BRUSSELS.—The people of this parish are to be congratulated on securing Rev. Cyril Anderson, formerly of Alvington, as their new parson. He is an indefatigable worker, not sparing himself where the interests of the Church demand good hard work; and his college career is one of much credit. His work in his college classes and examinations at Huron College, London, was uniformly of a very high order. Since leaving that institution he has passed with credit the Provincial Synod examination, and taken his University arts work at the Western University. Prior to entering Huron College he had passed some of the preparatory work in England. He is a patient, painstaking and persevering student of the Bible, and his sermon work will be thoroughly done. Those who value faithful ministry will esteem his work.

ALGOMA.

EMSDALE, Feb. 25th.—The Right Rev. G. Thorne-loe, D.D., D.C.L., who is making a visitation in this part of the diocese before going to England in May, to be present at the Lambeth Conference, arrived by the early morning train. After a short rest he and the incumbent of Emsdale proceeded to the Mission of Broadbent (incumbent, Rev. A. J. Cobb), where they were most hospitably entertained by Mrs. Cobb in her usual hearty manner. The station of Broadbent, though once the home station, has now become an out station, as the clergyman has found that North Seguin is more convenient to live at, being more central. The bishop was received by the members whom he visited in their usual kind way. They both returned to Emsdale on Saturday evening, and on Sunday morning drove to Elberston, an out station of Emsdale, where morning prayer was said, the bishop preaching a most instructive sermon. In the afternoon (3:30 p.m.) Evensong was said, the bishop preaching again, and in the evening at 7 o'clock. Monday the bishop visited Sand Lake (St. Mary's), when morning prayer was said and the bishop preached a most appropriate sermon, which was listened to in a most attentive manner by all present. Tuesday he visited several who were unable to be out owing to sickness, leaving in the evening for Burk's Falls and Magnetawan Mission next morning. He has left upon the minds of all that he is a good man who will soon raise the diocese to the level of any in the Dominion. His return is looked for with anticipation.

BRIEF MENTION.

It takes about three seconds for a message to go from one end of the Atlantic cable to the other.

The begonia was named in honour of M. Begon, a French patron of botany.

Rev. W. B. Carey, Kingston, has been a sufferer from ear trouble, but it is very pleasant to hear that he is convalescing.

Bishop Tucker, of Eastern Equatorial Africa, has broken down through overwork.

George Frederick Watts, R.A., has passed his 80th birthday, and is still painting. Miss Eden Terry, who was once his wife, is too sick to play in Madame Sans Gêne for the present.

Rev. George S. Mallory, editor and proprietor of *The Churchman*, died on Wednesday, 3rd March.

One plan proposed for marking Queen Victoria's longest reign on record is for every little community in Great Britain to establish a garden, park or play ground in her honour.

The Rev. E. Dry, of eccentric character, of Bledlow, Bucks, has just died, leaving his whole fortune of \$150,000 to the S.P.C.K.

A gentleman who recently died in Portland, Me., bequeathed \$3,000 for a fund, the interest of which is to be expended in caring for neglected graves in Evergreen cemetery, that city.

One of the deadliest poisons known to the world is nothing more than decayed human blood. The famous poisoned swords of the East are steeped in it, and so virulent is the venom that the merest scratch will produce death.

The Rev. Edward Daniel, B.A., Port Hope, held a mission at Honeywood from February 16th to 24th.

The Queen's gifts to the Mansion House fund for India famine sufferers amount to £1,000. The fund has reached £411,000.

Mud wasps manifest great ingenuity not only in building their nests, but in placing them in localities where they will not be injured by rain or predacious animals.

The congregation of Christ Church, a reformed Episcopal Church, at the corner of College and Lippincott streets, Toronto, has asked its pastor, Rev. C. M. Fisher, Ph.D., to resign.

G. dalming, Surrey, has a remarkable black and white cat, which, after being taken to Leeds by railroad, returned to its former home on foot, taking six weeks to make the journey of 200 miles.

The Government has decided to mark Her Majesty's jubilee by a new coinage next June. The design is said to be handsome and striking, and includes new pennies.

Major Bond, of Montreal, son of the bishop, is going to lead the temperance forces of the Province of Quebec in the coming Dominion plebiscite.

Nearly every castle in England has its underground passages, and none are more notable in this respect than the grand fabric that stands on the summit of the cliff at Dover.

Vesuvius is an interesting sight just now. One stream of lava flowing down from the centre is 100 feet wide and from seven to fourteen feet deep, while 100 other smaller streams are running down the cave, and a big black column of smoke rises into the sky.

The coffee tree culture of Guadeloupe is an easy and agreeable one, but very slow. It takes at least five years to establish a good plantation, and nearly eight years before it can be seen in full bearing. But once established, it is forever. Some trees a century old can be seen on the island.

An untamed swallow, which had its nest in a farm near Chetwynd, in Shropshire, was caught, and taken in a cage to London, where it was released. It returned to its nest in eighty minutes, having accomplished a distance of 145 miles at the rate of nearly two miles a minute.

All the plans for the restoration of Malmaison, formerly the residence of Empress Josephine, have now been completed. The work is to cost in the neighbourhood of \$100,000, and will be delayed by M. Osiris, a munificent patron of art and archaeology.

In the St. Sepulchre church in London there was found in an old chest recently, the bell which, in the Stuart times, used to be rung by the crier outside the cell of a condemned felon on the night before execution. The bell will be hung up in a conspicuous place in the church.

The Czar of Russia has one set of fifty horses, all pure white, with blue eyes. They are beautiful creatures, but dead, as white animals with blue eyes always are. These white horses are used in showy processions on State occasions, and like Queen Victoria's famous cream coloured horses, are never sold from the Imperial stables. When past use they are shot and buried with due ceremony.

British and Foreign.

The mosaics in the chancel of St. Paul's Cathedral are nearly finished and will be unveiled before Easter.

A new church is to be built in the village of Bishopthorpe, in which parish the Archbishops of York have resided for the past 600 years.

The Rev. J. G. Mills, M.A., who for the past 17 years has been the chaplain of St. Thomas' Hospital, Lambeth, lost his life recently by accidentally falling over a cliff at Seaford near Eastbourne.

It is proposed to establish a house of residence in Lambeth in connection with Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, wherein university women will live and help forward the Church work in that part of the Diocese of Rochester in various ways.

Canon Rhodes, Bristow, has been appointed by the Crown to the rectory of St. Clare's, Southwark. He will therefore resign his appointment as Wiberforce Diocesan Missioner, but will retain his position as Canon Missioner of St. Saviour's, Southwark.

An important meeting was held recently in the Cutler's Hall, Sheffield, at which the Archbishop of York fully explained his scheme for the sub-division

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