

preached in St. George's on Sunday morning last.

The annual Sunday-school Festival of St. Stephen's was held on the evening of the 23rd ult. A pleasing feature of the evening's programme was "Carol singing" by the children. About 400 children were present.

The Rev. J. S. Stone, B.D., is to deliver a lecture in St. Jude's schoolroom on the evening of the 4th inst. Subject, "Trials of a Parson."

St. Luke's Ladies' Aid hold a Bazaar in Weber Hall, on the 4th, 5th and 6th inst., in aid of the Rectory Fund.

LACHINE.—The Lord Bishop held a Confirmation here on St. Matthias' day, the 24th ult., when thirteen candidates were presented by the Rector, the Rev. R. L. Macfarlane. The Bishop's addresses were most impressive and earnest. The newly confirmed received their first Communion at the same service.

BEDFORD.—A new society for Church work and mutual help has been organized in this parish, with the designation of "The Guild of St. James the Apostle." The Rector is *ex-officio* President, and the elected officers are as follows: Vice-President, Mr. E. W. Morgan; Treasurer, Mrs. Dickinson; Secretary, Miss Horskin; Executive Committee: Mrs. F. C. Saunders, Mrs. Jas. Edmonds, Mrs. E. Coslett, Mrs. F. W. Pullen, Dr. Mitchell, Mr. F. L. Rouse, Mr. J. H. M. Hungerford. The work of the Guild was inaugurated by a most successful tea-party at the Town Hall, on the 17th ultimo, at which the Rev. I. Constantine, M.A., gave an interesting address on the history and office of Guilds in the Church of England. The Guild of St. James the Apostle has already about fifty enrolled members, and the prospect is that the membership will soon be doubled. It is believed that it will supply a great want in this parish, especially by developing that *esprit du corps* which is so sadly lacking in most of our country congregations.

MONTREAL.—*Christ Church Cathedral.*—*Lent Services.*—It is announced that the Rector of Montreal will give a short devotional address every day throughout Lent, at the 5 p.m. service in the Cathedral. As the chancel proved insufficient last year to accommodate the congregations at the Lent daily services, these services will be held this year in the nave of the Cathedral, which will be kept heated for the purpose. There will be an offertory to defray the expense of heating.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

LYN.—The first regular meeting of the Rural Deanery of Leeds was held at Lyn on Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, and was attended by the Revs. S. Tighe, of Lansdowne; Wm. Knight, of Newboro'; F. Codd, of Lyndhurst; J. Osborne, of Frankville; R. N. Jones, of Farmersville, and Dyson Hague, of Brockville. The Litany service at 7 p.m. in St. John Baptist Church was sung by the Rev. Mr. Osborne, and an eloquent and able sermon on the subject of the "Ministration of Angels," was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Tighe. After service and celebration of the Holy Communion on Wednesday morning—at which the Rev. Mr. Codd was the celebrant, and the Revs. W. Wright and D. Hague, Epistoler and Gospeler respectively—the clergy met at the Rectory for organization and general business. The Rural Dean opened the meeting with prayer. The Rev. S. Tighe was elected Secretary of the Deanery. It was resolved that the regular meetings of the Deanery should be held every four months, and that the next meeting should be held in Farmersville in the latter part of June. Subjects for discussion at the next meeting were discussed.

KINGSTON.—Missionary meetings were held on Sunday, the 21st, in St. James' and All

Saints' Churches. The attendance was good. The deputation consisted of Rural Dean Forneri and Rev. Geo. Scantlebury.

LOCAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.—On Monday evening, the 22nd ult., a Mission Board was organized in connection with St. Paul's Church. The officers-elect are:—President, J. Gaskin; Vice-President, M. Sutherland; Secretary, A. LeRicheux; Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Power; Executive Committee—Mrs. Scobell, Mrs. Ruttan, Miss N. Spencer, Major Davidson and Mr. N. Wilmot.

BARRIEFIELD.—A missionary meeting was held in St. Mark's on Sunday afternoon, the 21st ult. Addresses were made by Rural Dean Forneri, Rev. G. Scantlebury and Major Raban, of the Royal Military College, and Major Wilmot, M.P.P., the latter gentleman making a powerful appeal in favor of some systematic method of giving.

CATARAQUI.—The annual missionary meeting in connection with this parish took place on Tuesday evening, the 23rd ult. Evening prayer was said by Rev. Buxton Smith, and addresses delivered by the deputation, Rev. Messrs. Scantlebury and Forneri. The collection was the largest in the history of the Church.

Very successful meetings have also been held at Sydenham and Murvale.

Rural Dean Forneri returned to his home in Adolphustown on the 24th ult., after having accomplished a most successful missionary tour.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TORONTO.—*Holy Trinity Church.*—There was a large attendance of members of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Toronto, at a special meeting of the vestry held on the 22nd February, to take action in regard to the vacant rectorship and other matters of importance. Rev. John Pearson, assistant rector, presided, Mr. Holmsted acting as secretary.

A letter was read from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, informing the Churchwardens that he had nominated Rev. John Pearson to fill the vacancy in the rectorship of the parish caused by the death of Rev. W. S. Darling.

On motion of Mr. Holmsted, seconded by Mr. Worrell, the churchwardens and lay delegates were requested to wait on the Lord Bishop, pursuant to the canon on that behalf, and express their concurrence in his proposal to appoint the Rev. John Pearson to the vacant rectorship of the parish.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

THE LATE RECTOR.

Mr. Ince moved, and Mr. Wood seconded the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:—"The members of this vestry do hereby express their deep sorrow at the death of their late beloved rector, the Rev. William Stewart Darling, who died at Alassio, in Italy, on the 19th of January last, while on his way to Sorrento to undertake clerical duties there. They do also hereby record their sense of the loss which the Church in Canada has sustained by the death of Mr. Darling. For well nigh half a century (the greater part of which time he labored in this parish) he was one of her most faithful ministers, and, at a time when it required no little courage to do so, he was the foremost of those who sought to elevate her services, and by voice and pen to fight her battles as a true soldier of Christ and faithful priest of His Church. His efforts to inculcate a correct knowledge of the history and principles of the Church of England, and a reverent and devout celebration and observance of the sacraments, were indefatigable.

"To him is the Church of the Holy Trinity especially indebted for the enrichment of its

interior, and for the reverent, beautiful and hearty services rendered therein. Not in this church and parish only, but in many others in this city and diocese, his teaching and example have had the effect of elevating the manner of celebrating divine service.

"The reflection brings with it some comfort that one he was taken away he was permitted to see the widely extended results of his labors, and to look forward with hope to the further extension and adoption of the principles he had so earnestly and eloquently advocated. In this parish he will be long and affectionately remembered as a faithful priest and pastor, a kind adviser and a warm-hearted and sincere friend, whose sympathies were ever ready to flow out towards his whole flock, and more especially towards the young, the poor and afflicted.

"They desire also to offer to his widow and children their respectful and most earnest sympathy in this their great bereavement, and trust that our Heavenly Father will comfort them in their affliction by the assurance that he is now at rest from his labors in the Paradise of God."

The mover and seconder and other members of the vestry, in speaking to the resolution, paid a high tribute to the character, life and work of their late rector.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE RECTOR.

On motion of Mr. Holmsted, seconded by Mr. Churchwarden Blachford, the Churchwardens and Messrs. Ince, Bethune and Alan Macdougall were appointed a Committee to consider and report on the providing of a suitable memorial to the late Rev. W. S. Darling, to be placed in the Church of the Holy Trinity.

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

The Committee that had been appointed respecting the erection of a new school-house submitted plans for the proposed building, to cost \$5,000.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Young, the matter of the school-house was referred back to the Committee for the purpose of having plans prepared for a building to cost not over \$8,000, and report at a meeting of the vestry to be held on the 8th March.

CONCERTS and entertainments are now the order of the day. One was held at St. Andrew's Hall in aid of St. Anne's Church recently. There was a large attendance and an excellent programme.

At all Saint's the fifth entertainment of the season proved very successful. The large schoolroom was crowded in every part, and the musical and literary portion of the programme excellent in every particular. The following ladies and gentlemen took part: Mrs. Biglow, Misses Acheson, Miss Clark, Miss Lovers, Miss Kertland, Mr. C. Wilson, Mr. Lowry, Mr. T. Creighton and Mr. Walter Sparks.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. F. Baily-Jones, Curate of St. Philip's Church, Toronto, preached two admirable sermons at Orillia on the 14th February.

Mr. S. Caldecott addressed the Orillia branch of the Church of England Temperance Society at its last meeting. Mr. Caldecott is an enterprising merchant and an able platform speaker.

The Rev. George Lloyd, Chaplain of the Reformatory, Ponctanguishone, is suffering from a severe attack of nervous prostration. We hope he will soon be better.

The Rev. Canon O'Meara, of Port Hope, is to preach at St. James' Church, Orillia, on Temperance Sunday, March 14th.

The Rev. W. J. Armitage, of Orillia, addressed the local branch of the Bible Society on the 25th inst. The attendance was small.

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