

resulting from your organisation. Still greater efficiency in methods of management and discipline, and in methods of teaching, may be attainable, together with a higher standard of general professional skill and resource in mastering difficulties and producing results. Let us not be content with anything that has been done while anything remains to be done to equip ourselves for this most blessed task of feeding the lambs of the flock—a task undertaken for the glory of God, the great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls."

Some discussions on the paper took place, after which it was moved by C. R. W. Biggar, M. A., seconded by Mr. S. G. Wood, and "Resolved, that the Executive Sub-committee be requested to report to the Association at its next meeting upon the suggestions contained in Mr. Marling's valuable paper as to taking advantage of the permissive clauses of the School law relating to religious instruction in the city Public Schools, and also as to offering prizes for examinations to be held therein upon the Holy Scriptures."

After a vote of thanks to Mr. Marling, the meeting was dismissed with the benediction.

CHESTER.—An interesting entertainment was given in the new hall at Chester, on Tuesday evening last, in behalf of St. Barnabas Church Sunday School. Owing to the want of a hall this has been the first affair of the kind ever given in this neighborhood. It consisted of songs and recitations by the children, in which it is only just to say that they far surpassed the expectations of the large and appreciative audience present, rendering their several pieces with excellent taste and with the best effect. Mrs. Sothergill, the zealous and efficient superintendent, and the teachers, Miss Sothergill, the Misses Playter, and the Misses Mills, certainly deserve the highest praise for the pains taken with the children. After the concert the little ones were all highly delighted with the presents caught from a well filled fish pond. Brief addresses were delivered by the Rev. C. Ruttan (Incumbent), Henry Frankland, Esq., and R. Playter, Esq. The proceeds were for the benefit of the Sunday School. The New Hall is large and commodious, and well adapted for the purpose for which it was built.

ST. MATTHIAS.—*Feast of the Title.*—The Feast which marks the fourteenth anniversary of the founding of this Parish, fell this year on the day immediately succeeding Ash Wednesday—a fact which rendered it advisable to postpone the principal observance of the Festival until the following Sunday. On that day, notwithstanding the almost impassable condition of the city sidewalks, there were large congregations at all services. At the early Celebration, Rev. C. B. Darling, assistant Priest of the Parish, was celebrant. Matins was said by the Rector, Rev. R. Harrison, who also celebrated the Communion subsequently, and preached on the text, "They shall go from strength to strength." He referred to the progressive strengthening of the Parish amid its many difficulties, and pointed out some matters in which development of strength was still required. At 4 p.m. Choral Litany was sung by Mr. F. G. Plummer, both Rector and assistant being busy elsewhere in Parochial services. At Evensong, the Festival came to a close with an exquisitely rendered service, at which the Bishop preached on the text, "These three years I came seeking fruit." He took occasion to refer to the "abundant fruit" displayed in this Parish to his own knowledge. Fourteen years ago there were ten communicants at the first Celebration; now there are hundreds. A handful of children has become 500. The School Chapel, enlarged several times of late years, is too small for the crowds who throng every corner of it. There should be accommodation for at least 1,000 worshippers. But the people of the district being chiefly laborers and mechanics, cannot afford to undertake further debt. Meantime, the overflowing pockets of rich congregations elsewhere in the city, are not utilized for the Mission of this locality, where the Church throbs with life, and the worship of God is replete with the offerings of the adoring hearts of Christ's poor.

St. Philip's.—The anniversary services lately held in this Church extended over two Sundays. The Bishop of Toronto, Huron and Algoma assisted in the services. There were large congregations and liberal offertories. The Rector, Rev. J. Fielding Sweeny, B. D., in his sermon, said the anniversary of a congregation was like the anniversary of a birthday to an individual. They looked behind them over the road they had travelled, measuring the present and providing for the future by the past. A look at their past cheered their present and encouraged their future. Their growth since 1888 would be seen by a brief comparison of statistics. In 1888 there were 230 families connected with the Church, in 1887 the number increased to 450. In 1888 the average attendance

in the morning was 250, in the evening 275; in 1887 the figures were 400 in the morning and 500 in the evening. In 1888 the attendance of children at the Sabbath school averaged 250, in 1887 the average attendance rose to 350. The cost of the present Church was \$22,000. When it was opened on Jan. 27, 1884, the debt amounted to \$17,000. That sum was reduced in 1885 to \$15,000, and stood at present at \$14,000. There was also a satisfactory increase in the offertory. In 1888 it averaged \$35 per day, in 1887 the average was \$64.26. These figures were signs of outward growth, and while they rejoiced in them they would not forget the infinite importance of growth in grace, of spiritual results. A more important question than "How much money have we raised?" "How many members have we gained?" was "What practical benefit have we received from the 538 sermons and addresses delivered in this building during the last three years?" Remembering the chief end of religious exercises, and cherishing a deep love for their Lord and Master, he had no doubt they would prosper in the future as in the past, and that there was a splendid future before them he was fully persuaded.

NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—*St. Matthew's Parish.*—I have, with the approval of the Rev. Canon Curran and the wardens of St. Thomas Church, erected that part of their parish lying east of Victoria avenue and north of Cannon street into a new parish, to be known as St. Matthew's. At present there is no organized congregation in it, no Church, no stipend, and no guarantee of any stipend. The Rev. Thomas Geoghegan has undertaken the laborious and anxious work of beginning and carrying on the Church's work in the new parish. The population is growing, but as a rule the families do not belong to the wealthier classes of the city. It is proposed to secure a suitable lot and erect a plain building—such as may be suitable for a Sunday school and other purposes when the congregation are strong enough to provide a Church. The cost of this effort is estimated at \$3,500.—CHARLES NIAGARA.

Appeal.—We, the undersigned churchmen, earnestly solicit from members of the Church of England donations towards carrying into effect the aforementioned scheme. As before stated the parish of St. Matthew is composed of people of limited means, and they have to look for outside help if the work they have in view is to be consummated. We ask you to help us in this deserving cause. One of the committee will wait on you and will cheerfully give any information respecting our plans for the future. All subscriptions will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the treasurer, at 97 James street north. Rev. Thomas Geoghegan, chairman; John H. Land, treasurer; James Burton, secretary; committee, F. W. Hore, J. G. Y. Burkholder, Wm. Anderson, Wm. Garvin, C. F. Lowrey, J. H. Land, James Burton, Francis Booth.

HURON.

GLANWORTH.—The churchwardens of Christ Church have called for tenders for the building of the new church as agreed on. The subscriptions to defray the expense have been almost entirely from the church members, and some time ago amounted to \$2,400, a very handsome sum from a small country congregation. They hope to incur no debt, so that they will have it consecrated as soon as the work is completed. Very few of the churches of the diocese are consecrated; some of them forty years or more old are not sacred to the worship of God. The great latitudinarianism prevalent throughout Huron has produced this effect with its other evils.

LONDON EAST.—The incumbent, churchwardens and congregation of St. Matthew's Church return sincere thanks to their friends in the city for assistance to enlarge the church. The sums collected by collectors amount to \$618.05. There have also been subscribed as follows:—Mr. and Mrs. Blizzard, \$50; Messrs. Percival, \$25; Marshall, \$10; A. Selbur, \$10; Quick, \$10; Laphorn, \$10; Courtier, \$10. Collected for the organ by Mrs. Seaborn, \$15; Misses Seaborn, \$72; Mrs. Christon, \$72. For carpets and matting by Mrs. Seaborn.

LONDON.—The solemn day, Ash Wednesday, was observed in our churches.

PORT ELGIN.—The new church of St. John's was opened for divine service on Sunday, January 30th. The churchmen have long felt the need of a church at the Port, a need that has at length been supplied. The erection of the beautiful little church is largely due to the self-sacrificing efforts of the few church people in the locality. The new church is in excellent taste. In all the lake towns along the shore in this

diocese, an Anglican church greets the view of the boatmen on the great lakes.

DUNDALK.—*Deanery of Grey.*—This is one of the many towns that have lately arisen amid the clearings in the northern part of the diocese, and the heaven directed spire of a lately erected church greets the eye. Scarcely have the first settlers hewed a place for their homes in the forest till they build the edifice where they may unite in the service of the old, old Church. The edifice may be frame or even log, but still it is the Church of England. Dundalk is now a village having one thousand inhabitants, and has its Church of St. John and parish clergyman, Rev. Mr. Edgelow. On Septuagesima Sunday, Rev. B. P. De Lom officiated there.

WARDSVILLE.—In addition to the usual services, three week-day services of a special character, are held during the season of Lent, in this parish. There are also the meetings of the three "guilds," and of the C. E. T. S., which are all in a healthy condition. The Lenten services are being well attended.

TUSCARORA.—The Christmas festival at St. Paul's Church was a grand success this year. Over 500 were present in the church to join in the service of song which was rendered nicely. Mrs. Caswell as organist and the members of the choir deserve great praise for the preparation made for this occasion. Addresses were ably delivered by the Rev. Mr. Cox, of Onondaga, and by the Rev. J. P. Curran, of Mount Pleasant. The Rev. D. J. Caswell conducted the service, and was assisted by the Rev. A. Anthony. Many presents were distributed to the children at the close, and among others several useful books and Bibles and Testaments for use in the Sunday school work. The friends of this Sunday school speak kindly of much sympathy shown them by the Brant County Sunday School Association (an association of Dissenters) whilst not a word of interest is ever expressed by our church friends so called. The unveiling of the Brant monument lately called forth considerable enthusiasm towards the Six Nations, and now their political vote is much sought after by their Brantford neighbors. Would that as much interest could be shown in the work of the church by the white population. No doubt it would be so if there was anything to gain by it.

LONDON.—*Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Association.*—The usual monthly meeting of the above was held at the Bishop's residence, his lordship the president in the chair. After the completion of routine business and a statement of most satisfactory results from the labors of every branch in active work throughout the diocese, Mrs. Boomer was permitted to ask the earnest co-operation of the members in bringing to a successful issue the formation of the proposed Jubilee offering of the Churchwomen of the Dominion to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the diocese of Algoma. She continued, "Since the little budget has begun its travels (a very little bit only of the long distance it has yet to go), it has met with not only no refusal, but a glad and a willing welcome. It has gathered in gifts already to the amount of \$78, and there are many who are prepared to add their names to the list enclosed." After stating that it was considered by some who are nevertheless warmly interested in the success of the fund, that it would never do to urge its claims before the annual collection for the missions be taken up, Mrs. Boomer continued: "To my mind there seem so many reasons for 'now' as against 'by and bye.' First of all the season, Lent. Why might we not let this be the outcome of some special little self-denial over and above that needed to meet one certain and acknowledged claim such as the Mission Fund of our own diocese undeniably is? Secondly, how can we be sure that delay may not wreck our little endeavour altogether? Why, our duties and claims lie thickly around us. They jostle one another daily, and if we allow each to stand aside for a more 'convenient season' I fear that we shall end by leaving them entirely undone forever. Then think of the exceptional occasion of our gifts—an offering from the loyal hearts of the Churchwomen of Canada as a Jubilee thanksgiving to God for the peace and happiness granted to them during the fifty years reign of our gracious sovereign Queen Victoria. You see a Jubilee is quite out of the common run. I think I may safely promise that the like will not come again for another fifty years, when I certainly shall not be here to see it, so we need not be afraid of creating a precedent. I plead for 'now' also, because we know not what a day will bring forth. Not only to influence our outside lives but inwardly, in our motives, desires, hopes, fears, etc. The good influence of to-day get trampled under and effaced by the footprints of 'to-morrow's' needs. 'To-day' is bright and sunny and our energies are braced and our hopes high, 'to-morrow' may have for us lowering clouds and a depressing gloom. 'To-day' we can work, 'to-morrow' we may be laid aside, or there may be no 'to-morrow' for us at all.