

rector is hon. president; Miss Bradley, acting president; Mr. Cline, I.V.P.; Miss Barber, treasurer, and Miss Campbell, secretary. The first meeting, held on January 15th, was very successful. Mr. George Graham gave a masterly lecture on "The Aim of a Literary Society." The next subject will be "Tennyson," by Miss Campbell, accompanied by songs and readings. The rector and choir presented an address and handsome clock to Miss F. Bradley, on her marriage to Mr. George Bradshaw, Morden, Man.

HURON.

Maurice Scollard Baldwin, D.D., Bishop, London.

London.—When Bishop Chavasse went to Liverpool, he gave a remarkable address on the benefits of a cathedral establishment, and the subject has in one way or another been brought frequently before the public. Among the duties which Bishop Chavasse proposed for the cathedral clergy were daily services, lectures on Church questions, quiet days, looking after vacant parishes, and assisting clergy throughout the diocese, especially in Lent and Advent, etc. In Canada, we have cathedrals (so-called), but little of the strenuous life which Bishop Chavasse sketched, and yet it is gratifying to know that something is done in the direction indicated. In London, in the diocese of Huron, for example, some of the cathedral staff have made praiseworthy attempts to give life and meaning to the title of canon. The Rev. Canon Richardson, some time ago prepared a clear and helpful booklet on the Church, which is published at a cheap rate to admit of general circulation. More recently he has prepared a historical sketch of the beginnings of Church life, especially in Western Ontario, and has delivered it first at the meeting of the Oxford rural deanery, held at Thamesford, and secondly, at the anniversary celebration of All Saints' church, Peterborough. He is, we believe, requested to deliver it, ere long, before the Historical Society in London. This historical sketch well deserves the warmest commendation and the widest promulgation. Another of the cathedral staff, the Rev. Canon Young, of Simcoe, has laboured long and zealously in certain of the lines which Bishop Chavasse referred to. The Bishop mentioned the management of parochial missions, supervision of junior clergy, and fostering an interest in the spread of the Gospel at home and abroad, as proper objects for the canons to promote. In these respects the services of Canon Young for years have been invaluable. Few realize his remarkable knowledge of the ground and his complete mastery of diocesan finances, outside of those who are associated with him in this work. Such work as we have here referred to shows that Bishop Chavasse's ideals are not forgotten or unknown in Canada.

Sunday, January 18th, was missionary Sunday at London. Revs. Tucker, Marsh, Farthing, Thompson, Messrs. M. Wilson, K.C.; A. H. Dymond, and clergy and laity of London were all uttering the same message from every pulpit in London. Then on Monday, Mr. Tucker met the clergy of Middlesex deanery in conference, and in the evening an important missionary meeting was held and addressed by Mr. Tucker and Rev. Thomas Marsh, of McKenzie River, diocese. The Society for Sacred Study is now organized and at work. A hearty meeting, numbering twenty or more clergy, was held at Huron College on Monday, January 19th, from 2 to 4 p.m. Address on 1. Corinthians were given by Principal Waller and Canon Dann, and then a general discussion followed. A staff of officers for the ensuing year was selected, as follows: Chairman, the Rev. G. M. Cox; secretary, the Rev. T. G. A. Wright; committee, the Revs. Principal Waller, Dr. Bethune, J. H. Moorhouse, and H. A. Thomas. At the close of the meeting Mrs. Waller entertained the clergy at afternoon tea.

Berlin.—St. John the Evangelist.—Mr. Stares, late of the Cathedral choir, Hamilton, has recently been made choirmaster, an excellent appointment. A new organ is about to be installed, when a great improvement in the church music may be expected. The congregation of St. John's has lost one of its most faithful and devout members, in Dora, wife of Mr. J. W. Connor. Her illness, though long, was not known to be dangerous till the 5th of January, when she was seized with paralysis, and after severe sufferings entered into the rest of paradise on the 7th inst. The deceased lady was descended from the 'Englishry' of Munster, and in early life was a teacher. Married some thirty-six years ago, she proved a most affectionate and unselfish wife, and mother, making the moral and spiritual welfare of her family her main object. Most beautiful was her patient resignation in the affliction that shaded nearly all her married life, her eldest child being a hopeless invalid. A recent writer speaks of the more than Spartan heroism that "preserves a maimed child, cares for it, faces it cheerfully day after day, shields its helplessness, and seeks with all the strength of mother-love for some rift in the gloom of the future." This and more is true of the deceased, who, in this trial to her mother-heart and of frequent ill-health and suffering never was known to murmur or "charge God foolishly." The strength for this was sought where it was to be found, in prayer and at God's altar, Mrs. Connor being for years, as far as her strength permitted, a constant rather than a frequent communicant. Hence, and from a naturally kind disposition flowed the uniform gentleness and charity that marked her whole life. Her children rise up and call her blessed, her husband also. The funeral took place on the 10th inst, the body being conveyed in the morning to the church, where the Holy Eucharist was offered, the celebrant being the Rev. S. Daw, of St. John's, Hamilton, who had come to know and esteem the deceased. The burial service was said at 2 p.m. by the rector, the Rev. J. W. J. Andrew, assisted by the Rev. S. Daw, and the Rev. R. A. Armstrong, of St. Saviour's, Waterloo. Requiescat in pace.

Listowel.—Christ Church.—The Rev. C. H. Buckland, rector of Gravenhurst, has been appointed by the Bishop of the diocese rector of this parish. He will assume his new duties on February 1st.

Blyth.—The Belgrave congregation presented their minister with a handsome fur overcoat on Wednesday afternoon, the 21st inst. Mr. Edmonds was completely taken by surprise. The presentation and address was made at the rectory, Blyth. The same evening an entertainment was given under the auspices of the Young People's Society of Trinity church, Blyth. The Rev. J. Edmonds preached. The Rev. W. Lowe, of Wingham, delivered an instructive and amusing lecture on "Ireland and the Irish," and Miss Grundy, of Lucknow, furnished some sweet songs. Refreshments were also served. The hall was well filled. The receipts will be applied to the new Organ Fund.

ALGOMA.

George Thornloe, D.D., Bishop, Sault Ste. Marie.

Bracebridge.—St. Thomas.—The Lord Bishop of Algoma visited this parish on Saturday, the 17th inst., and remained over Sunday, January 18th, and officiated at the various services of the day. At 10 a.m., after Matins, he laid hands on three candidates, presented by the rector in the office for confirmation, and delivered a very impressive address on what the life and conduct of the confirmed should be. At 11 a.m., the Bishop was celebrant, and the rector assisted, in the office for Holy Communion; His Lordship de-

livered an eloquent and instructive sermon. A large number received the Holy Communion. At 3 p.m., the Bishop and rector officiated at St. George's church, Falkenburg, where His Lordship was again the preacher. At the conclusion of the service, the Bishop congratulated the congregation on the evident signs of progress and especially for the very much improved interior of the church building, \$150 having been expended thereon since the last Episcopal visit. At 7 p.m. the Bishop was again present at St. Thomas' church, Bracebridge, and at the close of Evensong delivered before a large congregation, filling the church, a most instructive and soul-stirring sermon. This church was presented at Christmas with a beautiful altar cross and vases of brass. The donor was Miss Nason, of St. Margaret's, Toronto, and the gift was made in memory of her father and mother, whose bodies lie in the Bracebridge cemetery.

Correspondence.

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SANTA CLAUS.

Sir,—In your issue of December 18th, you protest against the "cult of Santa Claus," on the ground that "when children grow up and find they have been deceived, the shock is too great, and they believe in nothing that their senses refuse to verify." While there is undoubtedly a danger of the true significance of Christmas Day being obscured by the undue impression upon children of the story of Santa Claus, and thus turning it into Santa Claus Day, yet it seems to me that this is about the worst charge that can be brought against the custom. The nature of the story is such that it can only be accepted by very juvenile minds. The child eventually perceives the ridiculousness of holding to the literal truth of the story and gradually grows out of the belief. There is no sudden revelation and consequently no shock sufficient to shake the faith of the little one in all unseen things. Why wouldn't the charge you bring against the custom be, with equal justice, brought against all fables, and fairy stories, and thus lead to a sweeping condemnation of them all? Surely there is a truth, even higher than literal truth, which can be taught by means of these stories! In the instance at hand, the blessed lesson of Christmas, which teaches us that we, in imitation of God's goodness, ought to give good gifts to one another, is not necessarily obscured by telling our children about the good saint, who goes around giving gifts to all. Thus, I think, the contemporary from which you quote is hardly justified in denouncing the story as "the perennial Santa Claus lie . . . and a gross falsehood."

W. R. HILLIARD.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

Sir,—Your article of January 15th, page 35, presents little difficulty to one who knows; the original article in the Scottish Guardian, December 19th, page 809, from which you have quoted, gives a fair resume of the facts in urging the plea for a Scottish calendar. The Church in Scotland has never, since the Reformation, had a Prayer Book, and probably never will. The book of 1637 never properly belonged to the Church. It was compiled by two Scotch bishops, revised by Laud and two English bishops, and finally issued by royal authority alone. At the first public reading