

TORONTO.

**SOUTH SIMCOE RURAL DEANERY.**—In obedience to a circular from his Lordship the Bishop of Toronto, a meeting of the clergy of the townships of Mono, Adjala, Mulmur, Tosorontio, Essa, Tecumseth, Gwillimbury, and Innisfil, was convened by the Rev. Thos. Ball, at the Rectory, Bondhead, on Thursday, March 3rd. The object of the meeting was the election of a Rural Dean for a new deanery to be formed and called the Rural Deanery of South Simcoe. After devotional exercises, the meeting was called to order by the Convener, and the business explained. The vote being then taken, the Rev. Thos. Ball was unanimously elected first Rural Dean of South Simcoe.

On motion of Rev. Thos. Ball, the Revs. B. Bryan and A. C. Watt were appointed a committee to draw up an address of condolence to the widow of the late Rural Dean Forster.

The address was as follows;—*To the Widow and Family of the late Rural Dean Forster.*

We, the members of the newly formed Rural Deanery of South Simcoe, assembled at the residence of Rev. Thos. Ball, this 3rd day of March, 1887, take this our first opportunity of conveying to you our sincere, heartfelt, and Christian sympathy in the loss you have sustained by the very sudden death of your beloved husband and father, and of recording at this time, our united appreciation of his ability, faithfulness, and devoted attachment to our Church in his office of Rural Dean.

You mourn the loss of a loving husband and affectionate father; we, and the Church at large, a devoted minister and a kind Christian friend.

We unite our prayers with those of the Church at large, that the Lord will sustain and comfort you in the severe affliction. Signed on behalf of the members of the Deanery, A. C. Watt, Bernard Bryan.

NIAGARA.

**MOOREFIELD.**—The fourth anniversary services were held in St. John's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 6th. At morning service the Rev. C. E. S. Radcliffe B.C.L., of Arthur, was preacher and celebrant, the Rev. A. Bonny, Incumbent, assisting. The full morning musical service was given very carefully, led by Miss S. J. Cross, the organist.

At afternoon service the Rev. G. B. Cooke, of Palmerston, preached, the Revs. C. E. S. Radcliffe and Bonny assisting.

In the evening the Rev. C. E. S. Radcliffe again was the preacher. The Church was well filled at each service.

On Monday evening the anniversary social was held in Cartier's Hall, and was considered a success, notwithstanding the weather. After the good things had been done ample justice to, the people met in the Church, where a bright service was held by the Rev. A. Bonny.

**ORANGEVILLE.**—The church here has been greatly improved in its interior last summer, and efforts are now being made to make the services more congregational still than they have been heretofore. A choir of 50 voices are under training by Mr. J. H. Ross, lay reader, to lead the congregation; and it is expected that in a short time the rendering of the services here will be as congregational and as hearty as any in the diocese.

HURON.

**GRAND RIVER MISSION.**—The Xmas. Tree Festival in connection with St. John's Church, was very successful. The Rev. Mr. Anthony was ably assisted by Mrs. Elliott, of Tuscarora Parsonage, and by Miss Kerby, of Hamilton, in the necessary preparations. The evening was a cold one, but the Church was well filled, and all appeared to enjoy the treat of listening to the singing and the addresses. The Rev. G. M. Cox, of Onondaga, and the Rev. John Ridley, of Galt were the chief speakers, and all spoke well of their kind words of encouragement and sympathy. Many useful presents were given to the children of the Sunday School.

**LONDON.**—*Lenten Season.*—The great blizzard that has been playing sad havoc has been very severe in this city. Down from the mountains of Dakota, it visited us on Sunday. Our congregations were consequently small. Not only those who are familiarly known as fair weather church goers were absent from church; they who delight in uniting in public worship were compelled to deprive themselves of that pleasure on the Holy day. The Lenten season as set apart for special services, is well observed in Huron diocese, not only in the Forest city, but also throughout the rural parish. In our most remote and isolated mis-

sions, as well as in our country towns there is week day service, and the clergy generally exchange pulpits, and in many of them it is observed as a mission season. The Lord Bishop lectures in St. Paul's on Fridays throughout the forty days.

**LONDON TOWNSHIP.**—Of the six churches in London Township, the two most recently built, Emmanuel and St. Matthew, are the incumbency of Rev. W. M. Seaborn. St. Matthew's, it has already been found necessary to enlarge—Emmanuel church was built by the farmers in an Irish Protestant settlement without assistance, and free from debt.

**CARADOC RESERVE.**—The Indians on the Caradoc had a meeting in the Union Hall on Wednesday, Jan. 25th. Mr. Abel Wancosh presided. Chief John Henry in an address to the meeting, congratulated the members of L. O. L. for their success in the organization of an Indian Orange lodge, and he urged them to live up to the principles of Orangeism, to honour all men, love the brotherhood, fear God, and honour the Queen.

**LONDON.**—A most liberal offertory of \$18.70, from the pupils of Hellmuth Ladies College, was taken up at St. Anne's Chapel on Sunday, 13th Feb, and sent by them, with a warm expression of interest in their work, to the promoters of the "Dean Boomer Divinity Scholarship Fund."

**PARISH OF WILMOT, COUNTY WATERLOO.**—*St. James' Huron Road; Christ Church, Haysville; St. George's New Hamburg.*—The Bishop has as yet made no appointment to the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Rev. Freeman Harding, who, owing to ill health, had for some time been unequal to active work, and is now spending the winter in Bermuda.

**GODERICH.**—*In Memoriam.*—Venerable Archdeacon Edward Lindsay Elwood, Archdeacon of Huron, died at the Rectory of St. George's Church, on Tuesday evening, March 3rd, in the 77th year of his age. He had for some time been in feeble health, but the immediate cause of his death was an attack of paralysis. The Archdeacon was one of a band of missionaries, scholars of Trinity College, Dublin, who were the first ministers of the Glad Tidings to the pioneers in the district of Huron. Many of the settlers were from Ireland, and many of them members of the United Church of England and Ireland (a union long since broken by sacreligious tracts). It was, indeed, a day not to be forgotten by the settlers in the bush, when they greeted the heralds of their old and beloved Church, who, having left friends and the pleasures of civilised life, came to minister to the toilers in the forests of the Western world. Of this band were the Revs. Benjamin Cronyn, afterward the first Bishop of Huron, Charles Brough, afterwards Archdeacon Richd. Hood, Rector of Delaware, John Gunn, Rector of Florence; very Rev. the Dean of Huron, and Ven. Archdeacon Elwood, Rector of St. George's Church, Goderich, for 38 years. The Archdeacon was a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin. He was ordained in 1833, and was sometime rector of a parish in the Archdiocese of Armagh, before he came to Canada. He was appointed Rector of Goderich in 1849, and as rector until the hour of his decease.

The Archdeacon was almost the sole survivor of the early Huron Missionaries. That district is now the diocese of Huron, embracing 18 counties, with 4 cities and fifty six villages.

**PARIS.**—*Deanery of Brant.*—Rev. E. Patterson, rector of St. James' Church, Stratford, has been appointed Canon of the proposed Cathedral, by the Lord Bishop of Huron, in the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. Canon Townley, for many years rector of St. James' Church, Paris.

In the district of Huron there are now more than 120 parishes with regularly appointed incumbents.

**LONDON.** The series of Lent lectures by his Lordship the Bishop of Huron, on Friday afternoons, was interrupted on last Friday, the Bishop, Rev. Canon Innes, rector of St. Paul's, and Rev. R. Hicks, assistant minister having gone to Goderich, to be present at the burial of the Ven. Archdeacon of St. George's. Rev. R. G. Howall, of Huron College, however, officiated and took the course of lectures.

**Christ Church.**—Mission services are held each day this week at 4 p. m. and 8 p. m., Rev. J. N. Moorehouse of the deanery of Huron being Mission preacher. The services are well attended.

**POINT EDWARD.**—*Lambton Deanery.*—Rev. H. Douglas Steele, of Goderich, has been appointed incumbent of St. Paul's Church, Point Edward. The Rev. gentleman preached there the second Sunday of Lent.

**THE CANADIAN CHURCH UNION.**—An association has been formed at London under the name and style of "The Canadian Church Union." The aims and objects of this Union are:

1st.—To unite the various dioceses of the Church of England in Canada, so as to form a purely Canadian Branch of the "one Catholic and Apostolic Church," owing allegiance to a Metropolitan and a Provincial Synod as the true head and governing body of the Canadian Church.

2nd.—To sustain and strengthen the Church by all means in its power, by a hearty and liberal support in all Church work; to aid the Bishops and Clergy in maintaining and enforcing her doctrine and discipline.

3rd.—To maintain the Prayer-book of the Church of England in its integrity.

4th.—To disseminate information as to the Scriptural origin and general history of the Church, as a means of holding her members to a faithful and intelligent allegiance to her principles and teaching.

5th.—To promote meetings of Church people for the informal discussion of those matters about which men's minds are not as yet sufficiently informed for serious Synodical consideration.

6th.—To encourage the laity to take a more active part in the work of the Church, both general and parochial, and especially Sunday School work.

7th.—To form a bond of union for all lay workers, affording them a medium of communication and for consultation on the various phases of their work.

8th.—To aid and foster by all means in its power a desire for Christian unity.

Any person in full Communion with the Church may become a member upon being proposed and seconded, and reported on by the Executive Committee, and elected by at least a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meetings of the Union. All persons so elected shall sign the roll of membership, pledging their support to this Constitution.

Branches may be formed of this Union, and we trust will be in most of our parishes, as it is capable of being made of great service.

FOREIGN.

Mrs. Heywood, wife of Mr. Alderman Abel Heywood, of Manchester, England, has left £10,000 to Owens College, to form an endowment in her name for providing proper instruction in the college for women and girls.

At the last performance of sacred music in Gloucester Cathedral, Dean Butler was present for the last time. His successor, Dean Spence, is quite in sympathy with the arrangements, and hence the performances will continue. Four thousand persons attended at the last meeting.

Two great educational gifts have been announced—the one of a million dollars, from Mr. J. G. Clark, for a university at Worcester, Mass., and the other of ex-President White's magnificent historical library to Cornell University.

A lady in France has bequeathed 300,000 francs to the Caisse de Retraite, a retiring fund for superannuated Protestant pastors. This will prove an immense boon, and will enable a welcome increase to be made in their small annuities.

The See of Truro was created in 1877. In the three years, 1874-76, the number of confirmees in the undivided diocese of Exeter was 16,087. In the three years, 1883-85, the number in the new diocese of Exeter alone was 18,428. The confirmees in Truro during the same three years was 4,988. These figures bear out a statement made on the authority of the Archbishop of Canterbury, that the confirmees in the new diocese were pure gain.

Chevet Paswa has issued an order containing the following provisions: 1. It is forbidden for the Jesuits to open any new schools in the Ottoman Empire. 2. The Jesuits are not authorized to teach in any schools but those placed under the superintendence of the Turkish authorities. 3. All schools actually directed by the Jesuits are placed under the control of the State. 4. Stringent dispositions will be taken regarding the inspection of these schools.

Christianity is making rapid headway in Japan. A recent number of the *Japan Mail* reports a remarkable series of preaching services in Tokio, in the largest theatre of the city. The audiences were estimated from 4,500 to 6,000, and the preaching was mostly by native Japanese pastors. The people listened for hours each day while the Gospel was preached to them, and the *Mail*, which is a secular