

hardship to himself, it was truly a red letter day for the parish—one that will live long in the memory of all those who participated in the solemn service, and were privileged to listen to his Lordship's edifying and godly counsel and advice.

#### DIOCESE OF HURON.

**SABRIA.**—On Sunday, Feb. 20th, the Bishop of Huron preached two Missionary sermons in St. George's Church to large congregations. In the afternoon he preached by special request in St. Paul's, Point Edward, to railway men. The Church was filled with a large and appreciative audience.

On the Monday following His Lordship visited and officiated in the Mission of Moore.

On Feb. the 27th, Anniversary sermons were preached in Emmanuel Church, London Township, in the morning by the Rev. Evans Davis, and in the afternoon by the Bishop of Huron, Rev. Canon Richardson was to have preached in the evening, but the people could not get out, a perfect blizzard blowing all the day and the roads were so badly drifted, and sent him word accordingly.

**A WELL EARNED HONOR.**—The death of the late Venerable Rector of Paris, the Rev. Canon Townley, has caused a vacancy in the list of the dignitaries of this diocese. The Lord Bishop of Huron had been pleased to appoint the Rev. Ephraim Patterson, M.A., Rector of St. James Church, Stratford, to the vacant canonry. The Rev. Canon Patterson has been for many years the Rector of Stratford, and is deservedly respected and esteemed by all classes of the community. The Rev. gentleman is to be congratulated upon his appointment, and it is certain the whole diocese will unite in feeling that his Lordship has exercised a wise discretion and conferred a well-earned honor upon one of the most loyal and faithful of his Presbyters. Of the 43 clergymen who constituted the Diocese of Huron at its original formation in July, 1857, nearly all have passed away. Rev. Canon Patterson is one of the eight survivors left in the diocese, having as his comrades of those early days Deacon Boomer, Rev. Archdeacons Elwood, March and Sandys; Rev. Canons Mulholland and Salter, and Rev. W. B. Rally.

The Bishop of Huron has sanctioned an arrangement by which the Rev. W. B. Bailey will officiate in the Church of the Advent, Ridgetown, until the appointment of a clergyman.

**WARDSVILLE.**—During the season of Lent three week day services are regularly held of a special character. These have thus far been capitally attended. In addition there are the usual meetings of the three Guilds and of the C.E.T.S.

**NEW PROFESSOR AT HURON COLLEGE.**—The Rev. D. Williams, B.A., a graduate in Honors of Oxford University, in Theology and Classics, is expected to reach London during March. He brings the highest credentials from Lampeter Theological College, and from all with whom he has worked. The recent growth of Huron College under Principal Powell renders the assistance of another Professor necessary, and it is evident from the good accounts of Mr. Williams' work and standing he will be a great acquisition to the Church here.

**ADELAIDE.**—The Bishop of Huron has appointed the Rev. Wm. Hinde, of Point Edward, to the Rectory of Adelaide, and the Rev. H. Douglas Steele, of Goderich Township, to the Mission of Point Edward and Perche, Ont.

**LONDON.**—*Women's Auxiliary Missionary Association.*—The usual monthly meeting was held on Monday, 21st February, at Bishopstowe, the residence of the President, the Bishop of Huron.

A very large number of members being in attendance. After the ordinary routine business was finished and most satisfactory records of work well done by all the Branches reported, Mrs. Boomer was permitted to introduce the subject of the proposed "Jubilee offering of the Churchwomen of the Dominion to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of Algoma."

Having mentioned the initiatory steps already taken, she said: "Since the little budget has begun its travels (a very little bit only of the long distance it will, I hope, yet travel), it has met with not only no refusal, but a glad and willing welcome. It has gathered gifts, already to the amount of \$78, and many more have promised to add their names to the list." After stating that it was considered by some who are nevertheless warmly interested in the success of our proposed Fund, that it would never do to urge its claims before the annual collections for the Home Missions be taken up, Mrs. Boomer continued: "To my mind there seem very many reasons for 'now' as against 'By and bye.' First of all, the season, Lent. Why might not this be the outcome of some special self denial over and above that needed to meet our certain and acknowledged claims, such as the Mission Fund of one's own diocese undeniably is. 2. How can we be sure that delay may not wreck our small endeavors altogether. Our claims and duties 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 it entirely undone for ever. Then think that 'now' is such an exceptional occasion for our gift; 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 her fifty years reign of our Gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria. You see a Jubilee is out of the common run. I think I may safely promise that its like will not come again for another fifty years. So we need not be afraid of creating a precedent.

I would plead for 'now' also, because we know not what a day may bring forth, not only to influence our outside lives, but inwardly in our own motives, desires, hopes, fears, &c. The good impulses of to-day but too often get under trampled and effaced by the footprints of to-morrow. 'To-day' is bright and sunny, finding us with our energies braced and our hopes high. To-morrow may bring 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!

But this after all is only touching upon the very surface of things. The root of the whole matter is within. Are we not parblind as regards our duty to our God and to our neighbor. Ay, and to ourselves also, for in what we withhold from others do we not likewise withhold from ourselves our own blessing, the promise of which is sure.

Perhaps, you like myself, may find it very difficult to realise that our sense of gratitude to God for his showers of mercies, free and unrestrained, is reckoned amongst us as so small and pitiful a thing, that because the time for our yearly duty of contributing to our own Mission Field happens to be due just now, any other appeal to the Churchwomen of our Diocese would be injurious to its interests; that this little trickle would divert the whole stream of our charity away from its legitimate source, and leave the river bed high and dry, parched and thirsty, flat and unprofitable! Nay, nay, this cannot be so. Let us rather believe, to use another metaphor, that the breeze of Christian love and sympathy from the grateful hearts of the Churchwomen of our Diocese will suffice not only to waft into haven with the flag of successful effort gaily from its mast, the Big Ship of the Diocesan Mission Fund itself, but also our own dear little Craft also, laden to the very waters edge with its loyal freight of loving gifts to the much needed Widows' and Orphans'

Fund of Canada's own Mission Field of Algoma."

In the issue of the CHURCH GUARDIAN, of Feb. 16th, is recorded the munificent gifts, in all \$10,000, of the Churchmen of Pennsylvania to Bishop Stevens and his Assistant, Bishop Whitaker, followed by this most pregnant remark of the Editor: "It is noticeable that the names of laymen prominent in this matter are of those who are liberal supporters of the general work of the Church."

It is a well known fact that the same names appear and reappear in the lists of contributors to the many hundreds of charitable works in the old country in larger or smaller amounts. Each one doing more rather than less, as opportunity presents—showing that the very habit of giving grows, and with the desire to give the power to do so "grows apace." The story of the "widow's cruise of oil" was not put on record for nothing.

#### DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

The Treasurer begs to acknowledge receipts on account of Mission Fund: \$15.53, from Women's Auxiliary, Woodstock, per Mrs. Eakins; \$5 from "H.B."; \$5 from Mrs. Forrest, Ottawa; \$5 from "Payer of Tithes," Parry Sound New Mission; \$4, from G. H. Tunbury, Esq., annual for three years.

**PORT SYDNEY.**—We understand that the Rev. R. W. Plante has decided to leave this mission and return to Boston, Mass.

#### DIOCESE OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine was on Tuesday, the 8th February, the scene of a special service for the Church workers of the three parishes of St. Johns. It was thought that such an united act of worship in the Mother Church of the Diocese would have the effect of causing Church workers to realize their union one with the other in common work for the Great Master. So notice was given that members of the choirs, churchwardens, vestrymen and sidesmen, Sunday-school officers, district visitors, Executive Committee of the Synod, Lay Delegates of the Synod, collectors, members of sewing associations, associates of G.F.S., would be gladly welcomed to the service, and would have seats specially set apart for them in the transepts and the front portion of the nave. The members of the three choirs of the Cathedral, St. Thomas and St. Mary's Churches, assembled in the vestry, robed in cassocks and surplices, and the service commenced with a Processional Hymn sung as the Choristers and Clergy slowly filed from the vestry down the south aisle and up the central passage to their places in the choir. Choral Evensong then followed, the Lessons being read by the Rectors of St. Thomas and St. Mary's respectively.

The sermon was delivered by the Bishop who began by addressing the members of the choirs upon the importance of their work and office, next only to that of the clergy. From the leaders in the service of Praise his Lordship passed in review the other bands of workers, giving advice and encouragement to each, which must have the effect of stimulating the efforts of every branch of labourers in the Lord's Vineyard. At the close of the sermon a collection was made in aid of the Cathedral Completion Fund. The Benediction was then given from the altar, and the procession of choirs and clergy, singing a hymn, passed out of the choir, along the north aisle and so round the Cathedral of the south aisle, across the transepts to the vestry, where a most successful and enjoyable service came to a termination.

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