

The Rev. J. Gribble, the rector of the parish, and the congregation of St. John's feel deeply grateful to Mr. Smith for the good which they believe he has done by this nine days mission.

STEVENSVILLE.—On Thursday evening the 25th ult., the members of the Church of England, held their annual concert; and well it may be said, it was the concert of the season. An hour before the concert, oysters, tea, and coffee were served. Great credit is due the ladies of the congregation, not forgetting Mrs. B. House, and Mrs. P. H. Hendershot, Mrs. Thos. A. Allen, especially for the splendid repast. The Band Hall was filled to its utmost capacity. Ridge-way, Chippawa and Black Creek friends were seen among the number. The programme of vocal and instrumental music, readings and recitations was rendered in excellent style. An address was delivered by Rev. Mr. Fessenden, whose unwearied attention has brought this parish to the advanced standard it now occupies. Of the instrumental music and recitations by Mr. G. A. Harvey, showed that the gentleman possessed rare ability. The vocal music by Mr. J. F. Beam, and the readings by Samuel McCullough, the chairman, brought down the house. The Chippawa S. S. Choir added greatly to the pleasantness of the evening. Everybody seemed to be fully satisfied with the entertainment, and we have right to bespeak for the Church of England, in Stevensville, and Mr. G. A. Harvey, who has charge of this parish, a glorious future.

ROCKWOOD AND ACTON MISSION.—The Mission at Rockwood is very small, consisting of 20 families, upon whom has rested the entire burden of building their new church. With the exception of a little aid from a few friends in Guelph and Hamilton, and a grant from the S.P.C.K., they have contributed over \$2,000. In addition to which there has been donated three stained windows, a stone font and a stove furnace. The church is built of stone, and thoroughly ecclesiastical in design, having the appearance of a miniature cathedral and when finished will not only be an ornament to the neighbourhood, but to the diocese. We hear that a gentleman stranger attracted by the ecclesiastical, proportionate beauty of the church, has volunteered to paint the roof of tower, nave and chancel. Aside from what has been contributed in money the members have furnished all the material and labour, as stone, sand, timber and teaming, valued over \$850. As the Incumbent and building committee have pledged themselves to open the church without debt, believing it to be the proper principle with respect to the building of "Houses of God;" and they have been over two years labouring to accomplish their end, they earnestly solicit contributions for this object. The building is nearly ready for Divine worship, requiring only some inside painting, and church furniture, and other necessary incidental expenses to make it ready for consecration in spring. To our christian brethren, we humbly appeal for help, and pray God would move the heart sympathies of some of our friends, to make an offering for this object during this season of Lent, when they will be thankfully received, and acknowledged by the incumbent, Rev. H. I. Pigott B.A., and Mr. Frank Dorron, station agent, Rockwood, chairman of Building Committee.

NIAGARA.—A very commodious and handsomely arranged church was opened for Divine service in this thriving village on Sunday the 4th ult. The inclement weather and drifted roads prevented the clergy, who were expected to assist in the services from attending. In consequence of this, the three services and sermons devolved on the Incumbent the Rev. C. Westmacott, neither the blizzard nor bad roads hindered the people however, for there were large congregations present, and the offertory was within a fraction of \$70. This is a very encouraging beginning, and augurs well for the prosperity of the new church.

HAMILTON.—St. Thomas' Church.—Extensive interior improvements will be completed about the middle of March. The ceiling is finished. Messrs Ross contractors.

Church of the Ascension.—A collection for this mission and other funds of the diocese of Niagara was taken up at the Church of the Ascension, Sunday, Feb 18th., and \$830 was placed on the plates. The envelope plan was adopted. Several additions will be made to the amount by envelopes to be sent in by members who were absent. The amount exceeds last year's contributions.

FONTHILL.—A good church building has been in use here for twenty years or more. It is in the mission, which is extensive, that the erection of one or more churches is in contemplation. Rev. A. C. Jones is in charge.

HURON.

MEAFORD.—Wednesday the 14th inst., the Ladies' Aid Association of Christ Church held their annual bazaar in the town hall. Tables were covered with useful and fancy articles, the products of the deft fingers of the ladies of the congregation. The sales were very satisfactory, and hardly anything was left to be disposed of. The dinner and tea were good, and largely patronized. In the evening a grand concert was held in the town hall. The Glee Club of Thornbury did good service, as did also the following lady and gentleman performers: Mrs. Richardson, the Misses Armstrong, Miss LeRoy, Thornbury; Miss McMillin, 9th line, St. Vincent; Mrs. Channer, Miss Foster, Miss Maclean, Miss Chapman, and Mr. Starling. We are pleased to say that the proceeds of the day amounted to over \$200. At the close of the concert, votes of thanks were passed to all the performers.

LONDON.—On the 18th Feb., the Church Sunday-schools of London met in St. Paul's Church to unite in divine worship and to hear an address from the Bishop of Algoma. There was a very large attendance, though the church was not crowded. The Church of St. Paul would accommodate two thousand scholars and their teachers, and were due measures taken to ensure attendance; that number would be in St. Paul's. An error in some of the evening papers had also a tendency to lessen the numbers. The Rev. Canon Innes read the service, and the Bishop of Algoma addressed the schools. The topic of his discourse was "Ministering in holy things," and this was the preface to an account of the Algoma mission. Graphically did he describe the country, the aborigines of the forest, the superhuman work to which he was set apart by the Church, the life and labours of the missionaries, the good work already accomplished, and the necessity of the sacrifices to be made by Church members for this mission, and the offering and prayers of the faithful children as well as adults. This was one sphere of their "ministering in holy things." Never have we seen in our city so many scholars and teachers of our Church Sunday-schools as on this second Sunday in Lent. There was a large number of Sunday-schools at the children's day in Mr. Rainford's mission, but there were many besides Church Sunday-schools. Could we not have such a meeting annually? This is the earnest desire of many who had the pleasure of being in our St. Paul's last. We have had the happiness of being one at such universities in St. Paul's, New Orleans; there the anniversary is on Easter Monday.

St. Paul's.—On the 18th Feb. the Bishop of Algoma preached at evensong, in this church, a very forcible sermon from the text, "And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me." And he said, Who art thou Lord? And He said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks."

ALGOMA.

The Rev. W. Crompton, travelling clergyman, gratefully acknowledges the receipt of P.O. order for \$5 from some unknown friend in Nova Scotia per the Bishop of Algoma, and desires acknowledgement to be made in the DOMINION CHURCHMAN. Aspdin P.O., Ash Wednesday, 1888.

SAULT STE. MARIE.—At the missionary meeting held in St. Luke's Church, Rev. G. B. Cooke introduced the following clergymen: the Rev. E. F. Wilson, who spoke of the advance and progress of the Church in the missionary diocese, and how, that since the consecration of the first Bishop, some ten years ago, the then few scattered congregations have increased four-fold. Rev. Mr. Beer, of St. Joseph's Island, then followed and spoke of the happy and successful work that was being carried on in his part of the great field of labour, and impressed upon the audience the great need of all uniting and assisting in the cause till the struggling and willing settlers are able to support their own ministrations. A zealous and warm hearted speech was next delivered by Rev. T. Renison, of Garden River, who gave an interesting account of his work last year in the Nipigon Indian Mission, some forty miles beyond Red Rock. He told of the many evidences of sympathy and encouragement he had received in this great labour; also speaking in a way which showed that he had "endured hardships like a good soldier."

RUPERT'S LAND.

WINNIPEG.—Diocesan Missions.—A meeting of the Mission Board of the Diocese of Rupert's Land was held on the 18th. Feb. The members present were the Most Rev. the Metropolitan of Rupert's Land, in the chair. His Lordship read a letter from the Secretary of the S. P. G., announcing a special grant of

£500 sterling, for the opening of missions. This is not an annual grant. The Treasurer made a financial statement of the condition of the home mission fund. Mr. Leggo gave notice of a resolution to be submitted at the next meeting recommending the Synod to arrange for the appointment of an official for raising funds and discharging other duties. Moved by Mr. Brydges, seconded by Canon O'Meara, and resolved: That systematic arrangements be made to enforce upon the Churchmen of this diocese the necessity of affording greater support to the Church of which they belong. That it is also necessary to increase if possible the interest taken in the wants of our Church in England and Canada generally." The Bishop subsequently named the following as a committee: Ven. Archdeacon Pinkham, Rev. S. Pritchard, C. J. Brydges, Rev. Canon O'Meara, W. Leggo, Rev. O. Fortin, H. M. Howell, Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath.

A leading daily paper *The Sun*, gives a list of the enormous amount of property held by the Church of Rome in this city and its immediate vicinity. The cash value of which figures up to the almost incredible amount of *Ten Millions of dollars!* This is chiefly vested in Archbishop Tache.

MISSIONS.

INDIA.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND ZENANA MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The following testimony from a Hindu "non-Christian" point of view, strikingly confirms the emphatic utterances of a Christian Englishman unconnected with missions, but who knows India well. Sir Bartle Frere, "A great moral and intellectual revolution (writes he) is going on in India, promoted by a hundred unconnected and unconscious agencies, and affecting alike the crowds in populous cities and rural population."

The Hindu winter expresses his sentiments, upon the present work and aspects of Christianity in India, in these strong terms:—

"I am not a Christian. I have not been brought up by Christian teachers. The country in which I live is not a Christian country, nor is my home a Christian home. Yet I must speak of CHRIST. For is not a new and aggressive civilization winning its way day after day into the very heart of the people? Are not Christian ideas and institutions taking root on all sides in the soil of India? Who rules India? What power is it that sways the destinies of India at the present moment? You are mistaken if you think it is the Viceroy in the cabinet, or the general in the field. Armies never conquer the heart of a nation. No! You cannot deny that our hearts have been touched, conquered and subjected by a superior power."

That power is CHRIST. CHRIST rules British India, not the British Government.

India is not unconsciously imbibing the spirit of this new civilization succumbing to its irresistible influence. It is not the British army that holds India, it is the army of Christian missionaries headed by their irresistible Captain, JESUS CHRIST. Their devotion and self-abnegation, their philanthropy, their love to God, their attachment and allegiance to the truth, all these have found and will continue to find a deep place in the gratitude of our countrymen.

They have brought into us CHRIST. They have given unto us the high code of Christian ethics, and their teaching and example have secretly influenced, and now influence thousands of non-Christian Hindus. Thanks to the noble band of Christ's ambassadors sent by her, England has succeeded in planting His banner in the heart of the nation, God's blessing and India's gratitude will therefore ever belong to such men as these, who have been found ready to sacrifice even their lives for the sake of bearing witness into the truth.

The Rev. John Parker of New York is an old fashioned Methodist fossil, though a saintly man, and the proof of it is that he has paid a heavy church debt "without shows, shams, fairs or any doubtful expedients." Whether the Methodist Church will suspend him or not for refusing to accord with the customs and usages of modern society, and clinging with obstinate tenacity to the rules of the New Testament, remains to be seen. The lonely oyster wandering aimlessly in the pond of warm water can never accuse Mr. Parker of cruelty to dumb animals, but a grateful multitude of husbands who have never dared to go to a church fair and never dared to stay away, will feel that there is one minister in the world who is willing to use honest methods to raise money withal. He is a rare exception, however, and must feel pretty nearly as lonesome as the aforementioned oyster.—*American paper.*

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