

two C. E. T. societies in this parish, each of which meets fortnightly.

**WARDSVILLE—TEMPERANCE.**—The usual fortnightly meeting of the C. E. T. S. was held in the basement of the church, on Monday last. It was largely attended, as was always the case, the room being crowded. The programme was as follows: Opening hymn and prayers, reading of minutes, song, reading, duet, debate, Resolved: That the liquor dealers and sellers be not compensated when the Scott Act passes. The debate was a very lively one. The chairman decided that the affirmative had won. Song, reading. The Rev. W. J. Taylor offered a prize to the members of the Band of Hope for "the best essay upon total abstinence." A hymn and the benediction brought a most pleasant meeting to a close.

**PRESENTATION.**—The congregation of the English Church in Newbury have just given their clergyman a handsome set of harness. The presentation was made in a very quiet manner, the gift being simply left at the Parsonage with a note saying, "Presented to the Rev. W. J. Taylor by his Newbury friends."

**MITCHELL.**—The Rev. Mr. deLoma was tendered a farewell party on Wednesday, when a large number gathered to say "Good bye." His successor, the Rev. Mr. Ridley, will not be able to take charge for two months. In the meantime the duty will be performed by students.

The annual Easter Vestry meeting was held on Monday evening. Messrs. A. Dent and W. R. Davis were elected lay delegates to the Synod, and Messrs. McClay and Murphy as wardens.

**LISTOWEL.**—The Church people in this parish have been anxious to secure the Rev. Mr. Turnbull, of Kirkton, as their Rector. He has accepted and the Bishop has sanctioned the removal and made the appointment.

**PETROLIA.**—The annual Easter Vestry meeting was held on Monday evening, April 6th. The Rev. Wm. Hinde opened the meeting with prayer. Officers elected:—Delegate to Synod, C. Jenkins, Esq. Wardens, Messrs. C. Jenkins and H. Armistage.

**STRATHROY.**—The following officers were elected at St. John's Church Easter Vestry meeting:—Rector's warden; Major Irwin; people's warden, Mr. C. Grist. Lay delegates to Synod, Messrs. W. Dewar and J. W. Dyas.

**LONDON.**—The committee charged with the work procuring a residence for the Bishop of Huron, have just decided to purchase a site on the Huron College property, and to proceed forthwith with the erection of a suitable See House, at an estimated cost of about \$12,000.

His Lordship the Bishop of Huron and Mr. E. B. Reed are in Ottawa attending the meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions. Mrs. Baldwin accompanied His Lordship.

The casket containing the remains of the late Mrs. J. W. Kerr, which were taken to St. John, N. B., for interment, bore many beautiful floral offerings, amongst them being a pillow and heart, from the Chapter House Guild; a wreath from the Ladies' Aid, and numerous other designs, such as crosses, anchors, harps, and a beautiful basket of lilies, showing the esteem in which that estimable lady, who but a few years since came to our city a loving bride, was held.

Resolution passed at the meeting of the Ladies' Aid Association on Tuesday, 7th April, 1885:

"That the members of the Chapter House Ladies' Aid Association wish to record their deep grief on hearing of the death of Mrs. F. W. Kerr, who, ever since her coming amongst them has worked cordially and heartily with them in carrying out the work of the Association, and as a district visitor in the parish. They desire to ex-

press to her husband, parents and relatives, their sincere sympathy in the irreparable loss they have sustained, and they pray the Heavenly Father who has thus early called their dear one to her "perfect rest," to sustain and comfort them in this their hour of sorrow and bereavement. The members of the Association offer the accompanying flowers as a parting token of their warm affection and high esteem.

### DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

**MISSIONARY WORK IN ALGOMA.**—The following extracts from a letter received by the Bishop from one of the Missionaries, will give some idea of the burdens they endure as 'good soldiers,' and of the spirit with which their work is done:—

*Biscotasing, C. P. R., April 6th.*

I duly received your very kind letter on my return here from a trip down the Branch to Algoma Mills, and all that neighbourhood. It was a solitary, lonely journey, and I must have walked altogether some 270 miles, of which 150 were on snowshoes. I held services at Spanish Mills, Cook's Mills, Algoma Mills and Blind River, all splendidly attended, and most warmly appreciated. I am sorry to say that the parcel you gave me last October for Mr. R. never found its way across to Meldrum Bay, on Manitoulin Island, so I crossed over with it on the ice, 25 miles, and gave it to the R's, with whom I stayed for a couple of days. I found them a very nice family, and the other settlers there nice people. I fear I must have caused them much anxiety on leaving. The eldest R. boy accompanied me some two miles out, on ice, on my way back. It was then very gloomy, and threatening storm, and he urged me to return again but I would not, and he most reluctantly bid me good bye. He had hardly gone half an hour, when a snow-storm set in most furiously, and at once I could not see ten yards around me. It increased to a blinding, bewildering, piercing cold gale, but with the aid of my compass, and the patiently steady direction of the wind, I went right through it all, and made the North Shore just before dark, but a few miles out of my course to the west of Blind River. There I came upon an empty fishing shanty, and lay down on an old bunk in it, and slept there soundly all night, without fire, blankets, or otherwise, and with the storm raging outside in the most fearful manner. Next morning, (Sunday), I went east till I came to Blind River, and was welcomed with astonishment by all. I rested during the day, and held evening service in the school-house. It was the worst storm on the lakes for a long time past, and several poor people perished, one man trying to cross from Cockburn Island, a little above me, and others, very sad indeed, from Gin Bay, a little below me. I could hardly get people to believe that I went alone, 21 miles, right through it all on snowshoes, in that broad part of the lake, where the 'Magdalena' met your yacht last October. But I had for my own text "I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me."

On my way down the Branch I was also overtaken by night, at the Spanish River Crossing, twelve miles from the nearest settler, and I slept there also soundly, in an old shanty, on some hay, without fire or blankets, and with no company but the mice who were running over me all night. On my return at the Branch I walked 40 miles on snowshoes, on one day, to avoid sleeping out again alone, and this was considered by old Canadians a great feat. I arrived back on the Main Line just in time to meet the Volunteers, en route for the North-west. They have been passing through here in great numbers, and on Saturday I had quite a field day of my own, with the 12th and 35th Regiments from Toronto and Barrie, and I gave them all the books and Testaments, &c., I could spare,—so they cannot say they were neglected in Algoma Diocese. I have a bagful more for others expected this week. If you are asked, or otherwise, as to a clerical contingent for duty at the seat of the rebellion, I hope you will not forget me. I would always be most willing to go at twenty minutes' notice, on your order for temporary

ministerial and evangelistic service with the Red Cross men.

In about six months there will only be about a couple of dozen people here. I found great poverty at Algoma Mills, some people there were indeed very near starvation, I cheered them up, and did all I could for them, and will see that navigation opens. Most of the people here are also very poor—food is scarce, but nothing more. I will be due to bury as to O'Grave. I was told at Long Lake, that an Englishman had died there shortly before, and was buried there, but had refused to give any account of himself, and wished to die quite unknown. Some 19 men died there during the past year.

I do not feel the hardness one bit in this Missionary labor, and if it were, or if it ever becomes ten times greater, I shall only rejoice thereon in the opportunity of serving the Great Master, absent now preparing a place for me.

With kind regards &c.,

GOWAN GILLMER.

The Bishop has appointed the Rev. C. Machin, late assistant minister in the Church of St. James the Apostle, Montreal, to the Incumbency of the Mission of Port Arthur, on Lake Superior. Mr. Machin will enter on his duties in his new field, immediately after the removal of the Rev. J. K. McMorine to the important post to which he has been appointed in Kingston, by the Bishop of Ontario.

The following contributions are thankfully acknowledged:—

*Mission Fund.*—Mrs. Buchanan, Montreal, \$10; Anonymous, Guelph, \$2; Miss Birkemhaw, \$1.

*Communion Vessels.*—Young Ladies Association, Montreal, per Mrs. Henderson, \$12; also a box of valuable clothing for Missionary family in Algoma, Mrs. Hatton and Miss Brooks; 2 Communion Cloths, and 4 sets of Communion Linen.

*Wawanish Home.*—St. George's, (Montreal,) Sunday School, \$25; also Young Ladies Association, (St. George's,) \$25; also two bales of clothing for Missionaries families, and 1 bale for Indian Catechist.

*General.*—"C. D." Nova Scotia, \$40—also Dec. 12th., 1884. \$40.

E. ALGOMA.

April 13th, 1885.

### Province of Rupert's Land.

INCLUDING THE DIOCESES OF RUPERT'S LAND, SASKATCHEWAN, MOOSEHAWK, MCKENZIE RIVER, QU'APPELLE AND ATHABASCA.

### DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

**THE REBELLION.**—The readers of the CHURCH GUARDIAN have been kept well informed by the secular papers of the progress of events. The gravity of the situation cannot be over-estimated. The Dominion Government has not been without warning. Time and time again it has been represented that an outbreak was contemplated. It has been known that the half-breeds had grievances, some of them reasonable ones, while others were fanciful, and some demands were unreasonable. Governor Dewdney must have been in possession of facts, known to all observant people. But all indications of trouble were ignored, and the consequences are most serious. It is understood that the Bishop of Saskatchewan presented to Governor Dewdney that the half-breeds were holding secret meetings and threatened a rising in the spring, Archbishop Tache also communicated with Ottawa, but the authorities in the North-West believed there was no foundation for the alarm. The whole system of governing the North-Western Territories is wrong, and Provinces should be at once organized, and representation given. The seat of the trouble is almost entirely in the Diocese of Saskatchewan which comprises the Districts of Saskatchewan and Alberta. In the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, the Indians are more under control, because larger settlements of whites are near them. There is, however, an uneasy feeling