

instructors have rarely received a technical training, and where the wholesome incentive afforded by government aid is wanting. In Hamilton a strong effort is being made to do away with the present system, and to establish a Girls' High School. The main difficulty, I anticipate, will be the obtaining female teachers equal in calibre with the masters of our collegiate institutes. As long as marriage puts a period to the profession of teaching in the female, while it acts only as a spur to the exertions of the male teacher, just so long will the latter excel the former in their important occupation. In this matter we cannot do better than follow the example of the Germans whose daughters are separately instructed in the same subjects as their sons, and by the same professors. I may add that the German system has been adopted by the University of Cambridge and with satisfactory results.

On Sunday the 16th of January, the Bishop of Niagara officiated in the mission of Rockton, which is at present kept open by Mr. R. S. Radcliffe, a gentleman who holds his lordship's license as lay-reader. There was a large congregation in attendance, and much interest seemed to be displayed. A concert is, I am informed, about to be held in Rockton, in aid of the St. Alban's Building Fund, at which amateurs from the city are expected to assist. Anything which tends to throw different classes of Church people together, and to make them better acquainted with one another, cannot but be looked upon as an advantage. I trust therefore, that the conversations recently held in the Church of the Ascension, has proved to be a social as well as a pecuniary success. In the same connection I may notice that friendly gatherings in aid of the Organ Fund are being held weekly at the houses of several members of the cathedral congregation.

From the *Guelph Mercury* we learn that the Churchmen of that town are about to build a rectory in harmony with their magnificent church. Canon Dixon is undoubtedly the right man in the right place.

The death is announced of the Rev. C. L. F. Haensel, who was for nine years (1857-1866) assistant minister of the Church of the Ascension—Born in Germany in the year 1796 he would, had he survived till May next, have entered upon his 80th year. We in Canada can ill spare one of our clergy, for although the increase in their number has been rapid during the last forty years, yet the growth of our population has been still more rapid.

From recent statistics it appears that Spain is exceptionally favoured in the number at least, of her clergymen. There are of all grades, 815,777 or 1 to every 54 of population. The ratio in England is 1 to every 718, and in America, 1 to every 879. Taking our own church in this city, the rate of clergy to laity is 1 to every 1200 nearly; a proportion which we cannot contemplate with satisfaction.

The endeavour to postpone the trial of McConnell has failed. The defence pleads not guilty, on two grounds, temporary insanity, and lack of skill on the part of the medical men who attended the murdered man.

#### HURON.

A SERIES of successful meetings has been lately held in McGillivray Township on behalf of the Missionary Society of the Diocese of Huron. The Deputation consisted of the Rev. J. Jacobs, the well known Indian missionary of St. Clair River, below Sarnia, and the Rev. R. Wilson, the respected incumbent of Birr. The first meeting was held on Monday evening the 10th

inst., in Trinity Church, Ailsa Craig, but owing to the boisterous state of the weather only a few ventured from their homes. On the following evening, 11th inst., the weather had moderated somewhat, and over one hundred and fifty persons had congregated in St. Mary's Church, 11th Concession, the Rev. C. J. Green, F.S.A., Incumbent, presiding. — The Chairman opened the meeting with prayers and afterwards gave an address, on the importance of "mission work both at home and abroad," and concluded by stating that when in the old country some years ago, a person hailing from Canada of the name of "Smith" was exhibiting a real live North American Indian, named "Wampun," dressed up in feathers and tinsel finery, including the redoubtable "Tomahawk." He (the chairman) could assure the meeting that his dear brother present (the Rev. Mr. Jacobs) presented a great contrast to the person exhibited in England, and he thought it a great pity that such grotesque exhibitions of a noble race of men, dressed in fantastic garb, should be deluded into allowing themselves to be exhibited as curiosities, and oftentimes left, when their services were no longer required, wholly upon their own resources, as the Rev. Mr. Jacobs had told him such was the case with poor "Wampun" who had to work his passage back to his native land.—The Rev. J. Jacobs then addressed the meeting in a pleasing and earnest manner. The rev. gentleman who is an Indian missionary on the St. Clair River, gave a vivid description of his work and field of labour among his countrymen belonging to the *Ojib-way* tribe. His Indian name *Ke she-go-we-ne-ne*, was given him by the chief of his tribe and means "Man of the Skies." The Baptismal ceremony is very simple. The child is named and then kissed by all present. Mr. Jacob's father was converted to Christianity at twenty-five; before that age he used to pray to the rising sun. When ten years old, young *Ke she-go-we-ne-ne* used to go into the woods and stand on a stump and preach to the trees around him, so as to learn to be a missionary. He was caught at it once, and got laughed at, but he persevered until he was old enough to go to Huron College to be trained for a clergyman. The marriage ceremony among the pagan Indians was performed by the medicine man and the bridegroom's qualification was that he must have killed a bear, or a deer or a sturgeon. The bride's qualification was that she must be able to carry a bear, or deer, or even a sturgeon, weighing 100 pounds. Once his people embraced Christianity they were very earnest and never forgot to repeat the responses in the Prayer-Book. When a meeting for missionary work among their heathen brethren or for Foreign purposes is commenced, his people eagerly anticipate the right of meeting, and the men shoulder the axe and go into the woods and cut cord-wood, and take it to the villages to sell, so that they may have something to give to the missionary cause. The women are not behind hand in their efforts to send the glad tidings of the gospel abroad. They go into the bush and cut the black ash and make it into baskets, and these they sell so that they also may cast in their mite at the Church Treasury. And their ambition is to give "bills" not "silver," much less "coppers," Alexander the coppersmith has had a decent burial with them. His people love the Church of England, and his hope was that they might all be converted to it, though it grieved his heart to say there were yet a great many pagans among them, and it was to the English Church under God's wise Providence he looked

too, to bring his poor brethren from darkness to the gospel light. He concluded by urging upon his hearers to give back to his brethren who were still living in heathen darkness—not money, not their own lands on which the white man is now settled—but to give them more missionaries so that they might have the same blessed privileges.—The Rev. Mr. Wilson, made a forcible and telling address on behalf of Home Missions, stating that there were thirty-six Townships in the Diocese still unprovided with the means of Grace. The rev. gentleman interspersed his address with many quaint anecdotes one of them was especially appropriate to the occasion: A certain old lady who regularly attended all missionary meetings was wont to shut her eyes and sing "*Fly onwards thou mighty gospel*," with such earnestness and unctious that she would quite forget to see the plate as it came around. Now he wanted his friends not only to see the plate, but to give liberally, and according as they gave so would God bless them in this life and in the life to come. At the same time while giving their money to help the good cause they must also give their prayers likewise that they may individually obtain grace themselves, for a man might be an angel in prayer and an archangel in preaching but himself destitute of grace.—The Rev. gentleman then spoke of a woman in New York whose husband, a sailor, was at sea, that one Sunday she was undetermined what place of worship she would attend. She came to a place where four roads met, and while waiting to consider, she heard the sweet bells belonging to an Episcopal Church. For the first time in her life she entered, and when she heard the prayer in the litany "*That it may please Thee to preserve all that travel by land and by water*," etc., her heart felt as it had never felt before and she determined that she would henceforth worship at no other Church but the English.

BERLIN.—The Rev. Alexander S. Falls has resigned St. John's, and proposes soon to remove to Amherstburg. He has been incumbent of St. John's, and Rural Dean of the district for a number of years, and has been held in kindly regard by all the people of the community. At a vestry meeting held at St. John's on the 12th ult., a resolution was passed expressing cordial and united esteem and affectionate respect for their beloved incumbent, whom they have always regarded as a faithful teacher, and a true Christian gentleman; that in looking back upon the six years of Mr. Fall's labors, they are possessed with a lively conviction that his labors have been highly beneficial, that the Church has prospered in a marked degree, and that they willingly suppress their own feelings of regret at his departure, in view of an enlarged sphere of usefulness for himself, and of material advantage for his family. At the previous meeting of Vestry, held on the 8th inst., Mr. Jackson had stated that the net proceeds of the Bazaar held under the auspices of the young ladies of the congregation would exceed two hundred dollars, and that the ladies hoped to be able to report a total of \$220. It was moved by Mr. Thomas Pearce, seconded by Mr. Alex. Millar, "That this Vestry begs to tender its grateful acknowledgments to the ladies of the congregation who took part in getting up and successfully carrying out the Christmas Bazaar, held in aid of the Parsonage Fund. That the thanks of this congregation are especially due to Mrs. H. F. J. Jackson, at whose residence the ladies met from time to time for the preparation of the various articles to be offered for sale, and whose