

STONS.—*Rural Deanery of Carleton.*—*Deputation No. 2.*—Rev. A. W. Cook, Convener; Hazledan, Monday, January 14th, 7 p. m.; Rathwell's, Tuesday 15th, 7 p. m.; Bell's Corners, Wednesday 16th, 7 p. m.; Fallowfield, Thursday 17th, 2 p. m.; Richmond, Thursday 17th, 7 p. m.; Marlborough, Friday 18th, 2 p. m.; Goulbourn, fourth line, Friday 18th, 7 p. m.; North Gower, Tuesday 22nd, 7 p. m.; Wellington, Wednesday 23rd, 7 p. m.; Manotick, Thursday 24th, 7 p. m.

Rural Deanery of Lennox.—*Deputation No. 1.*—Rural Dean Bogert, Convener.—Bath, Monday, January 14th; Adolphustown, Tuesday 15th; South Fredericksburg, Wednesday 16th; Amherst Island, Christ Church, Thursday 17th; St. James' Church, Friday 18th; Odessa, Sunday 20th; Napanee, Sunday 20th.

OTTAWA.—*Christ Church*, Sunday 3rd, February, Rural Dean Baker, Convener. It has been decided to limit the deputations to one clergyman, leaving the rector or incumbent of each parish or mission, at liberty to invite such other brethren, clerical or lay, to assist at his meeting as he may desire.

TAMWORTH.—A number of the Church people of Tamworth assembled on the evening of Christmas Day at the parsonage when Mrs. George Stinson, on behalf of the ladies of Christ Church, presented an address to the Rev. J. R. Serson, B. A., expressive of their affection and good will, accompanied by a handsome fur coat (Bokhara lamb) as a tangible proof of the same. The offertory, which, on Christmas Day, in accordance with a Canon of the Diocesan Synod, is always given to the clergyman amounted to about \$30.

DESORONTO.—A the close of the offertory on Christmas Day, Mr. W. F. Stuart, on behalf of the congregation of St. Mark's Church, Desoronto, presented Mr. J. G. Hooper, divinity student, with a pocket book containing \$50, as a small token of the esteem that gentleman is held in by the people amongst whom he is temporarily labouring.

NAPANEE.—The Christmas offering of the congregation of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Napanee, to the Rector, the Venerable Dr. Jones, amounted to \$81.62. This is nearly double that of the previous Christmas offertory.

PRESCOTT.—The offertory at St. John's Church, Prescott, on Christmas morning was about twenty-five per cent. larger than on the previous Christmas, amounting to \$55, besides some presents in kind left at the rectory.

THE REV. R. S. FORNERI, has been presented with a Christmas offering of \$110, and a nice robe and rug for his curer. Only a short time ago Mr. Forneri was presented with a handsome and valuable fur coat.

KINGSTON.—The Christmas offertory at St. Paul's Church, Kingston, amounted to nearly \$100.

PORTSMOUTH.—A pleasant surprise fell to the lot of the Rev. Francis W. Dobbs, Incumbent of St. John's Church, Portsmouth, on Christmas Day, when the congregation presented him with the handsome and unexpected gift of \$90, as a slight token of their esteem for him.

OTTAWA.—The offertory at Christ Church, Ottawa, on Christmas Day, amounted to about \$170. It was equally divided between the clergy. The offertory on the previous Christmas amounted to \$143.

ROCHESTERVILLE.—A very successful Sunday School Christmas Tree in connection with St. Paul's Church, Rochester, was held at the School House of the village on Thursday evening, the 27th of December.

BILLINGS BRIDGE.—A very successful enter-

tainment under the auspices of the Girls' Aid Society, of Trinity Church, Billings Bridge, was held at the Township Hall, on the evening of the 27th December. The Rev. L. C. Lee, Incumbent of the Mission of Gloucester presided. The hall was tastefully decorated with mottoes, evergreens, etc., and presented a very pleasing appearance. The entertainment was opened by the girl's singing "Hark the Herald Angels sing," which was followed by a carol. Mr. John Smith then gave a humorous reading, after which "Kitty's Funeral" was given by the younger girls of the society, followed by more music. After an interval for refreshments, the humorous dialogue "The Investigating Committee," was presented and received hearty applause. Anthony's oration on the death of Julius Cæsar was given by Mr. Rogers, followed by vocal and instrumental music. "Cinderella," was then given by the girls, the entertainment closing with a vote of thanks to the Girls Aid Society and the singing of the National Anthem. The acting throughout was extraordinarily good, the girls all exceeding the expectations of the audience. Too much praise cannot be given to Miss Humphrys, the president of the Society, for the trouble she has taken in training the girls. The proceeds were in aid of the parsonage fund of Trinity Church. The young ladies has been remarkably successful in their work, having netted, between their bazaar and entertainment, nearly \$150. They have thus been enabled to lay a handsome carpet on the chancel of the Church, and are now getting a portion of the basement fitted up, for their weekly meetings, etc. His Excellency the Governor-General and the Marchioness of Lansdowne did the young ladies the honour to visit their bazaar, with which they were much pleased, making purchases from every table.

DIocese of Huron.

ST. THOMAS.—We have just had a visit from his Lordship the Bishop of Huron. In this parish where twenty-four years ago he was ordained a deacon, and where he served as curate for some time, Bishop Baldwin opened his Episcopal duties in the Diocese outside the city of London, on Sunday the 6th inst., being the festival of the Epiphany. Trinity Church, still looking bright and joyous in its Christmas decorations, was filled morning and evening with immense congregations, the beautiful building being crowded at night by people of all denominations. The Bishop preached at the morning service from Genesis 49.10 and at the evening service from 2 Sam. ix, 7. Without trying to give a description of these discourses, it is enough to say that the congregations scattered with a devout feeling of thankfulness to God for God's gospel as preached by their Bishop. In the afternoon a special sermon for the Sunday School children was held in Trinity Church where the Bishop again preached from St. Matt. i. 21. The large crowd of children were deeply impressed by the interesting and loving words which they heard. The Sunday School children of St. John's Mission Church joined those of Trinity upon this occasion, so that the Bishop had the opportunity of addressing all the children of the Church in the city. On the following evening there was a public reception given to his Lordship and Mrs. Baldwin, in the A. D. U. W. Hall from 8 to 10 o'clock. Never has there been in this city such a display of joy and harmony among Christian people as that of Monday evening the 7th inst. The large hall was crowded all the evening with members and ministers of all churches in the city, who came to show their respect for and to be presented to the Bishop and his lady. This was the more pleasing seeing that the reception was upon the day of the municipal election which this year created unusual excitement. The ladies of Trinity Church had provided an ample supply of refreshments for the occasion and being dispensed in the anti-room of the hall during the evening did not in any wise interrupt the progress of the reception. Hundreds of friends old and new of all churches eagerly sought the grasp of his Lordship's hand and

the utterance of his kind words. During the evening the rector and parishioners presented his Lordship with an address of welcome, which was read by one of our oldest and most worthy laymen, H. F. Ellis, Esq. The address was magnificently illuminated on parchment and read as follows:—

"We, the parishioners of Trinity Church, St. Thomas, gladly take this opportunity to tender your Lordship our hearty congratulations upon your elevation to the episcopate, to express our thankfulness at your election as Bishop of this diocese, and to bid you a warm welcome on this your first visit to our parish as our chief shepherd.

This parish has special reasons for glorifying God in you. Some of us witnessed in the old mother church of St. Thomas your ordination as Deacon. In the then town of St. Thomas, you began in the early glow of your consecrated manhood, the ministry, which not only won for you the confidence, affection and esteem of all classes of the community, but which has continued to grow with years in its depth and width of blessed influence.

Upon the occasion of your visit here three years ago, olden memories were revived amongst those who enjoyed the benefit of your labours in former years, and many and lasting friendships were formed among such as then listened to your voice.

That visit was tinged with sadness by the intimation given by you, that it was perhaps the last time you should be able to be with us, but a gracious Providence has ordered otherwise and to day our sadness is turned into joy, and we are granted what was to many the dearest wish of their hearts.

We hope and pray that you may be long spared to preside over this Diocese, that our beloved church under your leadership may with God's blessing grow in spiritual strength and to larger proportions, and that wherever you go you may find in the hearts of the people that love and esteem which we desire to express towards you.

Allow us to say that welcome as you are yourself, with no less pleasure do we greet the presence of Mrs. Baldwin amongst us. Removed as she is from the home and associations of by gone years, we would utter to her and your family the sincere hope that in their western home their spiritual and social comforts will be multiplied an hundred-fold.

With the assurance of our loyalty to our Church and our devotion to yourself, we earnestly pray that your labours in the future may be crowned with yet more abundant blessings than in the past.

Signed on behalf of the congregation;—George Gray Ballard, Rector; Robert Miller, John Midgley, Churchwardens; Samuel Eccles, E. W. Gustin, Henry F. Ellis, Geo. T. Claris, Reception Committee.

The Bishop delivered an extempore reply, in which he alluded in feeling terms to his former residence in this city, the pleasure with which he had at intervals revisited it and the unexpected manner in which he found himself once more transferred to this neighbourhood. He recognized the leading hand of God in his election to the episcopate of the wealthy diocese of Huron, and trusted he would have accepted as readily a call from Algoma, Saskatchewan, or any other diocese of the North West. Man proposes and God disposes, and he accepted his elevation as a special dispensation. He thanked the framers of the address for the allusion to Mrs. Baldwin, and said that he would not be half the man he was, but for her help. He would test the sincerity of the address by calling upon his hearers in the future for fresh evidences of spiritual life.

To enliven the proceedings for every one, Mr. J. A. Jones, Organist of Trinity Church, with the choir rendered a number of exquisite pieces of music in a manner worthy of all praise, while Miss Ball delighted the audience with a recitation from Longfellow's Evangeline in her well-known and much appreciated style. At 10.30 the proceedings were brought to a close by singing the National Anthem. Everybody feeling that such an evening they had not spent before, and might never live to spend again. St. Thomas believes that Bishop Baldwin is the right man in the right place.

LONDON.—As you appear to be acting upon the advice given by Mark Twain when consulted by a young friend, his answer was "go West, young man, go West," so I am pleased to find your valuable Church journal is working Westward, and is already securing a foot-hold in our Diocese of Huron, through your energetic agent, Mr. Shaw, who, I am pleased to find, has obtained a liberal quota of subscribers in our City of London, and feel sure it would have been followed up in other place but for Mr. Shaw's unfortunate accident which has detained him here so many weeks.