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TORONTO.

In our last issue of March 1st, whilst speaking of the new church at Uxbridge as being very handsome, and as being a credit alike to the congregation and town, we omitted to state that Mr. R. C. Windeyer, of Toronto, is the architect, and that to him is justly due the credit for the architectural effect of the whole building. The same gentleman is also the architect of the church at the Credit, which was also opened on the same day as the one at Uxbridge.

AN EXPLANATION NEEDED.—A writer in the *Globe* of the 10th inst., says that the reason the Mission Fund of the diocese is low is because "a pandemonium of sacerdotalism" exists in Toronto! What is this horrible thing that is making our people keep their money in their pockets instead of giving it to the cause of missions? "Pandemonium," we know, "Sacerdotalism," we know, but "a pandemonium of sacerdotalism," what is that? It is a phrase utterly devoid of meaning, but when men are bent upon being mean, when avarice is burning out their Christian charity, any excuse answers, true or false, rational or unmeaning. If we do hazard a guess at a meaning the writer meant this—"I will give nothing to the Mission Fund until my party controls the whole Diocese."

Holy Trinity.—The monthly meeting of the Toronto Church of England Sunday School Association was held on Thursday, March 8th, in the Sunday school. Rev. J. Pearson, rector of the parish, presiding. There was a large attendance of teachers and others interested in Sunday school work. The roll call showed that there were twenty-five teachers present from St. Matthews' Sunday school, twenty-two from Grace Church, seventeen from Holy Trinity, and that nearly all the other schools were represented more or less. The secretary, Mr. C. R. W. Biggar, gave an interesting exposition of the institute lesson for the 4th Sunday in Lent, explaining the connection of the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel of the day, and the lessons intended to be conveyed thereby. Rev. J. Fielding Sweeney, rector of St. Phillips, read a capital paper on "The Bible class and its place in the economy of the Sunday school," illustrated by a model lesson on the subject appointed for Sunday, March 12th, "Deborah, the prophetess of Israel." In the course of the discussion which ensued on the paper, the rev. chairman gave a few practical suggestions on Sunday school teaching. The proceedings concluded by the singing of a hymn and the benediction.

NIAGARA.

MILTON.—RACEY.—At Milton West, on 28th Feb., 1888, Helen P. Nelles, widow of Thos. Racey, late Registrar of the County of Halton, aged 84 years.

By the decease of Mrs. Racey, at the advanced age of 84 years, not only Milton but Canada has lost one of its oldest and most respected inhabitants. Mrs. Racey was born at Grimsby, being the third daughter of the Hon. Abraham Nelles. Her father and mother were of German extraction, and belonged to that much-to-be-respected class of our citizens known as United Empire Loyalists, who immigrated into Canada at the time of the American Revolutionary War, preferring British monarchy to Republican government. Numerous descendants and other relatives, known by the name of Nelles and Ball (the latter being the maiden name of Mrs. Racey's mother), are now scattered far and near, not a few of whom have occupied and still occupy prominent and respectable positions in the community, the late Archdeacon Nelles and the late Commodore Ball, of the British Navy, being among Mrs. Racey's relatives. Her eldest sister, still surviving, is Mrs. Sampson, widow of Rev. Mr. Sampson, the first rector of Grimsby. Mrs. Racey was married to the late Mr. Thomas Racey at Grimsby, and when he was appointed first Registrar of Halton, she came with him to Milton when Milton was a very primitive-looking town compared with what it is to-day. Ever since she has lived a quiet, peaceable Christian life, respected by all who have been privileged with her acquaintance. She proved herself to be a worthy descendant of U. E. Loyalists, and a helpmeet for a husband who, in 1812, and subsequently, shouldered his musket in defence of the United Empire. Mrs. Racey was a devout and consistent member of the Anglican Church; a regular communicant whenever health and opportunity offered. Her piety was not so much in words as in deeds. She fell asleep in Jesus. Her end was peace.

HAMILTON.—Church of Ascension.—This church was reopened for Divine service on Thursday the 1st March, when the new chancel was consecrated by the Bishop of Niagara. On Sunday, the 4th, services were held at the usual hours, and a children's service at 8 p.m. The Holy Communion was administered after evening service. The Dean of Montreal was the preacher at each service. On Monday evening a reception was given to the dean in the school house, and on Tuesday evening a grand concert of secular music was given by the "Willing Workers Society;" on Wednesday evening a Lenten service was held.

HURON.

The Lenten Season in the Forest City.—To the minds of any who are inclined to doubt of the religious advantages of the special seasons appointed by the Church as means of grace, the services now held in our Church must prove an irrefutable return. The special services being held in St. Paul's Cathedral are felt as opportunities of spiritual refreshing and a privilege to be most rightly enjoyed.

OWEN SOUND.—Deanery of Grey.—On Sunday the 26th inst., His Lordship the Bishop assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Mulholland, rector, held confirmation in St. George's Church, when ninety-seven candidates were received into the full communion of the Church by the laying on of hands. The services were very impressive, and the music of the choir under the leadership of Mr. Jacklin was the best ever heard here. In the evening His Lordship preached an eloquent sermon to a large congregation.

SHELburne.—The Bishop of Huron visited this mission for the purpose of holding confirmations. During the two months previous the candidates had been carefully prepared by the Rev. H. G. Moore for the reception of the solemn ordinance. The confirmation was held in St. Paul's, Shelburne, on March 1st, when the church was packed by a large congregation interested, no doubt, in hearing the Bishop's earnest words to the candidates of whom there were 22, and in seeing so many solemnly renew their baptismal vows, and receiving the laying on of the hands of the successor of the apostles. The next day the Bishop confirmed 15 in St. John's Church, Horning's Mills; making a total of 37 received into full membership of the Church, most of whom made their first communion on the following Sunday.—H. G. MOORE, missionary in charge.

MORPETH AND HOWARD.—The annual missionary meetings were held in St. John's Church, Morpeth, and the Church of the Holy Trinity, Howard, on the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday, February 21st and 22nd. There was a fair attendance, and after evening prayer, interesting practical addresses on the missionary work accomplished and yet to be done, were delivered by the Rev. W. I. Taylor, of Wardsville, and the Rev. August Burt, of Ridgeway. The offerings were devoted to diocesan missionary work. Mr. Taylor also conducted a successful missionary meeting at Ridgeway, on Thursday, the 23rd.

LONDON CITY.—There was a very interesting meeting in the Chapter House on Tuesday evening, the 6th inst., when Mr. W. J. Imlach, secretary of the Church Union, delivered a most interesting lecture under the auspices of the Chapter House Guild. The chair was occupied by Rev. D. Williams, mathematical professor of Huron College. The large committee room in which the meeting was held was so crowded that many had to stand in the hall. Miss Bricely favoured the audience with a selection of piano solos.

Clerical Appointments.—Sunday, March 18th, Christ Church, Meaford, and St. Thomas, St. Vincent, Rev. A. Channer, M.A.; Monday, March 19th, St. Matthew's, Sydney, St. Philip's, Water's Falls; Tuesday, March 20th, St. James', Euphrasia, St. Augustine, Heatcote, Rev. J. A. Ball; Wednesday, March 21st, St. George's, Clarksburg, Rev. G. Keys; March 25th, St. George's, London township, Rev. R. Wilson; Sunday, April 18th, Brantford; St. Jude's, Rev. J. L. Strong, and at 7 p.m., Grace Church, Rev. G. G. Mackenzie; Sunday, May 6th, London township, St. John's, Ven. J. W. Marsh; Sunday, May 18th, Kincaid, Church of Messiah, and St. Luke's, Pine River, 3 p.m., Rev. W. J. T. Hill, B.A.; Monday, May 14th, Beaver, St. John's and Church of Ascension, Kinlough, Rev. F. G. Newton; Tuesday, May 15th, Walkerton, St. Thomas, Rev. W. Shortt; Tuesday, May 15th, Pinkerton, St. Paul's, Rev. A. Fisher.

Clergymen in each parish or mission are requested to have all the candidates from their several stations prepared and ready to be presented at the service as arranged in the list.

PORT RYERSON.—Deanery of Norfolk.—The church in this place had been closed for years, and no Anglican service held in it, until the Rev. W. Davis, rector of Woodhouse, commenced by holding a weekday service. He soon saw a way of reopening the church regularly every Sunday, and the congregation has been steadily increasing for the last year. There is now a good congregation and Sunday School. Mr. Davis was presented a few days ago with a purse of \$60 and an address as a slight token of their esteem and gratitude for his many faithful services.

ALGOMA.

The treasurer begs to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of the following:—Mission Fund, Charles Jeakins, special, \$50; St. Matthew's Church, Quebec, per Robt. Hamilton, \$200; Miss Beavens, special, \$5; per Miss Moffatt, \$2; St. George's, Lancelot, \$2.27; Edward Barob, \$5; R. A. A. Jones, \$50; W.A.M.A., Ingersoll, \$22; do. Aylmer, \$5; do. Memorial Church, London, \$25; Sir David and Lady McPherson, \$50; W.A., Montreal, per Mrs. Holden, \$5 50; St. Luke's, Sault Ste Marie, \$13.40; W.A., Sherbrooke, per Mrs. Williams, \$50; per Robt. Hamilton, Quebec, \$50; Mrs. Lett, Collingwood, \$25; Mrs. Atkinson, \$5; Mrs. Baldwin, Toronto, \$50. Widows' and Orphans' Fund:—Trinity Church, Parry Sound, \$5 20. Indian Homes:—W.A.M.A., Memorial Church, London, \$25.

The Bishop of Algoma has just concluded his confirmation tour of the mission of Bracebridge, including the stations of Stonleigh, Baysville, Bardsville and Falkenburg, outside of the centre of Bracebridge. Owing to a very serious visitation of diphtheria and other exceptional reasons, the total number of candidates was small, but ample time was taken for preparation, and those candidates whose confirmation was deferred will be, we hope, the better prepared next year.

Our work began with Stonleigh, 8 miles from Bracebridge, where a very scattered farming community of about ten church families; living about two miles on the average from the church, constitute the church in this locality. Here a very fair congregation awaited our arrival eager to welcome the Bishop, not only on account of his power in the pulpit, but equally for the warm sympathy, ever fresh and ever evidenced in word, and look, and deed. The singing, as usual, was hearty and general, while the responding, earnest and devout, manifested the power and interest which the Church's uncomparable liturgy will ever evoke when faithfully interpreted by heart and mouth. There was no confirmation here as the holy rite had been administered on the occasion of a late visitation of the Bishop, but after the sermon the usual vestry meeting was held, when the temporalities of the Church were found to be satisfactory, the congregation having fulfilled their obligations as undertaken at the last Episcopal visitation.

Baysville, which is 16 miles from Bracebridge, in the same direction as Stonleigh, was the next place visited. Here a large congregation (for so small a place) had assembled to participate in divine worship, and witness the solemn ordinance of the "Laying on of hands." There were five candidates, two of whom were adults. In a most impressive sermon the Bishop clearly and powerfully brought home to the newly confirmed their duties and responsibilities, ratified in their own persons, to themselves, their neighbours and the Church. The Episcopal counsel was most timely, as this place has been the scene of strife and division among conflicting sects, disturbing the work of the Church by their continued efforts to rend asunder the Body of Christ in their unseemly contentions amongst themselves and assaults upon the Church. In their confirmation vows the newly confirmed recognize the fact that they have registered a solemn vow to God to be true to the One Church of the Living God, into full communion with which they have, by God's grace, been now all admitted. The Sunday School registers 45 names, a very considerable proportion of the junior population of the place. Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Andrew Slemont and Mrs. Lawrence superintend the school, whose history is one of earnest contention for the Faith once delivered to the saints as under God; the indefatigable zeal and fearless courage of our veteran teacher, Mr. Slemont, has been instrumental in snatching the children of the Church out of the very arms of schism and dissent.

Bardsville was the next station visited, it is a sparsely settled district, a large proportion of whose inhabitants are loyal to the services of the Church. The Sunday School is well attended, and the duty of teaching has been regularly and conscientiously discharged under the direction of Mr. Austin and the school teacher of the district, about 45 children attend the Sunday School, gathered in from an area of about 16 square miles, the Sunday School children attend the services of the Church as well as the Sunday School, and are learning to take an active part in

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