

Smith is now very low, and it is feared the cancer in her tongue, from which she has so long suffered, will soon terminate her agony. She bears her severe trial with that Christian fortitude and submission for which she has been so long noted; and now realizing in the fullest extent the assurance, "My grace is sufficient for thee." Mr. and Mrs. Smith have the warm prayers and sympathy of all their friends.

The Revs. Canon Innis and R. Hicks officiated in St. James, London South, on March 14th, in the absence of the Rector, Rev. Evans Davis, who is not sufficiently recovered to take his duty as yet.

LONDON.—The Rev. W. Haslam preached in the Memorial Church on Friday, the 12th, and the Rev. W. A. Young, Commissioner, on Sunday evening, the 14th.

The Rev. W. Haslam is holding a Mission in Glencoe at present. From here he goes to Chatham, where he is to spend a week in Christ's Church, after which he goes to Trinity, North Chatham, thence back to the Memorial Church, London.

Mrs. Haslam's meetings for women are most interesting, and are very largely attended. A good work is being done.

LONDON.—Thirty-six pupils took advantage of the examinations at the medical department of the Western University to commence writing for honors.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

MAGNETTAWAN.—The Bishop of Algoma commenced his annual visitation of this Mission, accompanied by the Rev. A. J. Young, the Missionary in charge, on the 3rd of March. The first station visited was Seguin Falls. Here a goodly number of settlers assembled at 2:30 for Divine Service in the commodious little church of St. Paul, now nearly completed. The Bishop's service is eagerly looked forward to year by year by both young and old in every part of the Mission. Hence the Bishop met a hearty welcome, and everything was done to make the service worthy of the occasion. Four candidates were presented for Confirmation, the Bishop preaching, and concluding the service with an administration of the Holy Communion.

Next day the adjoining station of Dufferin Bridge was visited, and Morning Prayer held at St. John's at 10.30. Here the Church people turned out well, and all enjoyed a bright and happy service.

After dinner and a drive of thirteen miles, another bright spot in the Mission was reached—St. Peter's, Midlothian. Service was fixed for 4 o'clock, by which time the little church was filled to the doors with an exceptionally devout congregation, who joined heartily in the responses and in singing the hymns and chants. At this station six candidates were presented for Confirmation.

Magnettawan was reached that night.

On the following day, a drive of seventeen miles brought us to Sundridge, a village on the Northern Extension Railway, the greater part of it built within the last eighteen months. Here an evening service had been arranged, at which two children were baptized. At a well-attended meeting of Church members held after the service, it was stated that in and around the village there were about twenty Church families, numbering not far short of one hundred persons. They told a sad tale. No Church of England service have been held there, and no Minister of the Church of England goes there. These sons and daughters of the Church of England, cut off from the ministrations of the Church, are like sheep without a shepherd. Nearly one hundred precious souls uncared for and untended! And this for want of money.

All the Bishop could promise was an occasional service, and that can only be given by reducing the service at other stations, where, far from having enough, the people are ever crying out for more. We left the village with mixed feelings of joy and sorrow, glad to have had the opportunity of cheering up our lonely brethren, but exceedingly sorry we were unable to do more for them.

On Sunday, March 7th, three services were held in the central church of the Mission, St. George's, Magnettawan. Morning Prayer was said at 10.30, after which three candidates were presented for Confirmation, the Bishop preaching. At the afternoon service the consecration and dedication of the church took place, the Bishop giving a very instructive and appropriate address. The members of the various congregations assembling at the out-stations in connection with the Mission were specially invited to this service, the idea being to have a united gathering of Church members at the central church on the occasion of the Bishop's invitation, with a special celebration of the Holy Communion. Every station but one was well represented, and a very happy gathering resulted; the Bishop in the course of his address remarking that it was the first of the kind in the Diocese at which he had been present. There were forty-three communicants. Such a gathering must prove a blessing to the Church at large, as well as to individual members who live in a country where opportunities for Christian intercourse and Church service are so few. It is intended holding a similar service annually. At the evening service the Bishop again preached.

The attendance at each service was exceptionally large, and the singing and responding very hearty.

The offertories, which were devoted to the fund being raised to complete the church, amounted to \$18.50.

This brought the Bishop's visitation to a close, and he left on the 8th instant for Nipissing.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER.

(From the Churchman's Gazette.)

GRANVILLE.—We are glad to know that the Church is, outwardly at least, making progress in the future city of Vancouver. We understand that the little church was crowded to overflowing one Sunday lately, some persons being unable to find accommodation. We hope this may be taken as a proof that the people on the Inlet welcome the ministrations of the Church. We believe this to be the only parish in the Diocese that is entirely self-supporting; not receiving aid in money from any external source whatever. The cheque which Mr. Clinton received from the Diocesan Fund, in accordance with the resolution reported in last month's *Gazette*, was at once returned by him. We are confident that he will be no real loser by so doing.

HOLY TRINITY.—A very beautiful Memorial East Window has been put in the chancel of this church by I. B. Fisher, Esq., of the Bank of British Columbia. The chief scene is our Blessed Lord's Baptism, which very beautifully illustrates the name of the church. In the upper part of the window is an angel bearing a scroll with the text, "One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism." Below this is the principal scene, which represents our Lord standing in the Jordan. Above Him are seen the "Holy Ghost in the likeness of a Dove" and St. John's exclamation "Ecce Agnus Dei." Behind Him stands an angel, whilst St. John is represented baptizing Him. A little below this is the sentence "Thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness." The lower part of the window is filled with an angel bearing a scroll with the

text, "By one Spirit we are all baptized into one body." The whole subject is beautifully worked out, and its execution proclaims workmanship of no mean order. We cannot but hope that God will put it into the hearts of Christians to more frequently commemorate their friends in such monuments than in the ordinary way of marking their names on useless and often unornamental stone.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. C. J. Brenton, vicar of St. Mary's and Principal of Lorne College, has resigned his positions, and will be leaving the Diocese.

The Lord Bishop and Mrs. Sillitoe spent the last week of February at Victoria as the guests of the Lieutenant-Governor.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

We glean this week from several of our exchanges some valuable hints for the profitable observance of Lent:—

Standard of the Cross (Ohio):—

Lent brings again to every one the old message, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness." The form of the message is important as well as its spirit. Let not its force be evaporated in Emersonian paraphrase. Seek the kingdom as Solomon sought it, knowing that although he was himself a king, the kingdom of God might yet elude his grasp for lack of Divine wisdom. Seek it as all good citizens seek the common weal, not for a moment doubting the national existence, nor questioning the obligations of loyalty, yet aware of the temptation to put selfish or partisan or sectional interests above the State interests. Seek it by holding life and property subject to the King. Seek it by conference and communication with the King and all His people. Seek it by separation from alien interests. These are the rules of Lent: Increase of almsgiving; more fervent and more frequent prayers; sharper discipline of abstinence from all that does not make for righteousness.

Church Helper (Western Michigan):—

Lent is opportunity—opportunity to "go up to Jerusalem" along with our dear Lord on His last journey—opportunity to realize for ourselves what St. Paul so ardently desired, that he might know "the fellowship of Christ's sufferings, being made conformable unto His death."

The annual rehearsal of "The old, old Story" of "The blessed Passion and precious Death" is adapted to draw out our sympathies and fasten them on our loving Redeemer. And it belongs to us so to use this opportunity of "drawing nigh unto God," as to acquire more complete mastery of ourselves. Sensible of our faults and weakness, let us cry out with all the energy and persistence of blind Bartimaeus, "Thou Son of David, have mercy on me." The opportunity which he seized to arrest the attention of our Lord, was the last one he could have had, for never again did our compassionate Redeemer pass over the road from Jericho to Jerusalem.

"Once more the solemn season calls
A holy fast to keep."

There must be a last Lent for each of us—a last Lent for the Church and the world. Before another Lenten season, "He" may have come to be our Judge—"the Judge of all men"—and the door have been shut. Too late the cry may arise, "Lord, Lord, open to us!" But as yet opportunity is ours. "To-day, if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." "If we be dead with Him, we shall also live with Him."

Church Press (New York):—

The Lenten Fast is needed to take us out of ourselves, to call us from carnal pursuits and