

simple rules that may be followed. Here are some which may serve as suggestions to pupils:

1. Set apart some time at home each day for reading some portion of the Bible, such as one of the four Gospels, going regularly through it, a chapter or a part of a chapter at a time, until you have carefully read it all. It will be a great gain to have thus made yourself well acquainted with *one book* of the Bible.

2. Do all you can to watch carefully against your leading fault of character, and pray steadily for the grace to amend it.

3. Attend the Church service regularly on Sundays, and as often as you can through the week. If your day's work will not permit you to come more than once in each week, be sure to avail yourself of that privilege.

4. Deny yourself something that you might otherwise enjoy, and let the money thus saved form part of your offering at Easter.

5. Keep away from entertainments during this season.

6. Make some special efforts to be useful to others.

#### CONFIRMATION.

As in many parishes during Lent special attention is paid to the preparation of candidates for Confirmation, every teacher should now be especially active. There are some things which each one can do:

1. Find out what members of the class are not yet confirmed, and if they are old enough to give it attention, send their names to your Rector for instruction.

2. Pray for those who are not confirmed.

3. Give them some reading matter on Confirmation.

4. If you find any one in your class desirous to be instructed, and yet timid about going to the Confirmation class, offer to accompany him or her.

5. Now and then you may be able to speak a word in season to your class upon the subject of confessing their Saviour before the world, and of gaining help in this rite from the Holy Spirit to live a Christian life.

#### DIOCESE OF HURON.

GLANWORTH.—The annual Missionary meeting was held in the church here on Tuesday evening, March 5th. The Rev. Mr. Edelstein, incumbent, conducted the opening service, and addresses were delivered by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese and Rev. Canon Davis, on the Missionary work both Home and Foreign. There was a good attendance, and the collection amounted to over \$15.

DELAWARE.—The Missionary meeting was held in Christ Church, on Friday, March 8th. The Rector, Rev. A. S. Asbury, opened meeting with prayer. His Lordship the Bishop of Huron and Rev. Canon Smith gave addresses on the great subject of the Missionary work of the Church.

LONDON.—The Bishop of Huron is giving a course of sermons in the Cathedral during Lent on Friday afternoons.

WOODSTOCK.—Special Lenten services are being held in the two churches here with marked interest. Rev. Mr. Wade, Rector of old St. Paul's, has secured promises of clergymen for special subjects during a course of Friday evening lectures. Rev. Mr. Scott, Ash Wednesday, dealt with "The Believers Confidence." Rev. Canon Davis, on the 8th, "How to keep Lent." Mr. Taylor, of Mitchell, subject for Friday next, "What think ye of Christ." Following week, Canon Richardson, "Christian Progress." Then comes, "Self-denial," by Rev. D. J. Caswell, "What says the Rainbow," by Canon Hill. "The necessity of choice," by Rev. C. O. Meara. So far large congregations

have assembled at these services. Indeed it is but just to say that this congregation is in a most flourishing condition.

The Sunday-school building had recently to be enlarged; there is an attendance of about 300 scholars now. The large driving sheds have proved far too small, and now large additions are being extended each way. All the improvements are being paid for as they go on. Rector and people are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts.

#### DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

No Report.

#### DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

VANCOUVER.—*Christ Church*.—A special meeting of the parishioners of Christ Church, was held in the Darham block, at which it was resolved, that, it being found impracticable to erect a school-house on the Church lots (corner Burrard and Granville streets), a portion of the foundation of a permanent Church be proceeded with at once and fitted up as a basement suitable for use in the meantime as a temporary Church, to be available after as a Sunday-school, and a building committee was appointed with power to collect subscriptions and provide the necessary funds for the erection of a Church to seat not less than 500 people; and to proceed with the building of the Church with as little delay as possible.

KAMLOOPS.—A most enjoyable evening was spent by the children of the Sunday-school on the 17th, of Jan. A Christmas tree loaded with presents for the thirty children was placed in Mr. Raven's Hall. The new Church here is progressing rapidly, and is now shingled. It will be ready for Divine Service in a month's time, and will be a very handsome building. Kamloops will soon have a Church worthy of the name: which when fully completed will be a great ornament to the town. On Saturday, 19th, Jan., the Lord Bishop of the Diocese administered the sacred rite of Confirmation to ten persons, one male and nine females, at Evensong.

DONALD.—The Church people of Donald intend to have the most beautiful Church in the Diocese. They have had the inside of the Church stained and varnished; the heavy cross timbers show up well with their coats of dark stain reminding one of the old oak beams, a whole set of new seats are to be put in; each seat being a perfect piece of art inlaid with alternate strips of white pine and cedar wood. It is a pleasant thing to see people proud of their Church and willing that it should be the best furnished and most beautiful building in the mountains.

VANCOUVER.—*St. James*.—A series of magic lantern and other entertainments have been lately given in St. James' new school-room. Dr. DeGuigan gave, at the last of the series, a lecture on Japan and China, on the evening of the 27th. Feb., to an appreciative audience.

The St. James' Guild held their annual meeting on Thursday, Feb. 7th. There was a Celebration at 10 a. m. The year's record of work is very favourable and we believe the Sunday-school house, now finished and almost free from debt, is due for the most part to the zeal of this Guild. The officers for the present year are:—President, Mrs. Boulton Sr.; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Beckingsale; Secretary, Miss Hobson.

ONE of the leading Rectors of the Diocese of Fredericton writes: "I take more Church papers than I can find time to read, English, American and local, but I would rather be without any one of them than the *CHURCH GUARDIAN*, which I always read with thorough satisfaction."

#### BRITISH HONDURAS.

BELIZE.—The first united Missionary meeting for the parishes of St. John and St. Mary was held on Wednesday evening, the 13th ult., in St. John's Church. The first part of Evensong was said by the Rev. H. Nethercott, Rector of St. John's; the Lessons were read by Mr. J. A. K. Swabey, head master of the Diocesan School and Lay Reader, and the Rev. F. R. Murray, Rector of St. Mary's, said the 2nd part of Evensong, together with the special Missionary prayers and intercession.

After a hymn had been sung, Mr. Nethercott expressed his great pleasure at the holding of this first united Missionary meeting, after which he showed the urgent necessity for immediate and active work in the Missionary field, first because of the Lord's command to His Church—His desire for all nations to be brought unto Him; secondly from the urgent call everywhere in the Mission Field for labourers. After briefly reviewing the work in China, parts of Africa, &c., the speaker rivetted the attention of his hearers by narrating his personal experiences of Heathenism in India.

The Hon. J. H. Phillips then alluded to the importance of the work in our own parts of Central America, shewing most clearly how much was lying at our door ready to be taken up, and urging upon the laymen of British Honduras to be up and doing in this mighty work; for not only were we terribly undermanned even in this part of the vast Diocese of British Honduras, but much more so in the districts of Panama and Colon.

Mr. J. A. K. Swabey, the energetic Diocesan Lay reader, then very clearly urged upon his hearers the duty of every Churchman to assist by all means in their power that part of Missionary work in which at present he was specially engaged, viz: the education of the young. Much of the future life of the colony and the Church depended upon the way in which education was taken hold of by the people. But when he spoke of education he did not mean the ordinary view taken of it, but an education such as strove to cultivate, develop and expound all the parts of man in his threefold nature—body, soul and spirit—an education such as took religion into account when children were to be instructed.

The Rev. F. R. Murray then reviewed the Mission Field, showing from the work that had been done how much was yet to be accomplished before the nations could be brought to the feet of Jesus. Whilst over 400,000,000 of people had been Christianized; there yet remained over 100,000,000 of souls, who were yet in the darkness of Heathen superstition and ignorance, and these too are congregated in large numbers, where formerly Christian Bishops had held their sees, but whose dioceses and works and the light of their Church, especially in North Africa, had been swept away and put out, because they had remained selfish in their religious work, and had not sought to carry out the Master's injunction to assist in carrying the Gospel to all nations.

The speaker said when we looked at home in our own diocese we had to take care lest the same thing did not happen to us here, as our Branch of the Church—the representative of the Catholic Church in our Queen's Dominions—had been content to allow dissent—both Roman and Protestant—to outstrip her in the work for and care of God's children. Look from a religious as well as an educational point of view. This must be remedied, and this only could be done by the Church remembering that her charter was of a purely Missionary character, and each of her members realizing the onus and responsibility devolving upon them in carrying out the Master's desire by aiding His Church through devotion, alms and the personal offering of their sons and daughters to be consecrated to the highest and best of employments, the winning of souls to Jesus, the