

lack of funds. Your correspondent can testify to the interest a recent number of "Our Forest Children" gave his S. S. class. The story of the late Chief Shingwauk, (Pine Tree by interpretation) aged 90 years, who died last Xmas, was very interesting.

ONTARIO.

BELLEVILLE.—*St. Thomas Church.*—The Hon. and Rt. Reverend A. J. R. Anson, M.A., D.C.L., addressed a large congregation in the above Church on Tuesday evening the 3rd inst., on the beginning and progress of Missionary work of the Church in the Diocese of Qu'Appelle. This diocese comprises the Province of Assiniboia, which extends west of Manitoba for 450 miles and northward from the frontier of the U. S. for about 200 miles, and was set apart as a separate see by an act of the Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land, held at Winnipeg, August, 1883. When the Bishop went there, there were but two clergymen in the whole district, now there are 20. The work is supported almost entirely by the English Societies. The Bishop received from Canada only the pittance of \$600 for his work. His Lordship made a powerful appeal to the congregation to help in the work of the Church in the North-West by their prayers and alms. The Bishop's purpose is to visit the chief places in the ecclesiastical province and endeavour to stir up more sympathy among the people in the work of the D. and F. Mission Board.

Christ Church.—The Rev. Mr. Patton, of Deseronto, paid a visit to our Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew last Monday, the 3rd inst., and was well pleased with the way the work is carried on, and it is hoped that before long a chapter will be organized in his parish. The chapter have decided to take a few extra copies of the *St. Andrew's Cross*, and place them in all the public reading rooms in the city.

TORONTO.

A Missionary Conference under the auspices of the Wycliffe College Students' Missionary Society, was opened last Monday in the Blake Library at the college. The morning was given up to a service of intercession for missions, led by Rev. G. M. Wrong. In the afternoon Rev. Principal Sheraton presided, and there were present several of the clergy from out-lying towns, a number of ladies interested in the Woman's Missionary Society, and a body of Wycliffe students. Principal Sheraton, in opening the conference, said that we live in stirring times. So rapidly are old things being upturned that men are almost holding their breath. Still this upturning is one of the hopes of the future. God is overturning the old that He may bring out of it the better things to come. There were four things that had come with this age that he viewed as most encouraging signs of the times. These were the great practical activity of the Christian Church, the general and widespread study of the Bible, the growing desire for Christian unity with Christ as the true unit, and the awakening missionary zeal. Rev. Prof. Lloyd of Trinity College, who for years was a missionary in Japan, gave the first talk of the session on the prospects of mission work in that field. He commended the Japanese for their kindness to strangers and their absolute fairness to the Christian religion. Of course they could not be expected to take any very active steps to forward a religion that they have not yet accepted; and it would not help it if they did. In their desire for practical things only, it is hard to make them see the need of religion. Then the political excitement there is another hindrance, though that we are progressing is shown by the fact that ten members of their Parliament and the Speaker are Christians. What is wanted there is quality, not quantity. Japan is a country into which missionaries have been poured, but the men who go there should carefully cultivate the missionary graces. In answer to a question, Prof. Lloyd said that the Unitarian missionaries had taught in Japan, in effect, that, if the Confucians followed faithfully the teachings of that writer, they were all right. Rev. Septimus Jones took as his theme "China," but confined his paper to the work in the City of Canton. In 1885 there was a white working force of 46 in that city, assisted by a staff of 277 natives, made up of 20 ordained ministers, 111 evangelists, 30 Bible women and 116 teachers. There is a body of 4,000 native Christians in Canton, together with many adherents. The main means of work is the preaching halls, where many thousands hear the truth. The paper contained a most interesting sketch of the ancestor worship of the Chinese. The Chinese spend annually \$120,000,000 in ancestral worship, to which may be added \$30,000,000 to release wandering ghosts. A discussion arose over the opium traffic in China, during which England was strongly condemned by several speakers for forcing this drug on the Chinese people. An anti-

opium league has been formed in England, the organ of which is called *National Righteousness*, and is published by Morgan & Scott, London, England. The paper written by Mrs. Marsh, wife of Rev. C. H. Marsh, on "Woman's Work for Missions," was read by Mr. Andrews. It held that men did not do their share of the work at home in the line of interesting others in the cause. Still it was believed that more consecrated women and girls could find a field of labor in foreign mission work. The evening meeting was addressed by the eloquent Bishop of Huron. Ven. Archdeacon Boddy occupied the chair. Tuesday, the second and last day of the Missionary Conference, was begun with an intercessory service, led by Rev. H. G. Baldwin. Rev. Septimus Jones presided at the afternoon session, and gave in his testimony as to the value of the conference in his opening remarks. The Bishop of Saskatchewan and Calgary was the first speaker and his theme was "Indian Missions." He had kind words for his brother bishops in the Indian work, telling of their hard conditions and their most encouraging success. He thought his own diocese contained more Indians than any of the others, and their work was progressing most favourably. He told of an amicable arrangement through Rev. Dr. Sutherland with the Methodists, by which the Blood Indians were left to them. Mr. H. C. Dixon, the manager of the Richmond Hall mission, dealt from the bosom of his great experience on "City Missions." He confined his attention to the poorest class in the city. This class, indeed, must be subdivided into those who are so poor that they do not know where they will get the next meal, and the poorer still, who are homeless and "tramps." He was not afraid to make the statement in the presence of the clergy that the Church of God was doing absolutely nothing for this class. In his earnest style Mr. Dixon drew a vivid picture of the debauched specimens of humanity that the mission work tries to reach. He appealed to the young men to go out and help this class. It made him discouraged to hear good Christian people who have never taken one step to find out about the work, say "Take care! Don't pauperize these men." He offered to give up the whole work if one case was shown they had pauperized. He believed that the citizens of Toronto were not doing their duty by this class, and charged that in their cushioned pews they never thought of the poor "tramp." He said that 90 per cent. of those men are where they are through drink, and the only effective remedy was through the Gospel. He feared that Gen. Booth's plan would be unworkable, but favoured giving employment whenever possible. They had opened a labour bureau for these men, but he was bitterly surprised at the little sympathy that this movement had received from the citizens. Hardly any work had been offered for these men to do. Rev. W. A. Burman, a missionary to the Indians, took the thought of the conference back to Indian missions, and argued to begin with, that Indian missions are well worth the work expended on them. The quiet of our Indians as compared with those of the United States, be credited to the work of Christian missionaries amongst them. He dwelt especially upon the schools provided for the Indians, who were as a rule fairly successful. Mr. N. W. Hoyles presided at the evening session, and addresses were delivered by Hon. R. Moreton and W. H. Howland.

St. Luke's Church.—The Guild of Willing Workers will hold their two annual devotional Lenten services on the 18th and 25th March, and have secured for their preachers at these services the Rev. Canon DuMoulin, and Rev. Allan A. Pitman. Rev. Pitman will preach on Wednesday, 18th March, at 8 o'clock, subject: "Work—Rest." We shall give the subject of Canon DuMoulin's sermon in our next issue. Offertories at both services will be given to the fund of the Guild, which has worked and helped to a considerable extent toward the paying off the debt on the church, which at Easter will stand at a very small figure. Full choral service at both services.

Holy Trinity.—*The Brotherhood of St. Andrew.*—The Brotherhood of St. Andrew has lately been started in this parish, and by the encouragement and sympathy shown towards this movement by the rector and congregation, it has become a recognized and important factor in the work of this parish. Formed on Nov. 18th, 1890, it has now a membership of 20 earnest and zealous young men, faithfully carrying out the rule of their order. Bible readings and devotional meetings have been started, and a system by which all strangers visiting this church can become known to the rector and assistant clergy, cannot fail to bring a long felt want into operation. With the rector, the Rev. John Pearson as Director, the Rev. Dr. Mockridge, Vice-Director, and Mr. Cyril E. Rudge, Hon. Sec. and Treas., and a member for the Council for Canada, this already flourishing chapter cannot fail to do a great and noble work amongst young men, and if

present results can be taken as any criterion, this young society will soon become as an important Church organization in Canada as it already is in the United States. The meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in every month, in the school house, Trinity Square, and the chapter are only too glad to welcome any young men as visitors. Interesting papers are read on missionary and important Church work subjects, and the general discussions are encouraging and helpful.

St. Barnabas. The Bishop of Saskatchewan delivered a very able and interesting discourse on the mission work in his diocese in this church last Sunday evening.

Miss Lizzie A. Dixon acknowledges the receipt of \$13.78 from the Women's Auxiliary, Owen Sound, for Rev. J. G. Brick's mission at Peace River, per Mrs. Lings, London.

GRAFTON. A very interesting missionary meeting was held in St. George's church, Grafton, on Monday evening, at which the Bishop of Saskatchewan and Calgary gave a most interesting and instructive address, giving a continuous history of the Church of England missions in the "Great Lone Land," which has now become such a populous part of Canada. The information afforded by the Bishop cannot fail of being of the very greatest benefit to our congregations, not only as regards mission work, but equally as concerns the work of the Church in the home parishes. Addresses were also given by the rural dean, Canon Davidson, and also by Canon Spragge. The meeting was brought to a close by a few words from the rector, Rev. W. E. Cooper, the Bishop concluding with a collect, and the benediction. After the meeting several of the senior parishioners were invited to see the Bishop at the rectory house, where a very pleasant time was spent. It may be added that the Bishop afforded every one who met him the greatest pleasure from his exceeding kindness of manner and readiness, as well as ability, to tell many of them interesting bits of news concerning sons, relatives and friends in the great North-West. One very agreeable feature of the evening was the collection at the meeting, amounting to \$7.50, which it was unanimously decided to give to the diocese of Saskatchewan and Calgary, to be used by the Bishop in his Indian work.

RURAL DEANERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.—The usual quarterly meeting of this rural deanery was held at Peterboro on Thursday, Feb. 26th. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion in St. John's church at 8.30 a.m., the rector of Peterboro being celebrant, assisted by Rev. W. E. Cooper, rector of Grafton. At 10 a.m., the clergy assembled for business at the rectory. There were present as visitors, the Ven. Archdeacon of Peterboro, Rev. Canon Harding, Rural Dean of Haliburton, and Rev. W. C. Allan of Millbrook; of the clergy belonging to the deanery were present, Rev. Canon Davidson, Rural Dean, Rev. W. E. Cooper, secretary, and Rev. J. E. Cooper, John Gibson, J. McLeary, J. C. Davidson, C. P. Kennick, Geo. Warren; absent, Canon Spragge, T. Walker, C. Gills, Geo. Sedingham and W. Burns. A portion of the ordination service having been considered, the remainder of the forenoon was taken up with a discussion of Heb. vii. and part of chap. ix., of the Greek Testament, with reference to the present work of Christ as a "Priest for ever." The afternoon session was occupied with presenting and receiving reports from the clergy present, of the work and condition of the Church in their several parishes. After this an informal conference was held, the Archdeacon in the chair, regarding the best places to be selected for recommendation to the Mission Board, as new mission centres in the Archdeaconry, to receive grants from the bequest of the late Archdeacon Wilson. Before separating the clergy of the rural deanery passed, unanimously, the following resolution: Moved by Rev. W. E. Cooper, B.D., rector of Grafton, seconded by Rev. J. C. Davidson, M.A., rector of Peterboro, "That the clergy of this rural deanery take advantage of the presence of Ven. Archdeacon Allan to offer him the hearty congratulations on his appointment as Archdeacon, and earnestly wish him God speed in his important work, expressing, at the same time, their devout hope that it may please the Great Head of the Church to vouchsafe him a lengthened period of usefulness in his high and responsible office." W. E. Cooper, S.T.B., Secretary.

NIAGARA.

ST. CATHARINES.—Many of our readers will regret to learn that the Rev. Mr. Macnab of St. Barnabas church, who came to this town about nineteen years ago, intends leaving here to take temporary charge of a church in the flourishing city of Omaha, Nebraska. It will be remembered that he was