

TORONTO.

Lenten Sermons.—Grace Church.—The fifth of a series of special Lenten sermons was delivered by Rev. Prof. Clark in Grace Church, to a large congregation, on the subject of "Acceptance with God." The text was taken from John vi. 37:—"Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." The rev. gentleman said it was hardly possible to read the Gospel according to St. John without being deeply impressed. There was unity, harmony, consistence, and completeness about it. When a person read Matthew, he was inclined to say that he had found the Messiah, but when he read John he was inclined to say that he had seen the Lord. Throughout the whole New Testament there was but one Christ and there was no mistaking Him. Christ spoke to men by his own authority and as none of the teachers of old had spoken. They declared that they preached not themselves but Christ Jesus the Lord. Christ came to this world to teach. He did not come to teach merely doctrine, or put forth a scheme or a theory. He differed from all other teachers, because He taught man of Himself. He declared first that man should come to Him. By this was meant not merely attending church, serving Him outwardly, and attending the table of the Lord, but coming to Him in the aspects in which He presents Himself. Christ first presented Himself to man as a teacher. Nothing could be done without teaching. He is a teacher now as much as He was when here on the earth. By His words and by His spirit He teaches man. Unless men hear His words and learn of Him they are not coming to Christ. He presents Himself also to man as their Great High Priest. Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost. Men wanted not only a teacher, but a Saviour. Christ had made atonement for the sins of the world, and ever liveth to make intercession. He also presented Himself to men as their King, to rule and govern. Christ perfected man's nature by filling him with the light, life, love, and power of God. He would not have anyone for a follower who would not be a subject. Men must come to Christ not merely as their teacher, as the Great High Priest, but as their King. The bondage of God was perfect liberty, and His service perfect freedom. Even if it were not true that salvation depended upon coming to Christ they might be sure that earthly happiness depended upon it. Christ had given in the words of the text, a most blessed and a most necessary assurance that "him that cometh He will in no wise cast out." Men were forever saying,

"It is a point I long to know,
Do I love my Lord or no?"

The preacher urged his hearers to be satisfied with the words of the text. God did not use that language without meaning it. The fact that man prayed was an evidence of the state of his heart, as Christ says, "No man can come to me without the Father draw him." If Christ were to appear in the body and call those present, would they answer "Yea, Lord, I will follow Thee wherever Thou goest." The man or woman who would give that answer, might feel assured that Christ would in no wise cast him out.

CHURCH WOMAN'S MISSION AID.—The annual meeting of the above Society took place on Thursday, April 15th, in the Synod room. The Bishop of Toronto presided, and the Bishop of Algoma was present, also the Revs. J. D. Cayley, John Pearson, W. H. Clarke, T. W. Paterson and G. Nattress. About 50 ladies, members of the Society, were present, among whom were Mesdames Cayley, president of the society, M. Murray Sullivan, U. A. Baldwin, Lockhart, P. Paterson, C. Thompson, Alan Macdougall, Tunning, Wyatt, and O'Reilly, and the Misses Paterson, Ogilvy, Street, &c.

The Bishop of Toronto opened the meeting with prayer, and then called upon the Rev. J. D. Cayley to read the Report, which showed that the work of the society has increased during year in the number and value of gifts sent out, but not in the amount of money received, this, however, is more than balanced by the donations received by the society; and the work done by different parish branches, especially those of St. George's and St. Peter's. The total value of the gifts sent out since last April amounts to \$1856 95: these comprise 44 boxes of clothing and 24 Christmas trees, representing 1416 children, besides gifts of surplices, &c. The committee regret that they have done so little for the clergy of the Toronto diocese, to whom only 9 boxes have been sent, and fear that they think it is the main object of the society to work for Algoma, this is not the case, they wish to work for both, and hope that in future all who need their services will ask for them. The ladies desire to be thoroughly understood that their gifts are given in no spirit of patronage or as special favors to individuals, but simply as from one part of the church's family to another part of the same family. The Report concludes by thanking all the friends of the Society for the support

received, and urging them to persevere and do more in the future. Thanks are tendered to the Church papers for inserting notices free. The Rev. Mr. Clarke moved the adoption of the Report, seconded by the Rev. T. W. Paterson, who congratulated the ladies upon their evident possession of one eminent virtue, namely, perseverance. People were too apt to catch at new schemes, when very often the old ones were best; the O. W. M. A. had been proved to be good by its 7 years' of usefulness. The Report was passed unanimously, after a few words from the Bishop. The Secretary then read some rules which the committee deemed advisable for the management of the society. By one of which they profess their willingness if they receive sufficient support to extend their work to the dioceses in the North-west. Another enacts that all applications must be made to the secretary-treasurer, and be endorsed either by the Bishop of the diocese from which it comes or the clergyman of the district. These rules were adopted, the Bishop expressing his approval of them, and also of the whole work of the society. He then called upon the Bishop of Algoma to address the meeting. His Lordship expressed his pleasure at having this opportunity of doing what he considered his bounden duty, viz: to express his gratitude to the society for all they have done for his diocese. The secretary had sent him a statement of all the gifts sent by the O. W. M. A. to Algoma during the last 7 years, and it had caused him to open his eyes in astonishment, for the value of these gifts, consisting of clothing, Xmas trees, books, surplices, &c., amounted to \$4,300. He could never find words to explain how much good these gifts had done in many ways to himself, to the clergy, and to the people. He said as far as he knew the Church of England was the only religious body which looked after the people in this way, but he regretted to say that Methodists, Presbyterians and others sent more missionaries into the field. He congratulated the ladies upon the absence of party feeling among them, as shown in their work. Most other societies of the kind wished to be assured that the people they assisted thought and taught in all respects as they considered correct; this was never the way with the O. W. M. A.—all they ever desired to know was that they belonged to the Church, and that they were really in need. After a few words from the Rev. Mr. Pearson, the Bishop closed the meeting with the benediction. The officers of the Society are the same as last year: Mrs. J. D. Cayley, President; Mrs. O'Reilly, Sec.-Treas.

THE LATE J. B. GOUGH.—Memorial Services.—The Teetotal societies are holding memorial services at present in honor of the memory of the late Mr. Gough. These services are held on Sunday afternoons. There seems no very serious offence to Christian propriety in devoting the sacred hours of "the Sabbath" to so pious an object as reflections upon the good deeds of the dead. But in all gentleness and charity we must ask those ministers and laymen, who have been and are proposing to be so engaged on future Sundays, who roundly abuse us for keeping Saints Days and other Festivals, to consider how extraordinary is their inconsistency. They devote Sunday to services in honour of John B. Gough, but when we devote a day to the honour of say St. Paul or St. John, or to our Saviour's birthday, or in solemn memorial of his death, we are "superstitious," we are "Romanising," &c., &c. Let our Presbyterian friends who spent Sunday in honoring Gough, think this matter over, and they will perhaps think less uncharitably of "Saint Days."

CHURCH OF ENGLAND MISSIONS.—A meeting of the ladies was held on the 13th April, in the school house of St. James' cathedral, to form a branch of the Women's Auxiliary of the Domestic and Foreign Mission Board. The Bishop of Toronto occupied the chair. It was decided to form a diocesan branch of the auxiliary, and a constitution was adopted. A resolution was passed recommending the formation of parochial branches of the auxiliary. The following provisional officers were elected:—President, Mrs. Sweetman; Treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Strachan; Secretaries, Mrs. Thorne and Miss Wilson.

TRINITY MEDICAL SCHOOL.—The annual convocation of this popular School of Medicine was held on the 14th April, at which degrees were conferred on a number of graduates. Certificates of honour were also presented by Dr. Teskey, Dr. Sheard, the Rev. D. J. Macdonell, with prizes from other generous and wise friends of this College and the cause of higher education. The Trinity Gold Medal, given by Professor Clark, was won by Dr. J. McLurg, who delivered the valedictory, in which an eloquent tribute was paid to the Dean and Faculty. The great success of this branch of Trinity should stimulate its friends to efforts being made to establish a Science School on an adequate scale in connection with the college. Should Victoria College be removed to Toronto its friends

would do well to unite with Trinity in founding a thoroughly equipped Science Hall, such as now stands at Cobourg, owing to the high talent and devoted zeal of Dr. Haanel, only enlarged to meet the needs of the combined science faculties of the two Colleges.

NIAGARA.

LUTHER—COLBECK.—The Rev. W. R. Blachford desires to acknowledge with thanks, the following subscriptions for St. Clement's Church, Colbeck, per Mrs. Jos. Gerrard, and Miss Steele, Guelph:—Rev. E. A. Irving, \$1; J. Seale, 25c.; J. C. Chadwick, \$2; Miss Elliott, \$10; Friend, 50c.; Friend, 25c.; Geo. Murton, \$1; Dr. Brock, 50c.; J. M. Bond, 50c.; Mrs. Shaw, 25c.; C. Walker, 25c.; Dr. McPhattan, 50c.; Mrs. Campbell, 50c.; Friend, 25c.; Jas. Jones, 50c.; Mrs. J. Davids, 50c.; W. Marcroft, 25c.; Mrs. J. Hower, 25c.; Mrs. Thurtle, \$1; Miss Thurtle, 25c.; A. A. Baker, \$1; Friend, 25c.; J. Wells, 25c.; W. Reynolds, 50c.; Mrs. Morris, \$1; Mrs. Walsh, 50c.; Miss Hall, 50c.; Mrs. A. Chalwick, \$1; G. W. Finlay, \$1; Mrs. O. S. Walker, \$1; Mr. H. Vernon, \$1; Mrs. Barry, 25c.; Miss Parker, 25c.; Mr. F. Evat, 25c.; Mrs. Powell, 50c.; Mrs. Lenord, 75c.; F. Y. Parker, 25c.; Friend, 25c.; Mrs. Burton, 50c.; Mrs. Simmons, 25c.; Friend, 25c.; Mrs. Hyatt, 25c.; Miss Holliday, 50c.; Friend, 45c.; Miss E. A. Howard, 25c.

HURON.

WYOMING.—By the action of the executive committee in December last, this mission hitherto connected with Petrolia, became the centre of a new parish comprising Wyoming, Wanstead and Camlachie, and immediately afterwards the Rev. J. M. Gunne, late incumbent of Kerwood, was appointed by the Bishop to this charge. His genial nature and faithfulness in preaching and visiting has already won for him the love and esteem of his people, many of whom also remember with gratitude the kindly administrations of his reverend father, who more than forty years ago undertook the laborious work of a pioneer missionary throughout this entire district.

WANSTEAD.—The indications of church life in this new mission are abundant and very encouraging. The Sunday evening services held for the present in the Orange Hall is well attended apparently much appreciated by numbers of our people who for years have been practically cut off from the communion of the beloved church. Since the coming amongst them of the Rev. J. M. Gunne, they have in an earnest and liberal manner set to work to supplement the sum devised under the will of the late James Oxenham, Esq., for the erection of a church in Wanstead, and have just let the contract for a most substantial and commodious brick edifice 82 x 52 upon a stone foundation. It will be commenced as early as the weather will permit, the intention being to have it completed, paid for, and ready for consecration by the beginning of August.

CAMLACHIE.—Although this mission has suffered severely from the removal by death and otherwise of several of its most active members, there appears to be an earnest spirit amongst those who remain as is shown by their faithful attendance upon the services, hearty responses and liberal contributions. Steps are about to be taken to erect a driving shed close to the church, certainly a convenience now very much needed.

TYRCONNELL.—In a late issue of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN a very high eulogium was passed by a Port Stanley correspondent, on the character of the Rev. James Chance, rector of Tyrconnell, and for the services which he has rendered to the Church in the Diocese of Huron and in that of Toronto, both as missionary to the Indians and as a Parish Priest among the white people. The above-mentioned correspondent did not intend that eulogy as a piece of flattery, for had it been so, it would have been resented as an insult or indignantly repudiated by the object of it. But your correspondent is credited with the utmost sincerity, and his complimentary remarks are fully sustained, by printed, written, and oral testimony, the truth of which cannot be gainsaid or questioned. And the record concerning Mrs. Chance is of a similar character, for no clergyman's wife in Canada has seconded her husband's efforts more successfully, or laboured more abundantly in the cause of the Divine Master than she has; and although both of them may be relegated by the Church to comparative obscurity, unhonored and unheeded, whilst others bask in her favor and approbation, yet nothing can come between them and their final great and sure reward. Friends at a distance will be glad to know, through the medium of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN, that although Mr. Chance is still in the weakness of a con-