

seems the carpet has been bought and made in Toronto, and an upholsterer engaged to take up the one and put down both in the places assigned for them respectively. This could not have cost the ladies less than \$50, which added to the Christmas offertory makes the handsome present over \$100. It may also be mentioned that the parish of All Saints lately purchased an excellent parsonage house with delightful grounds surrounding it.

WEST MONO MISSION.—*St. Matthew's Church.*—On Thursday, the 4th inst., after evening prayer, the Rev. Mr. Morley, pastor, was presented with a handsome sleigh-robe and the following address:—"Rev. and dear Sir,—We heartily wish you and your estimable wife a happy New Year. We, as members and adherents of St. Matthew's Church, meet to express to you our hearty good will. In looking back over the past, now nearly five years that you have been amongst us, we have witnessed with pleasing emotion the zeal you have manifested in urging us on to faith and good works—especially the younger branches and Sunday-school scholars, to an entirety of consecration to the service of God. We hail with delight your approach each Sunday, to listen to your exposition of Divine truth, from which we have received so much comfort and cheer. We have not failed to notice your punctuality in attending to your duties, whether in sunshine or in the stormiest weather. Duty has ever been with you the watchword. And now, sir, as a token of our esteem, we ask you to accept at our hands this robe, not for its intrinsic worth, as that indeed is but meagre compared with the services you have rendered us, but as an evidence that you have a place in our affections. We hope and pray that you may be long spared to labor amongst us, and be more than ever successful in winning souls for Christ. Signed on behalf of the congregation, Wm. S. THOMPSON, Wm. KIDNEY, churchwardens; Wm. McKELVEY, lay representative." The Rev. Mr. Morley made a suitable reply.

GUILD OF ST. JOHN, TORONTO.—The magic lantern and musical entertainment given under the auspices of the Guild, in St. Luke's school-house, on Tuesday the 9th inst., was well attended, many having to go away without obtaining admission so crowded was the room. The lantern used was the latest invention of Mr. W. C. Hughes, of London, England, called the Pamphengos, showed the pictures with a brilliancy almost equal to the oxy-hydrogen light. The musical part of the programme was by the choir, under the direction of Miss Callaghan, and was highly appreciated by those present. The Guild is doing an excellent work among the elder youths and young men of the parish. They are associated for social intercourse and such innocent diversions as are so attractive at their age, while at the same time they are actively occupied with Church work in the choir and wherever they can be helpful. The example of the warden and founder, Mr. Arthur Shutt, might be followed to advantage in every parish.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.—A meeting was held in St. George's Church school-house on the 8th inst., for the purpose of taking preliminary steps towards organizing Girls' Friendly Societies, both in the diocese of Toronto and throughout the country. As people generally are not familiar with such societies, a few remarks explanatory of the scope and object of such may prove of interest. The first of these societies was organized in England seven years ago, and now the membership is 70,000, with 600 organized branches, presided over by 29 diocesan councils, and a central council, to which each diocese sends a representative three times a year. This definite plan on which the society has been organized has conducted very materially to further its work, and not alone in England and Wales, but in Scotland and Ireland, in America and the Colonies, similar societies have been formed, based generally on the same fundamental rules. The aim of the Girls' Friendly Society is to preserve purity, not merely by the outward aids of help and protection, but by endeavouring to awaken in the minds of women of all classes a sense of the inestimable value of purity, and by proclaiming boldly and fearlessly that virtue is of no class, and impossible to no class, and that in this matter all are concerned, not only for themselves, but for others. The object being such it will be seen how important it is that the assistance of all classes should be obtained in forwarding such a good work, and that not only as servants in the household, daughters in the home, workers in the shop and workroom, the school or factory, or in any other position in life, women and girls may be benefitted in union with such a society, with sympathy, aid, and friendly advice, and rendered the better able to live pure, virtuous, and noble lives. The meeting yesterday was presided over by His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto, the following clergymen being also present:—Rev. Provost Body, Rev. J. D. Cayley, St. George's Church; Canon Du Moulin, St. James' Cathedral; Rev. J. Langtry, St. Luke's; Rev. A. J. Broughall, St. Stephen's; Rev. J.

F. Sweeny, St. Philip's; and the Rev. J. McCarroll, Grace Church. There were also a number of ladies present from the various parishes of the city. Such societies had been organized in England, Ireland and Scotland and the Colonies of the Empire, with the exception of Canada. His Lordship expressed the opinion that it was high time that some action was taken in this respect in Canada also. Brief remarks laudatory of the aims and achievements of Girls' Friendly Societies were also made by Rev. Provost Body, Rev. Messrs. Cayley, Baldwin, Broughall, Langtry, and Canon DuMoulin. It was then decided by the meeting that the three central rules and monogram of the parent Society in England be adopted. The following ladies were elected a provisional Diocesan Council, pending the meeting of the Synod in June:—Mrs. C. W. E. Body, President; Mrs. A. J. Broughall, Vice-President; Miss Cox, Secretary; and Mrs. C. W. Robinson, Treasurer. The Bishop of the Diocese and Mrs. Sweatman are constituted patrons of the Society, and the Central Committee will consist of the pastors, clergymen's wives, and church officers in each parish, secretaries from each branch society, the clergy to constitute an Advisory Committee. As the initial steps have been taken, branch societies will probably shortly be formed in the various parishes of the city and in different parts of the country, and the result will doubtless be largely beneficial to these specially designed to be profited, and indirectly also to those who will engage in this good work of aiding their sister-women to lead pure and useful lives.

Any clergyman desiring to organize a parochial branch, can receive information by communicating with the Secretary, Miss Cox, 173 Gerrard-street east, Toronto, enclosing stamp for reply.

Delegates to Synod.—Our friends should take care to sign the roll of voters entitled to elect Delegates to next Synod. The signatures of all who intend to claim the privilege of voting must be affixed to the list before the 22nd January.

NIAGARA.

APPOINTMENT.—The Bishop of Niagara has been pleased to create a second Archdeaconry in his diocese, which shall comprise North Wentworth, Halton and Wellington Counties, and has appointed the Rev. Canon Dixon, B.A., of Guelph, as Archdeacon thereof, under the title of Archdeacon Guelph.

CHURCH CONGRESS.—We hope very shortly to announce arrangements as completed for a congress in Hamilton early in June next, or immediately after the meeting of Synod. The prospect is most excellent.

NIAGARA FALLS.—The members of Christ Church, Niagara Falls, and the Brock Memorial Church of St. Saviour, Queenston, have shown their good will towards the rector, the Rev. Canon Houston, by more liberal Christmas offerings than usual—having contributed in money about \$90, besides many gifts in kind.

ST. CATHARINES.—*Personal.*—On Wednesday, the 10th inst., at 7 a.m., at St. George's Church, was celebrated the marriage between the Rev. R. J. Moore, curate, and Miss Lucy Holland, daughter of the Rev. Rural Dean Holland, rector, who officiated, assisted by the Rev. F. E. Howitt, of Guelph. A large congregation was present, many of whom remained for the Holy Communion.

STONY CREEK AND BARTONVILLE.—*Confirmation.*—On Tuesday, 9th inst., the Bishop of Niagara administered the right of confirmation to twenty-two candidates of this interesting mission in the Church of St. Mary, Bartonville. The Bishop's address, very full and practical indeed, imparted additional interest, commanding the deepest attention from the very large congregation. The services, from first to last, after the celebration of the Holy Communion, was very solemn and affecting. The number of partakers was not less than fifty. The clergy present were Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, incumbent, Rev. Canon Curran, Rev. R. D. Bull, and Rev. Thos. Geoghegan.

ACTON.—On Tuesday evening, the 9th inst., there was a very interesting missionary meeting in this parish, Mr. Pigott, the incumbent, presiding. A short service was held in the church (which, by the way, was very tastefully decorated). Canon Dixon then preached on the duty of giving, enumerating the various objects which they were called on to sustain, and especially dwelling on Algoma and the Northwest. The Rev. Mr. Pigott then introduced the Rev. W. J. MacKenzie, of Milton, who gave an excellent address on the claims of the widows and orphans of the clergy. Canon Caswell spoke on the missions of

the Church, and Mr. Lockson the duty of the laity to support the ministrations of the Church in their own parishes, and also to aid the missions in poor settlements.

HURON.

LONDON. The offertory in St. Paul's, Christmas day, amounted to \$130, and was presented by the Rev. Canon Innes, rector, to assistant minister, Rev. A. Brown.

MELROSE. *The Village Burial Ground.* The village of Melrose is a hamlet west of London. There is no other village in the diocese with the same populace without an English Church. The burial ground of Melrose was, a few months ago, the scene of a very mournful event. The corpse of a young man, the eldest son of a fond father, who had looked forward to him to aid in the maintenance of a large family, was committed to the dust. The father of S. had, while he was yet a lad, been induced by bad companions to fall into the pit falls of indifference; confirmation, the Lord's Supper and the Lord's Day were neglected, and scepticism and unbelief avowed. As his family grew up he learned that reverence to parents and the code of the moral law were habitually broken. Moral restraints were cast aside, and the only power that can restrain the young (continuous training in the way their fathers trod in the old Church) was neglected. He came with his sons to the Church Sunday school of St. G., and begged that such might be the training of his sons, his eldest especially, now in the most critical time of life. In a few months young S. was seized with fever. He was carefully nursed by the teachers of the Sunday school. The clergyman was never a day absent from the bed-side of the fever-stricken young man. A few days witnessed his burial, and by his grave Mr. N. read the solemn burial service of the Church. A few more days pass and S. and his believing wife conduct to the font their large family of children, to declare belief in the truths of eternal life. We have only to add that the family of S. are now regular Church members.

DAILY CALENDAR.—Selections from writings of Frances Ridley Havergal. Hart & Co., Toronto. Price 50 cents. This is a very beautiful as well as useful calendar. Each has a separate, detachable leaf with month and day, and below there is a text of Scripture and verse from Miss Havergal's poems. The design is tasteful; ornament and utility are well combined.

Family Reading.

LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS.

Night shadows lengthen till they meet and close,
The mists are chill, and frost doth white the tree,
Yet Jesus speaks from out the night of woes,
"Unto earth's end I ever am with thee!"

Endless the changes that take place around—
Stars pale and sink into the moonless sea,
And empires proud lie ruined on the ground—
Yet doth he whisper, "Still I am with thee!"

Lights glimmer o'er the drear and treeless wild,
Then disappear ere yet the shadows flee;
But in the pathways, 'tween the rocks up-piled,
Thy light, O Saviour, ever is with me!

Low, low upon the midnight grass I fall,
Weary of treading paths I cannot see;
"Rise up, my love, my fair one!" Thou dost call!
"I will, my Lord, since Thou art still with me."

In crooked ways I read Thy golden scroll—
Thy pledge of everlasting help to me—
I read, am strengthened; though the billows roll,
Thou sayest, "My child, I ever am with thee!"

Ever, my Saviour, till the earth doth end—
Yes, through the ages of eternity—
Until I see Thee, Shepherd, Saviour, Friend,
I cling to this—"Thou ever art with me!"