

the Provost's absence the matter may be duly attended to.

On Thursday evening last a most successful meeting of the Society was held at Trinity. An excellent paper on "Mission Work in Africa" was read by Mr. C. W. Hedley, B.A., which was well received. Mr. J. H. H. Coleman, B.A., had written up the life of Bishop Hannington in a vivid and extremely interesting manner. A number of those present, including Mr. Pain, who, in Mr. Coleman's absence, read the paper, had come in personal contact with the great missionary bishop, which made the interest all the more vital. Mr. Hedley, delegate of the Society to the annual convention of the "Brotherhood of St. Andrew," recently held at Kingston, read his report. Mr. Carleton also spoke of some of the features of the convention. The Rev. Provost, summing up in his happy way, indicated the sphere of usefulness in the Church for the Brotherhood. The next meeting of the Association will be held early in March.

COLDWATER.—*St. Matthias*.—The incumbent, Rev. I. H. Sheppard, has worked hard to extinguish the debt on this building, of which he has secured his one-half which was promised by him on condition that the congregation would procure the remainder. It is intended to build a handsome parsonage this spring on the grounds belonging to and adjoining the church.

#### NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—Mrs. C. Hamilton acknowledges with thanks the receipt of \$5 from "Churchman," Orangeville, towards the special effort now being made in the Woman's Auxiliary, Niagara Diocese, to assist in paying off the debt on the Algoma Mission Fund.

#### HURON.

HAMBURG.—The annual winter entertainment for the Sunday School children of the parish was held in this place on Monday evening, the 13th February, and it seems to have been wisely judged that this affair might be made instructive to those attending as well as only amusing to the children. It appeared from the large number of others than children present from the two other stations forming the incumbency of the Rev. James Ward, that this proposal was well received, judging from the sleigh loads of old and young coming in from these outlying stations. It is needless to add to the oft repeated tale of how the vast supply of coffee, cakes, etc., melted away under the energy of the young people. From the amount consumed it looked as if the young fry were bound to lay in a stock to last to next Christmas. This part of the programme completed, the rector introduced Mr. W. J. Imlach of London, who had kindly offered to give them an illustrated lecture on the early British Church. In bringing the subject to the notice of the meeting the lecturer explained that the object of such lectures was principally to educate the rising generation as to the historical fact of the antiquity and continuity of the Church of their forefathers; that on the subject of the antiquity we could point from the first to the nineteenth century—which would be shown as his lecture proceeded, and on its continuity it would be also shown that never during all these centuries had she ever been without her three-fold orders in the Ministry, and had ever held to the true Apostolic teachings which had been committed to her keeping, and had faithfully handed down to our day the purest form of Catholic teaching of any Church in the world. The fallacy of our having left the Romish Church at the time of the Reformation was touched upon but would be clearly demonstrated as his lecture proceeded, as he would prove to them by monuments in some of our cathedrals and churches that the British Church had an independent existence for 500 years before the first Romish Priest, St. Augustine, set foot in England, and three of our early bishops attended the first council of the Church held at Arles in France, A.D. 314, when the Romish Church was unknown outside of her own province. The various incidents of Church life, with her cathedrals and churches, to nearly 200 views, were thrown upon a screen by the powerful lime-light lantern of Mr. Kurshaw, of London, who assisted the lecturer. A short historical sketch of each scene as it appeared was given by Mr. Imlach. The hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," was placed on the curtain for the opening of the lecture and sung by the choir.

For the benefit of the little ones Mr. Kurshaw had kindly provided himself with a number of comic slides, which were evidently highly appreciated by the young folks, and judging from their applause were more suitable than being lectured to.

The whole proceedings of the evening was considered a decided success, and the lecture fully appreciated.

LONDON.—*St. John the Evangelist*.—The "Order of the Good Shepherd" gave an at-home at the school

house on the evening of Feb. 13th. An invitation was extended to all the young women in the parish, the attendance was large, and the idea of such a gathering seemed to be highly appreciated. It assumed the form of a social; the various tables were covered with games, &c., and after the usual disposal of tea, coffee and cakes, the special business of the evening was proceeded with, viz., to hear an address from Mrs. Boomer on the subject of the work of young women in the Church; it was most practical and touching in its appeal to her hearers to come out from themselves and help in the charitable and other good Christian works enjoined upon them in the cause of the Master. Such an address to young women, coming from one so well versed in good deeds, will leave a lasting impression upon the order, and result in stimulating them in their work. The Order of the Good Shepherd was only established in September last, and has now a membership of over twenty, and the result of their work is already materially assisting in the various branches of parish work, and is much help to the rector, Rev. W. T. Hill.

GALT.—To aid and encourage the young men of his congregation in all manly athletic exercises, the Rev. J. Ridley, Rector of Trinity Church, is organizing the young men of his Bible Class and Brotherhood into what is to be known as the "Trinity Boating Club." Flannel striped colored jackets will be worn, with white straw hats and colored band to match, which will be the colors of the club in all their athletic exercises. The Rector will be President and will accompany them as often as circumstances permit. Galt affords excellent facilities for all such manly exercises, and the Rector is doing a good thing in throwing around such the wholesome influence of his profession. We need scarcely add that the young men are delighted with the idea suggested by him, and are looking onward with pleasure to the carrying out of his plans.

On Thursday evenings the Rev. Rural Dean Belt, M.A., rector of St. James' Church, Guelph, is delivering a series of Lenten Lectures on English Church History.—*Galt Reporter*.

WOODSTOCK.—Rev. Ernest Chilcott left on Thursday for Bradford to enter upon his duties as rector of Christ Church of that town. After the usual services the evening before in All Saints', Mr. Chilcott was presented with a kindly worded address and a well-filled purse. Rev. J. C. Farthing, the rector, was exceedingly eloquent in praise of the work done by Mr. Chilcott, and in the kindest manner touched upon the personal pleasure enjoyed in the past 18 months.

#### RUPERT'S LAND.

Notes of interest to all our readers.—The Synod of the diocese met in Winnipeg Jan. 11th, 1893.

In 1887 there were forty clergy and forty-eight parishes and missions; in 1893 there are seventy-three (73) clergy and over one hundred (100) parishes and missions.

Since last synod churches have been built at Solsgrith, Deloraine, Carman, Christ Church, Winnipeg, Shoal Lake, Clandeboye Bay, Riversdale, Butterfield, Virden, Treherne and Rathwell: three being excellent stone buildings.

Churches have been consecrated at Killarney, Morden, Butterfield, Morris, Rosser, Stonewall, Shoal Lake (all free from debt), and church-yards consecrated at Butterfield, Rosser, and Riverdale. Parsonages have been erected at Souris, Carman, Selkirk, Scantbury, Minnedosa, Rounthwaite, Rapid City and Clearwater.

There is a debt of \$60,000 on St. John's College, of which the Bishop says: "Half of our present clergy have been educated at St. John's College (Winnipeg). Practically as a diocese we are dependent on it, and therefore the placing of the college in an efficient state is as pressing as the raising of funds for the missions. The college will not be properly equipped for its position as a college in the university, till it is relieved of the debt of \$60,000 that is upon it."

Indian Work.—"Experience amply teaches that the Church which takes up lovingly in the spirit of its Master such evangelizing work, is never allowed to suffer in the supply of its own needs.

"Connected with our Indian work and of great importance to it, is the Rupert's Land Indian Industrial School at St. Paul's, Middlechurch, Man. The devoted principal deserves the sympathy and warm support of the Church. The school has done good work, but the finances are always a care. The school is of inestimable value to the Indians and may be made the handmaid of our work for them. We wish to secure in addition to the government grant \$50 for each child. If a Sunday school or two Sunday schools between them could raise that sum, not only would the Indian school be assisted, but an interest of a helpful kind be given to the children of the Sunday school." (Address the Principal, Indian School, Middlechurch P.O., Man).

Rat Portage, under the Rev. J. Page, has become self-supporting, and one or two other parishes may soon rise to this position.

"We have placed a missionary wherever the people have guaranteed \$400 a year.

"Our old missions are of unwieldy size—quite commonly including eight or nine townships or about 300 square miles. They will usually have five or six centres with three services on Sunday at different points, with driving from fifteen to thirty miles."

The Executive Committee has reviewed our position, and asks our parishes and missions for \$6,000, six thousand dollars in addition to what they do for themselves. The response has been most cheering; the parishes approached have usually given more than asked, \$5,600 being raised at the time of synod meeting and 21 missions to hear from.

The western work is highly important; it is foundation work.

There should be the best men and ample funds. The Rev. G. Rodgers, general missionary, is now visiting Eastern Canada, and—says the Bishop—"we commend him to the Canadian Church and ask for a hearty response to his appeal."

"The grave problem before the Church in this country is how to minister to our brethren so widely and so sparsely settled.

"I have been speaking of our various missionary efforts, and of the funds needed for them; but a no less important consideration with regard to the ministry of souls is a supply of faithful and acceptable men as missionaries. I cannot speak on this without expressing my admiration for the work of our missionaries. When I was younger I may not have appreciated so feelingly their unwearied labours of love in incessant journeyings, in spite of weather and roads, often most trying to man and beast alike; but with growing years I feel increasingly the nobility of the service, and am grateful for the spirit and constancy with which so many carry on the arduous and exhausting work year after year. The diocese may feel grateful. An efficient clergyman, whether from lack of the needed gifts for the office, or inability to adapt himself to his special field of labour, will never build up a mission. This supply, then, has been to me for many years a matter of much anxiety, and frequent and at times delicate correspondence."

From the above laymen will readily understand that "calling a clergyman" is not so simple a matter as it appears to be.

A touching incident during the synod was the motion of Canon Pentreath, that the synod, as a mark of confidence in our noble Bishop, waive the right to elect by ballot the members of the general synod of the Dominion, to meet in Toronto, September, 1893, and requests his lordship to appoint them.

It was a well deserved token of respect, and as the canon said, shows to the people of Canada a united diocese and a Bishop who is a true leader of men.

That part of the Metropolitan's charge referring to religious education should be read by every man who has the welfare of his country at heart. You may "search America over and never find a more telling statement on the subject," said one speaker.

The *Free Press* says the charge delivered by the Metropolitan at the opening of the synod is usually so practical that it is looked for, not only by the Anglican communion, but also the general public.

The Bishop on *Union Sunday Schools* says:—"A union school can never adequately take the place of a Church school. It may be very useful where a Church Sunday school cannot be maintained, as long as it is not made subservient to the interests of some special denomination; but the usual instruction of a union school, however useful in its place, can only supply the scriptural foundation for the full systematic instruction in the faith which children of the Church should have. The clergy should impress upon their people the duty of bringing their children and young people to church, and of having them sit beside them; the Sunday school is invaluable, but it must not take the place of the Church of God."

A large number of Indians attended the synod; one Indian congregation give \$200 a year towards their clergyman's stipend and \$50 to the mission fund.

We have tried to give a brief account of the synod to the readers of the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN, and hope that the clergy of Rupert's Land will supplement this by sending regular news items, notes of progress, and needs, and also that Eastern Churchmen will read, mark, inwardly digest and outwardly appreciate this most important work of the young and vigorous Western Land.

For the benefit of those who desire to aid the Church or enquire concerning vacant missions needing help, we give the names of the secretaries. The Rev. G. Rodgers, and the Rev. H. T. Leslie, assistant secretary, Winnipeg.

#### QU'APPELLE.

GREENFELL.—A sale of goods and fancy articles was held at Mrs. Coy's house, which was largely patronized in spite of the thermometer being nearly 40 de-