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dresses by the Priests and Deacons present, clothed in the vestments pertaining to their order, and from the chancel steps. In this way a feeling of earnestness was made to pervade each meeting, and the irreverent language and the irreverent postures so shockingly employed by some clergymen were avoided much to the dignity and benefit of the mission cause.

The first meeting was held in Christ Church, Bolton. The incumbent, the Rev. W. H. Clarke, took the Evensong, and the responses, canticles, psalms and hymns sung by the choir, a full congregation and the clergy, made the services soul-stirring and impressive. After Evensong the addresses were made. They were kind, loving, pointed and plain. They rang out with no uncertain sound Catholic truth and Catholic duty, and that man must have been dull who did not carry away something to remember and a heart warmed with thoughts of Christian privilege.

The next morning, Feb. 6, a similar service was held in St. Mark's Church, Sandhill. This is a part of the same parish. Again a large congregation was present. The singing was full and hearty, and the beautiful little church, with its cheerful Christmas decorations, spoke volumes for the zeal and energy of our few brethren in this part of the world.

On the following day the clergy reached Tullamore, of which parish the Rev. W. Grant is the Incumbent. In the evening a most successful missionary service was held. Evensong was taken by the Incumbent, and again there was the privilege of joining in a cheerful, hearty service of praise and prayer. Here the Gregorian tones, well sung, ascended heavenwards, with that beauty and solemnity which only such music can give. In this parish much progress is to be observed, a handsome church, built of brick, has taken the place of the shabby wooden one that so long disgraced religion, and the altar, the furniture and windows displayed the taste employed in beautifying God's sanctuary. It might not be out of place to observe, that an eye sore might be removed, if the ugly barrel-shaped arrangement, that now blocks up the view of the sanctuary to a great extent, were taken away. It may perhaps be intended for a pulpit, but a small and properly constructed lectern would look far more in character with the church, would add to its beauty, and would without doubt be much more convenient for those who use it.

The next morning, Feb. 8th, the clergy took their departure for Charleston. This is a parish recently formed, and of which the Rev. A. W. Spragge is the Incumbent. Here the work is most encouraging, the people is eager and zealous, and the Incumbent is throwing a zeal and earnestness into his work, and which seem to be well appreciated by the people. This ground has until now been almost quite without the ministrations of the church. Many years ago a log church was built in a distant part of this township (Caledon), but long since the church fell into decay and its services ceased. At present the services are held in the Court House. This does very well, but it is only a make-shift, and there is great need of a church. The people have determined to erect a place of worship, and they hope before long to have one built. This young congregation of church people deserves praise and assistance for their commendable zeal. In Charleston the missionary service was conducted by the Rev. A. W. Spragge, and the singing and responding evinced the care taken by the clergyman in training his people, and also the knowledge and earnestness attained by them. They only need a church to have a service to a high degree worthy of the great Christian work of the worship of the Most High.

These meetings are to be continued next week. In conclusion, it may be observed that much is gained by a number of neighbouring clergymen meeting together for the good of the church in an entire district. They thus extended their sympathy beyond the confines of their own parishes, and by acknowledging the influence that one parish has upon those that surround it, and labouring to strengthen the church throughout the whole district, they bring to their individual parishes the best strength that can be brought. But only this, they avoid Rural Deans, and the interference and muddle they generally bring with them. When shall this worse that useless office

be done away with. Another great advantage is that deputations are dispensed with, in many cases made up of persons little fitted to benefit the mission cause, and whose entrance into a parish is one dreaded and resented by the clergyman in charge, and who is responsible for the teaching his people receives.

NIAGARA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

HAMILTON.—The death of the Rev. Canon Hebden, naturally caused a deep feeling of regret in this community, but particularly among the members of the Church of Ascension, by whom he was greatly beloved. His funeral sermon was preached yesterday by the Dean, from Hebrews xiii-vii.

The Rev. Mr. Curran, officiated at All Saints, yesterday morning, and the Rev. Mr. Thomson at St. Thomas. The latter preached an excellent mission sermon, and the former delivered an admirable discourse on the parable of the labourers in the vineyard.

By the way some little feeling has been raised apparently unnecessarily with reference to the appointment of a successor to Canon Hebden. It was reported that his Lordship had appointed a new Rector, without consulting the congregation. Such was not the fact for no appointment has been made, and the Bishop has informed a committee of the congregation that they can name the Rector but the appointment must be subject to his approval.

A concert is to be given on Thursday evening in aid of the Sunday School library of All Saints Church. The programme is a good one, and comprises wholly local talent. This is the first entertainment given in connection with that church all the other churches have had concerts or *tableaux* this winter, and they were highly successful affairs.

HAMILTON SYNOD OFFICE.—Receipts during the month of January, 1878:

MISSION FUND.—*Offertory Collection*.—Hornby, \$1.50; Grimsby, 5.25; Rothsay and Huston, 6.30; Drummondville, 7.87; Stamford, 2.78; Orangeville, 7.20; Chippewa, 4.53; Waterdown, 6.80; Aldershot, 1.60; Lowville, 2.70; Nassagaweya, 77 cents; Carlisle, 54 cents; Kilbride, 70 cents; Caledonia, 10.00; York, 15.82. *Parochial Collection*.—Drummondville, \$38.80; Stamford, 16.05; Christ Church, Hamilton, 5.50. *Thanksgiving Collection*.—Hornby, \$2.93; Grimsby, 12.50; Chippewa, 6.62; Lowville, 2.00; Nassagaweya, 65 cents; Carlisle, 66 cents; St. Thomas', Hamilton, 17.07. *On Guarantee Account*.—Drew, \$12.50; Welland, 55.00; Dunnville, 100.00; Hillsburgh, \$37.50; Cayuga, 125.00; Rockwood, 25.00; Harriston, 116.67; Nanticoke, 20.83; Norval, 75.00; Acton, 50.00; Port Colborne, 87.50; Alma, 37.00; Palermo, 30.00; Erin, 75.00; York, 100.00; Reading, 36.00.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—Drummondville, \$10.00. *Offertory Collection*.—Hornby, \$3.56; Lowville, 6.50; Nassagaweya, 1.50; Carlisle, 1.05; Kilbride, 45 cents.

ALGOMA MISSION FUND.—Hornby, \$4.23; Ancaster, 14.01; Orangeville, 13.17; Clifford, 3.16; Harriston, 5.00; Nelson, 5.66; Waterdown, 2.67; Dundas, 6.01; Rockton, 1.33; West Flamboro', 3.80; Fergus, 10.00; Alma, 7.28; Acton, 5.10; Guelph, 24.00. *Intercessory Collection*.—Waterdown, \$9.70; Grimsby, 3.00; Clifton, 2.00; Chippewa, 3.28; Lowville, 1.40; Carlisle, 54 cents; Kilbride, 91 cents; Nassagaweya, 45 cents.

HURON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

HELLMUTH BOYS' COLLEGE.—This College, will it is expected, be known as the Western University. The Bill is before the House to incorporate it as such; the property had been made over by his Lordship the Bishop, to the Alumni of Huron College, associated as the Western University. Part of the necessary funds have been secured, and the remainder is confidently expected by the promoters of the undertaking, chiefly through the influence of the Bishop. Since the College had been given over by the Bishop, it has been carried

on by Rev. Dr. Darnell, and will be so till organized as the University. Meanwhile he has succeeded in associating with himself in the educational work of the Institution, Rev. G. S. Lewellin, B.A., M.R.C.P., late classical master of the Royal College Bath, and Almorah Crescent College, Jersey.

THE CHURCH AND THE INDIANS.—The Church has been very successful in her mission to the Indians in this Diocese. At the Sarnia Reserve, on the Grand River, and among the tribes at Muncytown and Oneida, the good work has been greatly blessed. In no place on the continent has the educating influence of Christianity been more strikingly manifested than among the Six Nations on the Grand River. At Oneida very few Indians continue in the Paganism of their fathers. Twelve Indians of the Chippawa Nation were lately baptized by the Rev. J. Chase, the Indian Incumbent of Oneida and Muncytown; and the chief of the Chippawas is now under the instruction preparatory to baptism. He had been living the nomadic life of his people. His home, if he could be said to have had a home, was at Peele Point and Island; and now having been brought under Christian influence with other members of his nation, he has resolved to renounce Paganism and all its evils submitting himself to the religion of Christ, that has been such a blessing to thousands of his countrymen.

SEAFORTH.—The annual missionary meeting was held in St. Thomas' Church on the 7th inst. The Rev. W. F. Campbell read prayers, the Rev. J. Barefoot of Point Edward gave an interesting sketch of the history of the Mohawk mission near Brantford. The Rev. E. J. Robinson of Brussels followed with interesting statistical information about the foreign field. The last address was delivered by the Rev. J. W. P. Smith, R. D., Rector of Christ's Church London, and Chaplain to his Lordship the Bishop of Huron. Mr. Smith dealt first with Diocesan work and then with the missions of the North West. His speech was listened to with earnest attention and made a deep impression on the congregation. The audience was a fair representation of this prosperous parish, and the collection was the largest ever taken up in the church on a similar occasion.

ALGOMA.

Amount collected by J. Beard, Secty-Treas., Huron Diocese, for quarter ending Sept. 1877: Seaforth, per Rev. W. Craig, \$5.75; Goderich, Mr. Widder, \$2.50; Rev. S. Harris, Simcoe, \$1; St. Paul, Woodstock, envelopes, \$3.25; Shingwauk Home, St. Pauls, Woodstock, \$12.50; Total \$25.00. Quarter ending December 1877: Brussels, per Richard E. J. Robinson, \$5.00; Rev. I. Padfield, Burford, \$4.00; St. Paul, Woodstock, half-yearly collection, \$20.75; do. collection at meeting, \$5.35; do. envelopes, \$7.00; Total \$42.10. Shingwauk and Wawanosh Home, Port Rowan, per Mr. W. Wood, \$4.00; Ingersoll, W. N. Eakins, \$10.00; Galt, S. S., Rev. Canon Hinks, \$60.50; St. Paul, Woodstock, envelopes, \$1.90; do. for boy, \$14.22; balance, \$4.00; Total \$186.72.

Mr. J. Beard, Woodstock, will be happy to furnish any one in the Huron Diocese with envelopes or collecting books in aid of the missionary work or Indian Homes.

Correspondence.

NOTICE.—We must again remind our correspondents that all letters containing direct personal allusions, and especially those containing attacks on Diocesan Committees, must be accompanied with the names of the writers, expressly for the purpose of publication.

THE MISSION BOARD OF THE DIOCESE OF ONTARIO AND THE REV. E. P. CRAWFORD.

No. 2.

MY DEAR SIR: Your readers will not have failed to draw just conclusions from the significant P. S. appended by the Rev. E. P. Crawford to his letter, in your issue of the 31st ultimo. As an AMENDE for confessed error it will doubtless be