

arrived in the mission only in November last, and the roads in that part of the country having been unusually bad this winter (and when they are bad, they are almost impassable), the soil being very deep and the lands lying very low, he has not been able to form an acquaintance with all the people belonging to the Church in that section of the mission. The larger number confirmed at Port Colborne speaks well for the assiduity of the present missionary, and also, for the faithful, able, and unwearied labours of the present Rector of Louth, who was promoted in November last. May God enable those who assumed their baptismal vows and obligations yesterday, to keep them to their lives' end.

ONE WHO WAS PRESENT.

April 8rd, 1876.

TORONTO.

BRAMPTON.—A branch of the Church Temperance Association has been started in connection with Christ Church, and meets every Tuesday evening in Mr. Armour's office. The society consists of members who take the following pledge:—"I promise, by God's help, to abstain from all intoxicating drinks, as beverages, discountenance all the causes and practices of intemperance, and will try to persuade others to do the same, for Christ's sake;" and associates who take the following pledge: "I do solemnly promise to observe, by God's help, strict temperance myself, and to use my influence and best endeavours to discountenance intemperance in others, and to further all the objects of this association." The following Officers have been elected for the ensuing year:—President, Rev. I. Middleton; Vice-Presidents, Judge Scott and Mrs. Derosé; Secretary, G. H. Golding; Assistant-Secretary, Miss M. Armstrong; Treasurer, F. G. Tremayne. All officers must be full members. About forty have joined the association.—*Times*.

OWING to the growing infirmities of age, the Rev. Mr. Hallam has, after seventeen years' faithful service, resigned the position of Chaplain to the Provincial Reformatory at Penetanguishene. The Reformatory was opened in November, 1858, and Mr. Hallam's appointment was gazetted in the following March. The Rev. G. A. Anderson, M.A., has been appointed to the position, and we believe the selection will give general satisfaction. Mr. Anderson appears to be strongly attached to Penetanguishene and its people, as he some little time ago declined a tempting offer of preferment to the Parish of Port Credit, made him by the Bishop.—*Orillia Packet*

SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF CANADIAN AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Subscriptions received from 1st March to 1st April, 1876.—G. F. Duggan, \$5; Professor Kingston, \$15, (\$5 for Algoma missions, \$5 for the Church Missionary Society, \$5 for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel); Rev. W. Stennet, \$10; Rev. Saltern Givens, \$10; Mrs. Perram, \$2; Miss S. Gamble, \$2; J. B., \$2; J. R. Cartwright, \$40. E. M. CHADWICK, Treasurer.

A NEW church is to be built at the Marsh, Cavan, by the congregation worshipping at the school house. Since the services have been given on the Sunday instead of on a week day, there has not been room to accommodate those who desire to attend the ministrations of Rural Dean Allen and Mr. Davis. Considerable liberality has been shown in the contributions promised for the new church.

SPECIAL Mission Services were held in Trinity Church, Bradford, during the

third week of Lent. The Lord Bishop preached the opening sermon on Sunday evening, March 19th, to a very large congregation. During the week addresses were made—two each evening—on the subjects: "Thy Soul," "Thy Sins," "The Holy Spirit," and "Faith and Works." The incumbent of the parish, Rev. T. W. Paterson was assisted at the services by Revs. A. J. Fidler, W. H. Clarke, F. Tremayne and W. W. Bates. The services were most interesting, the addresses excellent, the attendance very fair; and it is hoped that permanent good may be the result.

KINMOUNT.—At a concert for the Church some time since, (date not given), Mr. Tocque presided, and made a few remarks at the commencement. Readings, songs, and instrumental music, sketches, glees, solos, serio-comic dialogues, were very successfully accomplished by the Misses Tocque, Mr. and the Misses Brunner, Mr. Oswald, Miss Spry, and Mr. Howson. Altogether there was an unusual amount of novelties, instrumental and vocal. The meeting closed with an exhibition of Promethean fire and magnificent pyrotechnic display, which created mingled consternation and laughter. There was a good attendance, and one of the most enjoyable meetings of the season.

St. Patrick's day was kept on a small scale on the Dutch line. Mr. Tocque gave a brief sketch of St. Patrick's visit to Ireland in the fourth century, stating that probably other Christians had visited it before him, —that Polycarp was a disciple of St. John the Apostle, and Irenæus was a disciple of Polycarp, who was the first Bishop of Lyons in France, whence probably Christianity was first introduced into Ireland.—That from MSS. found in the City of Dublin, it appears that St. Patrick was an Englishman, a native of Glastonbury, Somersetshire, where he retired from Ireland and died. One of the novelties of the occasion was the exhibition of a real *Irish Shamrock*, by Owen Clark, Esq., sent from Ireland by the previous steamer for the occasion.—*Bobcaygeon Independent*.

HURON.

THE interest taken in the Lent Services, so far from diminishing, has increased every week and day. The first week the congregations were large every evening; but the Church of St. Paul's is the most central in the city and in every respect the most convenient, so people accounted for the large daily attendance. It would be different, they said, when the mission services would be held in the outlying parishes. The second week, at the Memorial Church, if the congregations were not larger than at St. Paul's, it was because the church was not larger. The house was full, some evenings overcrowded. The locality of Christ Church, the next in order, is very unfavorable for an assembly, yet the attendance was unexpectedly good. So was it with St. James', the week following, though in the country. The inclement weather and bad roads did not prevent the church being full. And now, the fifth week, St. Paul's is again the selected place. The large congregations give unmistakable testimony to the deep interest felt in the old Church services. There is nothing new in the services, and in them the large congregations find the spiritual food applicable to each. The old, old story and the outpouring of the ardent aspirations of the soul in the familiar language of the primitive Church have not lost their power. The arrangements for this, the fifth week, have been as follows:—Monday, the Bishop of Huron and Dean Boomer; subject—The Christian Profession and work.

Tuesday—The Dependence of Man and the Fulness of Christ; Revs. Canon Sweatman and W. F. Campbell. Wednesday—Man's Fall and Recovery; Revs. E. Davis and W. H. Tilly. Thursday—Christ's Humanity, and Christ's Divinity; Revs. H. Darnell and I. Gemley. Friday—Living Epistles and Sonship; Revs. I. Smith and Canon Innes. These daily services did not interfere with the Wednesday and Friday services in every church. The meeting for prayer has been held every day at noon in Bishop Cronyn Hall and has been well attended.

A COMMENCEMENT has been made of the church in Petersville. It required no weak faith in the promoters of this good work, to undertake the erection of a church in that suburb, where there are so few able and willing to give the necessary aid. The first Church Missionary services ever held in Petersville was in the public school-house there on last Tuesday evening. The weather was very severe but it did not prevent a good attendance.

PRESENTATION.—A deputation of the ladies of St. Paul's Church, Clinton, called on the Rev. Dr. Wall and presented him with a purse of \$100, "With kind love from his friends and flock." This was very encouraging to the rev. gentleman, considering the brief time he has been in charge of St. Paul's, and may be regarded as an earnest of his acceptability among the people.

RUPERT'S LAND.

The Synod was opened on Wednesday, January 12th, 1876, by the celebration of Divine Service at 10 o'clock a.m., in St. John's Cathedral. The Bishop, after prayers, delivered the following address: Reverend Brethren and Brethren of the Laity,—I have called you together for the consideration of several very important measures which have received the consent of the Executive Committee, and have been, I trust, for a sufficient length of time in your hands to enable you fully to form an opinion upon them. At your last meeting, you elected delegates to represent this diocese in the Provincial Synod. That Synod met on August 8rd, and by a unanimous vote passed a constitution, which was entitled "The Constitution of the Church of England in Rupert's Land." In that constitution it was enacted respecting our own diocese, that the constitution of its Synod should remain in force until altered, as is provided in it, in accordance with the laws of the provincial synod. We, therefore, now meet as a diocesan synod, under the same constitution as we have hitherto had; but for any change two conditions must now be satisfied—such change must be made as laid down in our constitution, and it must not be inconsistent with any of the provisions of the provincial synod.

The synodical bodies that we have thus formed for the government and management of our branch of the Church of England derive their authority from no legislative enactment. We are not in the position of an established Church. We are simply on the same footing—neither better nor worse in the eye of the law—as the other religious bodies in this land. Still our synods are not without authority. Like any other society we can form a contract or agreement binding the members. Our synods will derive their authority over the members of our Church by such an agreement. This renders it necessary that there be some declaration expressing assent to this contract and so binding the members. Such declaration is usually