

selections by Mr. Macomb; glees by the choir and excellent readings by Mr. Alexander. Brief and pointed addresses were given by Rev. Canon Richardson and Davis. Refreshments were served during the evening and a pleasant time was spent.

**BISHOP BALDWIN'S RETURN.**—The Bishop of Huron, accompanied by Mrs. Baldwin and Miss Baldwin, arrived home last week after a six month's absence, and were met at the Grand Trunk depot by all the local clergy, including Very Rev. Dean Innes, Canons J. W. P. Smith, Evans Davis and J. B. Richardson; Mr. E. Baynes Reed and other prominent laymen of the Church of England in the city, and the greeting was a most hearty one. Many were the congratulations extended to the Bishop and his family on their pleasant trip and safe return to the Diocese, and the glad news was heralded to the Citizens by the ringing of the chimes of old St. Paul's.

**MITCHELL.**—The regular monthly meeting of the Church of Engla. Temperance Society was held in the Temperance hall on Monday evening last. The attendance, considering the unfavorable state of the weather was very good. The President, Rev. W. J. Taylor, occupied the chair, and made some very interesting remarks upon the Scripture lessons. The following short programme was then nicely rendered: instrumental, duett, violin and organ Miss A. Salisbury and Mr. Lampman; reading, "The Drunkard's Home," Miss M. Walsh; solo, Miss Bomberly; reading, Mrs. Mulherson; instrumental, Miss Alixia Davis. The meeting opened with a short Liturgical service, and singing, and was brought to a close by singing the doxology.

**GLANWORTH.**—A special Thanksgiving service was held at Glanworth on Monday evening, 12th inst. A Thanksgiving supper was first held in the School-house, where an abundance of good things was provided by members of the congregation, after which the company adjourned to the church, where a Thanksgiving service was held. The Rev. W. M. Shore conducted the prayers, and the Rev. Canon Davis preached an excellent sermon.

**INGERSOLL.**—It is with deep regret that the church people of this parish look forward to the removal of their beloved pastor from their midst. The Rev. E. Saunders, whose health has been in a bad way for months, now finds it necessary to retire from active work, for a time at least. He is recognized as one of the most devoted and faithful men in the Diocese, and the cause of his retirement makes it specially sad.

**MITCHELL.**—A sermon to children on Prayer was preached in Trinity Church, on Sunday last, by the Rector, at the close of the school. Two prizes will be given to those giving the best account of this sermon.

#### DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

THE PARSONAGE, ROSSEAU,  
Parry Sound District, Ont.,  
November 13th, 1888.

SIR,—Will you allow me to make another appeal for money to finish lining and grating the Church at Ullswater? This is a farming settlement and one which deserves helping. I have asked several times but only one gentleman has promised to respond. Now, I really think it is these places which try to help themselves which ought to be helped. There are plenty of wealthy people who frequent these parts in summer and derive much pleasure and benefit from the fresh air, good water and quiet rest who could well afford to send something to the Mission of Rosseau and feel none the poorer by so doing, and have the pleasure of thinking that they have done something to build up

Christ's Church, by giving to the weak Missions of Algoma.

ALF. W. H. CROWNE.

#### PROVINCE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

INCLUDING THE DIOCESES OF RUPERT'S LAND  
SASKATCHEWAN, MOOSONEE, MACKENZIE RIVER,  
ATHABASKA, QU'APPELLE AND CALGARY.

#### DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

**WINNIPEG.**—The Synod of the Diocese assembled in Trinity School-house, Winnipeg, Oct. 31st and November 1st. The proceedings were opened by service in Trinity Church. The Bishop delivered an able address, and celebrated Holy Communion, assisted by Dean Grisdale, Archdeacon Fortin, and the Rural Deans. The ladies of the city parishes provided lunch during the two days.

At the opening of the business session, Dean Grisdale was elected Secretary, and W. R. Goodwidge, Lay Secretary; 38 clergy and a large number of lay delegates answered to their names. The Revs. J. Merrick, G. W. Childs and F. R. Hole were invited to seats on the floor of the house. Mr. C. J. Brydges was elected Hon.-Treasurer.

The Bishop then delivered his Charge, in which at the outset he referred to the continued improvement in the condition of the country—to the large accession of immigrants filling up vacant places [though the immigration had not been as good as had been expected] the result being that the missions had not been practically strengthened in members, and very little in means, by reason whereof the present grants could not be materially lessened. He also referred to the changes which had taken place in the Diocese, and speaking of vacant Missions, said that though the hope expressed at the last Synod that the vacancies then existing would soon be filled had been practically realized, yet that there were several new missions vacant.

The Bishop also returned his thanks to Canon O'Meara for his services as commissioner during his absence, and the S.P.G. for continuing its grant to Missions, also for scholarships, and for renewing the balance of its grants towards the Clergy Endowment Fund; also to the S.P.C.K. for another block grant of £500 for theological scholarships of St. John's College, for grants out of their block grant towards the building of new churches, and for other kind votes, including the printing of a short book of services in Sioux for the Sioux Mission. A grant of £1,000 towards the general endowment fund of St. John's College will shortly lapse, and the unpaid balance of their grant for encouraging the Clergy Endowment Fund has already lapsed. Application for the renewal of these votes has been made, but the result of the application is not yet known. He also thanked the Colonial and Continental Church So. for the continuation of its grant. The Society can only give us a small grant, but it is very hopeful.

His Lordship expressed his desire to visit the field of work of each clergyman at least once a year. He also urged upon the Clergy the imperative necessity of sending in full statistics as required by Synod, and expressed regret that so few of the Clergy of the Diocese are subscribing members of the Clergy, Widow and Orphans' Fund of the Ecclesiastical Province. This will not only be an ultimate loss to many of their families, but it is a loss to the Church of the province, as there cannot be the same interest felt by the Clergy in the fund. Still during the past year there have been collections for the fund in 25 parishes or missions and in 44 separate places.

Speaking of the custom in some places of deducting from the offertory for special objects the average ordinary collection, he said:—"that course largely defeats the intention of the Synod. In those parishes where the envelope system is in use there will proba-

bly be some loss. But if a person gives an envelope and nothing more, it simply means that that person does not wish to give to the object. However we may regret this, I don't know that much objection can be raised. Giving is a matter of free-will and only of value to the giver when what is given is given freely. But when a collection is made for a special object, I think it is contrary to the spirit of the resolution of the Synod and otherwise not very proper to make a deduction from the money given. I spent a few weeks in Canada in 1868, and was very much struck with the different practice in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. I was allowed to preach in the principal churches on behalf of the chair, I was then establishing in St. John's College. I believe in every instance in the Dioceses of Ontario the average collection was deducted, and I simply received the balance—while in every instance in the Dioceses of Montreal and Quebec I received the whole collection."

His Lordship then gave at very considerable length an account of his visit to England for the Lambeth Conference, and referred to the proceedings of the Pan-Anglican, and specially to those having reference to the Reunion of Christendom, and suggested that the clergy should read the Encyclical Letter to their people on the Second Sunday in Advent, and after mentioning the different engagements which closely occupied his time there, and the conferring upon him by the University of Durham, of the degree of D.D., he turned to the future of his Diocese and continued as follows:

"And first I have to make to the Synod a communication of very great gravity. The Church Missionary Society has for some years been of opinion that, though many heathen still remain in this land, the call upon it for their evangelization has largely ceased. It has, therefore, become anxious to be relieved of the expense of its missions here that it may be able to carry the gospel where Christ is not named. The grounds upon which the Society makes its proposal are that the object of the Society is the evangelization of the heathen, not the support of the means of grace for a Christian people—that it thinks that, when settlers enter a country and occupy it, they have a first duty to the heathen natives, and that there is an obligation not only on the young church of this country, but on the Church of the older provinces of Canada, to take up now the work of evangelization in the Dominion. The finance committee of the Society here and myself did not question the soundness of these principles, but we held that they could only wisely and in the interest of the great aim and efforts of the Society be viewed in subordination to another principle—the ability of the work being otherwise taken up and maintained. And the Society itself, in a recent report, admitted the sufficiency of this reasoning, for it said: "The Society is, therefore, under every obligation to continue its labors on the behalf of these Indians, even in places where, as in the Moosonee Diocese, nearly the whole population has become Christians, until God raises up for the red man friends to whom the Society may transfer its trust."

I need not bring out to you, who are acquainted with this country, the arguments by which we maintained that we were yet unprepared for the burden of this transfer—that, though under proper organization more may be done through the Christian Indians themselves, their circumstances were sure as to make any appreciable sustentation of the work by them impracticable—that our young church with the heavy debt on its college and most of its self-supporting parishes, and with such a number of weak missions ever increasing in number with the wide but scattered settlements of this vast country and struggling to supply their own wants could do but little, and that the help from the church of the older Provinces is yet too uncertain to be depended upon.