

COLBORNE.—On Sunday, Nov. 2nd, a handsome brass lectern was presented to Trinity church. It was procured from "The Hamilton Brass Work Co.," and is a most creditable piece of work, satisfactory in every particular. The donors had visited Buffalo, but could hear of no such manufactory there. It bears the following inscription: "In loving memory of Walter Lionel Ridout; born at Toronto, 11th of January, 1858; died at Colborne, 9th of January, 1890. Presented to Trinity Church, Colborne, by his wife, mother, and brother." The time was one of renewed sorrow, as well as of grateful rejoicing, the lectern being dedicated by the rector, with an appropriate service, to the glory of God, and in memory of the late esteemed churchwarden of this parish. No more fitting memorial could have been found for a man who daily read and taught the sacred scriptures in his own house, and most reverently listened to them read and preached in church; while the lustre of the material seemed to speak of the bright geniality of one whose presence was as a ray of sunshine wherever he went. That kind and helpful presence will long be remembered in the community among whom he dwelt, and in the congregation with which he devoutly worshipped, not to speak of his loved family, to whom as brother, son, husband and father, he made life happy and joyous. The village church, which in its various appointments bears witness to his generosity, skill and good taste, is now still further beautified by the loving tribute of his family. And while we bless God for all those departed this life in His faith and fear, we thank Him for many who remain, who continue to show, by their zeal for God's house, that His worship and service are first in their thoughts, and His glory the great desire of their hearts.

BRAMPTON.—*Christ Church.*—The ladies of the Women's Auxiliary gave a "Thanksgiving" Tea from 5 to 8 o'clock, on Tuesday, the 18th inst., and in giving the invitation to the members of the congregation, and which was very forcibly strengthened by loving words from the rector, Rev. W. Walsh, it was coupled with the desire that each one attending the tea take a thank-offering of a lb. in weight of such things as tea, rice, sugar, raisins, currants, corn flour, and other useful articles required more particularly at Christmas time, and which offering, with clothing already sent in by members of the Church and other kind friends, would be sent to the missions requiring help. The tea was a most decided success, and the offerings came in most plentifully, and everybody looked and acted in a thanksgiving way. The rector and Mrs. Walsh, although quite new to the parish, were real workers, and by their kindly manner to one and all, are gaining the love and esteem of the congregation. No doubt such gatherings on behalf of missions would help to build up the Church and bring its members to understand more fully that the only Catholic and Apostolic Church is a Mission Church. The Sunday-school and church choir are being strengthened weekly, and will soon be in a much better condition; in fact the church is showing truer signs of being a living church, and under the present incumbent and his good lady, and the loving and willing help which all have promised, and which is already very apparent, we have every reason to hope, under God's blessing, that Christ church's future will be very much improved. Mr. W. G. Jessop was elected people's warden, in the room of P. H. Fauquier, who has left Brampton.

W. TORONTO JUNCTION.—*S. Martin's.*—Last month two interesting services were held at the opening of S. Martin's church, situated on Perth avenue, in the north-western part of the limits of Toronto, which forms a new parish. His Lordship, the Bishop of the diocese, in the morning preached a most able and instructive sermon, admonishing his hearers to cling to the good old ways,—that while, in this age of inventions many new things and ideas were an improvement on the past, yet from a religious standpoint nothing could take the place of the services of that old Apostolic Church—the Church of England. In the evening a most learned, eloquent and instructive sermon was preached by Rev. Professor Symon, of Trinity College, on the priesthood; both services, although the weather was unpropitious, were well attended; about thirty persons partook of the Holy Communion after the morning service. In December, 1889, the Rev. C. E. Thomson, of Davenport, suggested the idea of holding mission services, in a private house, in connection with S. Mark's church. Clergymen and students were regularly provided every Sunday afternoon by Mr. Thomson until the Sunday preceding the 19th October, when the new church was opened. About the month of July last, the Rev. Canon Middleton, late incumbent of Oshawa, came to assist Rev. Mr. Thomson, and as a matter of duty it devolved upon him to take the mission service. He, Mr. Middleton, therefore, conceived the idea of building a small church, and suiting the action to the thought, he energetically set about building, and by the 19th of October had a lovely little church com-

pleted and ready for the opening on that day. Mr. Middleton has organized a Sunday-school; about thirty children regularly attend, and the congregation numbers from twenty five to forty persons at each service. The services are bright and very impressive; and the choir, although not large in number, will compare very favorably with any other outside of the city. May Mr. Middleton long be spared to see his most interesting little congregation increase, and at the last may the Good Shepherd amply reward him for his great zeal in his Master's cause.

NIAGARA.

MOUNT FOREST.—The Girls' Friendly, under the presidency of Mrs. Albert Welton, has been doing grand work; the result of their open meetings has been to add \$53 to the treasury. They hope to have \$100 to present to God on His altar at the great Easter festival.

FAREWELL.—Last Monday night the ladies belonging to this congregation met at the residence of Mr. John R. Morrison on the 11th line of Arthur, the Rev. Elwin Radcliffe, B. C. L., Rector, in the chair, and formed themselves into a society to be known by the name of "The Willing Workers." President, Miss Jennie Shaw; vice-president, Miss Rachel Morrison; secretary-treasurer, Miss Cassie Morrison. Committee—Miss Eliza Jane Morrison, Miss Ellen Morrison, Miss Maggie Munns, Miss Amanda Morrison, Miss Delilah Morrison, Miss Lizzie Shaw, and Miss Jennie Morrison (Farewell). Chaplain—the Rector of the parish. "The Willing Workers" decided to have their first open meeting on Tuesday evening, November 25th, at the residence of Miss Shaw, the president. Admission 5c.; all are invited. The Rev. W. Bevan, lately out from England, but more recently Rector of West Flamborough, has been licensed as Rector of the parishes of Mount Forest and North Arthur by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Niagara, vice the Rev. Elwin Radcliffe, B. C. L., who has resigned to take a curacy and rest in England. The rev. gentleman is a Welshman by birth and has been educated at the best schools and taken his theological course at the Durham Theological College in England. He has written able works on theological subjects; is a thorough Christian gentleman and talented preacher, and is a Free Mason. In every way he will be an acquisition to the town, and the congregation of S. Paul's church are indeed to be congratulated upon the selection of their new Rector. The Church Wardens received word from the Bishop on Monday last of the Rev. Wm. Bevan's appointment.

Appointments.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese has been pleased to appoint the Rev. R. Cordre, late of Port Colborne, to the parish of Waterdown; the Rev. J. J. Morton, late of Loweville, to the parish of Port Colborne; the Rev. J. Seaman, late of Nanticooke, to the mission of Loweville; and the Rev. Wm. Bevan, late of Flamboro', to the parish of Mount Forest.

Vacant Missions.—West Flamboro' and Beverley, Nanticooke, Cheapside and Strabane. The first of these places has had the services of the Church for about 40 years, and the church is within two miles of Dundas.

A Home for Incurables, which has been established in Hamilton under the auspices of the Church, was opened last week by the Bishop of the Diocese, when addresses were delivered by the Mayor and other prominent professional men of the city, amongst whom was a Roman Catholic priest and a Baptist minister.

S. S. Convention.—The convention held a few years ago in Hamilton, to which Rev. W. Grahame alluded in your last issue, was called to commemorate the establishment of our present S. S. system under Robt. Raikes. True it took the form of a convention, although it was intended to be an anniversary.

ST. CATHARINES.—*S. George's Parish.*—A most delightful parlor concert took place Wednesday evening, November 26th, in the Rectory. Mr. and Mrs. Ker are so unmistakably glad to have the people of the parish around them that this fact in itself contributes in no small measure to the success of anything they take in hand. Several of our most popular singers participated in the concert, including Mr. and Mrs. Towers, Mr. Phelps, Mrs. Welch and others. Miss Bates gave a delightful recitation, and was, as she deserved, warmly applauded. Mr. Ker, as chairman, cordially thanked the ladies and gentlemen who had so kindly helped them, and also the friends who had made it a point to be present with them. He hoped to see their friends frequently with them.

WEST FLAMBORO' AND ROCKTON. The following is taken from the *True Banner* of Dundas: The Rev. Mr. Bevan preached his farewell sermon last Sunday in Christ church, to a large congregation. On Monday afternoon one of the largest meetings of the Women's Guild was held at Mrs. Lyons', when Sister Sarah was elected president of the Guild. Mrs. Bevan is the retiring president. Mrs. Gerald Groyn was elected secretary-treasurer. A meeting of the teachers and others connected with Sunday school work was held on Monday evening at Mrs. Sarah Green's, at which Tuesday, December 30th, was chosen for the S. S. Xmas. entertainment. On Tuesday evening a large number of the congregation assembled at Mr. Fred. Thornton's to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Bevan. Mr. K. Wishart, in a short, happy speech, explained the object of the meeting. Mr. Thornton then read an address, which with a well filled purse, was presented to Mr. Bevan by Mr. John Hills. Mr. Bevan replied in a feeling and pleasant manner. The address was a beautifully illuminated document. The Dundas *Star*, in its Rockton news, has the following: The congregation of S. Alban's church bade farewell to the Rev. Mr. Bevan, their genial and popular pastor, last Sunday. Mount Forest will gain what we have lost, and the people of Rockton wish him prosperity in his new station.

HURON.

LONDON.—A drawing-room meeting was held at Bishopstowe, on the 26th November, the Bishop in the chair. His Lordship gave a valedictory address on the departure of Miss Busby, the first lady missionary sent out by the Women's Auxiliary of Huron Diocese. After expressing his thankfulness for the great progress of the W.A.M.A. since its formation, the Bishop addressed Miss Busby in words of sympathy and encouragement. The field of labour which Miss Busby has undertaken is the Blood Reserve, Fort Macleod, one hundred and fifty miles south of Calgary, where she is to help Rev. Mr. Trivett with his Indian school.

ALGOMA.

SAULT STE. MARIE.—A committee meeting of the Shingwauk and Wawanosh homes was held at Bishopstowe, on Tuesday, Nov. 26th ult. The committee, which has only lately been formed, consists of the Rev. G. Sullivan, D.D., Bishop of Algoma; Rev. E. F. Wilson, Rev. E. A. Vesey, Judge Johnson and Mr. McNeil Thompson. Of this number there were present: The Bishop of Algoma, in the chair; Revs. E. F. Wilson and E. A. Vesey. The meeting opened with prayer. The Rev. E. F. Wilson then read the accounts, which showed rather more satisfactory results. The question of moving the Wawanosh Home for the double purpose of economy and superintendence, was discussed. It was resolved to hold a monthly meeting of the committee, the second Tuesday in each month being appointed. The meeting closed with the benediction.

Correspondence.

All Letters containing personal allusions will appear over the signature of the writer.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

Thanksgiving Day.

SIR,—Your remarks regarding the Bishop of Ontario's sermon preached at S. George's Cathedral, on Thanksgiving Day, were certainly a surprise to your Kingston readers.

How unfounded the statement is that the Bishop expressed himself as "opposed to Thanksgiving Day," may be seen from the following brief extracts taken from the reports of the two city daily papers. After mentioning the fact that "Thanksgiving Day was no festival of the Church of England," the Bishop is reported by the one paper as saying: "Still the Church of England observed the day, for loyalty was a characteristic of her members, and when called upon to observe such a day as this as a day of national thanksgiving, they gladly did so." The report in the other runs: "Why, then, does the Church hold a special service on Thanksgiving Day? Because the Church is loyal to the Crown, and when the Vice-Royal Proclamation is issued, loyal subjects obey." And in this report the Bishop proceeds to lament the unfortunate time of the year when the day is proclaimed as interfering with a more general observance. The local daily press is certainly not responsible for such a misrepresentation of the Bishop's sermon as your article contains. The action of his lordship a few years ago, in postponing the