

is no better way to view the diocese in this year of 1889 than to look around upon the educational institutions of The Church in this province of Ontario. In the first place there is Trinity College—(applause)—and there is an additional theological college to that here in the City of Toronto; Wycliffe College. (applause.) Then there is the Church school for boys in connection with Trinity College, which is acknowledged not only throughout Canada, but largely in the United States to be the *very best school of its kind* that can be found. (Applause.) Then there is the Bishop Bethune College at Oshawa, the youngest of our educational children. I am sure that any one who was present in St. James' Cathedral this morning or at this luncheon must have very little feeling indeed if he did not feel his heart touched with pride and gratitude for the prospects which are now before The Church in this province and in this diocese. (Applause.) Speaking of the present condition of the diocese and of the prospects of the future, the Bishop said: We have set out now upon the commencement of another half century. We have set out with the very best hopes, and there is ground for hope that

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will not be less prosperous and fruitful than the period I have been speaking of. [Applause] You are aware that I have started in connection with this semi centennial celebration another great work for the further advancement of the interests of the Church. I mean the setting on foot of a real Cathedral establishment fully organized in its work. [Loud applause]. I have undertaken this work believing it will be a very great work of faith in years to come. I believe that on two grounds: [1] I believe in The Church of England, and [2] I believe in the future of the city of Toronto. [Applause.] It is in that faith I have undertaken this great work, believing that the great Church in this Diocese will rally round it in this city of Toronto with increasing prosperity. I believe that The Church in this city, and in this Diocese, will not think its work completely organized until, like the churches in the Dioceses of England, it will have thoroughly organized this work and have a Cathedral that it may be proud of. [Applause].

The Ven. Archdeacon McMurray, of the Diocese of Niagara, responded to the toast in a speech full of historical incident and of great interest; and was followed by the Hon. John Beverley Robinson, who also related his reminiscences, and recounted incidents in Bishop Strachan's life and struggles. We much regret that we have not room to give these addresses in full. Bishop Coxe proposed "The Church of England in Canada," which was responded to by the Bishop of Ontario. Prof. Goldwin Smith proposed "The Educational Institutions in connection with the Church of England," to which the Hon. G. A. Allan, Chancellor of Trinity College, responded in a lengthy speech having special reference to the founding and history of the College, and to the care of the Church for the education of her sons and daughters. Dr. Snelling proposed the "Corporation of the City of Toronto," responded to by Mayor Clarke; and Prof. Clark honoured "Our Guests," coupling therewith the names of the Bishops of Nova Scotia and New York, both of whom made happy replies.

THE EVENING SERVICE.

An immense congregation was attracted to Holy Trinity Church in the evening, where it was announced that Bishop Coxe would preach. Rev. John Pearson, Rector of Holy Trinity; Rev. Arthur Baldwin, and Rev. J. D. Cayley took part in the service, and the Bishop preached from Psalm xlv. 17.

The Jubilee proceedings were to continue for a week, each day having some special event to mark it. Amongst these was the laying of the foundation stone of the new Western wing of Trinity College now in course of erection, on

the 24th Nov., and the conferring at a special Convocation of the degree of D. C. L., on Bishop Courtney of Nova Scotia; Rev. E. N. Potter, President of Hobart College, Geneva, N.Y.; Canon Dumoulin, of Toronto, and Dr. Geikie, Dean of Trinity Medical College. In the evening of that day a special service was held at St. James', at which the Rev. A. Spencer, Clerical Secretary of the Diocese of Ontario, was the preacher.

The Gananoque Journal says of the Jubilee:

This week the semi-centennial jubilee of the Anglican Church in this province is being held in Toronto. In connection therewith the following facts concerning the Anglican diocese will be of interest to many of our readers: In 1787 the first Colonial bishop was appointed in England to Nova Scotia. This was Dr. Chas. Inglis. Readers of Canadian history will remember that before anything was thought of this part of the country and when Canada was not Canada, but New France, Nova Scotia was from 1713 a part of the British Empire. The next bishop was appointed in 1793. This was Dr. Jacob Mountain, Bishop of Quebec. His jurisdiction extended over Upper and Lower Canada, and his co-adjutor was appointed in 1836. In 1790 Governor Simcoe, when he came to Upper Canada, wrote to the Archbishop of Canterbury, urging the necessity of having a bishop appointed here to gather together the scattered members of the Church. Governor Simcoe in his letter urged the appointment "as a necessity of preventing enthusiastic and fanatic preachers from acquiring a superstitious hold on the minds of the multitude." The general tone of this letter would seem to show that the appointment was resigned as a safeguard against the influence of disloyalty and democracy. In 1839 Upper Canada was constituted a separate diocese, and Dr. Strachan was appointed to the Toronto See, being the first bishop in this part of the country. In 1845 New Brunswick was separated, and Dr. Medley, the present bishop, was appointed there. It is necessary to go back to 1786 to find when the first Anglican clergyman came out to Upper Canada. This gentleman was Dr. John Stuart, who was a missionary between Niagara and Kingston. His son, George O'Kill Stuart became the first rector of Toronto and Archdeacon of Kingston.

DIVISION OF THE OLD DIOCESE.

The diocese of Upper Canada was divided in the following manner and at the following times by the creation of separate dioceses:

- Huron, separated in 1857—Bishop Cronyn.
- Ontario, separated in 1861—Bishop John Travers Lewis.
- Niagara, separated in 1873—Bishop Brook Fuller.
- Algoma, separated in 1875—Bishop Fauquier.

Only a few figures are necessary to trace the growth of the Church of England in Upper Canada. In 1838 the Bishop of Quebec estimated the strength of the denomination in Upper Canada at 150,000 and in 1847 Bishop Strachan estimated the number at 200,000. According to the census in 1871 the church had increased to 431,000, and of 1881 to 367,000, and according to the present estimate of Dr. Hodgins, in accordance with the natural increase, the church would now number 450,000 members.

THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE.

Only a few statistics are also necessary to trace the increase of the clergy. In 1813, when Dr. Strachan became rector of York, the number of clergy in Upper Canada was only five. Dr. Strachan, it will be remembered, was the second rector of York. In 1818 the number of clergy was ten, and in 1825 22, in 1827 30, in 1833 46, in 1837 75, in 1841 90, and in 1844 103.

The following are the present number of

clergy in the five dioceses (originally composed in Toronto Diocese).

Toronto.....	156
Huron.....	132
Ontario.....	125
Niagara.....	67
Algoma.....	26

Total..... 506

DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON.—A Union Thanksgiving service was held in St. Paul's on Thanksgiving day. All the city clergy were present and took part in the service. His Lordship the Bishop preached a most able and practical sermon suitable for the occasion to a very large congregation.

Services were also held in the evening in the other churches.

The Rev. W. J. Taylor, of Mitchell, lectured to a good audience in Christ Church schoolroom, at the opening meeting of the winter series of the C. E. T. S. gathering. The Rev. Canon Smith presided, and gave a brief sketch of the Band of Hope. A short programme of music followed. The Rev. Mr. Taylor then gave his lecture, which was replete with useful advice, especially to the young, and in a calm and temperate way pointed out the uses and abuses of wine spoken of in the Bible, showing in a graphic way the evils of intemperance. The lecture was interspersed with numerous anecdotes illustrative of the subject, and was received with every sign of approbation. A cordial vote of thanks was moved by Rev. G. B. Sage in a neat speech, and carried unanimously. The meeting was closed with the Doxology and Benediction.

Mrs. Smith, of Alma street, gave an "At Home" at her residence "Missisquoi" lately in aid of the Sunday School fund of the Church of St. John the Evangelist. The drawing-room, parlor, &c., were thrown open, and a little after 8 o'clock the friends of the church had taken entire possession and were proceeding to enjoy themselves, which they did in the heartiest manner. During the evening an impromptu programme was carried out, which included a violin, cello and piano trio by Misses Burnett [2] and Orrell; reading, Mr. Cox; song, "A Bird sat on an Alder Bough," with violin obligato, Miss Orrell; duet, 'Spanish dances,' Miss Orrall and Mr. Puddicombe; violin, cello and piano trio, Misses Burnett and Orrell; vocal duet, Mrs. Jones and Mr. Charlie Jones. The refreshment and fancy tables were well patronized, and quite a snug little sum was realized from them. The whole entertainment was given at the expense of Mrs. Smith, and the Rector and members of the congregation are deeply grateful to her, more especially as she is not a member of the parish.

Memorial Church.—Mr. S. Woods, Principal of the Collegiate Institute, delivered a lecture, in the Memorial Church schoolroom, in which he dealt with the question "Will it pay to send our children to the Sunday-school?" He showed that it would pay, not in the usual currency of dollars and cents, but in the more precious remuneration of souls saved and a wider spread Gospel. Rev. Canon Richardson presided. At the close a vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer, and a collection taken up in aid of the funds for the new organ.

St. MARY'S.—The Rev. C. O'Meara has left this parish and gone to Columbus, Ohio, where he has been appointed assistant minister in a large church.

LONDON SOUTH.—The W. A. M. A. in connection with St. James' Church, sent three bales of clothing and groceries to a Mission in the Diocese of Algoma.

Every man's life lies within the present; the past is spent, and the future is uncertain.