

had characterized their proceedings. Probably they had learned some serious and invaluable lessons as to their legislation, but they would no doubt benefit by them, and take care in future to place their legislation on an unassailable basis. The opening service of the Synod had been the most successful and impressive one they had held for years, and must have presented to the public a spectacle of the strength and prosperity they had attained from an increase of unity and brotherly love. The missionary meeting, too, had been most successful, and was an indication of the increase of the missionary spirit in the Church. He trusted that during the recess they would not forget to pray that he might be guided aright in the execution of his onerous and responsible duties. (Applause.)

The benediction was then pronounced, and the Synod adjourned *sine die*.

THE BISHOP of Toronto will (D.V.) hold his next general ordination in St. Peter's Church, Cobourg, on Sunday morning, 15th July. The examination will commence in the school-house of St. Peter's, Cobourg, at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning 11th July. Candidates will be required to bring with them their *St. quis* and letters testimonial; and candidates for deacon's orders their baptismal certificates, if these have not been already sent to the Bishop. Intending candidates will send their names without delay to the examining chaplain, the Rev. Canon Stennett, the rectory, Cobourg, who will give all information as to subjects of examination.

HOSPITALITY.—During Synod clergy and lay readers were very cordially received at Government House by invitation of His Honour the Lieut.-Gov. and Mrs. Robinson. The happy, genial, and unaffected manner in which the present occupants of Government House, Toronto, dispense hospitality renders their early vacation of this position a matter of sincere regret to all classes. They have however set a noble example to their successors who will find it no easy task to win for themselves the golden opinions which are universally held in regard to Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Beverly Robinson.

THE PROVOST OF TRINITY COLLEGE and Mrs. Body sailed for England from Quebec on Saturday, June 16th in the S.S. Sarnia, of the Dominion Line. We wish them heartily a pleasant trip and a safe return. All letters on college business should be addressed to the Rev. Professor Jones.

CARTWRIGHT.—St. John's Church in this parish was consecrated by the Bishop of Toronto on the 28th ult. The church was opened for divine service in 1876 but now having had all the indebtedness removed was finally dedicated to the service of Almighty God according to the worship of the Church of England. The Bishop was assisted in the interesting ceremony by the rector, the Rev. John Creighton, B.D., the Rev. Rural Dean Allen, M.A., and the Rev. John Carry, B.D. In connection with the consecration the Rite of Confirmation was administered by the Bishop, when thirteen candidates were confirmed. The Bishop gave a very earnest and practical address.

NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—Receipts at Synod office to 31st of May 1888.

MISSION FUND.—*Offeritory Collection*.—Cayuga, \$4; Thorold, \$14; Port Robinson, \$3; Oakville, \$6.64; Port Colborne, \$7.65; Marshville, \$2.85; Grantham, \$5; *Parochial Collections*.—Fort Erie, \$18.69; Waterdown and Aldershot, \$5.55; Palmerston, \$7.50; Thorold \$14; Merrittton, Homer and Grantham \$23.35; St. Catharines, St. Thomas, \$160; Port Colborne and Marshville, \$2.25. *On Guarantee Account*.—Port Colborne \$100; Palermo, \$88; Caledonia \$108.34; Drew, \$12.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*Offeritory Collection*.—Guelph, \$89.75.

DIVINITY STUDENTS' FUND.—Niagara Falls, \$1. ALGOMA AND NORTH-WEST FUND.—Niagara Falls, \$4.

SYNOD ASSESSMENT.—Acton, \$2; Amaranth West, \$2; Ancaster, \$12; Arthur and Parker, \$4; Barton and Glanford, \$9; Beverley and West Flamboro, \$6; Burlington and Nelson \$12; Caledonia and York, \$9; Cayuga, \$6; Chippawa, \$7; Dundas \$10; Dunnville and Port Maitland, \$9; Elora and Alma, \$6; Erin and Garafaxa, \$4; Fort Erie and Bertie \$7; Georgetown, \$9; Grimsby, \$12; Guelph, \$32; Hamilton, Christ Church, \$22; Ascension, \$33; St. Mark's \$4; All Saints' \$4; Jarvis and Hagersville, \$6; Lincoln and Welland, Travelling mission \$2; Louth and Port Dalhousie \$9; Merrittton, Homer, and Grantham, \$4; Milton and Hornby, \$12; Mount Forest, \$6; Niagara,

\$14; Niagara Falls and Queenston \$9; Norval and Stewart town \$6; Oakville, \$9; Omagh and Palermo, \$3; Palmerton, \$3; Port Colborne and Marshville, \$9; Rothsay and Huston, \$6; Saltfleet, &c., \$4; Stamford and Drummondville, \$12; St. Catharines, St. George's \$20; Christ Church and St. Thomas' \$9; St. Barnabas, \$2; Stony Creek and Bartonville, \$4; Thorold and Port Robinson, \$14; Walpole South, \$4; Waterdown and Aldershot, \$4; Welland, \$4.

HURON.

LONDON CHAPTER HOUSE.—The Ladies' Aid Society met the deanery, the residence of Very Rev. Dean Boomer, on the 5th inst., on which occasion a handsomely worked table cover was presented from the ladies of the association to Mrs. Hellmuth, as a token of love and esteem for her unvaried kindness, and having acted as President since the first organization of the society. It was accompanied with a suitable address, expressing their deep regret for the severance so soon to take place, by Mrs. Hellmuth's return to England with the Bishop. Mrs. Hellmuth replied, thanking the ladies for their kindness, and said she would ever prize their handsome present as a reminder of the many pleasing associations connected with the Chapter House Ladies' Aid Society during the many years she had been its President.

MARKDALE.—The grounds of Christ Church have been nicely arranged and beautified. Walks have been made and flowers planted, making them very attractive. The incumbent, Rev. James Ward, has not, we are pleased to see, been imbued with the old time opinion of dissenters, that a barn-like structure is conducive to hearty worship.

CLERICAL VACATIONS.—Dear as are the summer holidays to the school boy, who, having been pent up amid the unrest of the city, returns for weeks to the pure air and country pleasure of the paternal home, so highly prized are a few days' vacation by him who has for years pursued one unbroken course of parochial duty. The clergy of this diocese have commenced their annual vacations, though it is sometimes only a change from one scene of labour to another. Rev. A. Brown, of St. Paul's, city, has a short vacation—a fortnight—in New York. The great incessant progress of the Church in the Republic, seems to have intensified his zeal for the good old Church. Rev. Canon Hill, of Strathroy, with Mrs. H. and family, spend the summer vacation in Toronto. Rev. H. Banwell, late incumbent of Kingville mission, officiated at matins and evensong in St. John's Church last Sunday.

WINDSOR.—On May 25th, at a largely attended vestry meeting held in All Saints' Church, it was resolved to increase the rector's salary to \$1,800. This is the second increase in salary Mr. Ramsay has received since his appointment to the parish twelve months ago. In this manner have the predictions of the Evangelicals, a few months since, of the coming evils—the innovations of increased decency and order in the services of All Saints' Church—been verified.

NEWBURG.—The Bishop of the diocese held a confirmation service in Christ Church, Newburg, on Thursday, 7th inst. The Rev. W. J. Taylor presented forty-nine candidates for admission to the full communion of the Church. The candidates were from the three churches of Mr. Taylor's mission: Christ Church, Newburg, St. James', Wardsville, and St. John's, Glencoe. The Bishop preached an earnest sermon, appropriate to the solemn rite he had administered. The church was crowded, as is usual when the young soldiers of the cross come forward to make public profession of their faith and to receive the laying on of hands. The Ven. Archdeacon Sandys assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion.

BAYFIELD.—The members of Bayfield mission have built a parsonage in connection with Trinity Church. It is said to be one of the best and most desirable parsonages in the diocese. The cost of the building when completed will be over \$3,000. The lot on which it stands contains over an acre of land. How different is the status of the Church in Bayfield from what it was a few years ago, when Mr. Gower, Rev. Mr. Campbell, and a few other loyal Churchmen, in spite of many and great obstacles, raised a feeble representation of the beloved old Church in the backwoods. "One man soweth and another reapeth." The incumbent, Rev. R. McCosh, has proved himself a worthy minister of his adopted church.

THE BISHOP OF HURON.—A circular has been issued stating that under a canon of the Provincial Synod, the resignation of a Bishop requires the consent of a majority of the House of Bishops, and as a meeting of the House of Bishops cannot be had until Sep-

tember, the election of the successor to Bishop Hellmuth cannot take place next week, as was proposed, nor until after they have met. Meantime, the Bishop is preparing for an early departure to his new field of labour. He has already secured passages for himself and Miss Hellmuth in the Servia, which is to sail from New York on the 18th July.

SARNIA.—The Lord Bishop of Huron held confirmation in St. George's Church on the third Sunday after Trinity, when the rector, Rev. Thomas R. Davis, had the happiness to present a very interesting class to his Lordship for admission to the full communion of the Church. The Bishop also inducted Mr. Davis as rector of the parish. He has for some months been rector *de facto*, and now the legal formalities have been gone through. Within those few months he has approved himself a true minister of the old Church. On the same day (St. Barnabas) the Bishop was to lay the corner-stone of the new church, which will cost \$3,000.

ST. BARNABAS, APOSTLE AND MARTYR.—A small congregation at St. Paul's, city, though an improvement in the attendance. The rector and assistant minister read the ante-Communion service. The rector gave a brief but very interesting address on the character of Barnabas, one of the most remarkable characters in the New Testament, as told in the epistle for the day and in other portions of the Holy Writ.

SARNIA.—The corner stone of the new St. George's Church was laid on Monday afternoon 11th inst, by His Lordship, the Bishop of Huron. The decoration committee had erected a temporary platform enclosed by a number of arches bound with evergreens. Over all floated three or four national flags. The corner stone was cut from a block of Ohio sandstone. On the side facing westward was the inscription, "St. George's Church, A.D. 1888." The south side bore the legend, "Laid by the Right Rev. I. Hellmuth, D.D., Bishop of Huron, June 11th, 1888." In a receptacle beneath the stone, and enclosed in a glass jar, was placed a copy of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN and other papers, a copy of the address to the Bishop, programme of ceremonies, history of the parish, with names of all clergymen down to date, historical sketches, the names of Queen Victoria, and her Canadian representatives, the names of Hon. A. Vidal, Hon. T. B. Pardee, and J. F. Lister, M.P., the different silver coins of the Dominion and a record of the late session of the Synod. On the platform were seated the Bishop, Rector, Rural Dean, Revs. Messrs. Skinner, of Fort Gratiot, Beckwith, of Port Huron, Dr. Armstrong, Jacobs, Bearfoot, Hynde, Hyland, Batstone, Emmenegahboo, of Minnesota, and officers of the church and choir. His Lordship, with a fervent blessing upon his lips, performed the ceremony attending the laying of the corner stone. The trowel presented the rev. gentleman is of silver, with shank of gold and handle of pearl, and has inscribed upon it: "Presented to the Right Rev. Bishop Hellmuth, on the occasion of laying the corner stone of St. George's Church, June 11th, 1888." The Bishop then addressed the people assembled, offering congratulations upon the commencement of the erection of the sacred edifice. He eulogized the Rector upon the result of his labors in the parish, and commended the members of the church to work hand in hand with him. In the course of his remarks the Bishop said he had labored for forty years in Canada, and during that time had been blessed with good health and happiness. His heart was subjected to a severe wrench when knowing he was to separate from the many friends and endearing associations in Canada. But he was pleased that the severance would be but for a short time, it being his intention to return for a while during the present year. His Lordship spoke with warmth on the hearty welcome from the people of this parish, and said he rejoiced with them in the advanced condition of the new house of worship. Rev. Messrs. Skinner, Beckwith and Jamieson, delivered congratulatory addresses on the building of the new church. Mr. Robert Gurd thanked the assemblage, on behalf of the church, for their generous donations. He assured the Bishop of the love and esteem held for him by the congregation, and hoped his future life in England would be blessed. Rev. Mr. Davis, after making a few timely remarks, said that the builders of the new church had not undertaken its erection without knowing the work could be finished. A collection was then taken up and \$205 was added to the building fund as a result. The church will cost \$20,000. In the evening a conversazione and reception was held in the Town Hall, and was well attended. A programme of eleven numbers was presented, and received with much appreciation. Miss Camilla Allard, and Port Huron Grace Church Choir, Miss Gilkison, of Brantford, Mrs. Joy, Miss Auld, Miss J. Fraser, Miss Pattie Bucke, Dr. Cumberland, of Pt. Edward, Dr. Oliver and the church choir, acquitted themselves with credit. During the evening the members of the