

not been at all favorable to parochial working. The Rev. Mr. Garrett rector of Lacolle has leave of absence for three months and is benevolently spending it in Rev. Bro. Ridleys Parish in the Diocese of Huron, giving the latter opportunity of going away for a rest. The Clerical Union of the district of Bedford met in Freligsburgh on Thursday, 3rd inst. His Lordship the Bishop in the chair. It meets (D.V.) next month in the Parish of Mansonville.

MANSONVILLE—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese visited this Parish on Tuesday, the 15th inst., accompanied by the Rev. F. H. Clayton of New Glasgow, and the Rev. W. P. Chambers. Services were held A.M. and P.M. Celebrations of the H. C. followed Mattins and the Rev. W. Percy Chambers preached a very attractive and profitable sermon. In the evening his Lordship preached in his well known and impressive manner.

ONTARIO.

OTTAWA—Whitsunday at Christ Church This great feast was observed with much pomp and ceremony at this Church which may be taken as an indication of the healthy growth and vigour of the Parish. There was an early celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. The Rev. Archdeacon Lauder was celebrant. The Rev. W. J. Mucklestone assisting. At 10 a.m., the right Rev. The Lord Bishop held a special confirmation service for several candidates who were prepared for this rite last Sunday but were unable to attend then by reason of illness. At the 11 o'clock service the Sacrament of Baptism was administered when three infants were baptized and a fourth, who had been previously baptized privately, was received into the church. There was a second celebration at 11 a.m. His Lordship the Bishop was celebrant. The ven. Archdeacon, Gospeller and the Curate Epistler. The Whitsunday collection for Diocesan Missions was taken up at all services, resulting in a very handsome sum. The curate preached an able and effective sermon on church's doctrine with respect to the effusion of the Spirit. At 3 p.m. there was a special Military Service which was attended by the full strength of the Governor General's Foot Guard. His service was most impressive the troops joining heartily in the responses and in the hymns. Archdeacon Lauder preached for 10 minutes from 1 Peter 2:17, "Fear God Honor the King." his sermons were worth a dozen drills. After the Benediction the service closed with God Save the Queen heartily sung by the whole congregation. At Evensong there was a very large attendance. The ven. Archdeacon preached the fifth of his course of sermons on the position and the doctrines of the Anglican Church. His Excellency the Governor General attended the 11 a.m. service and heard for the last time the strengthening prayer for the Governor General of this Dominion.

FRANKTOWN—The Bishop confirmed fifty-five candidates in this parish. It is said that four members of All Saints' choir intend to study for the ministry. A surprised choir thus becomes a church's recruiting school. Rev Dr. Mountain, who gave valuable property in Cornwall to found a memorial canonry, goes to England shortly to permanently reside.

STELLA—Rev. Mr. Roberts, Amherst Island, expects a gift of land in this place upon which to erect a church. It will be more suitable to have the church there.

The following delegates were elected to the Provincial synod: clerical—J. S. Lauder, G. W. White, A. Spencer, J. J. Bogert, E. P. Crawford, W. Lewin, W. B. Carey, T. B. Jones, E. H. M. Baker, C. B. Pettitt, R. L. Stephenson, L. H. Pollard; substitutes, J. W. Burke, K. L. Jones, B. B. Smith, E. G. W. Hannington, A. C. Nesbitt, and F. L. Stephenson.

Lay—R. T. Walkem, Dr. Henderson, R. V. Rogers, Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, A. T. Matheson, E. H. Smythe, Judge Macdonald, Dr. Wilson, Jas Shannon, Judge Senkler, Judge Carman, J. Summer, substitutes, E. Elliott, Judge Reynolds, Dr. Ruttan, L. Keefer, Dr. Preston, A. T. Henshaw.

Mission board lay—Dr. Smythe, James Shannon, A. J. Matheson, Judge Senkler, Judge Carman, Judge Macdonald, H. Hartney, and Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick.

Clerical—Canon White, Rural Dean Baker, Canon Pettitt, E. P. Crawford, Rural Dean Nesbitt, Rural Dean Bogert, J. W. Burke and Rural Dean Grout.

The Bishops appointments to the mission board were: Rev. Messrs. H. Pollard, W. Lewin, A. R. L. Stephenson, and W. B. Carey; also Dr. Henderson, S. Keefer, R. T. Walkem and Dr. Wilson.

BROCKVILLE—Trinity Church was on Sunday the 18th inst. the scene of perhaps the most impressive ordination service ever held in Canada. At an early hour the congregation began to assemble, and at 10 o'clock when matins was said, the Church was nearly full. After matins there was an intermission of half an

hour during which time those taking part in the service assembled in the Sunday school in the basement of the Church, while in the building itself every vacant spot was soon filled with those anxious to see the performance of this solemn rite of the Church of England. At 11 o'clock the procession formed. First those to be made deacons all carrying white stoles on their arms, and vested in Cassock and Surplice, then the deacons who were to be ordained priests, following them visiting priests. Then the Archdeacon of Ottawa and Kingston wearing the biretta, and lastly the Bishop, preceded by his Chaplain Rev. E. P. Crawford, carrying the pastoral staff. His Lordship wore his scarlet robes, very handsome white stole, and his mitre and looked every inch a Bishop. Proceeding from the basement the procession marched to the street and along that to the west door of the Church. Here just as the deacons entered the processional Hymn was begun. This was sung in alternate verses by choir and clergy. Arrived at the chancel steps the procession opened up and allowed the Bishop and the leading clergy to enter the Sanctuary, then those to be made deacons filed off to the right or south side, and those to be priested to the left or north side, all sitting in the front seat of the nave. The service was then proceeded with, the sermon being preached by Provost Body of Trinity College Toronto. After that was ended the usual interrogations of the Bishop were made, he coming down into the chancel and the Archdeacon of Kingston standing near the steps, giving the answers. Then the Bishop having returned to his seat, the Litany was sung by Archdeacon Jones kneeling at the chancel steps. It is seldom that one hears, the Litany sung so well, and both the Archdeacon and the choir deserve great praise for their beautiful and sympathetic rendering of "our solemn Litany." It was sung without organ accompaniment. The Litany and Collects being ended, the Bishops chair was brought down to the entrance to the chancel and sitting there, wearing his mitre, and his chaplain bearing the pastoral staff standing at his side, he administered the solemn rite. The deacons then put on their stoles, sash wise, from left to right and Mr. Reysen read the Gospel. Then the ordination of the priests was proceeded with. The celebration of the Eucharist came next a great number of the congregation remaining. The service was partly choral and well rendered: The names of those ordained deacons are Messrs Tremayne, Bousfield, Johnston, and Woodcock of Trinity College, Mr. Harding of Mattawa and Mr. Rayson of Exeter England. The newly made priests, Revs. Smith of Madoc, Coleman of Baldistone, Sloggett of Ottawa, and Quartermain of Brockville. It was 2 o'clock ere all was over, and on every side where heard expressions of gratification for such a solemn and reverent function. In the evening the Bishop preached at St. Peters to a crowded church. The service was choral and sung by Archdeacon Jones. At Trinity Church Archdeacon Lauder was the preacher, the service being by Rev. G. Bousfield and the Lessons by Revs. Tremayne and Johnston, three newly ordained deacons. The sermons by the various preachers were very good and instructive, the Bishops address at St. Peters being particularly forcible.

TORONTO.

TORONTO—Proposed improvements at St. James. The Wardens of St. James Church Toronto have a large scheme on hand. They propose to remove the galleries, re-pair the floor, erect choir stalls in the proper place, build a choir vestry, remove the organ to be near the choir, and to renovate the building throughout. These changes are, and for many years have been, needed. The cost is said to be about \$40,000. That the congregation containing members to whom this sum is a bagatelle is well known. But the Church is loaded with a debt of about \$80,000. or more. While then we should be gratified at seeing this noble edifice transformed into a Church of England of a nobler type than the old fashioned conventicle style prevailing when St. James was built, the advantage of Church architecture and appointment, we should be more pleased to see the congregation resolutely entering upon a scheme to redeem the church from debt. The example would be beneficial to the whole diocese and remove from St. James a source of great weakness as the debt is made an excuse for delaying all forms of enterprise and life. Indeed there are members of St. James who never gave and who never intend to give one cent towards this debt who plead the fact of this debt as an excuse for not giving to anything they are asked to help! The Wardens should grapple with this load, a light one for such a splendidly endowed Church and so wealthy a people, but heavy indeed as a hindrance to Church development and liberality.

MARKHAM—Grace Church.—On the 24th May the annual tea and concert was held by the Ladies' Aid Society of this Church and proved quite a success.

he net proceeds being over \$80, which raises the fund in hand to \$200.

NIAGARA.

NIAGARA DIOCESE—Freelton Mission. His Lordship the Bishop of Niagara visited this mission for confirmation on Thursday 17th May. Eight persons received the Apostolic Rite of Laying on of hands. This is the second confirmation held in the new mission since the mission was set apart last October. In January, five persons took a firm stand on God's side and renewed their baptismal vows. The Rev. W. R. Blachford desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the the following amounts towards fitting up a house for services: Rev. C. H. Short \$1.00; Rev. F. E. Howitt \$1.00; Ven. Archdeacon Dixon \$1.00.

ROCKWOOD—On Wednesday evening, the 16th, the Lord Bishop of Niagara administered the ordinance of Confirmation in St. John's Church to eleven candidates, most of whom were ladies. Rev. Edwin Westmacott read the evening prayers, Rev. Mr. Blachford, of Freelton, officiating as deacon. A special choir under the direction of Miss Strange rendered the musical portion of the service. There was a very large congregation present, who were deeply interested in the ceremony. The next day the Bishop held a confirmation at Freelton, and then proceeded to hold confirmations in the County of Wellington, &c., concluding at Guelph on Trinity Sunday.

HURON.

WALKERTON—St. Thomas's Church. Rev. William Shortt, B. D. Rector. The Bishop administered the apostolic rite of Confirmation on the 15th instant, to a class of twenty six persons. The Bishop's charge, a most eloquent, touching, and impressive one, was founded upon the word "christians" explaining its meaning, enforcing its duties, and directing to the source from which the power must be procured to keep the garments white and pure. There was much practical advice as to the means to use, study of God's word, fervent prayer, personal effort, some work for God to be undertaken &c. &c. The pleading address to the fathers and mothers of the congregations was so effective and affecting as to draw more than tears, even the devout wish that they might be more faithful in the christian education of their dear children in the time to come.

In Memoriam—The late Mr. John Dyas.—On the 18th May, at the age of 81 years, like a sheaf of wheat fully ripe for the sickle, our beloved friend, Mr. John Dyas, of London, passed into the garner of Heaven. He was released in mercy from a tedious sickness, borne with Christian patience and sanctified by Christian hope. His works do follow him, especially the memory of his example which will refresh the Church for generations. On his arrival in London years ago he at once sought out a sphere of work as a Churchman, seeking first the kingdom of God before caring for the things of time and sense. He attended St. Paul's Cathedral, of which the late Bishop Cronyn was rector. His energies found happy employment in the Sunday School, in visiting the sick, in every sphere where duty as a layman called him to work. Our obligations to Mr. Dyas we have ever felt to be very great. He acted as local correspondent of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN for many years, and discharged his voluntary duties with a regularity, conscientiousness, intelligence and persistence under difficulties, that evidenced an enthusiastic devotion to the interests of this paper, which arose from his intense conviction that we were doing such work for Christ and His Church as ought and as did command the sympathy of every true-hearted churchman. Mr. Dyas was of a type the Church in Canada sadly needs. His devotion to her interests was from the depths of heartfelt conviction, and not from mere accident of position, or fashion, or policy, which alas! too often lead churchmen into strange habits of looseness, indifference and unfaithfulness. As a loving father, husband and a true friend, a generous neighbor, a wise counsellor, and active worker, our sainted brother will be long remembered in private and church circles with affection and gratitude. His widow for 58 years has shared his life in all its phases of shine and shade. His three sons, daughter and son-in-law, have a splendid heritage in the example and memory of such a father. To all the bereaved we extend the most earnest expressions of sympathy. When the Master calls may they follow the beloved they mourn into paradise, where severance sorrows are unknown.

NEW HAMBURG—The ceremony of laying the corner stone of the new church of "St. George" was performed on the 3rd of May by His Lordship the Bishop