

of the Diocese who has not yet returned from Europe and who is not yet strong enough to undertake the journey through those rough backwoods townships.

The Rev. E. A. W. Hannington, B.A., of St. Bartholomews, Ottawa, has arrived safely home from his trip to England improved in health.

The Bishop of Niagara accompanied by Ven. Archdeacon Lander of Ottawa lately visited Smith Falls and Arnprior where he held confirmations.

The Bishop of Niagara also visited Ashton where about 30 were confirmed.

## Diocese of Toronto.

**CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH.**—In March last his lordship the Bishop of Toronto erected the parish of the Messiah from part of the parishes of St. Paul's, Church of the Redeemer and Christ Church. Services were held for a time in the Mission hall, at the corner of Davenport road and Yonge street, but it was found that a more central location for the parish church would be desirable. Accordingly a site was purchased at the corner of Avenue road and Dupont street, a pretty little roughcast church was erected and the congregation increased from 70 or 80 to between two and three hundred. This rapid increase in the size of the congregation and the reasonable expectation that it would continue to increase very rapidly has determined the energetic Anglicans in that quarter to erect a substantial edifice, which will be an ornament to that part of the city and a commodious and pleasant house of prayer. The foundations of the new church have been laid, and yesterday afternoon the bishop of the diocese performed the very pleasing ceremony of laying the corner stone of the future church of the Messiah. It was a very short and simple ceremony. On the temporary platform were his lordship the Bishop of Toronto, Rev. Dr. Langtry, Rev. A. J. Broughall, Dean Hamilton, of Wycliffe College; Dean Jones, of Trinity college; Rev. John Pearson, Rev. Mr. Kennedy, of Kingston, Jamaica; Sir Daniel Wilson, Rev. John Gillespie, rector of the church, Mr. S. H. Janes, Mr. Joseph Jackes, the choir and as many of the congregation as could find standing room. Mr. Janes, as chairman of the building committee presented his lordship with a silver trowel, with suitable inscription, which the bishop said he would treasure as long as he lived as a memento of the happy occasion. After the usual office for laying the stone had been conducted by the Bishop, his lordship distributed the mortar and the stone was lowered silently into position. On it was the inscription "Church of the Messiah, A.D. 1891." In the tin box which was secreted beneath it were copies of the daily papers, coins, and a parchment scroll giving the history of the parish, the name of the first rector, the name of the bishop who laid the stone and the names of the members of the building committee and of the churchwardens.

The ceremony was concluded by short addresses by his lordship the Bishop and Sir Daniel Wilson, and the reading of a financial statement by Mr. Joseph Jackes, on behalf of the churchwardens. The Bishop congratulated the congrega-

tion on the success that has attended the new parish. He was glad to see that the church of in Toronto was responding nobly to the demand for church extension consequent upon the growth of the city. He reviewed the financial condition of the church and reminded the congregation that they were starting out under much happier circumstances than many other churches that are still laboring under a heavy debt. The Church of the Messiah, he hoped, would very soon celebrate the consecration service such as was held at St. Luke's on Sunday last. The same energy that had carried on the work thus far would bring it to a happy completion.

Sir Daniel Wilson referred to the heavy debts that still remained on the majority of the churches in the city, congratulated the congregation on their success thus far and hoped that the church would soon be free of the small debt that still remained. He was confident that this would soon be accomplished by the energy of their rector.

Mr. Joseph Jackes, on behalf of the churchwardens, read a financial statement. The present site cost \$5,000, the new church will cost \$19,000 and \$14,000 has already been subscribed, leaving a debt of \$10,000. The congregation expect to raise another \$20,000 in a short time and thus clear off the debt and complete the building in accordance with the architect's plan.

The choir of the church sang, two appropriate hymns and the bishop pronounced the benediction. The new church will be a substantial stone structure of perpendicular Gothic architecture and will be completed, it is hoped, at Easter. The interior will have a brick dado for six feet with plastered walls above and ornamented wood ceiling. Altogether it will be one of the most handsome Anglican churches in the city.

The consecration services was continued during the week, sermons being preached by Rev. J. C. Roper, Prof. Clark, A. J. Broughall, H. G. Baldwin, Allan Pittman, and —Lowe.

On Monday 26th the "Guild of Willing Workers" held an "At Home" for the adult members of the congregation and on Tuesday 27th an entertainment was given for the junior members and children of the parish.

**ST. LUKES.**—An important event in the history of the congregation that worships at St. Luke's Church was the consecration yesterday of that sacred edifice by the Bishop of Toronto. This is the fifth time that this interesting and solemn ceremony has been performed in Toronto. St. Luke's is now entirely free from debt, as indeed an Anglican Church must necessarily be before consecration can take place. To free the church from debt a mortgage upon the property for \$27,000 has been paid off, \$10,000 of it within the last two years. There were four services during the day. At 8 in the morning Holy Communion was partaken of and at 11 there were matins choral communion and a sermon by Ven. Archdeacon Boddy.

At 3.30 in the afternoon consecration service took place. At the door of the church the Bishop of Toronto was met by the churchwardens, Messrs. F. W. Harcourt and R. R. Baldwin, who, according to prescribed form, presented his lordships with a petition praying for the consecration of the church, and setting forth that it was free from debt. Then the bishop said: "In the name of God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost we accept this gift and offering at your hands,

and will consecrate this church for the worship of God according to the rites and discipline of the Church of England in Canada."

There was a processional up the aisle to the chancel, the Bishop being accompanied by Rev. John Langtry, D.D., the rector; Rev. A. J. Reid, M.A., and Rev. H. W. Davis, assistant rectors; Rev. J. D. Cayley, rector of St. George's Church, and the churchwardens. When the Bishop was seated the instrument of donation and endowment was presented to him, which he laid on the Holy Table. When the sentence of Consecration had been read it was signed by the bishop, and ordered to be recorded in the register of the diocese.

The musical part of the service, under the leadership of Mr. Birch, was particularly fine. The church was beautifully decorated with cut and potted flowers, which had been tastefully and effectively arranged under the direction of Miss Bessie Jones. At 7 o'clock there was choral evensong, and a sermon by Rev. Canon Dumoulin.

## Diocese of Niagara.

### Grimsby.

**S. ANDREWS.**—On Wednesday evening, October 28th, an informal drawing room gathering of members of the above Church took place at the beautiful residence of S. Nelles, Esq. The purpose of the gathering being the presentation of a well filled purse to the Rev. C. Scudamore, priest in charge of Smithville and Beamsville Mission, as a small token of appreciation for the kind services rendered by him during the absence of the Rector, the Rev. Canon Reid, D. D. In a few well chosen words Dr. Reid expressed the heartfelt appreciation of himself and the congregation of S. Andrews of the kindly way in which Mr. Scudamore had looked after the welfare of the parish during his (the Rector's) absence enforced by his late severe illness. Mr. Scudamore replied in suitable words, thanking them for their kindness and generosity. The evening was enlivened with music and after refreshments had been served the gathering broke up, not without regret for the ending of so pleasant and enjoyable an evening.

Mr. Scudamore having accepted the Curacy of S. Andrews, the members of the same are looking forward with great pleasure to the time when he will reside permanently in their midst.

## Diocese of Huron.

The Bishop of the Diocese is laid up with an attack of la grippe. While in Montreal recently, attending the Board of Missions, he contracted cold and became so hoarse that it was almost impossible for him to speak. On Sunday the 25th he went to Ripley to open a new church, but was unable to officiate. On his return home on Monday, the family physician was called in, and it is evident that his Lordship, through exposure and fatigue, will now be laid up for some time.

In consequence of the Bishop's illness, Principal Miller, of Huron College, is to preach at the Lay Helper's Association and Sunday School Convention in St. Thomas on the 29th.

**THORNDALE.**—The W. A. M. A. of St. George's Church, Thorndale, have received two letters from Mrs. Hines, of Devon Mission, Saskatchewan. The four barrels and one bale of clothing reached them safely. The H. B. Co. took them