

the 6th, when a most helpful address was given by the Rev. G. O. Troop on the subject of Ministering to Others, from the words, "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." The claims of the heathen millions were earnestly enforced; encouragement was drawn from the fact that even our Lord's life on earth seemed to be a failure, and the thought was impressed that the only true life of liberty is the life of self-renouncing love. Reports showed that eleven new branches had been formed during the year, at Christ Church, Belleville, Napanee, Bath, Newburg, Odessa, Hawley, Amherst Island, Manotick, Ernestown, North Augusta, and Jellyby, making a total of 43 branches, with a membership of 1,440. There are 12 branches of the J. W.A., with a membership of 300, and 14 of the C.C. M.G., with a membership of 286, making a total membership of 2,026, an increase of 131 over last year. The Treasurer reported receipts for D. & F. Missions \$2,040.65, for Diocesan missions \$103.80, and for W. & O. Fund, Ont. Diocese, \$151.72, making a total of \$2,296.17, being an increase of \$294.16 over last year. The Dorcas Secretary's report showed that 90 bales had been sent out this year compared with 79 last year, containing 2,380 new articles and 1,713 second-hand ones. The value of new material and freight amounted to \$1,311. In the bales were 110 quilts and a quantity of groceries. The offertory made for the W. & O. Fund of the Diocese of Ontario amounted, with what had been already acknowledged made up, with a small sum saved from the expense account, to \$400. When the sum was announced the Doxology was sung with great heartiness. An invitation to meet at Perth next year was accepted, and it was decided that the offering at that time should be Ontario's opportunity of joining with the other dioceses in the Woman's Thank-offering for the consolidation of the Church, to be presented at the triennial meeting, to be held in Montreal, September 1895, D.V. The officers of last year were re-elected by acclamation. Letters were received from Miss Smith from Japan, and a report from Miss Brown, lady missionary in the North-west, saying she had reached home strengthened and encouraged by her trip to the East, that she found the buildings much improved, but that the home much resembled a sanitarium, owing to the epidemic of measles and other infectious diseases. She found the boys wearing the remains of clothing made by themselves, and begs earnestly for more boys' and men's clothes in future bales. A pause was made in the proceedings each day 12 o'clock, and a Bible reading given occupying about 20 minutes. A children's missionary meeting was held on the evening of Wednesday; addresses by the Rev. G. O. Troop of Montreal, Miss Tilley of Toronto, and the Rev. R. Samwell of Wales. A very pleasant "At Home" was held on Thursday evening, and the delegates left their hospitable entertainers with much regret.

CORNWALL.—Rev. R. L. M. Houston, R.D., was formally inducted as rector of Trinity Church, last Friday evening, in the presence of a large congregation, including many of other denominations. The induction ceremony was performed by Ven. Archdeacon Lauder, assisted by Rev. Mr. Jenkins of Port Covington, N.Y.; Rev. R. W. Samwell, Wales; Rev. G. S. Anderson, Morrisburgh; Rev. M. G. Poole, Williamsburgh; Rev. S. G. Poole and Rev. L. B. Stephenson of Cornwall. The ceremony was brief but impressive. After the Ven. Archdeacon had read the commission from the Archbishop appointing Mr. Houston as rector, that gentleman answered in the affirmative certain questions, whereupon the Archdeacon handed him the keys of the church and the Bible and prayer book, and pronounced him regularly installed. The usual evening service then proceeded, with special prayers and hymns appropriate to the occasion. An address was given by Archdeacon Lauder, bearing principally on the mutual relations between pastor and people, reminding the latter that the present age was a restless one, that changes were taking place in the Church as elsewhere, and that for the sake of peace and harmony a good deal of forbearance—give and take—should be exercised, recognizing the fact that the minister was a fallible man like themselves, and that it was impossible for him to please all parties. Instead of saying hard words and leaving the church, as some unfortunately did, it would be much better to consult the minister and have the reasons for changes explained. The Archdeacon paid a feeling tribute to the late rector, Rev. C. B. Pettit, with whom he had been intimate for a life time, and spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Houston, bespeaking for him the friendship and love of the congregation, and a long life of usefulness in his new field.

TORONTO.

St. Matthew's.—Last Sunday week commemorated the 20th anniversary of this parish. The preaching in the morning was the Rev. A. H. Baldwin, rector All Saints', who was one of the officiating clergy

years ago, and in the evening Dean Rigby of Trinity University. Comparison was made by some of the old residents between the original structure (a rough-cast building 40 feet by 30) and the present beautiful church with a seating capacity of 850. St. Matthew's is now a prosperous and increasing congregation, ably served by its clergy, the Rev. J. Scott Howard and Rev. J. W. Blackler.

Trinity University.—The foundation stone of the new eastern wing and gymnasium was laid last Friday afternoon by his Excellency the Governor-General, in the presence of a gathering of distinguished clerics and laymen, the faculties and the students. It was well and truly laid, as all foundation stones are, and the silver trowel which was placed in the vice-regal hand for the purpose was the identical one that Bishop Strachan used, when forty years ago he laid the foundation stone of the original structure. The new building, which will cost about \$20,000, will contain a spacious gymnasium, students' residential quarters and additional class rooms. The Provost read an address of welcome to the Governor-General, to which his Excellency replied with feelings of deep appreciation for the kind sentiment expressed towards him. He congratulated Trinity on its high standing and the good work it was doing, also on its possession of such an admirable Chancellor, and spoke in very high estimation of the Provost. At the conclusion of the ceremonies refreshments were served to the guests upon the lawn.

NORWAY.—The anniversary services of St. John's Church were held last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Abron preached in the morning and Canon DuMoulin in the evening.

YORK MILLS.—The 50th anniversary of the wedding of the rector, Canon and Mrs. Osler, was celebrated on Monday last. A very large number of friends and relatives were present. Canon and Mrs. Osler were the recipients of many loving tokens from their children, grandchildren and other relatives.

St. Luke's.—On Wednesday there will be a grand promenade concert and summer festival at the Granite Rink, Church street. The band of the Royal Grenadiers, by the kind permission of the colonel and officers; the Spanish May Pole Scene and other attractions, with refreshments. The committee, Mrs. F. W. Harcourt, Mrs. E. G. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Wadsworth, under the patronage of Mr. Langtry and other ladies, look forward to this as the event of the season, and it will doubtless be a great success.

NIAGARA.

NANTICOKE.—On the evening of May the 30th, confirmation services were held in Christ Church by his Lordship Bishop Hamilton, when eleven candidates were presented by the Rev. A. Garden, rector, for "the laying on of hands." The Rev. J. R. Newell, of Port Dover, assisted at the services. The Bishop's address to the candidates was most impressive, and made a strong impression on the large congregation which filled the church. Mr. Garden is to be congratulated upon the success of his labours; last fall he had confirmation at Nanticoke, and hopes to have another class ready next fall. A confirmation every six months is quite unusual. Bishop Hamilton visits every parish in his diocese twice a year, and attends besides every half yearly rural deanery meeting of every deanery. Such oversight is certainly encouraging to the clergy.

HAMILTON.—June 12th.—The Synod met to-day in Christ Church Cathedral school-room. There was a large gathering of delegates, both clerical and lay. Bishop Hamilton presided. Rev. W. R. Clark was re-elected clerical secretary and J. J. Mason was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the Synod. R. L. Gunn and C. S. Scott were re-appointed auditors. The committee's report on certificates of lay delegates showed that the assessments for synod dues had not been paid by Damascus, Bowling Green, Farmington, Powas Station, Bullock's Corners, Cayuga, Chippewa, Erin, Hillsburgh, Reading, Ferguson, Clifford, Drew, Nassagaweya and Nelson. This afternoon his Lordship delivered his address, in which he feelingly referred to the death of the Venerable Archdeacon McMurray of Niagara, who passed to his reward on May 19th. God's institution of marriage was dealt with at length, the Bishop being of opinion that all the Church people required definite instruction thereon. The principles of matrimony were:—Marriage is God's institution; it was instituted by God in the time of man's innocence; it is the most effective protection against sin, and the most complete provision for the happiness of men; God has consecrated matrimony to such an excellent mystery that in it is signified and represented the spiritual marriage and unity which is betwixt Christ and His Church. A most degrading

view is that in marriage there is something to be ashamed of. Genuine modesty is not weakened by marriage, but is strengthened and refined by it. His Lordship objected to the publishing of banns before or after church service, and he thought there should not be silence on the subject of marriage. He deprecated the fashion of young people going away from home to be married in secret. The Bishop urged upon his hearers the importance of the insurance of the church property. He stated that during the year he had administered the apostolic rite of confirmation 67 times, the number confirmed being 800—334 males and 475 females.

Wednesday.—The synod assembled this morning it proceeded to elect delegates to the provincial and general synods, and the Standing Committee and the Committee on Discipline.

The election resulted as follows:

Delegates to the provincial synod: Laymen—J. J. Mason, Judge Senkler, John Hoodless, W. F. Burton, W. A. H. Duff, Thomas Burns, Judge Fitzgerald, S. J. Taylor, S. Beaumont, A. Wilson, C. Riseley, William Nicholson. Substitutes—K. Martin, E. Kenrick, B.A., W. Y. Pettit, A. G. Heaven, M. Young, E. A. Gaviller.

Clergy—Archdeacon Houston, Rev. Canon Worrell, Archdeacon Dixon, Canon Bland, Canon Sutherland, George Forneret, Rural Dean Clark, P. L. Spencer, E. J. Fessenden, C. E. Whitcombe, Rural Dean Armitage, and Canon Belt. Substitutes—Revs. R. Ker, Canon Bull, F. E. Howitt, George B. Cooke, A. J. Belt, A. Bonny, J. Fennell and J. C. Garrett, the last five receiving an equal number of votes.

Delegates to the general synod: Clergy—Archdeacon Houston, Rev. Canon Bland, Rev. Canon Sutherland. Laymen—John Hoodless, Judge Senkler, Archdale Wilson.

Committee on the Discipline of Clergy—Ven. Archdeacons Dixon and Houston, Revs. Canon Bland, Rural Dean Clark, Rural Dean Armitage, Canon Worrell, Canon Belt. Substitutes—Rev. G. Forneret, Rev. R. Ker, Rev. Canon Sutherland, the last two receiving a tie vote.

Standing Committee: Clergy—Ven. Archdeacon Dixon, Archdeacon Houston, Revs. W. R. Clark, Canon Bland, George Forneret, W. J. Armitage, E. J. Fessenden, Canon Belt, J. Fennell, Canon Sutherland, C. E. Whitcombe, J. B. Worrell. Laymen—Alfred Ball, Thomas Burns, W. F. Burton, R. Buscombe, W. A. H. Duff, G. Keyes, E. Gaviller, J. Hoodless, J. J. Mason, Charles Lemon, Judge Senkler, A. Wilson.

The Bishop made these appointments to the committee: Revs. P. L. Spencer, Canon Gribble, Canon Henderson, C. R. Lee, E. A. Irving and G. B. Cooke, Messrs. E. Kenrick, A. G. Heaven, C. E. Bourne, M. Young, C. Hanson and J. H. Land.

W. F. Burton gave a notice of motion that he would introduce a resolution with a view of having the business of the meeting commence at 10 o'clock.

On motion of Archdeacon Dixon, seconded by Archdeacon Houston, a resolution of condolence with the widow of the late Archdeacon McMurray was passed.

Rev. Canon Bull moved, seconded by Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, that the synod learned with surprise and sadness that the English Parliament proposed to dismember and despoil the Church of England in Wales. The resolution was carried.

Considerable discussion took place again to-day over the canon on the aged and disabled clergy fund. After several amendments were made, the canon was referred to a committee, which will report before the adjournment of the synod.

Business was suspended while Rural Dean Jones, of Toronto, addressed the synod in reference to inter-diocesan reciprocity in beneficiary funds. According to the Standing Committee's report, sufficient money has not been raised to warrant the committee in purchasing property for a see house. It was reported that Rural Dean Clark had raised \$2,005, and it was recommended that a canvasser be sent out to collect funds in September.

The claim from the synod of Toronto re commutation trust fund was referred to the committee having in charge the negotiations for a settlement of the disputes between the two dioceses.

The treasurer was instructed to pay \$180.90, the diocese's share of the expenses of the general synod.

At the meeting of the synod this morning, the delegates decided to accept the report of the Committee on Appointments to Vacancies, which makes a great change in the system of selecting clergymen. By the new system the vestry has power to name a committee of five to select the name of a clergyman to submit to the Bishop, the selections to be continued until the Bishop is satisfied with the selection made. Bishop Hamilton expressed his willingness to put the new system to a fair trial, except in unusual cases. Rev. Mr. Mignot moved that the Bishop be authorized to sign the memorial from the Prisoners' Aid Association to the Dominion Government in regard to the proposed prison reform, and the motion was carried. The report of the committee upon the Bishop's address contained a clause