

that he expressed his heartfelt satisfaction at seeing so large a number of candidates, which evidenced such great labor and zeal on the part of their clergyman; stated some of the reasons that brought young persons to be confirmed by the Bishop; refuted the several assertions (for they cannot be called arguments) that the laying on of hands was of no good; proved that it was of Divine origin, and that the Church was not to blame, should any of those before him not live up to their profession of faith, but themselves alone. He earnestly hoped that they had come fully recognizing the solemnity of the rite about to be conferred upon them, and resolved thereafter to live as became consistent Churchmen and women. That they had been thoroughly instructed he had not the slightest doubt. During the course of his address his Lordship said that he had learned with much satisfaction that the candidates had presented their clergyman with the most appropriate gift they could have offered to mark their appreciation of the laborious and unceasing work for their welfare, namely, a font for the church.

The rite of Confirmation having been conferred, all the candidates and majority of the congregation received the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Through the kindness and good nature of the regular organist, who had taken great pains to prepare for this special service, in yielding up her position, the musical portion of the service was under the direction of Mr. Dingloy Brown, the organist of the Church of St. Alban the Martyr, Ottawa, and such being the case, further comment would be superfluous.

The service being over, the Bishop and clergy, together with visitors, repaired to Mrs. Main's residence, where an excellent dinner had been hospitably prepared for them, after partaking of which his Lordship and the venerable the Archdeacon took the train for Ottawa.

DIocese OF TORONTO.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. H. F. Burgess officiated in the Mission of Perrytown a few weeks ago, in the absence of the incumbent.

The Rev. James Roy, LL.D., Curate of Cobourg, took the services at the Church of the Redeemer, Toronto, on Sunday last.

The Rev. F. W. Bayly Jones, the newly appointed Curate of St. Philip's, Toronto, began his duties last Sunday.

The Rev. R. W. Hinder, formerly incumbent of Campbellford, has been appointed to the parish of Credit. He officiated on Sunday last for the first time in his new field.

After an incumbency of over nine years, the Rev. T. Walker, A.B., has resigned Credit and accepted the charge of Seymour and Percy. During his pastorate much progress was made at Credit, and the life of the Church greatly fostered and encouraged.

We greatly regret that Canon Morgan, of Barrie, is seriously ill. His place was supplied recently by the Rev. Rural Dean Stewart, of Orillia.

The Rev. C. Scadding, Curate of St. John's, Buffalo, and a native of Orillia, preached in the latter place last week. His sermon was practical and pointed, and was closely listened to by a large congregation.

LAKEFIELD.—*St. John's Church.*—During the last few weeks this church has been greatly improved and beautified. A hot air furnace has been put in, the necessary excavation having been previously done, the new tower has been finished and the bell erected, and the whole of the interior has been nicely painted and decorated. A dado of chocolate color runs round the nave and chancel, then a neat border of gold, and above this the walls are painted a dark cream colour. The dado in the chancel is neatly embellished with *fleur-de-lis* in gold, and the texts over the doors and windows are the

following:—"Over the altar, "This do in remembrance of Me;" over the former vestry door, now the entrance to the basement, "I have hallowed this house to put my name there for ever;" above the vestry door, "Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy House;" over the entrance, "How amiable are Thy dwellings, Thou Lord of Hosts;" and in other parts of the church, "The Lord is in His Holy Temple," and "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." On Sunday, October the 25th, when the church was re-opened, the services were of a peculiarly interesting character. Harvest thanksgiving services and special sermons appropriate to the occasion were held. The preacher in the morning was the Rev. T. B. Angell, and in the evening the Rev. W. C. Bradshaw. The offertory for the church improvement fund amounted to over \$27. Mr. Farncomb is to be congratulated on the results of his faithful labors.

CARDIFF.—*St. Alban's.*—This new church, in one of our backwoods missions, was opened on a recent week-day. The occasion was a very pleasant one, and the faithful Missionary, the Rev. Mr. Thompson, was cheered by the presence of the Bishop, the Rev. W. T. Smithett, Rural Dean, and the Rev. P. Harding, of Apsley. The Lord Bishop administered the rite of Confirmation to six candidates. During the week missionary meetings were held at Wilberforce, Mammoth and Deer Lake, Cardiff and Cheddar.

ASHBURNHAM.—*St. Luke's.*—The foundation stone of the new school-room was placed in position on the 22nd of October. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon Divine Service, which was largely attended by members of the congregation, was held in the church, when the prayers and lessons incident to the occasion were read: the prayers by Rev. T. B. Angell, curate of St. John's, the first lesson by Rev. H. Softley, of Otonabee, and the second by Rev. J. Gibson, incumbent of Norwood. The Rector of St. Luke's, Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, then gave a brief, suitable address, reviewing the growth of the parish since its inception in 1876, in which the present movement was one more stride, and showing how much reason there was for thankfulness to God for all the blessings he had granted it. He exhorted the congregation to continued effort in the fulfilment of God's work. At the conclusion of Mr. Bradshaw's address the congregation, headed by the clergy, repaired to the site of the school-house, where the corner stone was laid by John Burnham, Esq., M.P. At 7 o'clock p.m. a very interesting sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Roy, LL.D. There was a fair attendance, and all were much pleased at Dr. Roy's able discourse. The offertories during the day were in aid of the building fund.

ALMA.—At a parlor social held here, at the residence of Mr. Wm. Wylie, a purse of \$11 was presented to Mr. R. A. Sims, Student Missionary, as an evidence that his labors in holding services were duly appreciated.

TORONTO.—*Sisterhood of St. John the Divine.*—A very successful "At Home," in aid of the new infirmary, took place at Mrs. James Henderson's, Wellesley Place. The contributions amounted to \$325, a generous response which the Sisters thankfully appreciate, as it supplies at once some desired accessories that will increase materially the usefulness of the infirmary and the comforts of the inmates under their care.

UNREST IN CONGREGATIONS.—We commend to our squabbling congregations of Church people, wherever they are, the following sensible remarks from a Presbyterian minister, with the comments of one of their Church organs:—

The question was:—

"The peace of congregations is very seldom

wrecked over a great question. It is almost invariably over some trifle. When Satan wants to hold up the Church to public derision, a great question would not serve his purpose. He must get the saints squabbling about 'organ or no organ,' 'gown or no gown,' 'black gown or white surplice,' 'Amen' or 'Amen!' A few carry on such controversies, and the great body of the people are pained. Can a system of Church polity be devised which will render it impossible for ministers and people to contend about trifles?"

The comment reads thus:—

"To speak of remedying this evil by changing a system of Church polity is as absurd as to propose to bring a corpse to life by changing the horses that draw the hearse. The root of the evil is deep down in the human heart. The only and all-sufficient remedy is the power of the Holy Spirit. When worshippers are concerned chiefly about the power of the Holy Spirit in the congregation and the salvation of their own souls, the souls of their families and of their neighbors, they will stop wrecking congregations about trifles. A fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit and a thorough awakening of the Church to her great mission of saving souls is the proper remedy for all this pottering over trifles."

DIocese OF NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—*All Saints.*—The Rev. L. DesBrisay preached his farewell sermon on Sunday the 25th. He is deeply regretted. His clerical friends presented him with a parallel Bible as a small token of their great regard for him.

The Rev. Geo. A. Harvey, Curate of Christ Church Cathedral has been appointed to the charge of this Church, just vacated by the Rev. Mr. DesBrisay, until the position is permanently filled, which will probably not be for several months. It is said, however, that the Rev. C. C. Mockridge, D.D., will be the new rector.

Church of the Ascension.—The congregations on Sunday, the 25th inst., were large at both services. In the morning the Rev. Canon Innes, of St. Paul's, London, preached an effective sermon on the "Earnestness of the Christian Life." The Rector, Rev. Hartley Carmichael, read the prayers and lessons. At the evening service the order was reversed, Mr. Carmichael preaching from the text, John xviii. 38: "Pilate said unto him, what is truth." His Lordship Bishop of Niagara was present and pronounced the benediction. The Holy Communion was administered after the ensuing service.

The Rev. Professor Clark, owing to numerous engagements will not be able to act as missionary at the Church of the Incarnation, New York, in the coming mission. His place will be taken by the Rev. Mr. Ransford, of England, who with the Rev. Hartley Carmichael, of Hamilton, will conduct the services at the Church of the Incarnation and at Zion Church.

St. Thomas Church.—Sunday, the 25th inst., was observed to commemorate the 16th anniversary of the opening of this Church. The sermon at the morning service was preached by the Rev. Canon Dumoulin, and at the evening service by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Algoma. The latter preached in eloquent terms, from the text John viii., 36: "If the Son, therefore, shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Christ Church Cathedral.—On Sunday, the 25th inst., the Lord Bishop of the Diocese attended the afternoon service of the Young Men's Bible Class of this Church, when he gave the members, of whom there were twenty present, a very interesting lecture on spiritual matter. During the absence of the Rev. Mr. Harvey, who has been appointed to take duty at All Saints' for the next few months, the Bible class will be instructed by Mr. Ward, who is at present in preparation for Deacon's orders.