

lected and distributed \$2,264, to the great benefit of the members.

The parish affairs are all well worked, party is unknown, the laity are devoted to the Church, and loyal to its interests, the services are bright with music, and the clergy are full of activity and zeal, hence, peace and prosperity!

NEMESIS.—A very striking case of retributive justice, of a man being whipped by cords of his own plaiting, has just been exhibited in connection with a prominent city church, and a clergyman who was to have had charge of the parish during the temporary absence of the rector. During the interregnum, after the death of Bishop Bethune, a layman who was secretary of the Church Association, took a very active part in giving great annoyance to an incumbent who was appointed to a vacancy by Provost Whittaker. This layman sent his clerk down to that parish to hold rival services, in order to prevent the incumbent being accepted by the parishioners in peace. This clergyman was persecuted solely because the layman in question and his friends wished their nominee to be put in that place. Now mark how the whirligig of Time brings its revenges! This layman is now to be ordained, and there was a wish expressed to have him appointed to take temporary charge of a parish in Toronto. But the news of this coming to the ears of the congregation, they objected to the indignity put upon them of an illiterate person being their teacher, even for a brief term. The result is, that he, who a few years ago worked hard to boycott a clergyman, finds his very first experience as a clergyman is, that he himself is boycotted by a congregation which aided in the policy of strife with which he was officially identified! Verily a singular case of retributive Providence.

NIAGARA.

St. CATHARINES.—Last week St. Barnabas' Church held its annual dedication festival, and the services were of the heartiest character. The church was very tastefully decorated, special attention being, of course, bestowed on the altar, which looked exceedingly bright in its festal garb, surmounted by a handsome brass cross and vases of choicest flowers. Below, on either side, were grouped shrubs and ferns with fine effect. The rood screen was decorated with fern sprays and bouquets of brightest tints. Around the lectern and new litany desk, were plants and flower-shrubs. The font held a magnificent collection of ferns and flowers, that filled the church with their fragrance. The excellent effect of the decorations was further heightened by handsome banners placed in different parts of the chancel. Several of the neighbouring clergy were present, and joined the procession of choristers entering the west door, and singing "Pleasant are Thy courts above." The incumbent Rev. A. W. Macnab, sang the service. The lessons being read by Rev. Messrs. Bland and Gribble. The concluding prayers intoned by Rev. Mr. Stayner, an English priest. The Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, of St. Luke's Church, Toronto, was the preacher. He is always a welcome visitor in this parish, and affectionately remembered by its members ever since his Lenten mission held here some years ago. His sermon was most forcible, and upon a subject (worship) but little understood and still less practised among Church people. The congregation was both large and devout. At 8 o'clock on St. Barnabas' Day, there was a celebration of the holy eucharist, Mr. Whitcombe being celebrant, and the incumbent acting as server. The offerings were larger they have been for several years before.

HURON.

LONDON.—On the Sunday after Ascension Day, the Lord Bishop of Huron held a confirmation service in Christ Church, at morning service, when the rector of the church, Rev. Canon Smith, presented for the apostolic rite of the laying on of hands, a class of nineteen candidates. There was a large congregation who were deeply impressed by the solemn service. The sermon was preached by the Bishop from the words of the Psalmist: "Thou hast ascended on high; thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them."

LONDON SOUTH.—At evensong, on the Sunday after Ascension Day, his lordship held another confirmation service in St. James' Church. The rector, Rev. Evans Davis, assisted in the service, and presented twenty-eight candidates for the apostolic and scriptural rite. The church was crowded to the door, with an attentive congregation. The Bishop preached an appropriate and very impressive service.

Chapter House.—On the three last days of last week the Guild of the Chapter House held a bazaar in the City Hall. The ladies of the Guild had spared neither labour nor expense in preparing for it, and they have the gratification of a good return for their labour of love. It was in every respect very successful. It was not intended to hold the bazaar more than two days, but the great interest manifested in it, induced them to extend the time for the third day—Saturday. The proceeds were about \$400, the amount when the expenses are deducted will be applied to the payment of the building site for the new proposed church, and building fund. The rector and the guild and their friends, are to be congratulated on the persevering and harmonious spirit of the Chapter House Guild.

MEETING OF THE SYNOD.—The opening services in connection with the meeting of the Synod were held in St. Paul's Church, at 80 m. p. 10, on Tuesday morning, the sermon was preached by Rev. John Gemley, of Trinity Church, Simcoe. At the celebration of the Holy Communion there was a fair number of communicants. The Holy Sacrament being designed, throughout exclusively, for members of the Synod, lay and clerical. The opening of the Synod by the authorized services was followed by the calling of the roll of members in the afternoon. There was a fair attendance, seventy-nine of the clergy and seventy of the laity answering to their names. Rev. Canon Richardson and Mr. C. B. Reed were re-elected secretaries, clerical and lay. Messrs. Jas. Hamilton and A. G. Smyth were electors' auditors.

On motion of Rev. Canon Innes, Very Rev. Archdeacon of Ruperts' Land, and Rev. C. R. Lee, were invited to take seats on the floor of the Synod.

The report of the committee on certificates and Synod assessments was then read by the lay secretary and the report was, by a large majority, referred back to the committee for further evidence in respect of the parishes of Listowell and Shipley, it having been protested against as illegal.

Bishop's Charge.—The Bishop gave an unusually lengthy address, dealing with a variety of topics. The Bishop spoke hopefully of the position and signs of progress of the Church in Huron diocese, the receipts for diocesan mission work amounting to \$1,561 over last year. Dr. Baldwin said that he found parishes enfeebled by help and strengthened when left to themselves. The Widows' and Orphans' Fund had been increased by \$500, being added to capital account. The recommendation was made that appointments to parishes be for a fixed term only, so that if the clergyman is found not suitable, he can be removed without any opinion being expressed on either side. The Bishop stated that only \$8,000 had been given to Algoma in the last two years, instead of \$16,000 as hoped and expected, and pressed on the clergy the urgency of the claims of this diocese. The number confirmed in the past year was 528. One church was consecrated, St. Paul's, Duart, and the cemetery at Stratford. The following list of clerical changes was read by the Bishop.

The following clergymen have left the Diocese:—

1. The Rev. J. W. Armstrong, removed to the diocese of Michigan;
2. Rev. James Ashton, removed to England;
3. Rev. R. O. Cooper, removed to the diocese of Michigan;
4. Rev. E. B. Hamilton, removed to the diocese of Michigan;
5. Rev. A. A. W. Hastings, removed to the diocese of Michigan;
6. Rev. F. Bayley Jones, removed to the diocese of Toronto;
7. Rev. W. H. Ramsay, removed to England;
8. Rev. H. Wylie, removed to England.

The following clergymen have been admitted into the diocese:—

Rev. Richard Gooch Fowell, M.A., Principal of Huron College; Rev. Richard Hicks, B.D., assistant minister in St. Paul's, London; Rev. Lestock Des Brisay, rector of St. John's Church, Strathroy; Rev. Richard D. Freeman, incumbent of Eastwood.

Ordinations.—The following gentlemen have been ordained to the diaconate:—

- Rev. J. C. Farthing, B.A., Cantab, Eng., appointed to Durham.
 Rev. A. F. Burt, appointed to Alvinston.
 Rev. W. H. Wade, appointed to Barford.
 Rev. T. H. Brown, appointed to Berlin.
 Rev. Richard Shaw, appointed to Teeswater and Lucknow.

The Synod engaged for some time in a discussion on the suit of the Rev. J. T. Wright vs. the Synod. It was finally decided to adjourn, in order that an arrangement might be arrived at. At a later session, it was announced that an agreement had been concluded, of an amicable nature, based on these points: 1st. That the decisions of the courts be respected by the Synod. 2nd. That all allegations against the Rev. Mr. Reed be withdrawn, and 3rd. That a small sum to cover costs be paid by Mr. Wright. These being settled, the Synod resolved to accept the above arrangement, in the interests of peace and good will. The difficulty over, Messrs. Wright and Reed shook

hands amid general rejoicing which took place over the death of an old trouble.

In reference to the above, we have to express our liveliest satisfaction at the DOMINION CHURCHMAN, having contributed so effectively to a settlement of this matter. By throwing open our columns freely to all, we afforded the opportunity of placing the subject from every point of view, and in all its strength and weakness, before the diocese. Had we refused to admit correspondence on this topic, this sore would have been still festering, and nothing but free ventilation, such as we afforded, could have prevented this troublesome dispute dragging its slow length along in the future.

TYRCONNELL.—A large number of people assembled at the rectory a few evenings ago, to manifest their respect to their rector, who is about to leave them for a time, to seek, by a change of climate, a complete restoration to health. It has been already reported in the DOMINION CHURCHMAN, that the Rev. Mr. Chance had suffered from a terrible attack of sciatica, and owing to the want of a substitute to perform his duties, he had to resume his work too early, and contrary to the advice of his medical attendant, and consequently, he has not perfectly recovered his former health and strength, and hence the necessity of rest, and change of climate. It was on this account, and in order to bid their clergyman farewell, and to give him the means of faring well, that the large party mentioned, assembled at the rectory. Some of the ladies had previously sent an abundance of good things for tea, including strawberries and cream, and after a bountiful repast, a well filled purse was presented to Mr. Chance, by Mrs. C. D. Urlin, who also read the following address, which is very numerously signed:—

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—We, the undersigned members of your church, beg the acceptance of a purse, which we have now much pleasure in offering for your acceptance, as a small token of our appreciation of your services as minister of St. Peter's Church, Tyrconnell, and hope, if circumstances will permit of your taking a holiday to the Old Country or elsewhere, that such a relaxation from your labours will have the desirable effect of thoroughly re-establishing your health, and that we shall have the pleasure of seeing you return to us, in such renewed vigor, as to enable you to resume your duties amongst us, the performances of which by you, we all value so highly.

This address was responded to by the clergyman, who was much overcome by a deep sense of the great kindness and noble generosity of his people. After singing, reading, and prayer, the party broke up.

LONDON.—The Very Rev. Archdeacon Pinkham, of Ruperts' Land, preached at St. Paul's at matins, on Whit Sunday, an excellent mission sermon from the words of the great missionary to the Gentiles, "The love of Christ constraineth me." He referred to the commencement of his ministry in the church where he now addressed his hearers, having been ordained eighteen years ago by the first Bishop of Huron in this, St. Paul's Church, as deacon, having been afterwards ordained priest by the Bishop of Ruperts' Land. Right earnestly did he plead the cause of the increasing thousands of Manitoba and North West, who are crying out in the old entreaty, "Come over and help us."

Memorial Church.—The missionary archdeacon preached at evensong in the Memorial, and spoke in behalf of the North-West missions. His text was Psalm cxiii. 8. The congregation was very large. His pleading for the fulfilment of the divine commission, "Go ye into all lands," must produce good results.

FOREIGN.

A correspondent of the *Guardian* states the following facts, not generally known, in regards to the Episcopal Church of Scotland. They are well worth repeating:

- "1. The Episcopal Church of Scotland was once, like the Church of England, the 'Established Church' of the country.
- "2. In 1688 it was disestablished and disendowed by William III., Prince of Orange, because its bishops and clergy refused to recognize him as their king, and remained firmly attached to their rightful monarch, James VII. (II. of England.)
- "3. Shortly afterwards William III. having swept all the incomes of the bishops and dignitaries into the exchequer, appropriated those of the parochial clergy to the ministers of a Presbyterian sect, and thus set up, on the ruins of the old Church, what is now legally termed 'The Church of Scotland'; which derives all its endowments from the plunder of the ancient Church.