

## TORONTO.

**Monstrering Children's League.**—Mrs. Alan Macdougall having resigned her position as Central Secretary of the Ministering Children's League in Canada, requests that all correspondence relating to the diocese of Toronto be addressed to Mrs. Francis, 40 Division street, Toronto; and that relating to other dioceses to Mrs. Wood, 100 Pembroke street, Toronto.

**LAKEPORT.**—The opening services of the new church in this place were held on Sunday, 26th Nov. Three services were held during the day and were all well attended, the little church being well filled at each service. The services throughout were bright and hearty. At the morning and evening services the Ven. Archdeacon of Peterborough, Rev. T. W. Allen, M.A., was the preacher and delivered exceedingly practical and appropriate sermons. In the afternoon the sermon was preached by the rector (Rev. G. H. Webb), who was assisted in the service by Rev. A. Geen of Belleville. The offertory during the day amounted to about \$40. The church edifice is one of which the Church people of the parish may feel proud. It is of gothic architecture, built of frame and veneered with red brick, the arches of the doors and windows being white. The windows are single lancet lights of rolled cathedral glass, done in squares and diamonds with colored borders. In the chancel is placed a memorial window to the late rector, beautifully executed by McCausland & Son, of Toronto, who supplied all the glass for the building. It has at the base the "Agnus Dei," the emblem of our Lord, above which is a stem of lilies, entwined about with a scroll bearing the text "I am the Resurrection and the Life," while at the top of the window is the descending dove, emblem of the Holy Spirit. At the bottom is the inscription, "To the glory of God, and in memory of John Davidson, rector of this parish from 1888 to 1892." On either side of this centre light stand lancet lights in harmony with the centre one for design and color, the one to the left having for its centre a font with Easter lilies, and to the right a chalice with clusters of grapes. The three form a very neat and beautiful window. The interior of the building is very neat and in perfect harmony with the building. The seating and wainscoting of black ash finished in oil is very effective. The altar cloth is the work of two ladies of Trinity Church congregation. The altar linen is also a donation from a member of Trinity Church, while another member did the work upon it. The offertory plates of carved oak are a present from a friend in Toronto. All things considered, it is as neat and churchly an edifice as will be seen in any of our country parishes, and the people of Lakeport are to be congratulated upon having such a beautiful place of worship.

**COLDWATER.**—The Rev. W. J. Sheppard, incumbent, expects to have the new rectory complete in a few weeks.

**LINDSAY.**—On the 8th anniversary of the opening of St. Paul's Church, special services were held and the Bishop of Athabasca was the preacher. On the following evening the Bishop gave an interesting account of his work among the Indians of the far North-west.

**Church of the Redeemer.**—A very successful concert was held in the school house of this church Monday evening, Nov. 27th; there was a large audience and the concert was a great success.

**Trinity University.**—In addition to those members of the Missionary and Theological Association who are engaged in regular work, the following gentlemen officiated on Sunday last:—Mr. Payne at Oshawa, Mr. Card at Norway, Mr. Ballard at St. John's, Mr. DuMoulin, B.A., at Burlington, Mr. Swayne at Hillary Home.

**St. George's.**—Fifty years ago the Church of St. George the Martyr was erected on John street, and last Thursday evening the members and friends of the church gathered in the schoolroom to celebrate the jubilee. The proceedings were anything but formal. The room was cleared with the exception of a table in the centre, upon which various relics of the church were exhibited, such as the church seal, the original subscription book, a beautifully executed manuscript history of the church, the silver trowel used by Bishop Strachan in consecrating the church on August 19, 1844, the first offertory record, and the records. A very pleasing musical programme was rendered under the direction of Mr. E. W. Phillips, the organist. Mrs. Drescher Adamson acted as violinist, and Mrs. Douglas Armour sang, while other ladies contributing to the programme were Miss Wyatt, Mrs. W. J. Baines and Mrs. Allen Baines; Rev. Canon Cayley presided, and among the clergymen present were: Prof. Cayley of Trinity University, Rev. Dr. Mockridge of Holy Trinity, Rev. Prof. Huntingford, Rev. Robert J. Moore of St.

Margaret's, and Rev. James Broughall, curate of St. George's. The attendance was good and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent.

## NIAGARA.

**ARTHUR.**—The Lord Bishop made his annual visit on the 10th of November for confirmation. The service commenced at 10.30 by the baptism of the rector's little daughter by His Lordship, Canon Sutherland standing as godfather, and Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Bennetts as godmothers. After the baptism the procession marched up the church singing hymn 327 A.M. His Lordship then read the Communion Service up to the end of the Nicene Creed. Then the incumbent, the Rev. Samuel Bennetts, presented 15 candidates for confirmation, seven males and eight females. The Bishop gave a most eloquent and instructive address, and then proceeded with the communion service, at which about sixty partook. At 1.30 p.m. the Bishop, Canon Sutherland, the incumbent, and Grace Church choir drove out to Damascus, about eight miles from Arthur, to the opening of St. Paul's Church; this is a new church built this summer and only completed the day before. The church is forty feet by twenty-four, and will accommodate about one hundred. All the windows are filled with cathedral glass throughout by McCausland & Son, Toronto. The altar cloth, which is a very handsome one, was given by Mrs. Edward Martin of Hamilton, and worked by the Sisters of St. John the Divine. The carpet up to the altar by J. H. Plummer of Toronto. Lamps by L. H. Clarke of Toronto and J. McMullen, M.P., of Mount Forest; the altar and prayer desk by A. J. Jackson. The opening service commenced at 3 p.m., and a sermon by the Lord Bishop of Niagara; the church was crowded. After service tea was served in the township hall, which is close by. At 7.30 p.m., Canon Sutherland, M.A., preached, and the litany was said. At the close of the day the rector and churchwardens found that there was only a debt of one hundred dollars on the building. The Rev. Samuel Bennetts has only been in this parish four years, and within that time he has succeeded in wiping off a heavy debt on Grace Church, Arthur, and on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 11th, 1892, the church was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of Niagara.

## HURON.

**SIMCOE.**—On Sunday, 19th Nov., the eminently practical pastoral letter of our bishops was read by the rector. The bishops speak with no uncertain voice as to the position of our Church and the duties of our Church people. It is to be hoped that even if the people's interest only began with the letter, it may not end there. Thanksgiving Day was celebrated here in the evening instead of the morning, as is more usual. It certainly seems better that Christians should begin their day by returning thanks to God for His benefits, but it was thought that more would be able to attend an evening service. Evensong was opened with the hymn,

"We plough the fields and scatter  
The good seed on the land."

The Rev. D. Williams, B.A., rector of St. James' Church, Stratford, preached from the text, "Give an account of thy stewardship," St. Luke, xvi. 2. In clear and concise words he impressed upon Christians their accountability to God. As regards their money, they must give systematically and liberally. As regards their minds, they must, in like manner, devote a part of their time and abilities to the service of the Church. For the works done in the flesh we shall each be obliged to render an account to God.

**BRANTFORD.**—One of the most noted services ever held in the province was that held in Grace Church, Brantford, on Wednesday, Nov. 8th, under the auspices of the Church Choir Guild. A word as regards the Guild. This is an organization formed some years ago in England, having for its object the improvement of church music, and which has gone forward with bountiful success. The Guild has now branches established in many parts of the world. The Guild grants the diplomas of associate and fellowship, and certificate to choristers. Brantford has the honour of having two fellows in the Guild in the persons of Mr. J. Morton Boyce and Mr. F. G. Rogers. The former was authorized a year or so ago by the Home Council to take active steps towards forming a Canadian branch, being appointed warden. The Canadian Guild has the patronage of many leading clergy and promises to do a good work here. An examination under its auspices will be held next January. One of the many laudable aims of the Guild is to encourage and promote church festivals based on similar lines as those held in the great English cathedrals and large parish churches. The Anglican service was, perhaps, heard for the first time musically in full perfection in Brantford. The edifice was filled to its utmost capacity and hundreds were unable to gain admittance. All the

city choirs were represented and were seated to the number of 200 upon platforms leading from the chancel. The following took prominent part in the service: precentor, Rev. John Pearson, D.D.; preacher, Rev. Canon DuMoulin, Toronto; conductor, Mr. J. Morton Boyce; organist, Mr. F. G. Rogers; soloists, Mrs. R. J. Smith, Miss Carson (soprano); Mr. J. E. Jaques, Mr. J. A. Ogilvie (bass); Mr. C. Scace, (tenor); (trumpet) Mr. G. Emerson. In addition to the local choirs, that of St. James' Church, Stratford, took part and proved an efficient body of singers. The clergy present were: Rev. Canon DuMoulin, preacher; Dr. Pearson, Rural Dean Mackenzie, Revs. Geoghegan, Hamilton; Ridley, Galt; Williams, Stratford; Wright, St. Jude's; Curran, Mt. Pleasant; Bearfoot, Caledonia; Duthies, Burford; Strong, Kanyengeh; Ashton, Mohawk; Macfarlane, Brantford. Special forms of service were printed for the occasion. The procession entered the church singing the hymn, "Hark the sound," which was given with much precision, and the regular choral even song was then proceeded with. The intoning of the prayers by Dr. Pearson in his rich resonant voice was much enjoyed. Proper psalms were well sung, and the 150th was sung in unison to the grand chant by the whole of the choir, and the effect, with splendid organ and trumpet accompaniment, was grand in the extreme. The lessons were read by the Revs. Ridley and Williams. Lloyds' Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were effectively given. After the chanting of prayers and belief, came Sir George Elvey's grand anthem, "I beheld and lo." There were many features in this rendering calling for the highest praise to soloist, chorus and conductor, notably the solos by Mrs. R. J. Smith and Mr. J. E. Jaques; the antiphonal chorus, "Hallelujah," and the grand finale were all rendered with splendid effect and great precision. The hymn, "Lord of the worlds," was sung before the sermon. The best number of the whole service was undoubtedly the offertory anthem; this was taken from "The creation in splendour bright," being admirably given by Mr. Scace, and this was followed by the sublime chorus, "The heavens are telling." The rendering was grand and the final was worked up in a magnificent style. Dyke's *Te Deum* was then given and followed by the recessional hymn, "Saviour, blessed Saviour." The sermon preached by the Rev. Canon DuMoulin was characterized by deep and original thought graced in poetic language. He chose the transfiguration of Christ as his subject, and gradually unfolded in beautifully expressive and eloquent language, how God had given man the power by means of "Art to transfigure things earthly. Art was the great teacher and handmaid of God in all that was beautiful, purifying and opposed to sensualism." The power and influence of music in the sanctuary were enlarged upon; and, in the course of his remarks, the preacher exemplified them by reference to the grand service in which they had all partaken that evening. The large congregation listened with rapt attention to the beautiful discourse of this eloquent divine. The festival will become an annual fixture in Brantford from this time onwards, and it is expected that others will be held on similar lines in various parts of the province. The collection was not equal to the expenses of the festival, which was a pity. Much time and energy had been expended by the committee and chiefly by Mr. J. Morton Boyce, who is to be heartily congratulated on the success of his arduous efforts. He overcame many difficulties and got together one of the finest bodies of singers Brantford choirs have yet produced. Better chorus work has never been held in the city, and the solos were all good. Mr. F. G. Rogers presided at the organ, the tone of which, under the masterly manipulation of the player, was much admired.

**LONDON.**—A large gathering of the members of the clergy of this diocese met at Huron College last week. The services opened at 10 o'clock and were conducted by His Lordship. Among the subjects discussed were "The Christian Ministry and the Holy Spirit," "The Dispensation of the Spirit and Kindred Topics." The discussion of these subjects presented by the Bishop was taken part in by Rev. Messrs. Nugent, Goldberg, Woods and others. In the evening a special service of intercession for missions was held in Bishop Cronyn hall, as appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Rev. A. H. Baldwin of Toronto preached.

## ALGOMA.

**PORT ARTHUR.**—The Rev. C. J. Machin gave up the charge of St. John's Church on the 1st Dec., after a pastorate of eight and a half years. He desired to resign his parish fifteen months ago, when a severe domestic affliction befel him; but the illness of the Bishop of Algoma causing a lengthened absence from the diocese, was sufficient to induce Mr. Machin to remain at his post until the bishop could relieve him. He will not take another parish immediately, but, after a brief holiday, will begin certain work in connection with the diocese which the