

NORWAY.—St. James' Chapter of St. Andrew's Brotherhood paid a visit to that of St. John's, on Friday evening last. There were some 30 visitors, and their arrival was by van. The chair was taken by Mr. W. H. Paget. Brotherhood members W. J. Rorke and Carleton read interesting papers concerning the work at the Montreal Conference. A delightful supper followed in the vestry.

Bishop Grisdale, of Qu'Appelle, Mrs. Grisdale and daughter, were in the city two or three days last week on their way to England. The bishop purposes remaining in England until after the Lambeth Conference.

MARKHAM.—The incumbent, Rev. Mr. Croft, has returned after a three months visit to England.

NIAGARA.

JOHN PHILIP DUMOULIN, D.D., BISHOP OF NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—Church of the Ascension.—The rector, Rev. W. H. Wade, previous to entering upon the study of his morning text, referred in feeling terms to the late Mrs. Adam Brown and her good, noble life. For 35 years she had been a worshipper in the Church of the Ascension, and had shown a lively interest in every branch of the church work. She had been a valued member of the choir, a Sunday-school teacher, both before and after her marriage, a worker and an officer in the Woman's Auxiliary, and superintendent of the junior branch. During her life she had always been a lover and helper of the poor and afflicted, visiting them in their homes, and bringing cheer to their lives. No inducement would wean her away from a single service in her own church, and it was just such lives as hers that were the pillars in Christ's Church. She would be missed in the city, in the Ladies' Benevolent Society, on the directorate of the Orphan's Home, and the Aged Women's Home. Her quiet, sweet, peace-loving, Christ-like disposition was worthy of emulation by those she had left behind in the church, and among her friends and acquaintances.

St. Thomas.—The induction of Rev. H. G. Miller into the rectorship of St. Thomas' Church took place on Sunday night, 11th Oct., Bishop DuMoulin having charge of the service. The attendance was very large, and the service most impressive. Led by the sexton, the procession, including the churchwardens, W. F. Burton and H. N. Kittson, Rev. A. E. Miller, Rev. W. L. Armitage, Rev. H. Miller, the new rector, and Bishop DuMoulin, came from the vestry to the altar, where the bishop addressed the new rector; the church keys were handed over by the wardens, and the other items of the induction ceremony carried out. Rev. Mr. Armitage read the first lesson, and the rector the second one, and Bishop DuMoulin preached the sermon. He took for his text Acts xx. 7, giving a simple and impressive discourse on the Lord's day. The choir, led by E. G. Payne, and assisted by Mrs. Frank Mackelcan, rendered special and appropriate music.

St. Luke's.—The officers of this church and a few friends met in the guild room on Monday evening, the 19th inst., to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Rural Dean Massey, who, along with Canon Sutherland, was ordained at Whitby on Oct. 11th, 1871. John Jackson, on behalf of the congregation and a few friends, made a presentation of a purse and an address:

"REV. AND DEAR SIR,—We have met here to-night to do honour to you, on this, the twenty-fifth anniversary of your work in the Church, fourteen of which have been spent in this parish. We recognize the arduous work you have had in this particular part of the city, and we wish to show our esteem and love by presenting you with this small token of our regard. I, therefore, on behalf of the congregation and a few admiring friends, ask you to accept this purse and money as a small token of the esteem in which you are held by this congregation, and may you long live to carry on your work to perfect success. Wishing you again every success in life as well as in the Church, and trusting in God, we remain, reverently yours,

"The Congregation of St. Luke's."

Mr. Massey made a suitable reply, and Rev. C. E. Whitcombe then gave a stirring address, after which all sat down to partake of a bountiful repast prepared by the ladies of the church. The remainder of the evening was spent in listening to a short but excellent programme. E. G. Brown presided at the organ.

NIAGARA FALLS.—The harvest thanksgiving services were held in Christ Church on the 27th ult., the preacher being the Rev. Professor Clark, of Trinity University, Toronto. The church was very tastefully decorated, and the services bright and joyous, as became the occasion. The learned Professor spoke at the morning service on the duty

of thankfulness, to God as the giver of all our true blessings, and in the evening he pointed out the lessons taught by the harvest. He was listened to with rapt attention by large congregations.

HAMILTON.—On Tuesday, Oct. 20th, the first Synod since the consecration of Bishop DuMoulin was held in the school-room of Christ Church Cathedral. The ante-communion service at the church was read by the bishop, Rev. Canon Bland read the epistle, and Rev. Canon Clark, M.A., the gospel. The celebration of the Holy Communion by the bishop, and these proceedings being finished, the delegates repaired to the school-room, where the actual work of the Synod was taken up. His lordship entered the school-house accompanied by Archdeacon Houston. On the platform with the bishop were: Archdeacon Dixon, Chancellor Martin, Rev. Canon Clark, M.A., and J. J. Mason.

The committee on credentials reported that the certificates of all delegates were in order. There was a large number of delegates present.

The auditors reported that the accounts and vouchers of the Synod were kept in proper form, and that debentures amounting to \$134,994.25 were shown as being held in trust for the Synod.

Rev. Canon Clark was again appointed clerical secretary, and J. J. Mason was similarly honoured with the post of lay secretary, R. L. Gunn and C. S. Scott being appointed auditors.

In his initial address the bishop explained that the calling of the Synod at this unusual period was due to the advice of the chancellor that such action was necessary. His lordship referred to his selection as bishop of the diocese as a Divine call, and said he would accept the duties as his life's work. The bishop since his consecration has visited about one-half the missions in the diocese, and confirmed 266 persons, besides having delivered a number of sermons and addresses. The ordination and appointment of Rev. A. Francis to Norval and Rev. P. A. C. Chadwick to Arthur were referred to, and the following changes reported: Rev. E. Gardner to Palmerston; Rev. F. Piper to Jarvis; Rev. A. Shutt to South Cayuga; Rev. W. Britton to St. Barnabas, St. Catharines. Rev. T. H. Fatt will temporarily relieve Rev. Canon Belt, Burlington, who will retire for one year. Rev. Samuel Dawe has been appointed rector of St. John the Evangelist, and Rev. Herbert Miller rector of St. Thomas' Church.

His lordship further reported that the Provincial Synod had been summoned to meet on the 11th of next month for the purpose of electing a bishop for the missionary Diocese of Algoma, the late bishop having through failing health been compelled to resign. A touching reference was made to the death of the late Archbishop of Canterbury, and the excellent work of Bishop Sullivan, who has devoted his life so faithfully to the arduous duties of the mission field, and is now compelled to resign his bishopric, was mentioned.

The following appointments were made by his lordship: Rev. Rural Deans Britton and Armitage to be scrutineers for the election of delegates to the Provincial and General Synods.

At the conclusion of his lordship's address, the report of the Standing Committee for the year ending March 31st, 1896, was taken up and discussed.

It was reported that the Synod now holds in mortgage investments \$215,330 and in debentures \$128,092.20.

The sub-committee on Rev. T. Geoghegan's claim to be placed on the Commutation Trust Fund reported progress.

Rev. Mr. Geoghegan desired to have the opinion of the chancellor and other information incorporated in the report.

Prison Reform.—Rev. Thomas Geoghegan presented the report of the committee on prison reform, which referred to the Conference held in Toronto on Jan. 14th, when the following reforms were recommended:

"1. The enlargement of the Central Prison of Toronto, to prevent crowding of the prisoners and the dangers accompanying it.

"2. The establishment by the Province of an inebriate asylum.

"3. The appointment of a female inspector to visit the institutions where women and girls are detained.

"4. The better classification of prisoners in the county jails.

"5. The taking over of Mimico Industrial school and making it a Provincial institution."

Rev. Mr. Whitcombe strongly supported the report. He thought it was a disgrace that infirm persons and lunatics should be kept in the jail, and instanced several cases where people were thus treated. He was pleased that in some jails the prison garb, which looked like a harlequin's costume, had been abandoned, but it was still in use in Hamilton.

Rev. Rural Dean Armitage praised the humane work in which Rev. Mr. Geoghegan is engaged, and supported the report. It had been reported that a

large percentage of the criminals belonged to the Church of England. He found that in St. Catharines, of 71 prisoners, 23 belonged to the Church, but one of them had been convicted six times for drunkenness, and should have been sent to the inebriate asylum. He presumed it was the way in other places.

Rev. Canon Bull, M.A., presented the report of the committee on text books. It is reported that the education department had frequently been reminded of the necessity of publishing a new edition of the History of England, with certain important corrections, which had been allowed by the department, and expressed regret that there had been a delay in publishing the edition.

The report was adopted.

On behalf of the committee on religious education in the schools, Rev. Canon Bland presented the following report:

"1. That they have been in frequent correspondence during the year with the committee of the Toronto Synod on the same subject, with the object of arriving at some united action."

"2. That a delegation from your committee was present at a Conference held in Toronto on April 14th, 1896, between diocesan committees of Toronto, Huron, Ontario and Niagara, at which Conference it was decided to send a representative deputation to confer with the Minister of Education for Ontario and ask the Government to amend the school law so as to admit of half an hour's daily religious instruction being given during school hours by the clergy or their representatives, or in the inability of the clergy to give such instruction, by the introduction of the Bible as a text-book in our schools, to be read, memorized, and made the subject of examination."

"3. That this deputation met, and, accompanied by Rev. Dr. Sims, of the Congregationalists, conferred with the Minister of Education and received a very courteous hearing, with a promise that the matter should be laid before the Government."

"4. That no report of the conclusion of the Government has as yet been received, but a sub-committee has been appointed, as follows, to hold themselves in readiness at any day to resume the Conference on the invitation of the Minister of Education: For Huron, Rev. C. R. Gunn; for Ontario, Rev. C. L. Worrell; for Toronto, Rev. Dr. Langtry and S. H. Blake, Q.C.; for Niagara, Rev. Canon Bland, with a list of suggested names for each of the other religious bodies."

"5. Your committee would refer the Synod to the new scheme of Bible study for Protestant schools in the Province of Quebec, as authorized by the Protestant committee, and put in operation in September, 1895, which comprises Old and New Testament stories as subjects of instruction, and in matter to be memorized, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and the Gospel."

"6. Your committee takes pleasure in referring to the action of the General Synod, at its recent meeting in Winnipeg, in urging that every effort should be made throughout the Dominion to secure one-half hour daily during school hours, and, if possible, the first half-hour, for religious instruction, and setting forth as subjects for such instruction (a), selections from the Old and New Testament; (b), the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments."

"7. Your committee is of the opinion that the most practical way of attaining religious education in public schools will be by securing that the teachers themselves shall be prepared to take up Bible study, and by the introduction of the Bible into the schools as a text-book, to be read, memorized and made the subject of examination."

"8. Your committee feels persuaded that a great deal of progress has been made and that a healthy public opinion is being created which will result in the very near future in the attainment of our goal, namely, the religious education of our youth side by side with their secular education."

The adoption of the report was moved by Rev. Canon Bland, seconded by A. G. Heaven.

Rev. Canon Bland said it rested with the Church of England to push the matter, and that it would not be advisable to wait for the co-operation of other religious bodies. If the question could be lifted out of the range of politics, there would be no difficulty in securing it. Referring to the assertion that many of the school teachers were agnostics, the speaker said he had spoken about the matter to the Minister of Education, who said he did not think there were any such teachers.

Rev. P. L. Spencer said the Anglican Church should not be discouraged because other religious bodies had not entered into the matter. This was because it was thought that the Church desired parochial schools.

Bishop DuMoulin said this was the most vital question which would come before the Synod. It had been fully discussed at the Provincial Synod. If there was a strong consensus of opinion on the