

JULY 13th, 1876.]

and others from the parish of Norval, were afterwards entertained at the hospitable abode of Col. J. Murray, to whose kind and intelligent family this struggling church will ever owe a debt of gratitude.

His Lordship having been conveyed, through fields of waving grain on either side, to the village of Norval, held another service in St. Paul's Church at 3 p.m.

Here there were fifteen candidates, eight young men and seven young women, presented by the incumbent for the ordinance of confirmation, one of whom having previously received the administration of adult baptism at the hands of the Bishop. There was a goodly number present to witness and take part in the interesting services of the day. The special lessons for confirmation, from both the Old and New Testament, were read at each service, the responses were heartily given, and the part performed by the choir was very creditable. The candidates were addressed, as before, from the chancel; and a more faithful, plain, and telling address on the duties of the Christian life, its temptations and conflicts, trials and encouragements could not have been desired.

At the close of this service His Lordship was again conveyed to Georgetown, where he took the evening train for Toronto, and thence to Hamilton.

## TORONTO.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, TORONTO.—On Sunday morning, the 14th, the Lord Bishop ordained the Rev. W. O. Bradshaw, of Barrie, and the Rev. C. H. Kirby of Batteau, Priests. The sermon was preached by the Venerable Archdeacon Whitaker. In the evening his Lordship confirmed eighteen persons in the same church.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, FENELON FALLS.—We understand that the Bishop of Toronto has, in terms of the Deed of Endowment, and in accordance with the law made and provided in such cases, constituted the Incumbency of St. James' Church, in this village, a Rectory, and appointed the Rev. W. Logan, the present Incumbent, the first Rector, who is to be inducted on the 28th inst., by the Venerable Archdeacon of Peterborough.

A few facts connected with this, the oldest Church in the place, may be of interest to some. In the year 1834 Messrs. Jamieson and Wallis purchased all the land on which this village now stands from the Hon. Duncan Cameron, an officer of the Hudson Bay Company, whose residence and trading station were where Mr. Charles Smith's Lodge now stands, and after whom Cameron Lake is named. These two gentlemen were chiefly instrumental in forming the endowment for the mission, both by their own means, which were freely and bountifully given, and by obtaining subscriptions from their friends and relations from the mother country. In the winter of 1836, "on a fearfully cold day," the few settlers, with Mr. Wallis at their head, assembled and commenced the building of the old log church which stood for many years on near the place where the present church now stands. Until the church could be got finished, Mr. Wallis held regular Sunday services in the large dining-room of "Comstock's Tavern," which was known to the present generation as the "Old Boarding House," and which was burned down when the Quebec and Ottawa Hotel was destroyed by fire. All denominations attended those services in great harmony and christian-like brotherhood. When the Rev. Mr. Fidler, the first clergyman—whose melancholy death by drowning, some here may still remember—was appointed, he had a congregation of from

fifty to sixty handed over to him by Mr. Wallis. Shortly after his appointment, a substantial and commodious Parsonage was built for Mr. Fidler by the settlers, with a little outside assistance. This building stood near where the present one now stands, and was destroyed by fire about fifteen years ago. The present is the eighth Incumbent, his predecessors having been the Revds. Messrs. Fidler, Shanklin, Hickie, Brown, Clarke, Hayward, and Hosken.

The first settlers were Messrs. Langton, Jamieson, Wallis, Dennistoun, Hamilton, McAndrews, McCall, Macridie, Dobbs, Savage, Berrisford, Dundas, Jordan, Power, Duggan, Luddaby, Thompson, Allan, Dick, and others. Mr. Jamieson gave one half of the lots upon which the church now stands and 200 acres beside. Mrs. Langton, the mother of the present Auditor-General of the Dominion, presented the valuable and beautiful silver communion plate.

The present church was built by subscriptions, bazaars, etc., and was consecrated by the late Bishop of Toronto in 1858. When the Bishop came to consecrate the church and found that there was a considerable amount of debt on it, he informed the congregation that he could not consecrate it whilst any debt existed on the building, and Mr. Wallis immediately made the matter right by giving a receipt in full for the amount due to himself.

This is the oldest congregation in North Victoria, and was a settled mission for many years, when Lindsay, the capital, had scarcely an existence, and was, for some years, an out-station of Fenelon Falls.

Since the above was received the Rev. Mr. Logan has been inducted, and the Church of St. Peter, North Verulam, opened for Divine Service, of which services our correspondent sends the following account:

INDUCTION, CHURCH OPENING, AND FESTIVAL.—The parish of Fenelon Falls having been constituted a rectory, by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, the Rev. Wm Logan, M.A., was duly inducted by the venerable Archdeacon of Peterboro', the Rev. John Wilson M.A., of Grafton, acting as Bishop's Commissary. The ceremony took place on Wednesday, 28th, at 4 p.m., and consisted of the usual oaths, and subscription in the vestry, regarding conformity, supremacy, allegiance and obedience, and was legally witnessed by the Rev. Dr. Smithett, of Lindsay, and Mr. John D. Smith, of Fenelon Falls. The various declarations were then read at the altar by the Archdeacon, and the party proceeded to the church door, which being locked on the outside, the newly inducted rector entered, and took possession. The new church at Lambs', near the boundary of Verulam and Somerville, was opened on Thursday, June 29th, at 11 a.m. Service being read by the Rev. Rural Deans Allen and Smithett, and the Archdeacon of Peterboro' preaching the sermon. In the afternoon a tea meeting and festival was held in the open air near the new church, at which a large Assembly was collected. Addresses were made by the above named clergy and Rev. T. Walker. The Rector of Fenelon Falls presided on the occasion, and received the hearty congratulations of friends, both lay and clerical, for the success that had crowned his enterprise in erecting this beautiful and commodious church edifice. The following description has been furnished us of the new church: It is built on a commanding site of half an acre, set apart for a church and burial ground, near the boundary of the townships above named, and is situated east and west with the proper position for a chancel and a south porch. The length of the building

is 44x24 ft., of Gothic proportions and pierced on the sides with four lancet windows, a triplet and lancet on either side in the chancel and the western end. The chancel is 15x12 ft., the porch 10x10 ft., and the vestry in the north-east corner 7x9 ft., and altogether presents one of the neatest plain country churches to be met with in the diocese. The cost will be about \$2,000, completed, of which some \$500 remains to be collected from our friends abroad. The people have taxed themselves in money and labour to the utmost point, and have full confidence in the church at large coming forward with a generous response. The capacity is for about two hundred sittings which will, doubtless, provide for many years for the wants of this growing church community. The occasion of the above described opening, formed a gala day for the neighbourhood, the church being filled at the public service, and some three hundred persons taking part in the festival. The newly inducted rector has in this auspicious beginning good grounds for future encouragement in his self-sacrificing work.

GRACE CHURCH, TORONTO.—A full investigation having been made of the charges against the Rev. W. H. Jones, the commissioners appointed by the Bishop, gave their decree on the 7th inst., as follows:—"We are of the unanimous opinion that in this case there is not sufficient *prima facie* ground for instituting further proceedings against the Rev. Mr. Jones.

## HURON.

[FROM OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.]

THE CHURCH AND THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.—From the important position in the church held by the Sunday School, it was to be expected that it would be a subject of most serious consideration in her counsels, and that from her representatives assembled in Synod, would go forth advisory and encouraging words to the teachers engaged in training up the young in the way wherein they should go. Some years ago the church Society of Huron, on the motion of a lay member, appointed a Sunday School committee, and the committee has been continued since from year to year. In the Synods of other dioceses similar committees have also been in existence. As a member of the church, and feeling the deepest interest in all that effects her prosperity, we may be permitted to ask, what work have those committees done, and, if any, what has been the fruit of their labours? At the late session of one Synod, the committee had nothing to report; at another, the chairman of the committee reported that they had been able to procure, at a low price, from a religious society, books for the Sunday School libraries.

If there be no work for Sunday School committees, why appoint them? If, on the contrary, it be necessary for a committee to see that church Sunday Schools be organized throughout every diocese; to aid the missionary, and, in some instances, the parish minister in procuring the necessary Bibles, Prayer-books, catechisms and litany; to guard against the introduction of literature improper for church schools; to visit, when possible, localities where the encouragement and strength afforded by such visits would be productive of most