

was kept for ever free. We commend the above to the attention of those who dread making the plunge from the pew system to the nobler one of reliance on free-will offerings. It seems to go without saying, but may well be said, that the pastoral work in Holy Trinity parish is done with the untiring diligence, zeal and systematized regularity which is inspired by earnest and loving devotion to Christ and His Church. The parish, too, minds its own business and prospers accordingly.

PARKDALE.—Every effort is being made to lessen the heavy debt resting upon the church in this parish. It is much to be regretted that it has been found necessary to resort to entertainments to assist in this important work; may God put it into the hearts of His people to give freely of their substance for the maintenance of His house. Among other entertainments, an exhibition of Dissolving Views, by Prof. Charles Richardson, was given in the Town-hall, a few evenings ago. The scenes were taken from a trip round the world, commencing at New York and ending at Niagara Falls. While all the views were much admired, those of China and Japan were particularly fine.

NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—*Ascension Church.*—At the weekly meeting of the Total Abstinence Society, on Monday, 30th ult., twelve new names were enrolled. In the absence of the president, the Rev. Hartley Carmichael, through family sickness, Mr. Adam Brown occupied the chair.

Christ Church Cathedral.—On Sunday, 29th ult., the Rev. Dr. Mockridge preached at a special service the annual sermon to a large attendance of members of I. O. O. F. of the city, Dandas, and other neighboring places.

ORDINATION.—The Bishop of Niagara intends holding his next ordination on Trinity Sunday, at the cathedral church.

ANCASTER.—A grand bazaar will be held on the 24th inst., in the Town-hall. Proceeds will be given in aid of the Sunday-school building, in connection with St. John's Church, of which the Rev. W. R. Clark, M.A., is rector.

GUELPH.—*St. George's Church.*—The Bishop of Niagara, on Sunday the 29th ult., administered the rite of Confirmation to fifty-five candidates duly prepared and presented by the rector and curate, the Ven. Archdeacon Dixon, B.A., and Rev. E. Irving. After this important service, the hymn, "O Jesu, I have promised," was sung. The congregation was very large. The Bishop preached on the subject of "Prophecies Fulfilled."

ACTON.—The Bishop of Niagara left Guelph on Monday morning for this place, where he again held confirmation.

ACTON.—The Bishop of Niagara, says the *Free Press*, arrived in Acton from Guelph on Monday the 30th., to hold a confirmation in St. Alban's Church that evening. The sacred edifice was completely filled with those desirous of witnessing the administration of this apostolic ordinance. Thirteen candidates were presented by Rev. W. J. Pigott, incumbent of the church, who certified that they had been duly examined, after which they were confirmed. After the ceremony His Lordship delivered a very affecting address.

GUELPH.—*St. George's.*—The attendance at the services on Ascension Thursday, were smaller than usual on account of the heavy rain. There were present, however, several at the early communion and also at the mid-day services. The hymns had reference to the festival. The sermon by the Archdeacon was from the text "It is expedient for you that I go away." The preacher dwelt fully on the Ascension of Christ as necessary to the descent of the Holy Spirit, and then on the result of the Pentecostal miracle in giving a wonderful force and impetus to the growth of Christianity. At the time of the crucifixion there were only a handful of timid and desponding adherents, but after the descent of the Spirit 3,000 were added to the fold, as the result of Peter's sermon in one day. On Tuesday evening about three hundred of the members of St. George's Church met in the school room for the purpose of organizing an Association, the object of which should be,—1st. To unite persons on the principles of the Church for the promotion of personal religion and moral and intellectual improvement.—2nd. To organize branch societies for the promotion of temperance, social intercourse and active Church work.

—3rd. To consider the advisability of carrying on a parish magazine in connection with the association. After considerable discussion the meeting adjourned to meet again next week.

HURON.

BROOKE AND METCALFE.—The incumbent finding his strength inadequate to his labours of so wide a field, has found it necessary to seek a charge involving less physical work. At the vestry of St. Mary's Church it was moved by Mr. Thomas Moyle and seconded by Mr. John Hughes, that this vestry desires to express itself as entirely satisfied with the Rev. Edward Softley as a clergyman, a gentleman, and a friend. Carried unanimously. At a general meeting of the parishioners, held in St. Paul's Church, Kerwood, the Rural Dean in the chair, a similar resolution was moved by Mr. Alexander Cowan, seconded by Mr. R. Moyle, and carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF THE BISHOP OF HURON AS SUFFRAGAN.—The Bishop of Ripon (Dr. Bickersteth) has addressed the following pastoral to his archdeacons and clergy:—"My Rev. and dear Brethren,—For many months past it has pleased God to afflict me with illness, which has disabled me from the discharge of my public duties as Bishop of this large diocese; so far as the business could be transacted in private or by correspondence, I trust that my absence has not been materially felt, and by the kind assistance of my right reverend brother, Bishop Ryan, the public duties of my office have been effectively and ably discharged without interruption. But the time has arrived when the diocese may reasonably expect that some more definite arrangement should be made for the performance of the duties of the episcopate. I have prayerfully and anxiously considered whether I ought not to resign. With a view to guide me to the right decision I have sought the advice of many of my brethren the clergy, and of eminent medical authorities. All the opinions, however, which I have received are strongly opposed to the idea of resignation, so long as a probability remains that a period of rest may, by God's blessing, be the means of enabling me to resume my accustomed work. Yielding to their earnest advice, I have petitioned the Crown to grant me a Suffragan-Bishop. Her Majesty has most graciously acceded to my request, and arrangements are now in progress by which I trust that in a short time the Right Rev. Dr. Hellmuth, at present Bishop of Huron, will become Suffragan for this diocese, under the title of Bishop of Hull. I sincerely commend him to your sympathy and prayers. To some of you he is already known, and I am persuaded the more fully you become acquainted with him the more you will learn to appreciate his many claims of piety, talent, and zeal, to your confidence and affectionate regard."

THE WESTERN UNIVERSITY.—A meeting of the Senate of the Western University was held at the Chapter-house on Friday, 27th April, Bishop Hellmuth, Chancellor, in the chair. The Bishop gave a report of his recent visit to England, during which he succeeded in adding to the funds of the University, the sum of \$16,000, and he hoped, when residing in England, to be able to collect and send to the Senate larger sums, as his interest in it would not cease. A review was given of the standing of the University and of the work accomplished, and a prosperous future for it predicted. The statutes relating to the Medical Faculty were read a second time and passed. The resignation of Rev. Prof. Sage was received with regret, and the Rev. Mr. Morris, of England, appointed in his stead. A finance committee, consisting of Rev. Canons Innes and Smith, and Messrs. John Beattie, J. F. Hellmuth and E. B. Reid, bursar, was appointed to transact business and report to the Senate. Dr. A. G. Fenwick was appointed representative of the Senate at the Medical Council of Ontario. Rev. E. Davis was appointed Senator in the place of Rev. R. H. Starr, who had resigned. A cordial vote of thanks having been tendered to the Bishop for his efforts in behalf of the University, His Lordship pronounced the benediction, and the meeting adjourned.

CONFERRING THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN THE WESTERN UNIVERSITY.—A Convocation for the conferring of degrees was held at the Western University on Friday, 27th ult. After prayers by the Provost, the Bishop of Huron, Chancellor of the University, delivered an appropriate address. This first Convocation, he said, was a day of small things, but everything must have a beginning. The Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, and of Dublin sprang from small beginnings. Canada is a young country, and although there had been many difficulties in their way, God had blessed their efforts. The medical staff had performed their duties in an able manner. They had been assiduous in their work. He hoped

to see a friendly rivalry between this and other Colleges. In the Medical and Arts courses he found everything that was encouraging; and he hoped they would continue increasing in strength. The Toronto University commenced with eleven students. In the Western University there have been sixteen students in medicine, and seven in arts. It was his duty today, as Chancellor of the University, to confer the degrees, and the standard would not be in any way lower than that of the Toronto University. He urged every one who desired to advance the good of the country, to aid, as far as in his power, the education of the people. When they considered that the population of the diocese of Huron was one fifth of the people of the Dominion, they might be blamed for not commencing the University earlier than they did. Mr. Sutherland was presented to the Bishop by Very Rev. Dean, Boomer Provost, in Latin, and the Bishop replied in the same language. Mr. Sutherland then received the Degree of Bachelor of Arts from the Bishop, kneeling, and the ceremony was concluded amidst applause. After a few congratulatory remarks and a prayer that the blessing of God might rest on the work that had been begun in him, the Bishop pronounced the benediction.

ALGOMA.

GRAVENHURST.—The Rev. Thomas Lloyd, acknowledged with many thanks the receipt of six dollars from C. O. D. to aid the *Barkway, Purbrook and 8th Con. Draper Churches*.

ROSSEAU.—The Rev. Alfred W. H. Chowne begs to acknowledge with hearty thanks the sum of \$1 towards the Parsonage Fund, name unknown. A continued supply of church papers sent to his parishioners by Mrs. J. Dykes, Galt. "Good Words" from Miss Ley, Cobourg, Ont. Also "The Guardian," "Banner of Faith" and "Our Work" from England, names unknown.

THE BISHOP'S TOUR WITH REV. W. CROMPTON.—*Continued.*—During the afternoon the members of St. Mark's had a social gathering strictly confined to themselves and the Bishop. It would be utterly useless for me to attempt giving a true description of this meeting and that for two reasons. First, because, so far as I could make out, the Bishop was everywhere at once, with everybody at once, stealing the hearts of young and old with his geniality and kindness of manner, at such a rate that no eye could follow him. My second reason is, perhaps, the best. I was not in the room amongst them. I sat in the vestry and could only judge of what "our new Bishop" was doing with my people, by the sparkling eyes, reddened cheeks and hearty smile they one and all brought with them when they came to me. His Lordship came to mix with them and he did it freely, heartily and lovingly. One man came to me and said, "that man's picture would make any house bright," and I know the Bishop will need a small fortune devoted to the purpose if he is to supply the photo to all who want it "just to hang up in the house." Business was not however neglected. They promised to raise amongst them \$65 if not \$75 a year towards a stipend, and this combined with what is furnished at Burk's Falls, Cyprus and Berriedale, which will compose the intended mission for a clergyman, will be a very material assistance. We have not only a good church at Emsdale but also three acres of land for a "Glebe" at some future time, and two acres of good ground as a cemetery. The whole being "Church" property securely deeded to the Bishop in trust and entirely free from debt. Any man who has the love of souls in his heart, or whose heart is constrained by the love of Jesus to come and watch for souls, could not do better than come and take up this mission. The country is a beautiful one, even if it is in Muskoka, a healthier one it would be impossible to find. There is a church at every station, and some well educated people at all. Although Burk's Falls was not a place four years ago, and is really in the bush, it is not three days removed from civilization in the ordinary sense, it is not much less than forty miles from Callender on the C. P. R., to which there will be a road opened up this year, and, whoever comes to live there, would be puzzled when there to realize that "he is in the backwoods." Monday evening, we held a public meeting when the Bishop gave an address on the affairs of the diocese and kindly distributed the prizes to the Sunday-school scholars. In the course of this meeting we could hear the storm once more raging furiously, and at last, the question became a serious one. How were we to get to our respective resting places for the night? Some had to go two, some four, some seven and none less than one mile, storm or no storm. At last, after consultation one with another all proper arrangements were made for the care of the women and children. The Bishop

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