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**Epheians.** The clergymen who occupied seats in the chancel were Rev. Messrs. McMorine, Carey, Prime, Shortt, Cook and Burns, and Rev. Prof. Jones. An excellent sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Spencer, the Clerical Secretary, who took for his text the 51st verse of the first chapter of St. John.

Verily, Verily, I say unto you, hereafter, you shall see heaven opening and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the son of man.

During the evening Miss Emartinger sang a solo with excellent effect. She has a rich mezzo voice, and she sings with good taste.

**PASCOOTT.**—The daily Lenten services in connection with St. John's Church are very conveniently arranged, and the attendance most encouraging. A very useful list of the hours of all services, with a few practical rules for keeping Lent, and an appropriate hymn and prayer for daily use was distributed the Sunday before Ash-Wednesday, and with these little guides to the proper observance of the season, none could plead ignorance of their duty. The Wednesday and Friday evening services are particularly interesting, addresses being given alternately by Rev. Mr. Lewis, and Rev. Mr. Woodcock, each lecture forming part of an instructive series. The weekly services at the Blue Church and Wexford are regularly carried on with much acceptance to the dwellers in those localities, some of whom come on foot for miles to attend them. Rev. Mr. Woodcock has lately undertaken a third distant service at Johnstown, about four miles to the east, where he has a large congregation.

**OTTAWA.**—*St. George's Church.*—On Wednesday evening, April 10th, the Lord Bishop of Niagara administered the Apostolic rite of confirmation to some twenty-five candidates in this church. The service opened with the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers," followed by an exceedingly impressive address to the candidates by the Bishop, in which he gave them much excellent advice, the large congregation listening most attentively to the sound practical reasoning of his Lordship's discourse on the nature and ends of the rite about to be performed; after the address silence was kept for a while, those present being requested to offer up a prayer on behalf of the candidates, concluding with the hymn "Come Holy Ghost," all kneeling; then followed the "Laying on of hands," each candidate devoutly kneeling before the Bishop; the Bishop in his very reverend manner invoking the gift of the Holy Spirit. Here another hymn was sung, the Bishop again addressing the candidates, giving them a few practical rules for living a Holy Life, under the following headings; private prayer, family prayer, public worship, self-examination and frequent communion. The solemn and impressive service was dismissed with the Apostolic Benediction. The following clergy were present in the sanctuary: Ven. Archdeacon Lauder, Rural Dean Pollard, with the Rector, Rev. Owen Jones, and Rev. Mr. Snowdon, curate of Christ Church. At this church on Palm Sunday, and each succeeding evening of Holy Week, except Saturday, there will be a sermon on the Passion of our Lord in preparation for the Easter Communion, after which the "Story of the Cross" will be sung. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday services at the following hours, 10 a.m., 5.15 p.m., and 8 p.m.; on Holy Thursday an early celebration of the Eucharist, as well as at 10 a.m. Good Friday, in addition there will be the customary "Three Hours from 12 to 3 p.m."

Easter Day—Celebrations of Holy Communion at 7, 8, and 11 (with sermons). Children's service at 8.30 p.m., and Evening Prayer and sermon at 7 p.m. The other churches have nearly similar services, perhaps not so many.

The press announces the fact that the Methodists are preparing special musical services for Easter Sunday. It is devoutly to be hoped they will soon be ready to accept the Fast of our Lord as well as the Festivals, which are becoming so customary among them, and other dissenting bodies.

On Thursday evening, April 11th, the Bishop of Niagara will hold confirmation service at the church of St. John the Evangelist.

Confirmation classes are formed at Christ church and St. Alban's.

The Bishop of Ontario sails for Canada on the 17th. Mrs. Lewis will remain in Paris in the interests of the home she has recently established there, and may not be here until the fall.

## TORONTO.

**TORONTO.**—*St. Philip's.*—Sunday morning the Bishop of Toronto officiated at this church, when 62 persons were confirmed. In the evening Rev. Dr. Sweeney preached the last of his series of Lenten discourses. There was a large attendance at each service.

**WESTON.**—Died at her residence, Mount View, near Weston, Mary Ann relict of the late Mr. John Chew "one of the oldest settlers." During a protracted illness which she bore with exemplary patience, she was attended with affectionate and untiring solicitude by her two daughters and son. An earnest and devoted Churchwoman, of deep and unobtrusive piety, she exhibited to her last day a keen and lively interest in the affairs of the parish. Her earnest prayer that she might die without a struggle was answered, she calmly fell asleep in Jesus and passed to her reward on Saturday, 6th inst, at eleven p.m. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, even so saith the Spirit for they rest from their labours."

**St. Stephen's.**—Rev. A. J. Broughall on Sunday last had the pleasure of celebrating his 29th year as pastor of this church, College street, by an earnest sermon which was listened to by many whom he had baptized and married. During the time the Rev. gentleman has presided over the church he has made some 80,000 visits to the sick and needy, solemnized over 574 marriages and baptized 2,100 persons. Mr. Broughall is blessed with good health and continues to make himself felt in the good work he has undertaken.

## NIAGARA.

**GRAND VALLEY.**—A most enjoyable evening was spent last week, when friends to the number of fifty-one assembled in the Foresters Hall for the purpose of presenting Mrs. R. T. W. Webb with a token of their respect and esteem, previous to her departure from their midst. The presentation was made by Dr. Hopkins on behalf of seventy subscribers. The chairman, in a feeling and appropriate speech, presented the token to Mrs. Webb. It consisted of a very handsome gold watch and chain, and also a suitable address. The feeling remarks of the chairman and many others sent a thrill of regret through the hearts of those present, as all felt that they were losing a dear friend. Mrs. Webb, sr., was also the recipient of a friendly gift in the form of a purse of money. Rev. R. T. W. Webb, on behalf of his wife and mother, made a suitable reply. The money was collected by Mr. G. H. Cooper and Mr. Thos. Greenwood, and they have to thank the numerous subscribers for their hearty response when appealed to. A vote of thanks having been passed to the Foresters for the use of the hall, and a similar vote to the chairman and the collectors their services, a most pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne." The Rev. R. T. W. Webb, Rector of East Tawas, Michigan, was also the recipient of a testimonial and purse before leaving Grand Valley. On his way to his new home he preached at Mount Forest, and deep regrets were expressed upon all sides at the departure of so able a preacher and theologian from our diocese, we anticipate for him a brilliant and bright future, and God's blessing upon his labour of love in the United States.

**OMAGH AND PALERMO.**—The Rev. J. H. Fletcher begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following sums for the Zimmerman Church. \$5.00; Emeline Irving, J. L. Morrison, Elmes Henderson. \$2.00; Rev. J. Carry, Robt. Playter. \$1.00; Mrs. A. Emilius Irving, Miss Dixon, Rev. J. K. Powell, Rev. T. C. Street Macklem, and J. and F. G. Sinclair. 50 cents; R. B. Harcourt.

The Bishop of Niagara has shown his approval of the undertaking by giving to Mr. Fletcher the following authorization. "It is proposed to build a Church in Zimmerman for the two villages of Zimmerman and St. Ann's, about 2 miles apart. A suitable lot has been given. The Rev. John Fletcher and the laymen in the neighbourhood have contributed \$296. About \$1,100.00 are required. The Rev. J. Fletcher and the laymen who are acting with him, merit all the aid which their fellow-Churchmen can extend to them."

Hamilton, 25th March, 1889. CHARLES NIAGARA.

The Bishop of Toronto endorses this appeal as follows: "I commend this appeal of the Rev. J. Fletcher to the generous sympathies of the members of the Church."

April 4th, 1889.

ARTHUR TORONTO.

Already more than \$425.00 have been subscribed for the Church, and active canvassing is going on, but friends of the cause can help us materially by sending a contribution to the Rev. J. H. Fletcher, of Palermo, without waiting for personal solicitation. We have great need of a Church at Zimmerman, as at present there is no place of worship of any kind, except an old temperance hall which is occupied by the Methodists, and is altogether too small to satisfy the spiritual needs of the people. If churchmen respond liberally to this appeal, there is no reason why the Church when built should not be free from debt.

"He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Let each man do according as he hath purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver."

## HURON.

The Bishop of Huron has appointed Rev. G. W. Wye, of Watford, to the rectory of Amherstburg.

**NEW HAMBURG.**—Morning and evening service was held in St. George's Church, on Sunday, March 31st. The Bishop of the diocese preached with his wonted earnestness and eloquence at both services, which, notwithstanding the stormy weather, were well attended, and the offertories liberal. This was the Bishop's first visit to the new Church since laying the foundation stone last May, and his Lordship congratulated the parish in possessing such a beautiful Church, and expressed a hope that the comparatively small debt would soon be removed that he might have the pleasure of consecrating it. It is also hoped that through the exertions and liberality of the parishioners and their friends, that this pretty little Church may soon be appropriately furnished. Towards this end some kind offerings have already been received, very noticeable are a pretty group of three windows, on one side of the Chancel, which have lately been filled with stained glass. These were executed by McCausland & Co., of Toronto, and are an offering from Mrs. Salt, of Birkenhead, England, as memorials of her son Capt. Evans, H. M., 28th Reg., who died some years ago at Hamburg. Mrs. Salt was also a liberal contributor to the building fund of the Church. On Sunday afternoon, the Bishop preached at St. James', Huron Road. On Monday morning, the Bishop and Mrs. Baldwin, who had accompanied his Lordship, (and were entertained by the Rev. T. and Mrs. Edmunds at the parsonage, at Haysville), met a number of the ladies of the parish, and a branch of "the Women's Auxiliary Missionary Association" was organized. The Bishop and Mrs. Baldwin returned to London, from Hamburg in the afternoon.

## FOREIGN.

The Bishop of Carlisle is looking out for an assistant in his episcopal duties, as he feels that he has not now the physical power to work his diocese.

Canon Lester, at Liobfield, England, is training a band of "evangelist brothers" to preach in Africa. They are to be uniformed—that is, wear coarse brown frocks, with cords around their waists, and carry Bibles in their hands.

The consecration of the Bishops of St. Asaph and Trinidad, took place at Westminster Abbey, on Monday, March 25.

Miss Lydia Smith, eldest daughter of the chaplain of Liverpool Workhouse, left England last week to join the Universities' Mission in Central Africa under Bishop Smythies.

**RHODE ISLAND.**—According to some recent statistics the Church in Providence, with a membership of 4,010, gives for charitable uses \$68,240.17 annually. Grace Church has the largest membership, 1,130, and St. John's contributes the most money, \$40,951.41.

It is only twenty-five years since the Rev. C. M. Williams, now Bishop of Yedo, erected the first Protestant Christian Church in Japan. At the present time there are no less than ninety-two churches and chapels in the city of Tokio alone.

A recent return gives 13,500 Episcopal Churches in England, 1,269 Roman Catholic chapels and stations, 285 Presbyterian Churches, 2,718 Baptist Churches, 1,970 Wesleyan ministers, 444 chapels, Methodist (new connection), 4,305 Primitive Methodist chapels, 1,368 United Methodist free churches, 580 Bible Christian chapels, 2,200 Congregational Churches.

The Bishop of St. Albans has rebuked one of his clergy, Mr. Gace, for intemperate observations on Dissenters in a catechism, but declares that he has no power to prohibit such extravagant churchmanship, nor to punish it. In Wales the Liberatorists have made great use of these unhappy utterances, placarding them in public places in order to increase hostility to the Church.

The Rev. Dr. Murray Mitchell, after giving the