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Bishop held a special ordination in St. Peter's Church, Cobourg, when the Rev. John Alexander Hannah, and the Rev. Joseph Gauder were advanced from the Diaconate to the priesthood. Both gentlemen return to their former charges, Mr. Hannah to Perrytown and Elizabethville, and Mr. Gauder to Cardiff and parts adjacent. The Church retained its beautiful Christmas decorations, and a very large assemblage witnessed the interesting and solemn services. The Ven. Archdeacon Wilson preached the ordination sermon, in the course of which he highly complimented the congregation on their zeal and liberality as evidenced not only in contributions (second to none in the Diocese) to all the funds for which collections are regularly made, but in this generous response to special appeals, such as the St. Johns Fire Relief Fund. And he praised them the more, because while thus giving largely of their means to outside objects, they did not neglect home requirements; but had shown their estimation of their Rector in building for his use the handsome and commodious rectory which had been just completed. A considerable sum was presented through the offertory for the widows of the Revds. Cooper and Tilley. In the evening the church was again very full, and the Bishop preached with more than his usual vigour on the subject of the Epiphany season; while the newly ordained priests read the lessons. On Monday evening, January 7th, the Rector and Mrs. Stennett having invited the parishioners generally to a reception in honour of the Lord Bishop. The call was, notwithstanding the inclemency of the evening, so well responded to that the large and handsome rooms of the new rectory were full to overflowing. Nearly all the congregations in town were there. It was most gratifying to the Bishop, who remained in Cobourg for the occasion, to witness the unanimity and cordiality which existed in his old parish after the eleven years incumbency of the present Rector. Many old faces were there to greet him and many new ones also,—new comers to the parish, or those who had in the interval grown up from childhood. The evening was pleasantly enlivened by social conversation and by music both vocal and instrumental. All thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and went away charmed with their entertainment, and with the spacious and comfortable dwelling which they had assisted in providing for their Rector and his family.

UXBRIDGE.—Church matters are in a healthy state. Very encouraging Xmas services; the church prettily decorated; a very hearty service and a goodly number of communicants. A successful entertainment was held in the Ontario Hall for the S. S. children. The deserving children received reward books to the value of \$20, while all had presents from tastefully arranged Xmas trees. The following address has been issued:

To the Congregation of St. Paul's Church, Uxbridge:

My Dear Friends,—Allow me to offer my sincere thanks for your kind present, through the offertory on Christmas day. I have also the great pleasure of expressing to the ladies, who placed the exquisitely made surplice in the Vestry, my gratitude for the handsome gift, and can assure them I value it more than my words can express. I accept both gifts as tokens, not only of your kind thought and good wishes, but also as a mark of increased interest in the message of glad tidings, of which the minister of Christ is the bearer. May He, whose birth we have joyfully celebrated together, bestow upon us all, the full benefit which His coming in great humility, conferred, so that our Christmas joy may be but the earnest of a life long service and happiness, and of joy untold at His right hand for evermore. I am your affectionate friend and pastor, JOHN DAVIDSON.

The quarterly meeting of the Ruridecanal chapter of Durham and Victoria was held in Port Hope on the 10th inst. In consequence of some unforeseen circumstances divine service was not held, as had been intended, on Wednesday evening. On Thursday morning the meeting was convened at the residence of Revd. F. A. O'Meara, LL. D., Revd. Rural Dean Allen in the chair. Some discussion arose as to the diocesan scheme of

missionary meetings which seemed in some respects unintelligible and indeed impracticable upon which the Rural Dean was requested to correspond with some members of the deputation in order to arrange the difficulty. As is our standing rule the service for the Ordination of the Priests was read accompanied by some very valuable remarks. I Tim. iii. 14, etc., was then considered in the original; the subject proved to be so interesting and fruitful of thought that the time allotted for its consideration passed quickly away and we found to our surprise that we had considered only two verses and a half. The whole proceedings were of a most pleasant and harmonious character, and those who were present felt, as they separated for their several homes, cheered and invigorated for the more efficient and earnest discharge of their parochial duties.

The next meeting will (D. V.) be held at the residence of Revd. C. W. Paterson, M. A., on Tuesday April 30th, at 9:30 A. M.

RICHARD H. HARRIS, B. A., Incumbent of Omemece etc., Secretary.

NIAGARA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BARTON AND GLANFORD.—For the last few years the population of the northern part of this mission lying on the edge of the mountain, immediately south of Hamilton, has very considerably increased.

To meet the growing spiritual wants a new church—the Church of the Holy Trinity—has been erected about half a mile from the edge of the mountain, overlooking Hamilton, and on the Macadamized road, leading from that city to Caledonia and Lake Erie.

This new edifice was formally opened on Sunday, "the feast of the Epiphany."

Divine service commenced at 3 o'clock P. M. The officiating clergy, besides the Incumbent, the Rev. Rural Dean Bull, were the Very Rev. the Dean of Niagara, who preached the sermon and the Reverend Canon Houston, of Waterdown; C. E. Thompson, of All Saints', Hamilton; W. Belt, of Ancaster; W. Green and C. E. Whitcombe.

The church was filled with devout worshippers. Of the edifice itself we need only say that it is chaste in design, ecclesiastical in appearance and very complete in churchly appointments.

The plan of the east end is for Canada a little singular, we allude to it as to a plan worthy of the consideration of builders of country churches. It appears to your correspondent to combine economy of space with beauty of appearance.

The congregation fill the nave, whilst a transept is built across the extreme east end of the church projecting a few feet on each side of the nave.

In this transept is contained in the north end a vestry-room, while the south end is occupied by organ and choir.

The chancel proper is marked by open columns and is enclosed between the partition wall of vestry and a low screen dividing it from the choir seats.

Thus nearly the full width of the church is secured to the chancel.

The church is ceiled, a necessity in this cold climate, but the usual bareness of the ceiling is relieved by the appearance of principal rafters within the building.

The outer doors are placed at the west end of the south aisle and at the east end of the north aisle of the nave, thus securing a large window at each end of the church.

A lectern and pulpit combined, a prayer-desk and stalls comprise the furniture of the chancel outside the rail, while within, were provided sedilia and an episcopal chair.

Where all has been so carefully planned and admirably carried out, a correspondent must be ever loath to criticise, but we must withhold our admiration from the furniture of the Holy Table. We trust the worthy incumbent will pardon the suggestion of your correspondent, a brother though junior clergyman, that the present "pendant" be placed for a pulpit hanging and the altar be either, as in his other churches, left with its handsome frontal cross exposed, or be enveloped in an appropriately ornamented altar cloth.

HURON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

INGERSOLL.—The Rev. E. M. Bland has been appointed by His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese to the Rectory of St. James, Ingersoll, vacant since the appointment of Rev. J. P. Hincks to the Rectory of Galt. Mr. Bland had been educated at Cambridge before coming to Canada, and was ordained lately by the Bishop of Huron.

CONFIRMATION.—The admissions to the communion of the Church by the Apostolic rite of the laying on of hands are continuous in the Diocese. In St. John's Church, Strathroy, Rev. James Smythe, Rector, His Lordship the Bishop confirmed thirty candidates on Thursday, the 3rd inst. The Rector and Rev. J. W. P. Smith, Rural Dean, Rector of Christ's Church, London, assisted in the service. The address of the Bishop to the young "soldiers of Christ" was very impressive, and the large congregation was deeply impressed with the entire service.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, WINDSOR.—*The Epiphany.*—The Lord Bishop held confirmation here on The Epiphany, when the Rector, Rev. Dr. Caulfield, had the pleasure to present a class of twenty-seven candidates for confirmation. There was a very large congregation and all felt deeply the kind and earnest words of the Bishop, applied especially to those ratifying the promises made for them in their infancy, and generally applied to all.

At St. John's, Sandwich, a large class of candidates was also confirmed by the Bishop, who preached on the occasion a sermon replete with godly monitions. He was assisted in the service by the Incumbent, the Rev. F. G. Elliott.

ST. PAUL'S.—*Epiphany.*—Are the creeds of twenty centuries become effete, obsolete? Here, too, even among some Church members, a perturbation of spirit, a wandering to and fro, seeking some solid foundation to build upon. All nations are affected by the epidemic of unbelief. Not only in the new world but in the old world also do men seek out new paths; not only in the Congregationalist, and other younger bodies, are doubts expressed of doctrines heretofore accounted orthodox; but the spirit of unrest and doubt has entered the old Anglican Church. One who has enjoyed her confidence and has been endowed with her benefices, declares that not one of the words, hell, damnation, and everlasting ought to stand any longer in our English Bible. He repudiates the doctrines of the everlasting punishment of man by a merciful Creator. This, it is true, is not a new doctrine. Universalism is as old as the fall of man, when the serpent said unto Eve, "Thou shalt not surely die." If the words "everlasting," "eternal," "forever," are to be struck out of our belief, then also must be stricken out from our creed the believing in "Life Everlasting." The doctrines, eternal happiness and eternal unhappiness, must stand or fall together. They are based on the same foundation.

In St. Paul's, London, Rev. Canon Innes preached on Sunday, the 6th inst., from the text "If ye love me, keep my commandments." He referred, in his sermon, to the sermon of Rev. Canon Farrar, preached in Westminster Abbey, as reported in the papers. He asked his hearers to suspend their judgment for a time, as Canon Farrar has since written an explanation saying that the object of his sermon was to prove that the word "eternal" did not necessarily connote endlessness, and at the same time to vindicate that faith in the possible effects of Christ's infinite redemption, even beyond the grave—a hope that had been held in different ages by fathers and theologians. Mr. Innes showed it to be a gross misrepresentation of our belief to say this, that God had created man to consign him to eternal torments. God did not make a hell for any—man makes his own hell.

In keeping the commandments of God we manifested our love to him. Let this be our text for the new year, "If ye love me keep my commandments."

MEAFORD.—The Annual Sunday School festival this year presented some novel features that may