

We are glad to see that an evening service will also be held on Tuesday, at 8 o'clock in St. James' Cathedral. By this time the majority of the members will have arrived, and we look for an exceedingly interesting and hearty service.

The agenda paper has been issued, and with it the reports of the various standing and special committees.

There is but little new business so far spoken of. Notice of motion is given by Mr. G. B. Kirkpatrick and by Mr. C. R. W. Biggar, that the Canon providing for the erection of parishes and settlement of boundaries be amended so as to compel notice of the proposed changes to be given to the Rector or Rectors and the Church Wardens of the parish or parishes whose boundaries would be thereby affected. This is a proper amendment, and it will no doubt be adopted. The motion has doubtless grown out of the trouble in St. Ann's parish, from which Mr. Kirkpatrick is a delegate.

Another motion is on the paper respecting the method of proportional or accumulative voting.

Canon O'Meara will move that all clergymen who have removed, or shall hereafter remove, from this Diocese to the Missionary Diocese of Algoma, retain their rights to participate in the benefits of the Commutation and Widow's and Orphan's Fund, as long as they continue to minister in said Missionary Diocese and comply with the by-laws of the said funds.

Mr. Langtry proposes the formation of an entirely different Executive Committee in future. He suggests the Committee consist of the Bishop, Archdeacons and Rural Deans and all the members of the standing committees, of whom one fourth shall form a quorum. This would make a body of at least 75 or 80 members. We fear it would be found too unwieldy for practical purposes, though doubtless it has some good features to recommend it.

The other question which may engage the Synod during its session, and the reports of Committee in order of their adoption, will appear in subsequent issues of the CHURCH GUARDIAN. Our correspondent will take care to furnish us with full, accurate and clear statements of what has been done.

PETERBORO, St. John's Church.—Mr. Hampshire, late organist of St. Matthew's Church, Quebec, has received the appointment of organist here *vice* Chas. W. Ewing resigned. Mr. Hampshire received his musical education at York Minster and comes highly recommended. He entered on his duties on Sunday, June 1st.

CONGRATULATIONS.—We extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the esteemed incumbent of Penetanguishene on the occasion of his marriage. Mr. Kingston was married at Georgina on the 27th ult., to Miss Georgina Charlotte M. Sibbald, youngest daughter of Captain Sibbald, R. N., of Gildon Hall, Georgina.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. Edward Ransford, formerly of Toronto and now attached to the New York Church Press has been appointed to the charge of St. Peter's, Stone Ridge, and St. Paul's, High Falls, N. Y. Dr. Shearton preached at St. Philip's Church on Sunday last. We regret to learn that the Rector, the Rev. J. F. Sweeney, B.D., continues very ill.

Last Sunday the Rev. S. Weston Jones preached an appropriate sermon to the Sons of England, who attended St. Paul's Church, Lindsay, in a body on the occasion.

The Rev. Philip Jacque administered the Holy Communion to twelve inmates of the insane asylum on Whit Sunday. The congregation was most devout and attentive, and considering their unhappy condition sang and responded very earnestly.

The Peterborough *Daily Examiner* says: "The Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, Rector of Ashburnham, has again been requested to act as Examiner in Divinity for Trinity College School, Port Hope. This is the fourth year in which he has acted in this capacity. The examination will be held next week, but the result will not be known until early in July."

CONVERSAZIONE.—The first meeting of the kind in connection with the Bible class of the Ascension Church, Toronto, which is conducted by Mr. H. C. Dixon, was held recently. About 800 persons were present, the commodious school-room being crowded to its utmost capacity. Mr. Dixon has by his zeal and assiduity and talents for organizing, brought his class from a very small beginning to its present standing of 250 members. The evening was spent in social intercourse, singing by the Misses Morell and Davis, Messrs. G. C. Warburton, Faltey and Smith, and addresses by the Rector and Mr. Biggar.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

GUELPH.—His Lordship Bishop Hamilton, accompanied by Mrs. Hamilton, arrived in the city on Saturday to pay his first visit to the congregation of St. George's here. The services on Sunday were of an unusually impressive character, and the church at each diet of worship was crowded to the doors. The musical service was grand, and quite appropriate to the solemn but joyful occasion. Morning prayers were read at 8 a.m., by the Rev. James Ardill, Deacon Curate of Fort Erie. The lessons were read by Messrs. G. A. Harvey and W. R. Blanchford, candidates for Deacon's orders. The former is Lay Reader at Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton, and the latter at the Mission of Luther East and Amaranth West.

At 11 a.m. the service commenced with a processional hymn No. 7, 'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty.' The clergy having robed in the Rector's library proceeded to the church in the following order: Messrs. G. H. Webb, G. A. Harvey, and W. R. Blanchford, candidates for the Diaconate; Rev. J. Ardill, candidate for the Priesthood; Rev. E. A. Irving bearing the Pastoral Staff, Ven. Archdeacon Dixon, Examining Chaplain, and last his Lordship the Bishop. The candidates occupied seats in the front of the nave.

His Lordship on ascending the pulpit recited the 'Bidding Prayer, and preached a very eloquent and practical discourse from the words: 'Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.' Matthew, XXIII: verse 19. Addressing the fathers and mothers present, His Lordship asked if they could picture to themselves a nobler mission for man to fulfil than to preach the gospel. Christ has claims upon us; claims upon us all. The father should be willing to give up his son to become an ambassador of Christ. They should not consider worldly circumstances but look alone on Christ and take a pride in being his humble disciple. To the candidates for holy orders the Bishop addressed a few words of kindly feeling and true spiritual advice all standing as he spoke. They should always keep in mind how exalted and noble their mission was, and should consecrate themselves heart and soul to their work. One of them, he said, would be endowed with the full commission of the priesthood; all would be authorized to teach the sacred lessons of Christ. It should be their happiness to make Christ known to many wayward souls and make them children of God and temples of the Holy Ghost. They couldn't possibly desire a more holy mission. Therefore they should consecrate themselves joyfully to their noble work.

At the close of the sermon the Bishop proceeded to the altar, when the Archdeacon presented the candidates, and the impressive ordination service of the church was proceeded with. The Bishop was seated in a chair before the altar, supported by Ven. Archdeacon Dixon, B. A., his examining chaplain on the right, and Rev. E. A. Irving, bearing the Bishop's staff of office, on the left. The Bishop presented each of the newly ordained deacons with a copy of the Greek Testament and the newly ordained priest with a complete copy of the Holy Scriptures. The choir was present in full force, and rendered the anthem, 'Come, Holy Spirit,' and the appropriate Trinity Hymns in a very hearty and effective manner. A celebration of the Holy Communion followed, at which the Bishop and Archdeacon were assisted by Rev. G. A. Harvey and Rev. G. H. Webb in the Distribution of the Elements, the Bishop himself being the con-

secrator. About sixty members of the congregation remained to communicate with the Bishop and Clergy.

In the afternoon the Bishop addressed the children of the Sunday schools, explaining the meaning of the pastoral staff and the duties of the Episcopal office going on to the subject of the Holy Trinity and Church Seasons. The congregation at the evening service was a very large one. The processional hymn was No. 509, 'The Church's One Foundation.' The prayers were read by Rev. G. A. Harvey. The lessons by Rev. James Ardill and Blanchford. The sermon was preached by Rev. H. Webb, the text being Exodus xvi. 14, "Lift thou up thy Rod," from which he gave an impressive and instructive discourse. Of the candidates Rev. Jas. Ardill returns to his curacy at Fort Erie, Rev. G. A. Harvey to Christ Church Cathedral as curate of the same. The services of Rev. G. H. Webb and the Rev. W. R. Blanchford will be apportioned under the direction of Rev. R. T. W. Webb between the missions of Erin, Garafraxa, and East Luther and West Amaranth.

MEETING OF SYNOD.—Synod opened on Wednesday morning, June 3rd. A number of both lay and clerical delegates reached the city on Tuesday evening and more came in this morning. Before the formal opening of Synod divine service was held in the Cathedral. At 9 o'clock the clergy and lay delegates having assembled in the school house, were called to order by the Lord Bishop, and the procession was formed, the Lay Delegates at the head, followed by the Choir, the Deacons, Priests and Canons. Then came Rev. R. S. Radcliffe, of Mount Forest, staff bearer, His Lordship the Bishop of Niagara bringing up the rear. The Choir and Clergy marched up the centre aisle singing the processional hymn 392, Forward be Our Watchword. The Lay Delegates and a few ladies composed the Synod Congregation. The full morning prayer was proceeded with, Rev. A. W. Macnab officiating to the third collect; Canon Reid, first lesson; Canon Houston, second lesson; Dr. Mockridge, litany; the Lord Bishop, Holy Communion; Venerable Archdeacon Dixon, the Epistles; Venerable Archdeacon McMurray, the Gospel; Rural Dean Spencer, the Confession. The following clergy assisted in the distribution of the elements. The Bishop and Rural Dean Bull; Venerable Archdeacon McMurray and Canon Houston; Venerable Archdeacon Dixon and Rural Dean Belt. Bishop Hamilton preached from Ephesians iv. 15 and 16: "Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by his spirit in the inner man." He delivered an excellent sermon from these words.

The recessional hymn was 215, The Church's One Foundation. The service was a very long one, lasting from nine o'clock until 12.45.

Immediately after divine service the delegates assembled in the school-house of the Cathedral.

The Bishop took the chair and called the meeting to order, Rev. Dr. Mockridge, Clerical Secretary, reading the opening prayers appointed for the occasion. The roll call of Clergy and Lay Representatives ensued.

On the motion of Rural Dean Bull, Rural Dean McKenzie and Rev. A. Anthony, of Huron Diocese, were admitted to the proceedings of the Synod.

Mr. J. J. Mason, Lay Secretary, read the report of F. W. Gates and W. F. Burton, the committee appointed to meet before the Synod and examine the certificates of Lay Representatives, which were found satisfactory. The report was adopted.

On motion the synod adjourned until 2.30 p.m.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON.—The Revd Canon Dumoulin of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, preached both morning and evening on Trinity Sunday, in St. Paul's Church. Collections were in aid of the choir fund.