

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TORONTO.—*Women's Auxiliary to Missions*—The monthly meeting of the Toronto Diocesan Board of the Women's Auxiliary to Missions was held in the Synod rooms on Thursday, 10th inst. A large number of ladies being present the meeting was most satisfactory, and business of unusual importance transacted. Several appeals from missionaries were read, and an increased appropriation was made in one case, others being referred to the Dorcas department, or to one of the branches. All appeals for aid from the Dorcas department of the Toronto W. A. are to be sent to Miss L. Paterson, 26 St. Joseph St., Toronto.

The retreat for clergy at Trinity College, was most satisfactory from every point of view, except that of attendance, only about thirty availed themselves of the great privilege afforded them, of listening to Father Hall's able, interesting, and deeply spiritual addresses. The retreat began on Tuesday night, and lasted until Friday morning. The addresses were on the Levitical sacrifices, as fulfilled in Christ, and carried out in their spiritual meaning in the life of the Christian minister. Father Hall has almost recovered his health, after his long illness.

Harvest Festivals have been held at St. Barnabas, St. Mark's, St. Stephen's, and St. Matthias' Churches. The weather varied so from day to day, that a pleasant day for a Festival is very doubtful.

The Rural Deanery of Toronto began its winter meetings on Monday, Oct. 7th. In the absence of the Rural Dean, Rev. Mr. Harrison took the chair. The Toronto delegates to the Provincial Synod gave a most interesting account of the proceedings of that body. There was a good attendance of clergy.

Mr. Arthur Whalley, lately a minister of the Reformed Episcopal body, is attending lectures at Trinity College. He is also assisting Mr. Broughall at St. Stephen's. His predecessor there Mr. Walsh was also an ex minister of the Reformed Episcopal.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

MOUNT FOREST.—The Annual Harvest Festival Services in St. Paul's Church, Mount Forest, on Sunday, October 6th, were in every way and especially spiritually most comforting and refreshing. The church was as usual, most tastefully decorated with grain and fruit, the work of loving and willing hands. The Rev. Professor Clark, LL.D., one of the most eminent and distinguished divines in Canada, a Professor of Trinity College, Toronto, very kindly favored us with a visit, and preached most able and eloquent sermons. The good that he does Toronto University by these visits cannot be estimated. His subject on Sunday night, "Private Judgment," was magnificently handled and most convincing. The numbers attending church were large. Thanks offering including proceeds of lecture, reached the handsome figure of nearly \$80. Below is a report of our town newspapers, which shows how the Professors visit and lecture on Monday night was appreciated:

The Rev. Professor Clarke, LL.D., preached most eloquent and able sermons and his lecture on Monday evening in the town hall was one of the richest literary treats ever enjoyed by Mt. Foresters. The lecture was well attended and was a great success. A most cordial and hearty vote of thanks was tendered the Professor by the audience on motion by Mr. Hagarty, seconded by Rev. Rural Dean Belt, of Harriston. Following is a synopsis of the lecture:

The Water Babies is not only "A Fairy Tale for a Land Baby," it is also an allegory representing the spiritual life of man. The life of man without God is represented in two different ways—first by the life of Tom as a chimney

sweep. A conviction of his uncleanness was forced upon him by the works of an Irishwoman who represents Conscience, and perhaps also Providence, and by the sight of a beautiful, clean, little girl called Ellie. "I must be clean," said Tom, and he threw himself into the river and became a water baby. This represents conversion from sin. The other form of evil is worldiness, represented by the life of Tom in the river—a very thoughtless, useless life, which ends when he helps the lobster out of the pot and recognizes the other water babies. It is the banishing of the spirit of selfishness and the waking up of the spirit of love that make us recognize our fellow men as brethren. A great change now takes place. Tom lives with the other babies in St. Brandan's Isle, and is educated under the influence of two fairies, Mrs. Bedonebyasyoudid representing the law, and Mrs. Doasyouwouldbedoneby representing Grace. By the first we are taught that "whatsoever a man doeth that shall he also reap." By the second "that God gives up his grace and blessing without money and without price." The little Ellie already mentioned was one of Tom's teachers, and Tom wanted very much to know where Ellie went on Sundays. She could not tell him; but he was informed by Mrs. Bedonebyasyoudid that he would know if he would go to the other end of nowhere and help some one he did not like. The meaning is plain, we rise to perfection by doing acts of self-denying love. It is not always easy to explain the arrangement of the parts of the story, but their essential meaning presents no great difficulty. Thus, it is clear that Mother Carey represents Nature, and when she tells Tom to follow the dog and walk backwards, we remember that Nature's two chief guides are Instinct and Experience. So Tom went on his way seeing very strange sights. He saw the Gairfowl, who represents those who refuse to go forward and so lose the powers they now possess. He saw the powwow man who thought that people must be made good by being frightened into fits. At last he finishes his work by helping Grimes his old master. When he goes back to St. Brandan's Isle, he finds that he and Ellie are grown up—perfect, grown to the full stature, and they see a lady before them whom they take in turn for Mrs. Doasyouwouldbedoneby, Mrs. Bedonebyasyoudid, Mother Carey, the Irishwoman. Whereby we are taught that Grace and Law and Nature and Conscience and Providence are all one in God.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON.—The congregation of Christ Church, Wellington street, had a red letter day Sunday, the occasion being the re-opening of the church after the extensive alterations and improvements, of which an account has already been given. The morning services Sunday were conducted by the rector and Professor Williams, the latter of whom preached an admirable sermon from 2d Chron., chap. xxviii, verses 2 and 3. In the evening the Rev. Principal Fowell preached an excellent sermon from I Chron., chap. iv, v. 9 and 10. The musical portions of the services were well rendered by the choir, under the direction of Mr. E. Green, organist. The anthems were sung with pleasing effect, as was also the solo by Mr. Hall. There was a good attendance at both services, and many expressions of pleasure at the changed appearance of the church were heard from those present. A liberal collection was made at the close of each service in aid of the Improvement Fund. The congregation are to be congratulated upon the success which has attended the Sunday services. On this (Monday) evening the Bishop of Huron kindly consented to be present and gave an address at the sacred concert, which commenced at eight o'clock.

Christ Church, Wellington street, was well filled on the occasion of the Sacred concert in

connection with the re-opening services. The first part of the programme consisted of anthems, &c., by the choir, under the direction of Mr. E. Green, organist of the church. The gem song of the evening was given by Miss Nelda Von Seyfried, of Hellmuth Ladies' College, who sang "Forever with the Lord" in faultless style, and rich, full voice of great compass, which evinced highest culture and gained the warm admiration of all present. Mr. W. Halle sang a couple of sacred pieces entitled "The New Kingdom" and "Abide with Me" in excellent voice. Rev. Canon Davis, Rev. R. Hicks and Rev. G. B. Sage each gave a practical address, congratulating the congregation upon the improved appearance of the building, and wishing them every prosperity. Rev. A. K. Griffin, of Toronto; F. G. Newton, of Bervie and Canon Richardson, of this city, also occupied seats in the chancel. His Lordship the Bishop gave a stirring address in his usual fervid and eloquent style, and joined his hearty congratulations on the successful completion of the work of beautifying their place of worship, and praying that God's blessing may rest upon pastor and people. A liberal collection was taken up, and the proceedings were closed by singing the Doxology, and the Bishop giving the Benediction.

Christ Church, Wellington street, has been undergoing a process of thorough refitting during the past month. The walls, ceiling, pillars, &c., have been neatly and artistically frescoed by Mr. James Walthow, the well known fresco artist, and the work reflects the highest credit upon his good taste and skill. The pews, wainscoting and other parts have been treated with new coats of paint. The ladies have added new matting to the aisles, and have otherwise greatly improved the appearance of the church. New choir stalls have taken the place of the former ones, and altogether the interior has been almost completely transformed, and the committee and congregation at large are to be congratulated upon the successful results of their effort. The reopening services were of a very interesting character.

The Executive Committee of the Diocese of Huron has decided to connect the Church of England congregations in Leamington and Kingsville under the same pastorate.

Very Rev. Dean Innes, of St. Paul's, was one of the Canadian representatives at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church of the U. S. at New York.

Rev. Canon G. R. Salter, M.A., of Brantford, died in that city on Thursday, aged 78. Deceased was born in Tynemouth, England, on May 26th, 1816. He received his education at Christ Church College, Oxford, and was ordained in 1839. He came to Canada in 1847, where he labored incessantly as a missionary to extend Gospel privileges to destitute parts. The first scene of his labors was in Sarnia, where he zealously and faithfully worked for eight years. Owing to ill health he removed inland from the lakes, taking All Saints' Church, Mount Pleasant, for two years. He then removed to Brantford, being first Rector of St. Jude's Church, which he resigned, owing to ill health. The remains will proceed to Sarnia, to be interred there.

MITCHELL.—Harvest Thanksgiving services were held in Trinity Church on Sunday week, when the Rev. Canon Richardson, of London, preached excellent sermons. The church was very beautifully decorated. On Monday evening, in the town hall, a harvest supper was given, followed by a programme of a high character. The building, which was prettily decorated, was filled with an appreciative audience. The Revs. Canon Richardson, J. Edmonds, E. Hughes and O. Bridgman gave excellent addresses, and the music and singing were much enjoyed. The Rector was presented during the week with an address, thanking him and Mrs.