

## Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS

### ONTARIO.

**VARS.**—On Saturday, 5th July, there entered into rest, Mrs. George Shaw, of Russell (a native of Fermanagh, Ireland), in the eighty-third year of her age. The deceased lady was a firm and consistent member of the Church of England, and many of the clergy will long remember the kindness and hospitality which she always showed during her forty-nine years residence in Cumberland township. Three sons and four daughters, all of whom are married and residing in the county of Russell, were with their mother during her last days on earth, and the trust and confidence in God, and the love for her Church and its ministrations which she showed on her death-bed, were a fitting close to a long life spent in an earnest endeavour to do her duty in that state of life to which it had pleased God to call her. By her death the inhabitants of the vicinity in which she lived lose one sincere friend who always sympathized with them in their afflictions and troubles, and who was ever ready both by her personal attention and this world's goods, to help the needy and oppressed. By her kind, genial manner she won the respect of everyone, and her philanthropic efforts will long be remembered by all with whom she came in contact. She is now asleep in Jesus, and we might imagine her last words to be:

Thanks be to God, the victory's ours,  
If we but trust in Him,  
A pious life and happy death  
Will bring us to our King.  
Dear children, do not weep for me,  
You all with me may dwell  
Who walk in paths of righteousness  
And shun the road to hell.

The funeral, which was on Tuesday, the 8th, at Trinity church, Bear Brook, was one of the largest ever seen in the county, and testified to the respect and esteem in which the deceased was held by her many friends. The funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. De Pencier, who delivered a very feeling and eloquent discourse.

### TORONTO.

**GRASS LAKE.**—On Sunday, August 17th, the Rev. L. Sinclair, incumbent of Christ church, Ilfracombe, conducted the service and preached. He was very kindly entertained on the previous evening at the house of Mr. Bowers, and, in spite of the heavy rain, was rowed across the Severn by Miss Bowers for morning service.

**COOPER'S FALLS.**—The service in S. George's church, at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday, August 17th, was conducted by the Rev. L. Sinclair, incumbent of Christ church, Ilfracombe. The weather had cleared up, and a large congregation was present. After the sermon, which was listened to with earnest attention, Mr. Sinclair made reference to the position of the church, which stood geographically in Algoma, but only a few yards from the line separating the two dioceses, and the fact that the members of the congregation resided in the diocese of Toronto left no difficulty on deciding which diocese claimed the rule of the church. He also spoke very highly of the student in charge, Mr. Aylwin. Mr. Sinclair was conveyed from Severn Bridge to S. George's church, and from thence to Washago, by Messrs. Timmens and Cox.

**NORTH ORILLIA.**—A large congregation assembled in S. Mark's church, on Sunday evening, August 17th. The Rev. L. Sinclair conducted the service and preached. When the sermon was finished, Mr. Sinclair said that he felt much gratification in seeing before him such a large congregation, and particularly as it comprised so many denominations. He could speak confidently of his friend Mr. Aylwin, the student in charge, and he knew that they could not be better supplied, as Mr. Aylwin possessed much ability as a student who had a gift of drawing even the non-church people. Mr. Sinclair baptized one female child, the record of which will be found in the parish register of Christ church in Ilfracombe. Mr. Sinclair was conveyed to S. Mark's from Washago, and hospitably entertained till Monday by Mr. Peters, of North Orillia.

**CAVAN.**—The corner stone of the new (Christ's) church, Bailieboro, was laid on Monday, July 28th. The ceremony, by request of the congregation, was performed by the rector of the parish, Rural Dean Allen, assisted by the Rev. W. Cartwright Allen. The day was bright and warm, and people came from far and near to show their sympathy with the good work now well begun. The foundation walls of the church were gaily decorated with flowers and bunting

and the village of Bailieboro bore a more than usual holiday appearance. The service began with the hymn, "The Church's one foundation," which was sung as a processional by the choir and clergy, the greatest reverence and attention being manifested by those assembled on the scene. The prayers were read by the clergy of the parish, adopted from the form used on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of S. Alban's cathedral. Copies of the newspapers of the day, coins, &c., having been deposited in their proper receptacle, the contractor handed a beautiful silver trowel to the rector, who proceeded with an appropriate form of words to perform the ceremony of the day, and having pronounced the stone "well and truly laid," the service was brought to a close with a hymn, during the singing of which the offerings were collected by the churchwardens, and amounted to about \$100. Brief and interesting speeches were then delivered by H. Ward, Esq., M.P., and by the Revs. Rooney, Burgess, and McCamus, also by Messrs. F. Clark, of Port Hope, and T. B. Collins, of Millbrook. At the close of the proceedings tea was served in Lucas Hall, by the ladies of the congregation, after which the cool shades of night crept on apace, and all dispersed to their homes apparently well pleased with the day's proceedings, and with happy memories of the "corner stone laying of the long-talked of new Bailieboro church." This structure, when completed, will consist of a nave 32 x 53 ft., chancel 22 x 22 ft., vestry, organ arch, roomy porches, and a bell tower 85 ft. high, and will comfortably seat 250 persons. The building will be an ornament to the village and a credit to the liberality of the congregation. It has a central and commanding site, and in appearance, both inside and out, will be appropriate and churchly. The style has for its motive the later pointed or debased gothic, but is freely adapted, and the turreted belfry decidedly modern. There will be a well lighted stone basement for Sunday school, lecture room, &c., the strongly buttressed superstructure being of buff brick with black joint, and the same finish carried inside the porches. The roofs will be steep, with ventilating dormers, and the ceilings sheeted, showing the open timber construction. The side walls are to be finished in rough stucco, and tastefully tinted with illuminated texts over the arches, &c. The windows will have leaded glazing, and those of the chancel adapted for memorials. The building will be fully furnished, warmed by furnace, and have sheds and fencing complete. The contract for building is undertaken for \$4,065 by Mr. A. Rutherford, of Peterboro, under the superintendence of Mr. M. B. Aylesworth, architect, 53 King St. east, Toronto, and an efficient building committee. This is the seventh church building erected in the parish of Cavan under the present rector, who has been nobly assisted throughout by his church officers and people, substantial help being also freely given, as in the case of the present church, by members of other religious bodies in the district.

### NIAGARA.

The parishes of Waterdown and Palmerston, and the mission of Strabane and Freelon, are vacant.

**CHIPPAWA.**—The rector of this parish, the Rev. E. J. Fessenden, is about to leave for England, to do S.P.G. work again.

**WELLAND.**—It is understood that the Rev. G. Johnson is also going to England on leave of absence.

The Rev. W. R. Blachford has accepted a parish in the diocese of Michigan, and will remove there towards the end of September.

**ERIN.**—The Rev. I. F. Marsden, in charge of this mission, is expected to take charge of Chippawa during Mr. Fessenden's absence, leaving the mission of Erin vacant. This will make four vacancies with little prospect of filling them in the near future.

### HURON.

**TILSONBURG.**—A surplised choir is to be shortly introduced in S. John's church, in this town. At a very large vestry meeting, held some weeks ago, it was unanimously resolved that the rector be asked to organize such a choir and introduce it without delay. The boys and men are now in training, and it is expected will make a start about the end of September.

### RUPERT'S LAND.

**WINNIPEG.**—The synod of the province of Rupert's Land, Church of England, began its triennial session at S. John's on Wednesday, 13th August. Service was held in the Cathedral, commencing at 10 o'clock. The Metropolitan, the Bishop of Qu' Appelle, Dean Grisdale and Canon Coombes took part in the services, and the sermon was preached by Bishop Sweatman, of Toronto. There was a large congrega-

tion present, including a good representation from the city, besides the regular hearers of the parish, delegates to the synod and visitors.

The Bishop of Toronto announced as his text, Ephesians, iv. 8: "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." He spoke of the many problems of practical importance confronting the Church.

The speaker did not purpose discussing plans and suggesting solutions of the difficulties. Principles must precede; a great deal of preparation was necessary. He asked first: What is the Christianity we are proposing to reunite? He did not mean the standards of the various churches, but the Christianity of the individuals who composed them. He regarded it as something very different from the Christianity of the early ages and from that of new converts from heathenism. With the great mass of people it is a mere matter of course to belong to some church, to attend service, to be respectable. From the intimate alliance with the world, it has taken a large resemblance to the character of the world. This was seen in its having recourse to worldly expedients, and pandering to the desire for worldly excitement. His Lordship considered that neither doctrine nor worship was the key stone of the building; but the regeneration of the Holy Ghost. To be a Christian was not merely to have the seal of Christian baptism, to have entered upon a new condition of life by the impartation of the germ of the spiritual life, but to have this germ of divine life developed in the soul, to be living this life which is above nature. Answering the question, "What has the idea of Christian character to do with Christian unity?" he showed that Paul accounts for divisions in the body of Jesus Christ by asking in reference to the origin of envy, strife, divisions, heresies—Are ye not carnal and walk as men? Divisions are referred to the carnal mind; to be spiritually minded is life and peace. The sharing together of the Divine life is the essential bond of unity of true Christians. His Lordship dwelt upon the important duty of the Church of England with regard to the promotion of this unity, which referred not merely to a spiritual or sentimental, as distinguished from corporate unity. He closed with some observations upon the importance of the opportunities of the clergy for teaching, and of the laity for exemplifying the principles of true Christian unity.

The celebration of the holy communion followed the sermon, and afterwards the synod met in S. John's college for the transaction of business.

*The first session.*—After the opening service in the cathedral, the Synod assembled in S. John's College, when the Metropolitan delivered his address as follows:—

Right Reverend Fathers, Reverend Brethren, and Brethren of the Laity:

At the opening of the last Provincial Synod I had to lament the loss of my dear old friend and college companion, the first Bishop of Saskatchewan. In the past three years there has been no break in the House of Bishops. But we have to deplore the death of several of the ablest and most useful members—the greatest ornaments of the Lower House. Soon after the last Synod broke up, the venerable and beloved prolocutor, *Archdeacon Cowley*, entered into rest. A missionary in this country for 46 years—prolocutor of every provincial synod—the confidential friend and adviser of his Bishop, the trusted guide of the great society whose corresponding secretary he had been for so many years—I need not say how greatly he has been missed. We have also to mourn the loss of two of our most distinguished lay delegates, the *Hon. John Norquay*, an Alumnus of our Church college, and for many years Premier of this province, and *Mr. Charles J. Brydges*, honorary treasurer of the diocese of Rupert's Land, long identified with loving Church work. Both these gentlemen were ready, able and popular speakers, ever willing to give us their help at any meeting for Church objects. These are losses that it may take years to replace.

Our last synod was memorable for the eminent visitors we had. Their presence was much appreciated as a signal mark of brotherly kindness, and we took advantage of it for having a quiet day for our clergy and a missionary conference of the C. M. S. workers in our ecclesiastical province, both of which were much enjoyed. This year we have again the pleasure of the presence of many eminent visitors. *We heartily welcome them. We are glad they should see our young country and our Church work. We trust that they will enjoy their visit and be refreshed by it, and that their consultations here may be for the benefit of Christ's Church and work.* We have to thank the Lord Bishop of Toronto, the chairman of the committee on confederation of the Provincial Synod of Canada, for kindly preaching at the opening of our synod, and for his kind and helpful words. As it was thought desirable to have the meetings of the committees appointed by the last Provincial Synod on the days preceding the opening of the Synod, for final reports, so as if possible to secure the pre-