

of St. George's, Toronto, preached in the Cathedral to the Oddfellows of this City. There was a very large attendance of the order, and of the citizens generally. At the close of the service, a collection was taken up for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the various Lodges.

On Friday evening, 5th inst., Mr. F. W. Broughton delivered a lecture upon Heraldry, in the Cathedral school room, which was well filled for the occasion. The lecturer held the attention of his audience for nearly two hours, and managed to convey to all, some knowledge at least, of that interesting science. The sum of \$65 was realized for the Building Fund of the Cathedral.

At the close of the lecture the following address was read by Mr. Burkitt:—

ADDRESS:

To the Very Reverend, the Dean of Niagara, J. G. Geddes, D.C.L.:

Learning that it was your intention to visit England for the purpose of recruiting your health, and visiting members of your family now resident there, we have availed ourselves of the opportunity thus afforded us of expressing our gratification that you are enabled, after the lapse of so many years of arduous labour, to take your well-earned holiday. We may also offer you our sincere congratulations on the completion of the rebuilding of our church, a work which we well know has for many years engaged your most earnest attention, and doubtless at times, given rise to many very anxious thoughts. It must be a source of great satisfaction to you to see it now happily completed, and invested with the important character of the Cathedral Church of the new diocese of Niagara. We take this opportunity of expressing our great gratification that you have been appointed *Dean of the Diocese*, and that Trinity College, ever mindful of the long and laborious services you have rendered the Church in the old diocese of Toronto, has recognized the value of those services in conferring upon you the honorary degree of *Doctor of Civil Law*. We feel that after a life long ministry amongst us, during which you have discharged your duties, from the time when you were appointed the first Rector of Hamilton to the present day, a period of upwards of forty years, we may view with pardonable pride such recognitions of your labours, and we beg to assure you of our fervent prayers that it may please an all-wise Providence, during your journeyings, so to guide and protect you that you may return to the field of your labours with renewed health and strength, and prosecute them with fresh vigor, under the guidance of God's holy spirit, to His honor and glory, and to our eternal good. We trust that Mrs. Geddes, who accompanies you, may also return to her sphere of usefulness amongst us with renewed health, and that you may both be spared for many years of active and zealous labor in the midst of an attached flock, to which you have so long ministered. With this address we have to ask your acceptance of the accompanying purse, as some slight recognition on our part of the value of the duties you have so faithfully discharged.

The very Rev. the Dean replied and said:

MY DEAR FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS,—On the eve of my departure to England to visit my children and my children's children, after the lapse of many years, it is more than gratifying to me to receive from my beloved flock the assurance of their continued attachment and affectionate regard, and I am pleased to hear that they do not consider me unreasonable in seeking

a short interval of relaxation from incessant parochial work.

The completion of our church (now the Cathedral of the diocese), to which you feelingly allude, was indeed the consummation of hopes long and dearly cherished, and of years of anxiety and toil. The day which witnessed the auspicious opening of that beautiful edifice was one of the brightest and happiest of my life. I can never be too grateful to those who have contributed to its erection, and especially to the members of the Building Committee, who bore with me the burden and heat of the day. I thank you for your kindly reference to the honors conferred on me by the Bishop of the diocese, and by the University of Trinity College. It was naturally gratifying to me that my humble services to the church were deemed worthy of such a recognition, and this feeling is greatly enhanced by the expression of your own appreciation of it. The promise of your prayers for our safety and protection during our journeyings by land and by sea is very precious to us. I need not assure you that I shall never cease to remember you all at the Throne of Grace. My wife, who has been a true helpmeet for me during my life-long ministry, fully appreciates your kindly remembrance of her. Her heart, as well as my own, is in the work and welfare of this parish. The people among whom we have dwelt so long are endeared to us by innumerable acts of kindness, and by the friendly and affectionate intercourse of a long series of years. The substantial mark of your kind regard which accompanies this address, so thoughtful and considerate on your part, demands my grateful thanks, for it will contribute in no small degree to our personal comfort, and is an additional proof of the warm interest you have taken in our welfare. That God's choicest blessings may rest upon you all—that he may watch over you and protect you during our absence, and of His great mercy enable us to meet again in happiness and health, is the earnest parting prayer of your faithful and affectionate pastor.

The purse accompanying the address contained \$350.

I see it announced that the Synod of Niagara will meet on Tuesday June 6th. The opening service will be held in the Cathedral.

The Rev. E. J. Fessenden, B.A., has, I understand, been appointed to the mission of Clifton.

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In Christ Church school house, Hamilton, at the close of Mr. Broughton's lecture on "Heraldry," the Very Rev. Dean Geddes was presented with a purse and an address from his parishioners on the occasion of his leaving on a visit to England. The chair was occupied by Mr. John Winer, and the address was read by Mr. Birkett. The address contained the following reference to Dean Geddes' labours of forty years from his appointment as the first Rector of Hamilton to the present time:—"It must be a source of great satisfaction to you to see it now happily completed and invested with the important character of the cathedral church of the new diocese of Niagara. We take this opportunity of expressing our gratification that you have been appointed Dean of the Diocese, and that Trinity College, ever mindful of the long and laborious services you have rendered the Church in the old Diocese of Toronto, has recognized the value of those services in conferring upon you the honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law." The Dean replied in terms appropriate to the occasion.

DRUMMONDVILLE.—At the annual Vestry

meeting held in All Saint's Church on Easter Monday, the following resolutions were carried unanimously. Moved by Mr. Redpath, seconded by Mr. Moss. "That the rector be requested to prepare and present an address to the Rev. T. A. M. Bartlett, M.A., asking him to accept of the accompanying five vols. of 'The Speaker's Commentary,' from the congregation of All Saint's Church, as an evidence of their appreciation of his great kindness in so long, so regularly, and so willingly assisting the rector, and expressing their hope that he may long be able to continue rendering them such acceptable service.—Rev. and dear sir,—In accordance with the above I beg you to accept of the accompanying present as a slight mark of the high appreciation of your gratuitous services. Let me assure you that one and all of the contributors expressed the wish that they had been able to render you a more substantial proof of their gratitude for your valued help in this part of the parish of Stamford. And it is the general desire that nothing may occur to interrupt the connection you now hold with All Saint's Church. On behalf of the Vestry as well as for myself, wishing you and Mrs. Bartlett every blessing that God of His mercy may see fit to pour down upon you both,—I am, my dear Mr. Bartlett, yours fraternally, Charles L. Ingles, Rector." Drummondville, Easter Monday, 1876.

Rev. Mr. Bartlett's reply:—"My dear Mr. Ingles, I have received from you with great pleasure and thankfulness 'The Speaker's Commentary' and a copy of a resolution passed at your Vestry meeting last Monday, concerning it and me. The share which I have been allowed to take in your Church services has been pleasant and profitable to me, and it must necessarily be gratifying to me to find that I have gained the good will of many members of your congregation. My warmest acknowledgements are now due to yourself, to the young ladies who have interested themselves in obtaining this gift for me, and to all those who have contributed towards it. The work which I have now received from you all is of well known value and importance. Let us hope that its usefulness to my hearers as well as to myself may be made evident in my future efforts after 'rightly dividing the Word of Truth,' when speaking from your pulpit. The absence of my brother-in-law from Chippawa after next midsummer, must separate me from your congregation for a few months, but when he returns to his parish I shall gladly take my present place among you again, if I am then required and 'if the Lord will.' With earnest regards, believe me, very truly yours, T. H. M. BARTLETT.—Highlands, Drummondville, April 26th, 1876.

Churchwardens of All Saint's Church: Mr. John Durham and Mr. C. Moss.

Lay delegate to Synod: Mr. C. Moss. St. John's Church, Stamford.—Churchwardens: Mr. Stewart and Mr. F. Menburn. Lay delegate to Synod, Mr. Stewart.

[N.B.—'The Speaker's Commentary' presented to Mr. Bartlett was in five vols. handsomely bound in Morocco.]

TORONTO.

CHRIST CHURCH, WOODBRIDGE.—The annual Vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday, and the adjourned meeting on that day fortnight. Messrs. W. Duncan, W. A. Gregory, and T. Fielding, were elected delegates to the Diocesan Synod. Messrs N. C. Wallis, and W. A. Gregory were appointed wardens, and a very cordial and hearty vote of thanks was passed to the retiring wardens, Messrs. A. Gooderham, and H. Abel, for their very efficient

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