

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

LOMBARDY.—The presentation of a handsome brass altar desk, and full set of silk veils and burses to Holy Trinity Church, took place last Sunday, July 14th.

After matins was ended the incumbent made the announcement in the following words:—"My dear friends; You have doubtless noticed upon the altar to-day a new piece of Church furniture. It is given to the service of Almighty God in this Church, for ever, as a thank offering for his acceptance of a vow made to him many years ago, which was fulfilled on the day when I was admitted to the Holy Orders of Priesthood last December.

And since it is given for this purpose, and not as a gift to any man, the Bishop of the diocese has sanctioned the use of two special prayers to Almighty God, that He will be pleased to bless and accept the gift thus given to Him." The incumbent next called attention to the fact that hitherto only a white linen veil had been used to cover the holy vessels before and after the Communion service, but now handsome silk ones were provided by those whose only knowledge of Trinity congregation was that they were members of the one Holy Catholic Church, and commended the donor to the prayers of the congregation.

He next proceeded to the altar, where the following prayers were said "O Lord, most merciful Father, graciously hear our prayers, and be pleased to bless and hallow these gifts made ready to be sanctified for use at Thy holy altar. Through, etc *Amen.*"

"Almighty and Everlasting God, by Whom all that is unclean is purged, and all that is made clean becometh glorious; We humbly call upon thine Almighty power to grant that by Thy benediction these gifts which Thy servants offer unto Thee may ever remain hallowed and sacred to the use and ministry of Thy holy altar; Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*"

The desk bears the inscription "Dec. 16th 1889. R. W. Rayson, ordained priest. A thank offering from his mother." The veils and burses were sent from the Kilburn Orphanage of Mercy, London, Eng.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

THESSALON.—The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Algoma preached an eloquent sermon to a large and appreciative congregation in "The Church of the Redeemer" here, on Sunday evening, June 30th, taking for his text, Galatians vi. 7th verse.

The Church was crowded to the doors, many having to go away, not being able to obtain admission.

Five candidates were presented to his Lordship for confirmation, by the incumbent, Rev. P. G. Robinson, who has lately been admitted to deacon's orders, and who had charge of the congregation since last October. He is a hard and faithful worker, and is ably seconded by his wife, in all his undertakings and work for the Church, Mrs. Robinson being an enthusiastic and energetic worker.

The new church built last summer is a neat and pretty little building, and is generally well filled. There is a Sunday school in connection with the church, which has 35 scholars, and a Bible class of 18 members, under Mrs. Kennedy, who is an able teacher. Mrs. Robinson is Superintendent of the Sunday-school.

The Church unfortunately labours under the disadvantage of having a debt upon it of \$485, which should be paid off as soon as possible, in order that it may be consecrated.

Will some kind friends lend us a helping hand in getting this debt paid off?

Please address all contributions and communications either to the Incumbent, Rev. P. G. Robinson, or to the Church Wardens, Messrs.

W. L. Nichols and S. A. Marks, who will gratefully acknowledge the same.

The Incumbent of the "Church of the Redeemer" Thessalon, gratefully acknowledges the receipt of some books for the Sunday-school library, given to Mrs. Robinson by Messrs. Roswell and Hutchinson "The Willard Tract Society," and Mr. Wm. Gooderham of Toronto.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

WINNIPEG.—The Bishop of Rupert's Land acknowledges with thanks the kind gift of \$20 (June 14th), which he has posted to the General Endowment Fund of St. John's College.

DIOCESE OF CALGARY.

CALGARY.—The Cathedral Church of the Redeemer Sunday-school moved, July 7th, into their new school house adjoining the church. It is a finely built modern building. It is also to be used as a Parochial hall, and a Church school for girls, as soon as a teacher can be obtained. It was to be formally opened on Friday evening July 12th, by a *Conversazione* and sale of articles by the Ladies' Guild of the church.

Church work is progressing in a very encouraging manner quietly but surely, truly reminding us often of the promise in the text from which the Metropolitan of Rupert's Land preached at the opening of our first Synod last February, "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."

The Daily services commenced after Easter are fairly well attended, sufficient to give hope of being continued. The service is held at five in the evening, one bell only being rung, ten minutes before. The Bishop is away to the far north on a three months' visit, a great part of which will be by boat and canoe. From Prince Albert he was accompanied by Archdeacon Mackay. We are again saddened by the sudden death of a good citizen and churchman, Fred G. Smith, of LeJune Smith & Co., bankers, who died on Thursday of inflammatory rheumatism. He was but a few days ailing. Lately telegrams brought the sorrowful tidings to many of us of the awfully sudden death of another good friend and worker of our Church, The Hon. John Norquay, ex-Prime Minister of Manitoba. He had many warm friends here.

Quite a drouth has prevailed for some weeks, but during the past week rain in great abundance has fallen and is still pouring down and gladdening the hearts of our people.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

BELIZE.—*St. Mary's.*—Second quarter's returns: Subscriptions \$177.12; pew rents \$113.37; offertories for clergy \$202.08; Off General Sustentation Fund \$28.30; fees \$35.50; new church fund \$631.93; organ fund \$59.50; old magazines \$2.88; *Story of the Cross* \$6.47; St. Alban's Mission \$4.10; water \$4.76; rent rectory property \$15; Con. of the Jews \$21.42; Shingwauk Home \$3.34; Sunday school \$5.40; communicants' library \$6.43; unappropriated \$5.30; poor fund \$17.14; S.P.C.K., \$2.07; S.P.G. \$2.98; St. Stephen's Guild, \$4.31; total \$1,354.40.

The Church Guardian.—Our circulation for the past two weeks, i.e., for the dates June 12th and 19th, has reached to about 80 per cent. per week. Now this is cheering, and the demand increases so that we have increased our weekly order to one hundred, but this must be increased to two hundred before we feel that we are doing our duty in circulating Church news, and showing to the world that we have a regard for the work in other parts of the Lord's vineyard besides our own, for that man, that parish, that diocese that has only a regard for self will assuredly become stagnant, inactive and ultimately die. However, it is important to notice,

that our price to meet the postage will have to be four cents a copy or two dollars a year.

The CHURCH GUARDIAN distributors are requested kindly to meet every Tuesday at the rectory to receive magazines, and to pay weekly accounts.

St. Mary's Guild.—The members of the respective bands will meet for the future as follows: Mrs. Tillott's, Monday 6 p.m.; Miss Thompson, Tuesday 6 p.m.; Miss Moody, Wednesday 6 p.m.; Mrs. Murray, Friday 6 p.m. A steady increase is going on in the membership of this Guild, and steps are being taken to carry on doxas meetings, for young and old, in connection with the same.

Diocesan.—The Bishop of Jamaica has sent word that either he or the Assistant Bishop will visit us in a few months. God speed and hasten as well as bless them on their journey. The visit of the Bishop does every parish good, and stirs up the dormant flagging energies of church people as well as imparting new life and vigor, and as George Venables very aptly said a few weeks ago in *Church Bells*, in speaking of the appointment of a Bishop for the Church in Spain, on the argument that there were only a few Church of England members there; "This is very questionable, but let it be granted that this is so. If so, why so? Just because the Church of England can be hardly seen or felt to be what she is so long as no Bishop is at her head. It is in this way that she has lost multitudes, and it is in this way that she is losing them in Spain, and almost encouraging dissent thereby. Moreover, it is inconsistent with true Church or Catholic principles to be without a Bishop. If the often quoted utterance, attributed to St. Ignatius (Letter to the Church at Smyrna, Cap. viii) be truly observed there should be no waiting for a Bishop, but rather *he ought to originate, to lead, and to be foremost in all advance work.*" How truly do all these statements belong to us, and how much is the need felt by every Churchman that a Bishop is wanted to belong to us, to lead, guide and strengthen us the members, and to inaugurate, incept, cherish, foster and carry out on the spot all and every good work needful to carry out the work of the Master as the *Branch* of His Body, the Church to all English speaking people in this vast Diocese of Central America.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

The Church Year of Florida, says:—

In noticing recently the domineering influences of the Roman authorities in the public affairs of the city of New York, and its efforts to bend to its own interests the public school system of Massachusetts, *The Church Year* spoke of the Papacy as not a purely religious organization, but politico-religious. Under our constitution, every religious body has like freedom for its work, and like independence of civil control, with every other, and no more. There is not only no established religion, but there is great sensitiveness as to the tendency of any, to acquire controlling influence over civil offices, or public institutions. It is well, therefore, from time to time, to note, for the public information, the evidences of any such tendency. In this behalf, we quote from a late article in the *Southern Churchman*:

The foremost and most widespread of Roman Catholic journals, and which may be considered as the official organ of the system, is *L'Univers*, published in Paris, the very centre of modern thought. For thirty years or more it has not ceased to cast in the face of our epoch such words as these:

"All by the Roman Church and for it, or, better still, by the Pope and for the Pope. All power has been given to him: in heaven, as on earth, not a right that does not belong to him or proceed from him. He is king of kings and lord of lords. It is presumptuous and absurd, as well as impious, to pretend that error has any