

bordered with colored glass. The building is heated by two furnaces. The bell tower surmounts the west end and contains a clear-toned bell made by the celebrated Troy foundry. Over the bell tower stands the symbol of the redemption, the reason for which was also explained, by His Lordship. The pews are ash and are finished in oil, as are also the choir benches, lectern and prayer desk. As is usual in Anglican churches, half the choir sits with the clergyman on the south side of the chancel and half on the north side with the organ, the two halves facing each other for responsive singing. The altar rail is of black walnut and is very handsome. The altar, the gift of St. John's Church, Port Dalhousie, has an antique finish, the work of Mr. Forester of Beamsville, and has the front divided into three panels with Gothic arches, behind which are red cloth spaces completely filling the intervals. The altar has a re-table or shelf running along the back for flowers, and behind it is a dossal of red cloth with wings projecting at the sides and reaching to the floor, the wings being composed of red cloth with a bar of old gold. During the opening services the re-table and various other parts of the building were covered with calla lilies, geraniums and other flowering plants. The church is well lighted by five chandeliers; one a gift of a former citizen of Beamsville. The acoustic properties are excellent, those unable to obtain seats within the church hearing every word of the services.

**THOROLD.**—St. John's Church, after having undergone a thorough process of renovation and improvement in its interior, was reopened for services on Sunday, April 20th, the Rector preaching both morning and evening to a large congregation on a subject suitable to the occasion. The floor of the aisles has been raised to a level with that of the remainder of the nave. The chancel platform has been greatly enlarged and made to afford all the accommodation necessary for the numerous and excellent choir. The clergyman also can now be better seen and heard. The whole of the chancel floor has been covered with a carpet of handsome and ecclesiastical pattern. A brass communion rail, procured from the Hamilton Brass Works, has been erected at the expense of the choir, the design having been the best in the company's catalogue. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fry, of Queenstown, Ireland, at present on a visit to Thorold friends, have generously donated a brass lectern of great beauty. The ceiling and walls of both nave and chancel have been painted in various appropriate colors. Altogether the appearance of the sacred edifice is very pleasing to the eye, while the alterations that have been made contribute greatly to due reverence and devotion. The choir, ever zealous and active in the work of the parish, have borne the expense of the carpet as well as the rail. An addition to the furniture of the church will soon be made in the form of a pulpit, which has been promised as a gift by Mr. F. F. Walton. Much praise is due to a committee of ladies who have during the past year, as during the two previous years, collected offerings in monthly visits to the parishioners. Since the scheme was put into operation no less a sum than \$600 has been raised in this simple way. Other efforts have augmented the fund to about \$1,000. With this amount a furnace has been procured, the exterior face of the church walls has been repointed, and the improvements just described have been effected. It is expected that the congregation will next undertake the remodelling of the present seats or the reseating of the church with new benches. When this shall have been accomplished the interior of the building will accord with the well-known beauty of the exterior.

**ST. CATHERINES.**—St. Thomas'.—The structural alterations in St. Thomas' Church and the color decorations have been brought to a very

satisfactory completion. The work has taken more than nine weeks, but without any great interruption of the services.

St. Thomas' Church was built about ten years ago. The design was furnished by Mr. M. Beebe, of Buffalo, and the work carried on under his superintendence. The exterior is of Queenstown stone, and has always been considered a decided architectural success. The style may be termed Norman, distinguished as it is by its massive towers and semi-circular arches.

The interior of the building was never finished, and has always caused a feeling of disappointment to those who have visited the church on account of its uninteresting character. It was very bare, if not, indeed very ugly. The wealth of color and the architectural beauties of the exterior only served to make the contrast the greater. But all this has been changed under plans of Mr. Frank Darling of Toronto, whose design called for extensive structural alterations, both in the chancel and body of the church.

The chancel is formed by throwing three very beautiful arches across the church between the vestry and the organ chamber. From the supporting columns of the magnificent centre arch a colonnade supporting four beautiful arches is continued back to the apse, that part of the chancel which contains the Communion table, the Bishop's chair and the Rector's seat. The centre ceiling is arched and terminates with the semi-dome over the apse. The capitals are all elaborately carved and, in keeping with the style of architecture, there are no two alike. The body of the church has been much improved by the introduction of several arches which give character to the building. The style is Byzantine, and it is carried out not only in the enriched arches of the chancel and the capitals of the columns, but also in the color decorations. The ornamentation is of the same character as the architecture, and was specially designed for the church during the progress of the work.

The domical ceiling has been finished in Byzantine tracery, in relief, and enriched with gold. The capitals are bronzed. No part of the work has been more justly admired on account of their rich and effective decorations. The clustered columns of the centre arch are worthy of notice and give a characteristic beauty to the chancel. The flowing tracery over the chancel arches is the first work of the kind ever attempted in Canada and is most delicate and fairy-like. The lower part of the chancel wall is finished with a rich dado of Pompeian red; the upper part in a warm buff, enriched with an elaborate stencilled design. The texts in the chancel are models of correct church text writing and suitability. Appropriate symbols and monograms adorn the spaces between the chancel window in the body of the church, although comparatively little bright color has been used, the effect is very rich.

The side arches have improved the appearance of the church very much and it is said that the whole expenditure for structural alterations would be justified by the immense improvement in the acoustic properties of the building. The whole effect of the interior is most pleasing to the eye and the architecture of the building, which is of a high order, has been greatly enhanced by the rich harmony of colors. Comparatively few Anglican churches have been built in this style of architecture, the prevailing taste being for Gothic buildings. It will be no surprise if the success of the work in St. Thomas' Church, in outline, in detail and in color, should mark a new era in church architecture in Canada, and make the building one well worthy of study on the part of those who desire massiveness, coupled with a picturesque style, and a rich and yet chaste application of color.

## DIOCESE OF HURON.

**MITCHELL.**—The annual Vestry meeting was held a week after Easter. It was very largely attended; several ladies were present. Messrs. W. G. Murphy and J. Jones were appointed wardens, and Messrs. A. Dent and F. Awty, delegates to the Synod. It was shown that during the year, \$570 had been paid off the church debt. The rector received the warm and united thank of the Vestry for all his work.

## DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

**BURN'S FALLS AND SUNDBIDGE.**—The Rev. E. A. Vesey begs to acknowledge with his heartiest thanks the receipt of a parcel of clothing from the Ladies' Aid Society of St. James the Apostle, Montreal. And he wishes especially to thank Miss Wray and her little members of the Ministering League for their thoughtful kindness in sending clothing to their little brethren in the backwoods. 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me.'

## PROVINCE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

*Including the Dioceses of Rupert's Land, Saskatchewan, Moosonee, Athabasca, Qu'Appelle, Mackenzie River and Calgary.*

## DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

**WINNIPEG.**—The annual Confirmations have been held in most of the city churches. The Bishop has confirmed twenty-six in Holy Trinity; 17 in St. George's, and 14 in Christ Church.

The annual meeting of Christ Church Parish was held on the 14th. The total receipts were \$3,430; expenditure \$3,426.50; \$2,919.29 came through the offertory. The Rector chose Mr. H. S. Crotty as his warden, and Mr. Alfred M. Patton was elected people's warden. Messrs. G. W. Girdlestone, H. S. Crotty and J. G. Moore were elected delegates to the Synod.

**Christ Church Mission Room.**—A building has been secured and fitted up in Point Douglas, a portion of Christ Church parish, and was opened by the Bishop of Rupert's Land on Sunday afternoon, April 20th. The Rector, Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, took the service, and the Bishop preached. The work of fitting up the interior has been done, free of cost, by four young men of the parish. The interior is neatly sheathed in pine, and has a seating capacity of 100. On each side of the platform is a small room. Over the platform is the text, 'I am He that liveth and was dead,' and beneath it a large oleograph of the Resurrection. Large framed pictures, illustrating English Church History, are placed around the walls, while at the top of each side wall is a handsome text twenty feet long. The mission is managed by a committee of four, with two members of the vestry of the parish Church as an advisory Committee. It has been established for three years, and the securing of this building is a forward step in its work. The offertory of \$25 was given to the Improvement fund. The Bishop expressed himself as much pleased with the building, and congratulate the mission workers on this result of their labours.

**BRANDON.**—Rev. Ernest P. Flewelling, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, has resigned to take charge of a new parish just formed in the city of Vancouver, Diocese of New Westminster. Mr. Flewelling has been a most faithful worker, and during his four years' residence in Brandon, the number of communicants has trebled, and a reduction of \$323 was made at Easter on the mortgage on the Church. He preaches his farewell sermon on the 27th April.

Several changes must shortly be made among the clergy of the Diocese. Rev. W. D. Barber will be appointed to St. Andrew's; Rev. Mr. Pugh, of Souris, to Carberry; Rev. W. H.