

**KINGSTON.**—The ladies of St. Paul's Church held a very successful sale of work and straw-berry festival on the 23rd ult., and the ladies of St. James on the 28th; on the 27th ult. there was a presentation of colors to the 40th Battalion now in camp here. The colors were consecrated by Rev. Rural Dean Carey, chaplain to the P.W.O. Rifles.

**BARRIEFIELD.**—*St. Mark's.*—The Thanksgiving service for the Queen's Jubilee was held in this Church on Sunday, the 26th ult. Special Psalms, Lessons and Collect were read. The Jubilee Hymn, composed by the Bishop of Ossory, was sung, and also the National Anthem. There was a large congregation in the morning, when the sermon was preached by the Rev. Prof. Jones, on Proverbs xxv., 5: "His Throne shall be established in righteousness." As the parishioners of St. Mark's are for the most part farmers living some distance from the Church, the evening congregation is always small. On last Sunday evening, however, it was materially increased by a detachment of soldiers from the camp. The hymns of the morning were repeated and the service was preached by the Rev. R. T. Burns, on Isaiah lx., 3, "The Gentiles shall come to Thy light and kings to the brightness of Thy rising."

St. Mark's has been lately much improved. The wood-work, with the exception of the pews, has been painted in the style of decorative art which has the effect of brightening the whole interior. The next thing will be to kalsomine the walls. Money has been presented, by a member of the congregation, to buy ornamental iron standards and a new communion-rail. By the confirmations held in the last two years, the number of communicants has been much increased, and now stands at 95, of whom 51 received on the 12th June, the Sunday following the last confirmation. There is a larger Sunday-school than has ever been known in the history of the parish.

**KINGSTON.**—*In memoriam of Annie Elizabeth Villiers.*—On Friday, the Festival of St. John the Baptist, there entered into the Rest of Paradise, one whose death will be a severe loss to the Church in Kingston.

Mrs. Villiers, the wife of Col. Villiers, D.A.G., was confined to her house by sickness nearly all last winter. In the spring she regained her strength enough to attend Church a few times, and to be present at some meetings of the Girls Friendly Society. She fell sick again from a cold caught in attempting to entertain her guests after the Review on the 24th May. A complication of diseases set in, and after a few days illness she was taken away.

Ever since Mrs. Villiers came to Kingston, some seven years ago, she took an active part in Church work in connection with St. George's Cathedral. She was the President of the Girls Friendly Society to which she devoted much of her time and care, attending the weekly meetings as often as her health would allow, and helping freely in providing entertainments for the welfare of the Society. Mrs. Villiers was an excellent manager, and always showed much taste in Church decoration and ornamentation, consequently her assistance was always sought for, and her judgment consulted, when Church or Hall was to be decorated for Festive occasions.

The reverence with which she spoke of the Church was an evidence that Mrs. Villiers held no unworthy views of Her. She believed in the claims of the Church of England to be a true and living branch of the Catholic Church. Hence, feeling that she had something definite to work for, she promoted the Church's interests from a grateful sense of duty for God's sake, and for the good of souls, and her charity to the distressed was equal to her zeal for Christ and His Church. Hers was that love which is the fruit of faith, and many an act of kindness and charity of which the

world had no knowledge, but which together with her prayers have ascended as memorials before God, were done by the kindly hand and sympathetic heart of the deceased lady. A large congregation were present at the funeral service in St. George's, on Sunday afternoon. The G.F.S., attended in a body. A large number of the Military, including General Middleton, were also present; from it the pall-bearers being brother officers of Col. Villiers. The Service was conducted by Revs. A. Spencer, A. W. Cooke, and W. B. Carey. The choir chanted Ps. 39, and the singing of the hymn, "A few more years shall roll," was joined in by the congregation.

Rev. A. W. Cooke accompanied the funeral to Cataracqui Churchyard, where the service was conducted, Christ Church choir singing "Rock of Ages," before the last collect. The large gathering of people remained till the last sod, and the lovely floral wreaths, those tributes of sincere affection and esteem, and true memorials "in our last decay," were laid on the grave.

"Right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints." It is hard to realize this at all times. But He knows what is best for His children, and in the case of our departed sister, now that the pains of death and the trial of parting are over we would not wish her back again.—*Com.*

#### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

SYNOD MEETING.—4TH DAY, 24TH JUNE.

On the opening of the Morning Session, the allowance of the appeal to the Privy Council in the Rectory Lands case (since rejected) was announced. The Bishop stated that the offer-tory at the laying of the corner stone of the new Cathedral of St. Albans on the 23rd June, amounted to \$160. The most important business of the Morning and Afternoon Session was the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Superannuation presented by Rev. Septimus Jones, to whom the thanks of the Synod were given for his services and for the clear and able manner in which he as Chairman of the Committee had explained the several clauses of the Canon, which was finally adopted. The Canon proposes to raise the fund from the following sources:

1. Payments by the Clergy of one-half per cent. on their clerical incomes.
2. Annual payments of one per cent. payable by each parish or mission on the amount raised therein, as ordinary revenue, or spent within the parish or mission for the maintenance of the ordinances of religion, as ordinary outlay; in which are not to be included any grant for the Mission Board, or any moneys contributed for missionary purposes, or for diocesan or other such objects outside the parish, or for parochial objects not of an ordinary or annual character—such as building churches, parsonages, school-houses and the like.
3. Collections in Churches.
4. Annual subscriptions from clergy and laity.
5. Donations, bequests and the like.
6. Income from invested funds.
7. Income from the late sustentation fund.
8. Small annual grant from the general purposes fund.
9. Small annual grant from the Mission Board, to be applied for the relief of retired missionaries.

Nearly the whole of the morning was spent in committee. The first section of the Canon sets forth the object and the remaining sections, of which there are 21, are devoted to details of its carrying out. It is as follows:

The object shall be to make provision for the clergymen of the Diocese of Toronto who, through old age, or infirmity of mind or body,

are now or hereafter shall be retired from the active work of the ministry, so that, if the state of the fund permit, every clergyman on the superannuated list shall receive an allowance of at least \$100 per annum, for or in consideration of every term of five years' continuous active service in this Diocese up to the eighth such term of service—that is to say, forty years of service—beyond which no addition to the allowance shall be granted on account of length of service; the allowance to be continued so long as he remains disabled and is in good standing, and complies with the terms of this Canon, and is not engaged in any pursuit judged by the Bishop to be inconsistent with the ministerial callings.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Reports were presented from the following committees:—On memorial to Provincial Synod regarding use of the Revised Version of the Scriptures; on Christian Union; on See House; and a number of Canons passed in 1886 were confirmed; on motion it was determined to have a committee on Sunday observance appointed from year to year, in view of the growing tendency to desecrate the Lord's Day and to relax the provisions of the law for its conservation.

It was also decided that the Sunday-school Committee should consist of seven clergymen and seven laymen, and the thanks of the Synod were voted to the existing committee.

On motion of Rev. J. D. Cayley the Synod renewed its pledge to pay the sum of \$1,000 per annum towards the stipend of the Bishop of Algoma for the five years from 1887 to 1892.

The Rectory Lands case again came up and caused warm discussion until the Synod adjourned for want of a quorum until Saturday morning.

#### FIFTH DAY.

The Synod assembled at 10 a.m., when the Bishop announced the Committee on observance of the Lords' Day: and on motion, the following Committee was also appointed to consider the retention of the Diocesan to the Provincial Synod, and report on the possibility of uniting the whole of British North America under one ecclesiastical authority:—The Secretary of the Synod, the Registrar, the Provost of the Trinity College, Rev. Canon Dumoulin, Rev. Canon O'Meara, Rev. A. J. Broughall, Rev. Dr. Carry, Rev. John Cayley, Hon. G.W. Allan, Mr. A. H. Campbell, Mr. C. R. W. Biggar, Mr. L. G. Wood, Mr. J. A. Worrell, and Mr. Clarkson Jones.

A communication from the Rectors of the city expressing their willingness to leave the matter of the removal of the leases in the hands of arbitrators, and if the decision of the arbitrators could not be carried out without legislation extending the power, they, the rectors, were willing to seek such further legislation, was read and the discussion was resumed, the following amendment being ultimately carried.

That with a view to a just and equitable settlement of all matters in dispute between the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto and the tenants of the Toronto Rectory property, this Synod recommends to the Rectory Lands Committee, if unable to erect an amicable arrangement, to refer all matters in dispute to arbitration, the arbitrators being instructed, in view of the facts, to determine what would be an equitable settlement in accordance with the expressed wish of the rectors, and, if found necessary, to the Local Legislature for power to give effect to the decision of the arbitrators.

On motion it was decided that the Corresponding Committee or Diocesan Board of the Diocese shall consist of the Bishop, together with two clergy men and two laymen nominated by this Synod, members of the Provincial Board.

The Executive Committee were instructed to consider the advisability of holding the annual session of Synod in some of the towns of the