

suggested, would complete the building in every respect; no subscription list has been circulated, and it is proposed to rely upon voluntary contributions for the necessary funds. The collection at the opening amounted to \$36. The mission hall is a plain but ecclesiastical looking structure, devoid of those Gothic affectations which often render a frame building ridiculous. When completed it will be provided with a class room at one end, capable of being thrown into one room with the hall; at the east end is the oratory, containing the altar. This may be shut off by folding doors when the hall is not in use for divine service. A graceful belfry upon the roof tells what the place is for, and proclaims its Anglican persuasion; many a country parish would be well off with such a building for its church, and every parish needing it might have such a church, where there is an old school house available, a little volunteer labour and a hundred dollars.

The eighteenth meeting of the rural deanery of the county of Leeds was held in the mission of Kitley on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 10th and 11th inst. There was a good attendance of clergy, no less than eight of the Chapter being present. Evensong was said in St. Thomas Church, Frankville, on Tuesday evening, at 7.30, when the preacher was the Rev. C. A. French, of Lombardy, who delivered a forcible sermon on the "Love of God" from 1 St. John iv. 16. The Holy Eucharist was offered on Wednesday at 8 a.m., the Rev. H. Auston, rector of Gananoque, being celebrant, assisted by the incumbent, Rev. T. J. Stiles. At Evensong, two capital addresses were given by the Revs. C. J. Young, of Lansdowne, and W. Wright, of Athens, the former on "The Creeds," the latter on "Restlessness." All who heard these addresses felt stimulated by the wholesome words of instruction and advice, specially suited for these times of uncertainty of faith and desire for change, on the part of those who are without or have not heeded the voice of the Church. The day was very happily and profitably spent in the discussion of subjects affecting the well being of Christ's work in the diocese. Amongst other resolutions, one was passed unanimously endorsing the Rev. Rural Dean Bliss' efforts to improve the position of the missionary clergy: a subject which, we trust, will receive due consideration at the forthcoming synod. The Chapter of the Deanery of Leeds is marked by its concord and brotherly goodwill; and these meetings of the clergy, which are always refreshing and profitable, owe their existence and efficiency to the indefatigable efforts of Rural Dean Grant, who is justly esteemed for his courtesy and goodness. Always ready, always willing with a living acting faith and kind heart, to fulfil the duties of his office in visiting the various missions when it is necessary, he has won true appreciation from his fellow-priests, who know his work.

KINGSTON.—The death on Sunday of Rev. H. Farrar, of Bancroft, was a surprise to the clergy and laity of Ontario diocese, assembled in Kingston last week. He died literally in harness, having a mission (North Hastings) requiring much labor, and to which he gave his best energies until the last. Upon his kindness of character, endurance and zeal were laid the foundations of the life in the Anglican missions of North Frontenac. He came from England, was a teacher in Canada, and was ordained deacon in 1878 and priest in 1880 by the Bishop of Ontario, and appointed a missionary in the northern part of Frontenac, with residence at Parkham, where he remained till 1885. Then he was appointed to the mission of Lanark, where he remained two years ere receiving the appointment to the mission of North Hastings, where he remained till he died.

TORONTO.

TORONTO.—Annual Synod Meeting.—The annual meeting of the synod will take place at St. James' schoolhouse on Tuesday, June 14, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., the Lord Bishop in the chair. The Holy Communion will be celebrated in St. James' Cathedral at 10 o'clock. There will be evening service at St. James' at 8 o'clock. The annual missionary meeting will be held on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, in St. James' schoolhouse.

Miss Lizzie A. Dixon acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following amounts for Rev. J. G. Brick, Peace River, Athabasca: Christ Church S. S., Mimico, \$3.42; Girls' Guild, St. James' W.A., Kingston, \$25.00; Christ Church S.S., Hamilton, \$10.00.

St. James' Cathedral.—The Band of Hope of this parish held their closing meeting in the schoolhouse on Tuesday evening, 17th May. The attendance both of members and friends was most satisfactory, and the entertainment, which consisted of a song story entitled, "Bart Coxwell," and sundry other pieces, eminently successful. Rev. James G. Lewis occupied the chair in the absence of the rector. Mr.

George Merser, the general secretary of the C.E.T.S., gave a brief and most clear address, pointing out to the children the duties of faithfulness and service. Mrs. DuMoulin, Mrs. Lewis and Miss L. Chafee assisted in making the entertainment pleasant and successful. Fruit was distributed to the children at the close of the entertainment.

EAST TORONTO.—St. Saviour's.—On the afternoon of Sunday, May 22nd, the Rev. Prof. Clark, of Trinity College, was the special preacher at the Service of Praise, and Arthur J. Gammack, B.A., intoned the service. The music employed at the choir festival in St. James' on the preceding Friday evening, was again taken by the choir, and Mr. Mockridge at all the services introduced the use of the new organ.

St. Barnabas.—The Lord Bishop held a confirmation in this church last Wednesday evening, when thirty candidates received the rite of confirmation. The Rev. Mr. Samwell of Mattawa assisted in the services in this church last Sunday and preached an excellent sermon in the morning.

NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—The synod will meet here to transact the business of the year on June 22. Among the matters that will come up before the synod will be the report of the Commutation Fund Committee, appointed last year to apportion the surplus of \$4,000. The work of the committee was not easy. The claims of the present recipients were found to reach within a few hundred dollars of the sum to be distributed, without considering others claiming their share of the fund. The report was presented to E. Martin, Q.C., chancellor of the diocese, who declared the appointment of the committee, and consequently its report, illegal. The synod will decide upon the report and the chancellor's decision. Rev. Mr. Ker, of St. Catharines, will submit an amendment to the canon respecting the appointment of rectors, allowing the congregation twelve months to choose its minister. Under the present canon the Bishop can, upon consultation with the vestry, appoint the rector at once after a vacancy.

LOWVILLE.—St. George's.—The Bishop of the diocese visited this parish on Sunday, May 22nd, for confirmation. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather and the bad state of the roads, the candidates were all in their places in due time, and the church filled to its utmost capacity. The service was bright and hearty, the responding good, and during the Bishop's address to the candidates and congregation the most rapt attention was given, showing the high esteem in which our good Bishop is held in this parish. A celebration immediately followed, at which upwards of 60, including the 12 candidates, partook of the Holy Eucharist. In the evening the Bishop was driven to St. John's church, Nassagawaya, where, after evening prayer, he read the Ascensiontide appeal to a large and attentive congregation, followed by a short address on Christ's Ascension into heaven.

HAMILTON.—St. Matthew's.—A choral Litany, with full choir, is sung in this church each Sunday afternoon in May, from 3.30 to 4.15 p.m. The services have been well attended so far. The day-school for boys, in connection with St. Matthew's, is well attended. The fees are very moderate, and a sound practical commercial education can be had, and pupils where so desired are prepared for the entrance examinations of the universities. A smart and well gotten up paper, "St. Matthew's School Gazette" is also edited and published by the boys of the school. The Tilham Church Tracts for Canadian Churchmen are also published from this church. They are some 15 in number, and are most excellent reading. For a true Catholic Churchman or a Prayer Book Churchman they are very handy, explaining and supplying sound facts with which to demolish the fallacies that are put forward by some wishy-washy who object to a beautiful service, and one that is made, so far as human aid goes, worthy of Him in Whose honour it is held. The tracts (fly sheets) are very cheap, something like 75c. or 80c. for 500, and can be had by applying to Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, St. Matthew's Clergy House, Hamilton, or to Rev. R. F. Dixon, Tilsonburg, Ont.

HURON.

MEAFORD.—A Confirmation service was held in Christ church, Meaford, by the Bishop of Huron, on Wednesday, May 18th, when a class of 36 was presented by the Rector. The Chancel was prettily decorated with flowers, and though the seating capacity of the church is over 400, many were unable to find even standing room, and had to turn away. The Bishop delivered a pointed and earnest address to

the candidates, and also addressed the whole congregation, explaining to them the rite of Confirmation. Most of those who were confirmed were adults, the average age being over twenty-one years, and the whole class will become regular communicants. Afterwards the Bishop preached an excellent sermon from the text II. Sam. xiv. 28-33, which was listened to with rapt attention by the large audience.

ALGOMA.

SINCLAIR'S LANDING.—On the Queen's Birthday, May 24th, the members of St. John the Baptist's church choir met here and spent a very happy time on Lake Vernon, holding a picnic on one of the islands. There were four boats and one canoe, all of which were fully occupied. The party was successful in regard to fishing. Before dispersing the National Anthem was sung on the lake shore in front of the Rector's house.

British and Foreign.

The C.E.T.S. is going to start a temperance coffee barrow in the parish of Spitalfields.

The Manchester Guardian says that Dean Gregory has intimated, in reply to a statement that he is about to introduce eucharistic vestments at St. Paul's Cathedral, that "he will neither wear such vestments nor take any part in their introduction."

The King of Sweden has presented a silver medal to the Rev. Cyril A. W. Robins, of Lydd, who volunteered to go out in the Little-tone lifeboat to a shipwrecked vessel and assisted in rescuing several Swedish seamen on November 11, last year.

It is reported that the two oldest prelates of the English Bench are contemplating resignation—the Bishop of Chichester, Dr. Durnford, who is in his 90th year; and the Bishop of Bath and Wells, Lord Arthur Hervey, who is 84 this year.

An outlook over the year of work just accomplished in Trinity parish, New York City, is doubtless of interest to Churchmen everywhere. A glance at the general statistics shows: Adult baptisms, 35; infants, 966; confirmed, 465; communicants, 6,014.

The trouble regarding the lease of St. Hilda's Mission, Tokyo, which we announced on the 4th of March last, has been, we are glad to hear, favourably settled. A letter from the Bishop in Japan states that the claim against the mission buildings and property has been withdrawn by the landlord, Count Shimayun.

The meeting last month of the eighth General Synod of the Church of Ireland was, naturally, for Irish Churchmen the event of the week. Its progress has, indeed, been watched with the closest attention, not only in Ireland, but outside its borders.

The Lord Bishop of Derry and Raphoe reached his home at Londonderry late on May 5, after a "good passage." From a private letter we learn that he "returned truly delighted with America, with the life and energy of the church here, and the more than kindness and generous hospitality that was shown to himself personally."

Seven acres additional have been purchased for site of the cathedral in Washington; the entire site being now twenty-one acres, with fine and commanding approaches from the main thoroughfares; \$250,000 (£50,000) is pledged in addition to the land, and the new committee are actively at work, and everything is encouraging.

The Archbishop of Dublin, who has invited the members of the Presbyterian General Assembly to Old Connaught House on Friday, June 10th, has received an invitation to be present at the conversation to be held in connection with the assembly on the previous evening.

The Manchester Guardian says that the parish of Perivale contains four ratepayers. The vicar, Dr. Hughes, held the customary meeting, and, as has been the case for thirty years past, was left to transact all the business himself. He nominated his own churchwarden, and afterwards elected a people's warden.

The East Anglican Daily Times says there were living in the county of Cardigan, at the beginning of the month, a retired clergyman and his wife, who