

THE PASTORAL ON DEGREES.—We are not surprised at the reading of the Bishop's appeal in regard to divinity degrees raising a little tea pot storm. This breeze was foretold without the aid of the Observatory experts. In the first place, we knew enough of political affairs to know that the backing down of the Mowat government, under episcopal pressure, would be resented by all good party men. *So it has been,* one who was a pronounced party agent and is yet a strong political partizan, has gone out of his way to reply to the Bishop's appeal, but his answer is trivial in argument and somewhat wanting in knowledge of the question at issue. However, it will please Mr. Mowat and console the members of his Cabinet for the wound they got in butting their heads against the Church of England. What more could a party advocate desire? The interests of the Church of England are as little thought of as though this agitation took place in the moon.

MR. O'BRIEN'S VISIT.—By the time this is in the hands of our readers, Mr. O'Brien will have landed in Canada to "hoot out," as he says, the Governor-General. This visit arises from those disgraceful Irish resolutions passed in the Assembly and House of Commons. The *Week*, which is thoroughly independent of political party ties, says: "As an Irish landlord, Lord Lansdowne has the same right to his remedy of ejectment as Mr. Blake or Mr. Mowat would have if they were landlords in Canada. But that does not prevent these politicians from inviting Mr. O'Brien here to insult the Queen's representative, and through him the non-Irish portion of the people, when they deem it advisable to make political capital by playing a little to the Irish gallery. Mr. O'Brien is coming here avowedly to vilify the Governor-General—in a most cowardly manner, for he cannot reply to him—and to provoke a breach of the peace. If Mr. Blake had been returned to power, this missionary of disorder would perhaps have been honored by a state reception besides a 'patient hearing.' But fortunately for the good name of Canada, the Government is in other hands; we shall be saved that disgrace; and when Mr. O'Brien sets foot here, he will instead probably be placed under police surveillance and bound over to keep the peace—in which case, we suggest, Messrs. Blake and Mowat may gain a little more influence with the Irish voters by becoming his bondsmen." These panderers to the Irish Nationalists and their criminal agents incur a serious responsibility by encouraging such fire brands to visit us, as Mr. O'Brien. They may bring blood upon their skirts.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, TORONTO.—This church, like nearly every other in Toronto, has been highly prosperous in the past year. The various philanthropic works which engage the sympathy of this congregation are numerous and zealously conducted. The Dorcas Society has sent out clothing for 50 families, a large number of articles to the sick children's hospital; \$600 worth of clothing to Algoma, and timely gifts to clergymen's families, where needed. The parish missions society raised \$1670 last year besides supporting a Zenana missionary, a Bible reader, and giving directly to various foreign works. The temperance society is large and active, so also the Sunday school, the sewing class, the willing workers' society. The gifts to French missions were also liberal. We congratulate Archdeacon Boddy and his flock upon such manifestations of the power that dwell in unity and a loving, generous spirit of devotion to the church.

NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—The Rev. G. A. Forneret, M.A., rector of All Saints, has been unanimously elected Rural Dean of Hamilton, and the Bishop has been pleased to appoint the gentleman elected. The Chapter will meet the first Monday of every month, except in summer. At the last meeting a discussion took place on the proposal to hold a general "parochial mission" in the city some time next winter, and it was resolved to continue the discussion at next meeting.

The organization of a city deanery will be a great help to the city clergy in all matters requiring united action.

We understand the Rev. G. A. Forneret, of All Saints, has been offered the rectorship of Prince Albert, diocese of Saskatchewan. We hardly think it probable Mr. Forneret will accept, as his present work is growing and proving to be very successful.

HURON.

BERLIN.—On Thursday evening the congregation of St. John the Evangelist, were invited to the residence of Dr. Bowlby to a reception given for the Rev. Dr. Beaumont, the rector, who is soon to remove to St. Thomas. Although the weather was very unfavor-

able, over seventy turned out to express their kindly feelings towards the Doctor and their regrets at his departure. In the course of the evening, Dr. Bowlby, the Rector's churchwarden, read the following address:—

To the Reverend J. W. Beaumont, D.D., Rector, St. John's Church, Berlin.

REVD. AND DEAR SIR,—The Churchwardens and members of the congregation to which you have ministered for the past eight years, cannot allow you to take your departure from amongst them without taking occasion to express in some slight degree, their feelings of regret at your approaching removal from Berlin, and the high esteem in which you are held by them as a faithful minister of Christ. It is scarcely necessary that any extended reference should be made to the steady and continuous prosperity which has attended our beloved Church under your labours. That prosperity is manifest to all who are in any degree interested in Church work, and it cannot have failed to be observed by yourself, and, in fact, it is due very largely to the faithful and devoted manner in which you have performed all the duties of your position. While your services in the pulpit have been universally acceptable, you have also been indefatigable in the pastoral work. Although, on the whole, you have had occasion for rejoicing in the success of your labours, the membership are not unmindful of the fact that the ministerial office is not a bed of roses, and that there are, incident to it, many things of a discouraging and depressing nature, and they have admired the patience and equanimity with which you have comforted yourself under circumstances of trial and difficulty. The congregation feel that in parting with you they are losing a kind friend, a faithful pastor, and an earnest and useful Minister of the Word. You have been ably and earnestly seconded in all your efforts for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the church by your estimable wife, and in her removal the congregation will sustain a loss which cannot easily be repaired. In conclusion, the congregation ask your acceptance of the accompanying purse of money as a very slight expression of their regard for you, and their appreciation of your labours amongst them, and they beg to assure you that both yourself and Mrs. Beaumont will long live in the hearts of the congregation of St. John's church. Signed on behalf of the congregation, D. S. Bowlby, W. R. Travers, Churchwardens.

Dr. Beaumont made a very beautiful and feeling reply, thanking the people for the many kindnesses shown himself and family during the eight years he was their pastor, and particularly so for this final act of good will. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Bowlby, the most indefatigable worker and liberal friend of the church.

Subsequently, Mrs. Beaumont, who has been during her residence in Berlin a most zealous and efficient worker in the Sunday School, was presented by the scholars with an address expressing their sense of her kindness and zeal for their improvement. Accompanying the address were several articles of silverware. Miss M. Beaumont's services in one of the junior classes were similarly acknowledged.

BRANTFORD.—*St. Jude's.*—This was the largest vestry meeting ever held in connection with this church. The proceedings opened with prayer by the rector, Rev. Mr. Strong, who afterwards read a report of his ministrations, visits, baptisms, etc., showing a large increase in the number of families connected with the church. The reports presented by the church wardens showed a satisfactory state of affairs. Mr. C.E. Passmore presented a report of the Sunday School, which was also very gratifying. It was pointed out that a full state of efficiency could not be expected until the provision of class rooms and proper seats. One pleasing result is the increasing interest taken by the children in missionary work in the generous contribution of articles and money for Algoma. A report was received from Miss Weir, secretary of the Ladies Guild, showing that they had obtained over \$800 during the year towards church expenses. Mr. Stanley presented the report of St. Jude's Workingmen's Association. This work has added greatly to the prosperity of the parish. The wardens elected were Mr. G. W. Scace and Mr. C.E. Passmore. Sidesmen—Messrs. R. Hunt, J. Stanley, H. Morton, H. Cole, E. Hunt, J. Money, W. Darby, J. Dawson, F. Perley, F. Broughton. Auditors—Messrs. Frank and Morton. It was decided to have a regular vestry meeting each quarter. Votes of thanks were passed to Mrs. Weir, organist, Mr. Kimpton (choir master) and the members of the choir for their services during the year, and also to the Ladies Guild for their material assistance and to the retiring churchwardens, Messrs. Hemsworth and Alford. It must have been most gratifying to the Rev. Mr. Strong to see that his services are so much appreciated, as was made manifest by the applause when any reference was made to his work in the parish, and we congratulate both St. Jude's and himself on the bright pros-

pects before them. Lay delegates—J. F. Gilkison, C. E. Passmore.

SARNIA.—The Bishop of Algoma preached to large congregations in St. George's Church on Sunday, 24th April. In the afternoon he addressed the Sunday school children, and on the Monday evening following addressed a missionary meeting, when he laid before his hearers the work going on in his diocese. He aroused an interest in his work which it is to be hoped will be lasting and productive of much good. The contents of a Lenten Mission box, the Easter offerings of the Sunday school, and the collection at the missionary meeting, amounted to \$114 67, which was given to the Bishop to be applied by him to any branch of his work most in need of help.

A member of the congregation promised \$100 towards the support of a student who is to work in some of the neglected spots in Algoma during the summer months.

DUNDALK.—Rev. W. Edgelow, incumbent, begs to acknowledge with grateful thanks, on behalf of his congregation, the receipt of a set of altar linen from the C. W. M. A. Society, of Toronto, per Mrs. O'Reilly, secretary-treasurer.

SIMCOE.—*Trinity Church.*—The annual vestry meeting of Trinity Church was held on Monday, April 11th, the Rector presiding. The reports of the church wardens, &c., were presented. The financial statement for the past year was very satisfactory and showed that the total receipts amounted to \$3,592 83, including the very liberal gift of the ladies of \$500, and the handsome subscriptions of Mr. Campbell and Sheriff Deedes of \$500. Balance on hand \$29 25. Among the disbursements are to be found two items of \$1,000 and \$490 which paid principal on mortgage and one year's interest respectively. Votes of thanks were tendered the choir, church wardens and other officers of the Church. The church warden and lay representatives of last year were re-appointed. Rev. Mr. Gemley nominated Mr. G. A. Curtis his warden, and Mr. D. Matthews was elected warden for the congregation. Messrs. Sheriff Deedes and J. H. Ansley were chosen as the delegates to the Diocesan Synod. At the adjourned meeting, held on the 25th, the gratitude of the vestry to the ladies and Mr. Campbell and Sheriff Deedes found expression in a similar manner for the very substantial aid they had rendered the congregation. The members of Trinity Church, together with their respected rector, Rev. J. Gemley, are to be congratulated for the success attending their efforts during the past year.

ALGOMA.

MISSIONARY WORK IN ALGOMA.—*Visiting the Lumber Camps.*—When I was out on one of my missionary journeys this winter, I met with a young man from one of the Lumber shanties on the North Shore who told me that the men in the shanties would be very glad of my ministrations, if I could make it convenient to come. I promised I would do so, and accordingly, though it was a great distance from my home, I started off one morning on my proposed journey. For some twenty miles or so my road lay across the lake, then across portages, with hills very steep, then across small picturesque lakes with high rocky shores, then up a very crooked river for some distance, then about eight miles or so through the bush, and we arrive at the first shanty. This establishment was situated on a knoll of ground close to the Sable River, just on the outskirts of a dense pine bush. There were about forty men employed in the camp, and everything seemed to be conducted with order and regularity, and the men were a great deal better provided for than in some lumber shanties that I have visited. I asked permission of the boss if I could hold service that evening in the camp and it was readily granted. So we made arrangements for service in the dining shanty. This was thought best so that attendance might be quite voluntary. The men would come from their own apartments to church, as it were, and though about half of the men were Roman Catholics, yet all I think, or nearly all came to Church. We commenced with a hymn which was well and heartily sung in spite of the doubts and misgivings about having no singing. No one could sing, we were told. But who could not sing Rock of Ages and Jesus Lover of My Soul? We used our little service books, arranged by the Bishop of Algoma for mission services. I was glad that some responded and several read the alternate verses in the Psalms. Altogether the service was a success. The attention during the service was very encouraging. The subject was The Temptation of our Lord, remarks were made on our Lord's sympathy and help given to those who are tempted and tried. He suffered being tempted, He is able also to succour those that are tempted, and also too, it was noticed, that no temptation is irresistible—that the devil cannot make any one sin.