

of Niagara Falls; below this, the Bishop's own family coat of arms, and above all, in gold, the mitre. The staff is the most handsome one; it is believed, in America, and cost \$800. It was the loving offering of grateful hearts, who felt nothing too good for God's service, and who could, like Mary of old pouring the costly oil on the Saviour's feet, do it with all sincerity, because His teachings had gone to her heart and had changed her life.

**HAMILTON.—St. Marks.**—On the evening of the 7th inst., the annual parish festival of Thanksgiving for the harvest was held in St. Mark's Church. There was a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and Evensong at 8 p.m. The Church had been chastely and beautifully decorated by the willing hands of the ladies of the congregation and presented a bright and festal appearance. On the altar on either side of the cross stood vases of flowers, and below were ranged offerings of the chief products of our favored land—wheat and grapes. The font was a perfect marvel of beauty and the pulpit also had been adorned with fruits and flowers, while trailing ivies marked out the pillars and arches of the screen that separates the chancel from the nave. The large and efficient choir of the church was present in full strength and did justice to the careful training of the choir master, Mr. N. P. Bell, rendering the service reverently and with spirit. The organist, Miss Bell, afforded just the needful sustaining power to the voices of the choir, and was evidently more concerned about assisting them than displaying her own powers. The Psalms and Canticles were sung to Gregorian tones, and were heartily joined in by the large congregation. The Lord Bishop of Niagara was present and delivered from the parable of "The seed growing secretly," (St. Mark iv. 26-30) a sermon full of rich spiritual experience, which was listened to with earnest attention. The other clergy present were Rev. Rural Dean Bull, who read the lessons; Rev. Mr. Harvey, who acted as Bishop's Chaplain, and the Rector of the Church, Rev. R. G. Sutherland. The pastoral staff recently presented to the Bishop by his late parishioners of St. Matthews, Quebec, was borne in procession before him by the chaplain. The staff, composed of gold and silver and ebony, is a costly piece of most artistic workmanship, and would require an ecclesiastical antiquity adequately to explain its symbolic structure. The service was a most enjoyable one and was heartily entered into by all who were present.

**CHURCHWOMEN'S AID SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting of the Churchwomen's Aid Society in connection with Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton, was held in the School-room when, after the adoption of the annual report of the Secretary-Treasurer, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Fuller (Bishophurst); First Vice-president, Mrs. Mockridge; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Geo. Roach; Treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Lottridge; Secretary, Mrs. J. J. Mason. Managing Committee—Mrs. V. E. Fuller, Mrs. W. Ambrose, Mrs. E. Gaviller, Mrs. C. Stiff. Purchasing Committee—Mrs. E. Gaviller, Mrs. Freed, Miss Ussher; Secretary-Treasurer of the Debt Fund, Mrs. Witson. Votes of thanks were passed to Mrs. C. Stiff for her valuable services as Secretary-Treasurer during the past two years and to Mrs. H. H. Morris, Mrs. E. Gaviller and Mrs. C. Stiff for the use of their houses during the past winter. The Society will meet hereafter in room 13 Canada Life Building, which will also be occupied by the Junior Branch of the Society, of which Miss Ridley is President, Miss Fitzgerald, Vice-President, and Miss Zealand, Secretary.

On Sunday, the 11th inst., the Lord Bishop of the Diocese preached three times; at the St. George's Church, Rymal, in the morning; at

Binbrook in the afternoon, and at Tapleystown in the evening. Truly our Bishop is an energetic worker.

On Monday, October 26th, Bishop Hamilton, of the Diocese of Niagara, will visit the English Church congregations of the parish of Elora and Alma. In the afternoon he will preach at Alma and confer with the congregation on the subject of the proposed new church. In the evening he will preach in St. John's Church, Elora.

**BARTONVILLE.**—A Harvest Thanksgiving service was held here on the evening of Tuesday, the 6th inst., the following clergy being present. The Revs. Rural Dean Bull and Dr. Mockridge, of Hamilton, T. Geoghegan, West Flamboro, and the Rector, Rev. F. E. Howitt. The service was choral, and the musical part was rendered by the surpliced choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton. The preacher on the occasion was the Rev. Dr. Mockridge. Attendance was very good.

**HAMILTON.**—At the meeting of the Literary Society of Christ Church Cathedral on Monday, the 13th inst., special reference was made to the recent removal by death of a promising young member, Mr. Charles Barnes; and resolutions expressing warm appreciation of his work, and sympathy with his bereaved relatives were unanimously adopted.

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**RIDGETOWN.**—The Rev. W. J. Taylor, of Wardsville, preached Harvest Thanksgiving Sermons here, on Sunday, Oct. 4th. There is a beautiful little church here, in a great measure through the exertions of the Rev. W. M. Shore, and his zealous wife.

**AILS CRAIG.**—The recent wedding of the incumbent of this parish, the Rev. H. A. Thomas, was taken advantage of by his numerous friends in such a way as to prove that, despite the mournful lament of pessimists, the hearts of the true children of our Church throb in unison with those of her clergymen. The bridal ceremony was solemnized by the Rev. J. M. Gunne, incumbent of Kerwood, on Thursday, Oct. 1st, at the residence of the bride's father, Captain H. Cranston, "Riverview," Becher. The bride and her attendant, Miss Jennie Webber, of Detroit, looked charming as they stood side by side, similarly dressed in brown travelling suits; while the groom was well supported by Mr. W. H. Macdonald, of Lambton. The sideboard was graced by a large number of elegant and valuable presents from the numerous friends of the bridal pair; and among those presents, one from the bridegroom's late parishioners of Trinity Church, Wallaceburg, was universally admired. It consists of a massive silver pitcher, handsome in shape and most beautifully engraved, accompanied by a brief address signed by a large number of the members of the Church in Wallaceburg. Immediately after the nuptial knot was tied, the party adjourned to the dining-room, where the richly laden and beautifully decorated table was soon surrounded by those whose appetites, though whetted by the morning air, served to make but little impression upon the store of good things provided by the ladies of the household. The repast finished, all was hurry and excitement, as the happy pair and a party of friends drove off, amidst a shower of good wishes, to take the boat for Sarnia, and thence to travel to Stratford, Brantford and other points eastward. The homecoming, on Friday, the 8th inst., was not less eventful. Arrived at the station at Ailsa Craig, the happy couple were taken in charge by a delegation of parishioners and conveyed to the Parsonage, where they were greeted by a large number of other people of the parish. After

all had been presented to the bride, and numerous congratulations and felicitations expressed, an excellent extempore speech was made by Mrs. Murray, wife of Rev. E. Murray, a superannuated clergyman resident here. The speech was concluded by the presentation to the bride and groom, on behalf of Trinity Church congregation, of a handsome silver tea service, consisting of six beautifully formed pieces, supported upon a massive salver, and all most exquisitely engraved. Overwhelmed with emotion, the bridegroom was almost unable to speak. Recovering his self-possession, however, he responded for himself and his bride, expressing gratitude for this expression of affection, and breathing the hope that the purity and durability of the present might prove to be emblematic of the pureness and enduring nature of the bond existing between him and them as pastor and people. When the addresses were ended, adjournment was made to the dining-room, where a bountifully laden table, richly ornamented with flowers and fruit, attested the industry and handiwork of the ladies of the parish. After this sumptuous repast had been satisfyingly discussed, a few hours of social enjoyment succeeded; and then at twilight the happy couple were left to enjoy the pleasures and comforts of their new home, cheered and enlivened by the consciousness of possessing the sympathy and affection of a united and loyal people. May the pastorate begun under such happy auspices be blessed by the Great Shepherd to the eternal welfare of the sheep of His pasture.

**BRANTFORD.—Grace Church.**—The Rector of this church, Rev. G. E. Mackenzie, was on Sunday, the 4th instant, assisted at Morning Prayer and in the administration of the Holy Communion to about one hundred communicants, by the Rev. H. A. Thomas, of Ailsa Craig. This clergyman also preached a sermon, which was attentively listened to by a very large congregation. The theme was, "The true attitude of the dying sinner towards the loving Saviour," from St. Mark x. 15.

**St. Jude's Church.**—By the resignation of Rev. W. A. Young, to take up the work of Commissioner to the Bishop, this church loses the services of one of the ablest preachers in the Diocese.

**LONDON.—Chapter House Harvest Home Festival.**—A large audience attended the harvest home social entertainment at Convocation Hall of the Western University last week, and all spent an exceedingly pleasant time. Among the clergy present on the occasion were the Revs. Canons Innes and Norman and Revs. Messrs. Evans Davis, R. Hicks, F. Kerr and G. G. Ballard, each of whom delivered timely addresses between the numbers of the second portion of the programme. Amongst those who took part in the entertainment were Misses Brierley, Imlach, Whately, Moore, G. Imlach, W. Danks, Gunn, Sage, Raymond, Mrs. Brown, Messrs. Chapman, Ed. Taylor, F. Taylor, Macklin, Chas. Cox, Beverly Cox, Jones and others. The programme comprised instrumental pieces, solos, duets, readings and a glee. Subsequently a grand auction sale of cakes, candies, &c., was held, at which the prices realized were fair to middling, the bargains, however, being great. The hall was handsomely decorated on the occasion, and presented an exceedingly pretty appearance. The National Anthem terminated the proceedings, which were thoroughly enjoyable from opening to close.

**ZORA.**—The Rev. W. Davis preached special Thanksgiving Services in the Church here on Sunday, the 11th. The Rector, Rev. Mr. Racey, taking the service. The congregations were large and much interested in the services. The sermons were earnest and practical illustrations of Divine mercies—the call for heartfelt gratitude was strongly urged.