

with Christ Church, Bobcaygeon. 39 persons joined the first evening. At Wanbanshene 99 names are enrolled. St. Luke's, Ashburnham has a very prosperous and growing branch. The Band of Hope alone numbers over 50. Entertainments are held in connection with both the senior and juvenile branches and meetings take place fortnightly.

The branch belonging to St. John's Peterboro, held a concert recently. Among those taking part were, Misses C. Claxton, M. Beck, H. Choate, D. Cottingham, and Messrs. C. Shaw, M. Porteous, A. Smith, and J. E. Belcher.

**LUTHERANA.**—The four hundredth anniversary of Luther led to the collection of a very interesting exhibit of material concerning the great Reformer, and to a very pleasant meeting which were held at S. James' school house on the 10th inst. The collection of books, &c., were classified as follows:—1. Biographies of Luther and contemporaries prominent in the Reformation; 2. Histories of the Reformation; 3. Works of Luther and his coadjutors; 4. Bibles, &c., of the period; 5. Portraits of Luther, &c.; 6. Views of Luther localities; 7. Decretals of the Popes. These will form a valuable guide for a course of reading about "the solitary monk who shook the world."

Rev. J. F. Sweeny preached in St. Philip's Church on Sunday last, upon "Luther and the Reformation."

In S. Stephens' Church, the Rector delivered an address on "Characteristics of the English Reformation."

#### DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

**OTTAWA.**—The Bishop is still absent from the city on a Confirmation tour. His Lordship confirmed ten candidates at the mission of Griffith, fifty-five at Landsdowne, ninety-three at the Tyendinaga Reserve, seventy of whom are Mohawks, and sixty-three at Christ Church, Belleville. He is making a confirmation tour by way of Birmingham, Township of Pittsburg, and adjoining missions, and will consecrate the churches of St. John, Olden, and St. Paul's Oso, in the mission of North Frontenac, holding confirmations at both places, where large numbers of candidates are waiting his arrival. The Venerable Archdeacon Jones is acting as His Lordship's Chaplain.

The choir boys of the Church of St. Alban the Martyr, Ottawa, were entertained on All-Hallow-Eve, by Mr. F. A. Wise, at her residence.

A very commodious and convenient shed has been erected opposite Christ Church on the third line of Huntley, for the protection and comfort of the horses belonging to members of the congregation, during the services. The ground was generously presented by Mr. Thomas Acres, to the churchwardens for the purpose. The idea is an excellent one, and a number of other congregations would do well to take the hint.

The Young People's Association for social and religious entertainments, in connection with St. George's Church, Trenton, has been re-organized for the winter.

**PERSONAL.**—The Rev. H. E. Plees has taken up his residence at Plant's Hotel, Renfrew.

**BELLEVILLE.**—When at Christ Church, Belleville, the large number of sixty-three candidates were confirmed, some of whom were well advanced in years. The congregation was very large on the occasion, many being obliged to stand during the entire service. In fact very many who were desirous of being present were unable to gain admission to the sacred edifice and went away. The Bishop gave an impressive address and expressed his pleasure at meeting such a large class seeking confirmation. He was equally well pleased to see such a large congregation present, but his pleasure, he said, was tinged with sadness in not meeting the Rev. Dr. Clarke, their late rector, and added that in deference to the wishes of the church-

wardens he had appointed the Rev. Mr. Sibbald, as his successor to carry on the good work which had been done so effectually by the deceased. After the service a reception was held in the vestry, where many of the congregation waited upon the Bishop and expressed their gratitude to him for appointing Mr. Sibbald as their rector.

**BROCKVILLE.**—A meeting of the congregation of Trinity Church, Brockville, was held recently, relative to the removal of the Rector to Winnipeg. Mr. James Reynolds presided, and Mr. De-Carl was appointed Secretary. Mr. Crawford narrated at some length the circumstances in which he would be guided in his decision by the wishes of the congregation. Mr. Crawford then withdrew from the meeting. After some discussion it was moved by Mr. Glassford, seconded by Colonel Buell, and carried unanimously—"That the congregation was opposed to Mr. Crawford's leaving, and pledged him their hearty sympathy and support." A committee was appointed, consisting of the Church Wardens and Lay delegates, to wait upon him, and acquaint him with the wishes of the congregation, when he informed the gentlemen that as such was the wish of the congregation he would remain. The call to Winnipeg carried with it an increased stipend and a larger and growing field of usefulness, and in deciding to remain at Brockville, Mr. Crawford has made his own position subordinate to what he considers the welfare of the Church. Christianity was born of sacrifice, self-sacrifice is also the law of a good life. When this spirit dies out, the world will be left without Christianity.

**NAPANEE.**—The young people of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Napanee, have recently organized a musical, literary and dramatic society by the name of "The English Church Union." The following gentlemen have been elected officers, viz.:—President, Judge Wilkinson, Vice-Presidents, Dr. Jones, Archdeacon of Kingston, and Messrs. R. A. Helliwell, J. Robinson and Dr. Ruttan. Secretary, Mr. James Herring, Treasurer, Mr. O. L. Herring.

**KINGSTON.**—The anniversary of St. Paul's Church Sunday School, Kingston, was held on Sunday evening, the 4th of November. The Church was filled with a large congregation. A special musical service for children was held, the church choir being strengthened by the addition of twenty little boys and girls from the Sunday School. The rector, the Rev. W. B. Carey, addressed the children from the words "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." St. Matthew xix, 14. In the centre of his remarks he said that the school is now in a more flourishing condition than it had been for some years. There are over two hundred names on the roll, with an average attendance of one hundred and forty, the official and teaching staff numbering twenty-two. The children are about placing two handsome memorial windows in the west side of the Church in memory of the boys and girls who have entered into rest. The choir of St. Paul's Church gave the first concert of the season at Rockwood Asylum, the celebrated institution for the insane at Portsmouth, a suburb of Kingston. The hall was nicely decorated, and being illuminated by gas, presented a fine appearance. Mr. Raunsley directed the choir and Miss Chamberlain played the accompaniments. The inmates enjoyed the concert very much. It was the beginning of the winter's term of amusements at the asylum.

#### DIOCESE OF HURON.

**CLINTON.**—*St. Paul's Church.*—Two very valuable gifts, have been offered to this Church within the last six months, viz., a very handsome stone font erected by Mr. and Mrs. Farran in memory of their little daughter, Mabel Linwood.

A beautiful stained glass chancel window erected by Mr. and Mrs. Biggins, in memory of their eldest son Thomas James, who died October 31, 1882.

Another gift is also worthy of mention though not a memorial gift, viz., a number of valuable lamps, appropriate in design and finish, for the side walls of the Church, presented by Dr. Appleton.

A guild has been established in connection with this Church for the religious, social, and moral improvement of the members. There are weekly meetings which are well attended.

**LONDON.**—Very large congregations were present on the first Sunday in November at St. Paul's Church, on the occasion of the choir of nearly forty men and boys appearing in surplices. This change has been made with the consent of the congregation, and amid general expressions of approval. The marked effect it produced on the boys in making them quiet and orderly was a subject of favorable comment. In the morning the sermon was preached by Rev. A. Brown, from the text, "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." After defining the essential idea of worship as giving, "giving unto the Lord the honour due unto his name," and claiming a place for the beautiful in Divine service he said, "There is a true and a false ritualism, and we should learn to discriminate between them, and not assume on so important a question an unreasoning or unscriptural attitude. Our Church provides a liturgy and ceremonial-chaste, orderly and beautiful. We are to endeavour to attain to the former, whilst we steadily oppose anything that is beyond the law of the Church, as expressed by its highest authorities, anything that symbolizes doctrine not clearly taught in the Liturgy and articles, and above all anything that seems to be an imitation of a corrupt communion from which we separated ourselves in the Reformation of the Sixteenth Century. Do not let us confuse the service of our Church, as rendered in her great Cathedrals for the past three hundred years, and which is our ideal or model service, with those of others with which a contrast is made in the opening pages of our Book of Common Prayer. Such a service would be as unsuitable in a log school house, as that which would suit a rude settlement would be in a great cathedral. There must be varieties of service in a Communion as wide spread as ours, but in centres of intelligence and refinement we may certainly strive after an ideal service, to obey the precept of David, 'Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.'"

In the evening the congregation was immense and the Rector, Rev. Canon Innes, preached a sermon on "Christ the living water," which was listened to with great interest and attention by all present.

The Bishop elect, Very Rev. Dean Baldwin, D. D., paid a flying visit to this city on Tuesday the 6th instant. He met the clergy of the city at the Chapter House in the afternoon. The letter of the Metropolitan arranging for the consecration was read, and the wish of the Metropolitan and of the Cathedral congregation over which the Dean has presided, that the consecration should take place in Montreal was concurred in. The consecration will take place on St. Andrew's Day, Nov. 30, but the Metropolitan will be unable to be present, and will depute some one of his suffragans to preside on the occasion. A deputation will be present from this Diocese, consisting of Dean Boomer, Canon Innes, Rev. J. B. Richardson, and Messrs. V. Cronyn and E. B. Reed. The Bishop and Mr. Baldwin will come here immediately after his consecration. The question of an Episcopal residence was discussed by those present, but no action will be taken till the spring, as the Bishop has decided to be content with lodgings during the winter months. Those who met the Bishop for the first time were favorably impressed with his kind and genial manner, and we anticipate growth for the Church spiritually and in its temporalities under his episcopate.

#### DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

**NEW WESTMINSTER.**—Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held in the Church of the Holy