

points at issue and the judgment thereon. In the discussion which followed, every clerical member of the conference taking part therein, it was contended by some that the judgment should be accepted as it stood, and by others it was maintained that a hasty compliance with the judgment was inadvisable, and that in each diocese the clergy should await episcopal direction in the matter.

In the absence of the Rev. J. C. Roper, rector of St. Thomas' Church, Toronto, his paper on "Sarum versus Roman" was read by Rural Dean Bliss. Mr. Roper said that while for brevity sake, the above title might answer in a printed order of proceedings, his paper would be more correctly named "Some reasons for striving to preserve the ancient English ritual in preference to adopting the more accessible and undoubtedly well ordered ritual of Rome," and then entered fully into a defence of the Sarum or "Old English use." The paper was discussed by the Revs. J. A. Shaw, W. D. Mercer and W. A. Read. The Rev. W. A. Read proposed, and the Rev. W. D. Mercer seconded, "That a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Rural Dean for his address and for his conduct in the chair"; carried unanimously.

After the thanks of the conference had been accorded to the rector and laity for their hospitality, the conference closed with the Doxology.

Divine service was held in Holy Trinity Church, Pembroke, on Thursday evening. The clergy assembled at the rectory, and at 7.30, robed in cassock, surplice and white stole, proceeded to the Church, entering the west door as the hymn, "The Church's one foundation" was begun. There was a large congregation. The prayers were read by the Rev. W. A. Read, the lessons by the Revs. J. A. Shaw and C. Saddington. A masterly sermon on "The Christian Faith and Modern Thought" was preached by the Rev. Geo. J. Low, rector of Almonte. Mr. Low has made this subject his own, and is well known as a powerful champion of the faith against the onslaughts of modern scepticism. He pointed out how the political life of a nation was bound up in its religion. It was impossible to separate them. Christianity suffered by its divisions, and the preacher earnestly urged the necessity of unity and said that the comprehensiveness and catholicity of the Church of England marked her out as the means by which Christian unity would be brought about. The Church of England might numerically be but a mere point among the many religious bodies in this country, but that point was the centre of gravity. Unity was of the most solemn importance in face of the great danger they had to face to-day, viz.: Modern Thought. Mr. Low then entered upon a powerful defence of the faith in the light of modern science. It is much to be regretted we are not able to print the sermon in full.

The service was very hearty, and formed a fitting conclusion to a successful and enjoyable conference.

KEMPTVILLE.—The better observance of Lent this year, suggested a still heartier celebration of Easter than in days gone by. The four services in the parish church were all well attended. There were 118 communicants, and the offertories, special and ordinary, amounted to nearly \$200. At the Easter vestry, the rector's financial report of the different guilds and associations came to over \$700, while the report of the churchwardens amounted to \$647. The churchwardens elected were Mr. John Murray Harding and Mr. George Eager. Mr. Robert Leslie was re-elected as delegate to the Synod. On the 10th day of March the parish was benefited, as well as honoured, by a visit of that earnest, apostolic Bishop, his Lordship of Qu'Appelle. At the request of the rector, Mr. Emery, he catechized the children of the parish. In the evening he gave a lucid and practical account of the Church's work and her needs in the N. W. Provinces. By special permission of the Diocesan, he confirmed some candidates that the rector had received into the Church, delivered an admirable address, and celebrated the blessed sacrament. His kindly, fatherly manners as a bishop in contact with the people won for him the feelings of a strong affection. Several Church families have left this parish during the year for other parts, and whilst their places are not filled, the congregation more than holds its own. On the three Sunday nights after Easter Day, the rector read the three striking sermons of the late Rev. John Wesley on "The Priesthood," "Constant Communion," and "The Church," containing truths amounting to a revelation in the case of some who listened. The debt on the parish church (Patton Memorial), has been reduced to \$900. The vestry, with loud acclamation, passed a hearty vote of thanks to the rector for his earnest devotions and energy in liquidating the debt.

KINGSTON.—The Women's Auxiliary here collected about \$1,800 last year in cash and goods. Mrs.

Buxton Smith was elected president of the society; Mrs. R. V. Rogers and Miss Hooper secretaries.

The Lord Bishop was present at the late special meetings of the executive committee. The question of a coadjutor bishop was not mentioned. The date of the Synod is fixed for Tuesday, June 2nd. Immediately afterwards his Lordship and Mrs. Lewis sail for England. Rural Dean Carey is collecting in England for Mrs. Lewis' Paris Home.

TORONTO.

Church of the Messiah.—At the vestry held last week, the following were elected wardens: A. J. Parker and Joseph Jacks; delegates, J. Wainwright, C. K. Unwin and J. D. Armstrong.

Toronto Humane Society.—The annual meeting of this society will be held in the Toronto Art Gallery, 173 King Street West, on Thursday, 21st inst., at 8 o'clock p.m. The annual report will be read and will furnish interesting particulars of the work accomplished during the past year. The business of the evening will be enlivened by a pleasing programme of music and recitations. All friends of the society are cordially invited to be present. The Rev. A. H. Baldwin has kindly consented to preach a sermon relating to the objects and work of the society in All Saints' Church on Sunday evening, May 17th.

Trinity University.—Hon. G. W. Allan, D. C. L., has been re-elected chancellor for the next five years. The following are elected as members of the college council: By graduates in arts and divinity, Elmas Henderson, M. A., Toronto; J. G. Bourinot, D. C. L., Ottawa; by graduates in law, the Hon. Sir Adam Wilson, D. C. L., Toronto; by graduates in medicine, Charles Sheard, M. D., C. M., Toronto; by associate members of convocation, the Hon. Mr. Justice Osler, Toronto.

C. E. T. S.—The annual meeting of the Bands of Hope in Toronto was held on April 23 at St. James' School. The Bishop presided, and the following parishes were represented: Ascension, St. Anne, St. Bartholomew, St. Peter, St. Philip, St. Stephen, and the boys from the Boys' Home, about 1,200 in all. The Band from St. Mary Magdalene was absent owing to some inadvertence; that of Grace Church was prevented by other work, and Holy Trinity was not organized until the following day. The Revs. Canon Greene and Dr. Mockridge and Mr. C. A. Sandler spoke to the children, and, as a new feature, two prizes which had been offered for the best essays on "Temptation," were awarded; the first, W. Walter R. Geikie, and the second to Hattie Moore. The prizes, a silver and an enamelled badge of the society, were presented to the competitors by his Lordship the Bishop, with a few kindly words of encouragement to each, and the prize essays were read by Revs. Canon Cayley and J. G. Lewis. After singing "God bless our native land" and the Doxology, the very successful meeting was closed in usual manner.

We are informed that the Industrial School for girls is not yet absolutely lost to North Toronto, as the prospect of an assured water supply now presented by the business-like attitude of the town council has placed the situation in a more favourable light. The site last inspected was on Glen Grove Park. We learn, however, that the committee entertain hopes that the trustees of the Clergy Reserve may be induced, in view of permissive legislation introduced by the Government last week authorizing such a grant, to exercise their generosity towards the unfortunate children whom this institution is designed to benefit by granting twenty acres for such a laudable purpose. Many of the clergy believe in the duty of giving to God a tithe of their possessions. Right within the town stands a property of 200 acres constantly increasing in value by the addition of that "unearned increment" which the beneficiaries of this Clergy Reserve do nothing to create, while at the same time it enjoys exemption from the taxes which fall upon every poor man who builds himself a home. Surely those who are accustomed to preach to their congregations, "Freely ye have received, freely give," would not object to a surrender of twenty acres for a purpose so eminently laudable. They would doubtless be happy in knowing that the Legislature contemplates allowing them an opportunity thus to exercise a little of that charity which "never faileth." Were it necessary to suggest mundane considerations, it would be easy to point out to the reverend gentlemen that such a grant would be simply "throwing out a sprat to catch a herring," seeing that the town council have favorably considered a proposition to tax the ratepayers for the

purchase of a free site, in full appreciation of the incidental general enhancement of land values that would inevitably ensue. We prefer to enforce this reasonable point for consideration rather by quoting the familiar text, "Cast thy bread upon the waters and it shall return to thee after many days."—*Recorder.*

St. Olive's.—The Lord Bishop held a confirmation service in this church on Sunday morning, April 12th. A large congregation was present, notwithstanding the bad weather and muddy roads. His Lordship delivered a very impressive address previous to the laying on of hands, which was listened to very attentively by all present. The choir rendered some very beautiful Easter music; Miss Softley presided at the organ. After the confirmation, the Bishop administered the Holy Communion to the newly confirmed and others. The church was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and plants kindly contributed by members and friends of the church. On the following Thursday evening a service of praise was given by the large surpliced choir of St. Mark's, under their very popular conductor, Mr. G. C. Warburton. The Rev. C. L. Ingles preached a very instructive and interesting sermon on Church music, which was listened to with great attention by all present.

Brampton.—Christ's Church.—Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, the diocesan secretary of the Women's Auxiliary, gave a most interesting address on missions and mission work in connection with her tour through the Northwest and British Columbia, which was thoroughly appreciated by the audience, who were specially invited to be present by the members of the Brampton branch of the Women's Auxiliary. Mrs. Cummings being well known in Brampton, more especially to those who have a love for missionary work, her words, no doubt, will bring forth fruit in many loving hearts who feel the need of such noble women in the work of bringing the Indians of our Northwest to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus.

NIAGARA.

OMAGH.—St. Matthias.—The Rev. Mr. Macnab of St. Catharines entered on his duties as Rector of St. Matthias on Palm Sunday, preaching both morning and evening. The Rector and his family are at present the guests of the Bishop at Bishopthorpe. The congregations were large; the vested choir rendered the services with great spirit, and the advent of the first Rector of St. Matthias, an event long eagerly looked for, was hailed with joy by all connected with the parish. Mr. Macnab received a warm welcome from the clergy of the city.

NIAGARA FALLS.—On Monday, his Lordship the Bishop administered the sacred rite of confirmation at St. Stephen's Mission chapel to fifteen persons, and delivered one of his most beautiful addresses. The church still wore her Easter robe of white, and fragrant with flowers, spoke most eloquently of that consecration to Him who is the Life, on the part of the confirmed. This little chapel is doing a good work for the Church, the Easter offering being over \$25, all the Lenten self-denial of a most devoted little flock who love the Church for the master's sake. Tuesday found the good Bishop at All Saints, Niagara Falls South. Here again the church still wore her festal white; some eighteen were presented for confirmation; the Bishop's address was most impressive, and the service here as at Clifton, very bright and hearty. In the afternoon, the Bishop showed his loving care for his flock by a visit to a sick parishioner at Chippawa, in the absence of the rector, comforting as he only can, the sorrowful and suffering. The Rev. E. J. Tessenenden returns from England in May.

HURON.

LONDON.—Lay Workers' Convention.—A convention called to organize a lay workers' association was held in the Chapter House on Thursday, April 23rd. Among those present were his Lordship the Bishop, Revs. Rural Dean Mackenzie, Canon Richardson, Canon Davis, Canon Hill, J. O. Farthing, W. T. Hill, Principal Miller, Canon Smith, R. McCosh, and Messrs. A. H. Dymond, Joseph Lea, A. J. Wilkes, V. Cronyn, A. K. Bunnell, Chas. Jenkins, Geo. Candwell, J. M. McWhinney, Wm. Grey, R. D. Noble, W. F. Cockshutt, W. J. Imlach, James Archer, W. J. Garside and many others. As representing the council of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Mr. Frank DuMoulin was, on motion, invited to a seat on the floor of the house.

The Bishop asked Rev. Rural Dean Mackenzie to conduct a short preliminary service, which was heartily joined in by all present. Messrs. A. K. Bunnell, Brantford, and Joseph Lea, St. Thomas, were appointed secretaries of the convention. The