

two at a time by the Rector, the Bishop laying his hands on each one repeating the beautiful prayer from the office of Confirmation; the words "more and more" seeming to enter in, and thrill every heart present, as uttered by him. The Holy Communion followed, the whole congregation having been requested to remain. The newly confirmed numbering 60, all partook of the Sacred emblems, followed by a large number of the congregation. The Bishop acted as celebrant, assisted by the Archdeacon and the Rector. During the administration of the Sacrament the choir rendered in a subdued and impressive manner the Communion Hymn, "And now, O Father, mindful of the love"; in fact throughout the choir acquitted themselves most creditably.

The evening service is also worthy of mention, the preacher being the Archdeacon, who took for his text the words from the Psalms, "Worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness" reminding his hearers that they as well as the Priest had a part to perform in the Church's public worship, namely, in their answers in the responses; the sermon was listened to with marked attention by a very large congregation.

In concluding this report, the writer feels it his duty to mention that this parish has recently spent a considerable sum in repainting and decorating the interior of the Church, which certainly has been very creditably performed, and adds much to the beauty of the House of the Lord in which it is their privilege to worship. The Church had been closed for some time for the purpose, and was reopened with special services on the Sunday previous to Confirmation; the preacher on the occasion being the Rev. Mr. Carey, of Kingston. The Thanksgiving service of the Parish was also part of this Sunday programme, at which a Thanksgiving offering was made, amounting to nearly \$400.

The congregations at both morning and evening were very large, particularly in the morning, when the crowd was very great filling the spacious and beautiful Church. The services of the day was devout and reverential, and marked with great solemnity. The visit of the Bishop was very much appreciated, since it was out of the course of his regular tour. The Church was closed at the time of his appointed visit undergoing repair, and he kindly consented to come again to suit the convenience of the congregation. The long procession of the candidates for confirmation closed up by the Rector of the parish, the Archdeacon of Ottawa, and the Bishop of the Diocese, through the tower porch and up the centre aisle to the entrance of the chancel, while the congregation and choir sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" was very impressive and made all feel deeply, that, this was the House of God, and that the Lord was in His Holy Temple.

STAFFORD.—The Lord Bishop of Ontario, confirmed 45 persons at St. Stephen's Church on Sunday, October 30th, and there were over a hundred at the celebration of Holy Communion. So large a number have not been confirmed at one time before at Stafford, and the Bishop expressed his great satisfaction to the incumbent, the Rev. J. P. Smitheman. His Lordship gave a very able and appropriate address to the confirmation candidates and warned them to take care that their first communion was not their last. In the course of his remarks Bishop Lewis stated that 19 out of every 20 Christians are confirmed. Non-conformists often wish for the Apostolic rite of confirmation, but then the next step after that is Episcopacy. When unable to answer an argument the Bishop advised the young people to resort to their clergyman, because time after time every argument against the Church has been quashed and in these days when every second man you meet thinks himself a born theologian, Christian modesty is much needed; but His Lordship added, the witness of a holy

life is worth more than a thousand controversies or ten thousand arguments. He therefore urged his hearers to let their light so shine before men that they may see their good works and glorify their Heavenly Father. This year Bishop Lewis completed an episcopate of a quarter of a century, and during that time has confirmed about 30,000 persons. He vividly remembers the first confirmation in this neighborhood which was held by moonlight in a field opposite the little chapel at Lake Doré. The building could not hold all the people and the confirmation was held at that late hour because the Bishop's conveyance had broken down on the road. The whole scene was very weird.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TORONTO.—*St. Stephen's*.—The Mission at the above Church, held by Rev. Father Morrison, has been largely attended at every service. As at St. Matthias, Wednesday evening, Nov. 2nd, was the occasion of the last service.

Father Morrison has a wonderfully attractive gift of preaching, and is as might be expected eminently adapted to the work of a Missioner. The crowded church at each service was sufficient evidence of the general interest taken in the Mission, and much good may be expected as results of such wholesome teachings.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

GALT.—The Rev. John Ridley, rector of this parish, has taken a most decided stand in the Diocese, concerning 'Christian giving,' and in this respect is following the noble example of Bishop Baldwin. The rector strongly condemns many of the present methods, and while upholding social gatherings and reunions—is opposed to such for the purpose of raising money for the Church. He refuses to receive money by means of grab-bags, election-cakes, raffles, &c., &c., and seeks to elevate giving to its proper scriptural standard as an act of worship, by making the offertory the proper channel through which all in offerings to God should come. He advocates that whenever there is Divine service there can be an offertory, and that the frequency of such services affords ample opportunities for all such gatherings, viz.: for the poor, missions, Sunday-school, Church debts, and all parochial and diocesan work in general. So far his efforts and teaching are meeting with most encouraging success.

LONDON.—Special opening services were continued in All Saints' Mission Chapel, Hamilton Road, on Sunday, Nov. 6th. Rev. Canon Richardson read prayers, and Rev. Mr. Cox the lessons. Rev. Evans Davies preached from the words: "Our Father," at a children's service. The little chapel was crowded to the very doors and many had to stand. The singing of several Sunday-school hymns by the children was a most pleasing part of the service.

There was another at 8:15 p.m., when Rev. Canon Richardson, assisted by Rev. Mr. Steele, conducted the services. The services in this part of the city supply a long felt want, and many Church people rejoice at this new enterprise.

The Rev. H. D. Steele delivered a lecture in the Memorial Church School-house on Monday evening, Nov. 7th, on the "Early British Church." His Lordship the Bishop of Huron presided. The attendance was very good, and the lecture not only interesting but profitable. A collection was taken up in aid of the "W. & O. Fund" of the Diocese of Algoma.

A Special Union service will be held in St. Paul's Cathedral on Thanksgiving Day at 11 a.m. His Lordship the Bishop will preach, and the city clergy take part in the service. The collection is to be given to the Protestant Orphans' House.

The Chapter House congregation has commenced work in real earnest now. The foundation of the new Church is being laid, and the

contracts for its completion let. If the weather keeps fine the building will be erected this fall. It is located on the south-western corner of the University grounds. Judging from the plan it will be a handsome building capable of seating upwards of 400 people.

The visit of the Rev. J. Gough Brick to London, Ont., was a very interesting event to the Women's Auxiliary. Being a missionary in the Diocese of Athabasca his lectures were listened to with deep interest—the attention of the W. A. M. A. of this Diocese having been called to the Northwest Territory for the last twelvemonth. The peculiar trials of the life of a Missionary in Athabasca were dwelt upon, and the loneliness, want and great privations which have to be undergone by those who are trying to Christianize the Indians, although familiar to most people by books, seemed more real when the description was given by an actor in the Mission Field.

A drawing room meeting of the W. A. M. A. was held at Bishopstowe, and Mr. Brick's address roused the sympathies of the large meetings. During his short stay in London, Mr. Brick had upwards of \$150 handed to him unsolicited. The usual monthly meeting of the Association was held on the 31st October. His Lordship the Bishop presided, and the meeting was large. A gratifying report of the labours of the Flower Mission during the summer was read, and the Diocese had shown itself both active and liberal as regards the Widows' and Orphan's Jubilee Fund for Algoma. By the time the lists close they expect Huron will have contributed \$1,000 of the sum raised. Reports of bales of clothing for needy missions (chiefly in Algoma) were read, almost all the branches are hard at work providing this kind of help.

LONDON SOUTH.—The ladies of St. James' Church are persevering with their collections for the debt on the Rectory. They have paid upwards of \$2,000, and there is a balance of about \$1,000, which they seemed determined to wipe out. The Rector called a meeting for Monday evening, and after laying the matter before those present, several promised to collect \$100 each; some offered to give parlor concerts, the first of which has been held at Mrs. C. S. Hemans, and a collection of over \$47.00 taken up. These pleasant gatherings are to be continued for a more important purpose than that of raising money. The social feature is the important one, drawing the congregation together, rich and poor, making them feel their is a ground of common fellowship between the members of the Church. Much good has been done by those gatherings in this parish hitherto and it is gratifying to know they are to be continued.

BLYTHE.—Rev. Mr. Thomas, of Ailsa Craig, has been offered this Mission, made vacant by the removal of the Rev. J. Parke to the U. S. Mr. Thomas is a faithful pastor, good worker, and an excellent preacher, and should his physical strength prove equal to the work, he is bound to do a good work here.

MOORE.—The Bishop of Huron will visit the parish of Moore this week and re-open Christ's Church, Corunna, on next Tuesday. The services will be at 11 o'clock a.m. and 7 o'clock p.m. It is also expected that His Lordship will preach in Trinity Church, Mooretown, at 3 o'clock p.m., Sunday.

WARDSVILLE.—The first of a series of Social gatherings was held by the English Church congregation an evening or two since in the Town Hall, which was completely filled. The Rector, Rev. W. J. Taylor, in opening the proceedings, referred to the pastoral of Bishop Baldwin, condemning all such things as lotteries, throwing of dice, &c., saying that every right-minded man and woman would re-echo the Bishops words. He then quoted the Bishop of Manchester's words: "It is even more impor-