

The corner stone of the new Chapel of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine was laid by the Bishop on Wednesday, Oct. 5th. Many clergy and friends of the Sisterhood were present. After the stone had been laid, the service was concluded in the present chapel. The building of the new chapel and guest-house will provide additional accommodation for a large number of beds in the older part of the building.

On Saturday, Oct. 8th, the corner stone of the new Church of St. John the Evangelist was laid by the Bishop. A large congregation was present, and the service was brightened by the aid of the band of C. Company. The Bishop, Rural Dean Jones, Mr. A. R. Boswell and Rev. Mr. Williams gave short addresses.

Trinity College is now in full swing for the coming year. The "freshman" class is the largest on record.

The meeting of the Alumni of Wycliffe College was closed by a quiet day, conducted by the Bishop of Huron.

We understand that a surpliced choir is now an institution at St. Clement's Church, Leslieville.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. C. B. Kenrick of St. John's Church, has left for a well-earned vacation.

#### PETERBOROUGH.

The Rev. J. C. Davidson, Rector of St. John's Church, has returned from his visit to England. During his absence the vestry of the Church was newly painted, papered, and carpeted and generally renovated as a pleasant surprise for him on his return.

On Tuesday evening the 11th inst. the congregation of St. John's Church held a reception in the schoolroom for the purpose of welcoming home the rector, the Rev. J. C. Davidson, who, as was evident from the crowded attendance, occupies a warm place in the hearts of his parishioners. Among the attendance was a large number of young men. The Revs. H. Symonds, Rector of St. Luke's; Mr. Warren of Lakefield; C. B. Kenrick and W. Loucks were also present. The room had been beautifully decorated and the evening was a great success. Mr. Davidson expressed his sincere gratitude to the congregation for their many kindnesses, especially returning thanks for the kind gift which had been telegraphed to him in England. He gave a short sketch of his trip, having visited Switzerland and Germany and other places during his absence. Refreshments were served during the evening and all enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

#### ORILLIA.

On Sunday, the 28th September, the Rev. H. H. Waters, formerly of Orillia, but presently of New Orleans, visited St. James' Church and preached. He was heartily welcomed by his many friends.

### Diocese of Niagara.

The Lord Bishop of the diocese was one of the deputation appointed by the House of Bishops of this Ecclesiastical Province to attend the General Convention of the P. E. Church in the U. S., and left Monday week for Baltimore. He remained over Sunday last and preached in several of the leading churches. He evidently secured the esteem and affection of all he met, receiving great attention from the leading Prelates of the House of Bishops.

It is understood that the Bishop has accepted the nomination of the Rev. Mr. Wade as Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton, and has appointed him thereto. Under the Canon as presently existing the Bishop of the diocese holds the appointment, after consultation with the Vestry; and his freedom of choice can not be legally ignored or prevented.

### Diocese of Niagara.

#### HAMILTON.

We understand that the Rev. Rural Dean Wade presently of Woodstock has been elected by the congregation as Rector of the Church of the Ascension here, and that his name will be submitted to the Bishop of the diocese for appointment.

### Diocese of Huron.

#### WOODSTOCK.

Rev. Rural Dean Wade has handed in his resignation as rector, and after discussion it has been accepted by the vestry. How soon the resignation will go into effect is not at present known, but it is understood that the Church of Ascension people, Hamilton, are desirous of securing the services of the Dean as soon as possible.

#### STRATHROY.

The Bishop of Huron has received deputations from Strathroy, and from Old St. Paul's Woodstock, and held conferences with them in regard to the appointment of a clergyman to their respective parishes.

#### LONDON.

The Very Rev. Dean Innes has secured the services of a curate for St. Paul's Cathedral in the person of the Rev. Mr. Crisp of the Eastern Provinces, who will, it is expected, enter upon his duties on the first of November.

At the annual meeting of Christ Church guild, the election of officers for the next year resulted as follows, viz:—Honorary President, Rev. Canon Smith; President Mr. A. F. Wicks; 1st Vice, Mr. A. E. Welch; 2nd Vice, Mr. J. McFadden, 3rd Vice, Mr. A. G. McCormick; Recording Secretary, Mr. J. T. O'Brien; Financial Secretary, Mr. J. Partridge, Treasurer, Mr. T. Parkinson; Organist, Miss M. Brown; Marshal, Mr. S. Cook; Guard, Mr. G. Loney; Auditors, Messrs. J. Brown and W. Waters. The reports of the retiring officers were of a very encouraging character and showed the society to be in a flourishing condition, with a membership of 90 persons.

#### GODERICH.

Rev. Mr. Turnbull, of Kincardine, will succeed Rev. Mr. Young as rector of Goderich. Mr. Young goes to Wood house, Norfolk county.

The harvest home services in Trinity church on Sunday were well attended, Rev. Mr. Ridley, of Galt being the preacher. Handsome floral decorations and a profuse display of the fruits of the harvest made the sacred edifice peculiarly attractive. The two sermons were able, eloquent and impressive, the one in the morning dealing particularly with the bountiful harvest, and the one in the evening to young men. Both discourses were delivered with great force and eloquence, and were listened to attentively from start to finish. The offertory amounted to \$85. The following evening an "At Home" was held in the town hall, the speakers being the Rector, Rev. Mr. Ridley, Rev. Mr. Ridley, Rev. Mr.

Tully and W. R. Davis. An appeal was made by the latter to the members of the church for \$1000, to wipe out the old debt, and it was nobly responded to, the whole amount being raised in a short time. The ladies of the congregation are deserving of great credit for the exertions they put forth to bring everything to such a successful issue.

#### GLANWORTH AND LAMBETH.

His Lordship the Bishop of Huron lately held confirmation at Christ Church, Glanworth, in the morning, and at Trinity Church, Lambeth, in the afternoon.

#### ILDERTON.

The new English Church at Ilderton is now finished, and was opened Sunday, Oct. 2nd, the Rev. Canon Davis preaching in the morning, the Rev. Mr. Shaw, Lucan, in the afternoon, and the Rev. R. Wilson, of Birr, in the evening. The church is an exceedingly handsome one, and will accommodate about 200 people. Owing to the kindness of the neighboring pastors and the friendly feeling existing between the different congregations, several of the neighboring churches have been closed for the occasion many and were unable to get in. The harvest home dinner and entertainment in connection with the church opening, to be held on the following Wednesday evening, promises likewise to be a decided success, as a very choice programme is to be rendered.

The Harvest Home dinner and concert on Wednesday evening, in connection with the opening of Grace Church, Ilderton, was a decided success. An excellent hot dinner was served in the Agricultural Hall, and the ladies of the congregation deserve praise for the exquisite taste displayed in beautifying the tables and providing such a sumptuous repast. After it was partaken of all repaired to the Oddfellows Hall, where a first-class literary and musical programme was given. The orchestra of the London Falcon Concert Company rendered the most charming music. The vocal selection, "The Lord is My Shepherd," given by the London quartette, was exceedingly impressive. The solos given by Mrs. Cooper, the Misses Land, Messrs. Boulsoy, A. E. Westman and Jno. O'Neil, all of London, were heartily received, and many encores called for. The selections in elocution by Misses C. A. Carmichael, of Arva, and Ella Shipley, of Ailsa Craig, received great applause, as the pieces themselves were very choice, and the rendering beyond criticism. The Rev. W. S. Ball, of Vaneck, made a short and appropriate address, in which he highly congratulated the pastor and congregation of Grace Church on their success in completing such a beautiful and convenient church, and especially in having it so nearly free of debt, for although the building cost about \$2,600, the debt upon it will only amount to about \$500. The Rev. H. R. Diehl, pastor of the congregation, occupied the chair.

Sarnia Observer:—"Mr. Teneyck, who for several months past has been assisting the Rev. T. R. Davis in St. George's church and by conducting service in the South Ward Mission Chapel, was on the eve of his departure to resume his studies in London, presented with two handsome volumes of books, Brown on the Articles, Trench on Miracles, by the teachers of the South Ward School as a mark of esteem."

#### SARNIA.

Large congregations attended St. George's church, the thanksgiving services. The church was beautifully and appropriately decorated, Rev. T. R. Davis preached excellent sermons at both services. The collection was in aid of the building fund and amounted to over \$710.00.