

of the congregation. Extensive improvements in the Church of the Good Shepherd have been contemplated for some time, and were inaugurated on the occasion of the bishop's visit by the placing in the church of a new alms basin, altar linen, carpet, curtains for the vestry, etc., the gift of a relative of one of the congregation.

TORONTO.

ARTHUR SWEATMAN, D.D., BISHOP, TORONTO.

The churches generally in Toronto this Christmas were beautifully decorated, and the attendance at the early Communion, at a number of them, was very large. The congregations at the mid-day services were very large.

The Toronto Church of England Sunday-School Association.—The second monthly meeting of the Association for the present year, 1896-7, was held in Grace Church school-house on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 18th. The school-house was well filled, many of the clergy being present, as well as representative teachers from 23 Sunday-schools, in all about 250. The chair was occupied by Rev. J. Pitt Lewis, M.A., rector of the parish. The Model Lesson for Sunday, December 20th, was taught by the general secretary, Mr. C. R. W. Biggar. He commenced by reviewing the lessons for the season of Advent, and then took up the subject as already stated; it was dealt with in his usual able manner, and was replete with facts and full of earnest exhortation, and was altogether one of the ablest lessons ever taught before the Association, and one not likely soon to be forgotten by those present. This was followed by a most interesting paper on the "Study of the Minor Prophets," by the Rev. Professor Cody, M.A., of Wycliffe College. The learned professor took as an example the Book of the Prophet Joel, and, after defining a prophet as more than a mere foreteller of events, gave a brief summary of the book, showing its structure, and how, from the immediate conditions of time and place under which the prophet wrote, he deduced lessons of universal and perpetual applicability. The Rev. C. L. Ingles, M.A., gave notice that at the next meeting he would move "That the Church of England Sunday-School Association, believing that many of its members desire further opportunities for the study of the Holy Scriptures beyond those afforded by the ordinary parochial Bible classes, request the clergy of this deanery to consider whether arrangements cannot be made for a course or courses of expository literature to be delivered at least weekly, under the auspices of the Association, upon some selected book or books of Holy Scripture." The secretary announced the opening of the Diocesan Sunday-school Museum (elsewhere referred to in this number), and also that the Sunday-school Committee had taken steps to establish a reference library for teachers, using either the Church Sunday-school lessons or the International series. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 21st, 1897, at 8 p.m., at Holy Trinity school-house, when Miss Jennette Osier will teach the lesson, and the annual at-home and presentation of prizes and diplomas will take place.

The *Teachers' Assistant*, in reporting last May the proceedings of a meeting of the Toronto Church Sunday-School Association, called attention to an excellent suggestion made by Mr. J. S. Barber, the indefatigable and enthusiastic corresponding secretary of the Association, in the course of a discussion upon "Needed Improvements in our Sunday-School System." Mr. Barber proposed that a branch should be formed in Toronto of "The Church of England Sunday-School Institute Museum of Models and Objects helpful in Sunday-School Teaching," which those of us who have visited the headquarters of the Institute in London, have doubtless found both interesting and helpful. We are glad to announce that the suggestion has been translated into action, and the Toronto Branch of the Museum is now *un fait accompli*. At a joint meeting held in September last, of delegates from the Association and the Toronto Diocesan Sunday-School Committee, it was resolved not only that such a branch should be established, but also that there should be included with it a reference library containing books, maps, etc., suitable for use by Sunday-school teachers in the preparation of their work. The Models for the Museum (ordered from the Institute some weeks ago) have arrived. We shall be glad to have these models inspected by clergy and Sunday-school teachers, either from within or without the diocese; and arrangements have been made by which, in case a party of teachers should desire them to be explained, a member of the Sunday-school committee will attend for that purpose. The committee has also appropriated the sum of \$250 for the purchase of maps and books of reference, to form the nucleus of a Teachers' Reference Library, and the editor will gladly receive from readers of the *Teachers' Assistant*

suggestions as to suitable books, with names of publishers and prices or approximate prices. All such communications should be addressed *Teachers' Assistant*, Synod Offices, Toronto.

PORT HOPE—Trinity College School.—The following are the results of the recent Christmas examinations at Trinity College School: Sixth and Fifth Forms—Prize for general proficiency, S. B. Lucas; honourable mention, G. B. Strathy, R. E. Macgregor. Fourth Form—Prize for general proficiency, R. P. Jellett; honourable mention, F. T. Lucas. Third Form—Prize for general proficiency, E. F. Pullen; honourable mention, W. P. Morgan, G. W. Morley, W. S. Darling, F. W. B. Ridout, A. G. Ramsay. Upper Second Form—Prize for general proficiency, M. Plummer; honourable mention, B. G. Gummer, A. H. Rich, F. N. Creighton, L. M. Rathbun, C. R. Spencer, W. G. F. Kelly, H. H. Palmer, C. S. Martin, C. E. Deacon. Lower Second Form—Prize for general proficiency, P. W. Plummer; honourable mention, L. J. Fitzgerald, W. L. Reid, H. C. Seaman. First Form—Prize for general proficiency, H. A. Chadwick; honourable mention, G. C. Hale, J. R. Francis, T. C. McConkey, W. H. B. Bevan, H. Burnett, G. H. Gouinlock.

ASHBURNHAM.—The militia general orders of 12th Dec., 1896, contain the following notice: "Cavalry 3rd, the Prince of Wales' Canadian Dragoons, to be honorary chaplain, as a special case, Rev. Herbert Symonds.

COOKSTOWN.—We are pleased to hear that the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. McLennan are now comfortably settled in the rectory. We wish them every success in their new field of labour.

NEWMARKET.—In your issue of November 12th, is a report of the harvest thanksgiving service held in this parish October 16th, which if allowed to go unexplained, would be an injustice to the parish. We would, therefore, beg to be allowed to say to the readers of THE CANADIAN CHURCHMAN, that the stipend of \$500 referred to in the said report is the amount paid by the vestry, and does not include the benefits derived from an endowment which the parish is fortunate enough to possess. It might not be out of place to say in passing that nearly \$1,500 was raised here for Church purposes last year.—Com.

NIAGARA.

JOHN PHILIP DUMOULIN, D.D., BISHOP OF NIAGARA.

GUELPH.—St. George's.—On Sunday, 4th in Advent, Bishop DuMoulin visited Guelph, where he was the guest of the archdeacon, and held both an ordination and confirmation. Matins were said at 8.30, and the ordination service commenced with one of the Ember prayers, and the Rev. A. J. Belt preached the ordination sermon. He took as his text St. Luke's Gospel, chap. xxiv. 49: "... Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high," his theme being based on Christ's last words to His apostles before His ascension into heaven. He dwelt ably and eloquently on the duties and responsibilities of the Christian ministry. There was a very large congregation present, who were deeply interested in the solemn services. After an anthem the Ven. Archdeacon presented the Rev. E. Hely Molony for the office of the priesthood. The services were then proceeded with, the Rev. Mr. Belt taking part in them with the archdeacon. Then followed the Holy Communion, the bishop being the celebrant. There was a large attendance of the choir, and the musical portions of the service were rendered with much effect under the able direction of Mr. T. C. Dawson.

Sunday-School Service.—At three p.m. the church was well filled with the St. George's Sunday-school and their parents and friends. The children and teachers came in procession from the school-room singing the 566th hymn. Then followed a short service, with several bright Christmas carols. The Rev. Mr. Molony then addressed the children on his experiences among a tribe of heathen Indians far north of Lake Winnipeg, and also among some who were civilized. His address was very well delivered and his anecdotes excited a deep interest in his audience. Then followed other carols, and the archdeacon pronounced the benediction, the children singing as they marched out, "Once in David's Royal City."

The Confirmation.—Long before the bells ceased chiming in the evening, the church was crowded to its fullest extent, while the aisles were thronged with chairs. The candidates for confirmation marched in, the younger in advance and the adults, followed by the bishop and archdeacon. The front pews were reserved for the candidates. After the shortened services, the archdeacon read the preface and the bishop then gave an address, of great eloquence and power, to the candidates. It fully sus-

tained his great Toronto reputation as an orator, and there were few of the vast crowd present who did not appear deeply moved by his thrilling appeals. It was a scene long to be remembered by those present, one voice, as it were, touching the hearts of all. Then about 48 candidates for the apostolic ordinance advanced to the chancel steps, two by two, and were duly confirmed. The beautiful hymn was then sung:

"O, Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end."

The bishop then pronounced the benediction.

St. James'.—In the morning the Rev. J. Ballard took Mr. Belt's services, and preached forcibly from the text, "Therefore judge nothing before the time before the Lord come."

Sunday School Address.—In the afternoon at half-past three, His Lordship addressed the Sunday-school teachers and scholars. His subject was the "Childhood of Christ, His boyhood, manhood and the three and a half years of His ministry." He noted first the remarkable childhood of Christ, the miraculous surroundings; the heralding of the birth by angels, and the influence it had on men in the highest ranks: "Herod was troubled and all Jerusalem with him." Herod was so troubled that he sent out men to slay Him. Then the kings from the East came and fell down and worshipped Him. His Lordship pointed out that childhood had its great powers, and he hoped the scholars before him would leave the world better than when they entered it. As to the boyhood of Christ, the Scriptures told them that the child grew and waxed strong in spirit, and when twelve years of age he was brought to the Temple, same as when they were brought to confirmation. The manhood of Jesus was briefly touched on. He was a carpenter, and not ashamed of labour. No man should be ashamed of honest labour or an honest cause, and he trusted they never would be. He touched on the ministry of Christ. In concluding, he asked them to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, and by so doing He would guide them through this life and receive them in glory.

HAMILTON.—Worshippers at St. Matthew's Church enjoyed on Sunday, Dec. 20th, two treats—the able sermons of Rev. H. Bedford-Jones, divinity lecturer, Trinity College, Toronto, and the very handsome improvement to the sanctuary in the form of a large painting on the east wall of the church. Five years ago Miss Rusk, the well-known Hamilton artist, placed above St. Matthew's altar a beautiful picture, the Saviour Blessing Little Children. This picture has mellowed and improved as years rolled by, and the smoke of the incense has risen and encircled it week after week. The latest auxiliary has still further heightened the effect of Miss Rusk's picture and has brought it out in fine relief. The new decoration is done by a young Toronto artist, who has lately attained fame in the studios of Paris and New York—Rex Stovel. The mural painting covers a space 45 x 15 feet, and the subject is Angelic Adoration. There are seven three quarter figure of angels—three pairs on either side and one angel above the altar picture. The background is filled with their wings and with clouds of glory, and the angels are depicted in varying attitudes of adoration. The whole is enclosed within a very effective border, in which are painted at intervals six sets of seven cherubic angelic faces and wings, representing three of the orders of angelic ministry. The seraphim are represented with red wings, the cherubim with blue wings, and the thrones with white wings. The whole design is excellent, and with the handsome altar and altar picture, has an exceedingly artistic and devotional effect. The drawing is thoroughly good and the painting is strong. The rector is still confined to bed, but his many kind friends among the clergy will continue, as in the past, till he is restored to do duty, to provide the full services of the Church to the congregations of St. Matthew's.

HURON.

MAURICE S. BALDWIN, D.D., BISHOP, LONDON.

STRATFORD.—A writer in the *Stratford Herald* of Dec. 23rd, replies to Bishop Baldwin's scathing castigation of Church choirs at the recent Convention in Clinton. "Bishop Baldwin," he says, "is a man of the most unquestioned piety and exalted character," but he characterizes the bishop's Clinton address as an "inconsiderate and indiscriminate attack calculated to wound the feelings of many who are perfectly conscientious in the discharge of their duties as choir members, and deeply solicitous that choirs be made of true service to the Church."

THORNDALE.—Rev. W. Cluff, late of Dresden, has been appointed to the vacant parish of Thorndale, lately vacated by Rev. H. W. Jeanes, now of Lis-towel.