

vices were held in St. John's Church and proved to be of a very interesting character. Large congregations filled the sacred edifice, particularly so at 7 p.m., when the church was literally packed to the doors. The church was tastefully decorated with grain, fruit and flowers. The services commenced with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; at 10.30 a.m. there was held the special harvest thanksgiving services, with a semi-choral celebration, the rector preaching from Phil. iv. 6. The service at 7 p.m. was a special flower service in connection with the Sunday School; the pupils were marshalled at the rectory and proceeded from thence to the church, preceded by a handsome banner, borne by three of the younger children of the school, each pupil bearing a bouquet of flowers. When the procession reached the church porch and began to pass on towards the main aisle, the inspiring strains of hymn 390 A and M, "Brightly Gleams our Banner," were heard, growing stronger and stronger as the pupils passed on to their allotted places at the head of the nave. At the end of the 3rd Collect, hymn 598 A and M, was sung, "Here, Lord, we offer Thee all that is fairest—Flowers in their freshness from garden and field," the pupils meanwhile proceeding in turn to the chancel rails, where the rector received their floral offerings and reverently placed them on the altar as an offering unto the Lord and as gifts for His stricken ones. The usual service was then proceeded with, hymn 573 A and M, "All things bright and beautiful," being sung in the accustomed place. The Rev. C. E. Sills, Incumbent of Mountain, addressed the children in touching and appropriate words, drawing lessons from the beauty and purity of the flowers which had just been presented. The recessional hymn was 391 A and M, the S. S. banner again leading the way. These services were most hearty in the extreme, and the altar of God looked most magnificent in its garb of floral offerings. The total offerings for the day amounted to the sum of \$56. The flowers were sent by express next day to Kingston, to be used in the wards of the General Hospital.

TORONTO.

NEWMARKET.—*St. Paul's*.—The harvest festival was celebrated with great heartiness on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. A parochial dinner in the evening was largely attended; and the church was well filled at evensong, when Rev. F. Heathcote, of King, preached an excellent sermon. The music was well rendered, and the decorations were considered an improvement on former years. The Thanksgiving Communion was celebrated on the following Sunday. Receipts from offertory, etc., \$64.

Wycliffe College.—The annual meeting was held last Tuesday evening, Mr. N. W. Hoyle, Q.C., in the chair. Addresses were delivered by His Lordship Bishop Young, of Athabasca, and Rev. R. T. Stewart, for 17 years a Church missionary in China. Secretary O'Meara, in his report, pointed out that the Rev. I. O. Stringer, a graduate of Wycliffe, enjoyed the distinction of being the most northerly situated white man in the world living in a settled abode. Rev. J. C. Robinson, of Carman, has a modest little parish of 11,000 square miles, with nine preaching centres. The treasurer presented a concise and comprehensive report, estimating the sums wanted for next year at \$4,525, divided as follows: Japan, \$2,800; Mackenzie River, \$650; Rupert's Land, \$475; Algoma, \$600. The friend who had contributed \$800 for each of the past three years to support a missionary in Algoma was unable to repeat his benefaction this year. The following were appointed members of an Executive Committee, other members to be chosen by the college alumni: Rev. Rural Dean Jones, M.A., Rev. H. G. Baldwin, M.A., Mr. N. W. Hoyle, Q.C., Mr. Ralph Hilliwell, Mr. Thomas Mortimer, Dr. W. W. Baldwin.

Training School for Deaconesses.—Tuesday afternoon an event of no slight importance in the work of the Church in Canada took place, when the Lord Bishop of Toronto formally opened the Training Home for Deaconesses at 46 St. George street. His Lordship spoke briefly of the origin, progress and aims of the deaconess' work. He was followed in appropriate addresses by Rev. W. J. Armitage, of St. Catharines; Rev. Septimus Jones, Col. Sir. C. S. Gzowski, K.C. M.G., A.D.C. to the Queen; Rev. R. W. Stewart, of Foo-Chow, China; Rev. Prof. Mitchell, of Wycliffe College, and Rev. G. M. Wrong. A large number of clergy and of ladies were present. The first definite step towards this movement was taken about a year ago, when Miss Wilson, daughter of the late president of the University of Toronto, went to England and studied the workings of the Order of Deaconesses. She has now returned and has given her home for the present as a training institution. Here candidates will receive instruction in a two years' course on the Bible, Bible history, Church history, social science and the ordinary duties in nursing the sick.

Many applications for admission to the home have been already received, and more are desired from suitable candidates. The institution will be supported by contributions from its friends, but there will be no solicitation. In a few years it is the hope of the founders to have an organized body of women working in this now unoccupied field of Church work, not merely in Toronto, but in the outside parishes, and even in the North-west.

All Saints.—The twenty-first anniversary of this church was celebrated last Thursday evening by a very successful social of the members and ex-members of the congregation in the parlours of the church on Wilton avenue and Sherbourne streets. Nearly 1,000 ladies and gentlemen were present, including Hon. G. W. Allan, who presided; the Bishop of Toronto, the Bishop of Athabasca, Rev. Dr. Scadding; A. McLean Howard, one of the first church wardens; S. G. Wood, Columbus H. Greene, and many other prominent citizens. The rooms were elaborately and tastefully decorated with plants, flags, bunting and Chinese lanterns. A short musical programme was presented, and Marciano's orchestra provided instrumental selections. A number of short speeches were delivered by the gentlemen named and others, all of which were replete with pleasant reminiscences of the past and kindly good wishes for the future. A notable and very gratifying feature of the evening's proceedings was the presentation of a very handsome and valuable solid silver rose bowl to the beloved rector, Rev. Arthur H. Baldwin, who has been in charge of the parish from the day it was founded. The inscription on the souvenir read as follows:—"Presented to Rev. Arthur H. Baldwin, M.A., first rector of All Saints' Church, Toronto, Canada, on the occasion of the 21st anniversary of the founding of the parish, as a souvenir of the event and a slight token of the respect, love and gratitude from his people; 1872, 1893." The presentation was fittingly made by Hon. G. W. Allan, who spoke in eulogistic and affectionate terms of Mr. Baldwin's labours in his charge; and the recipient feelingly acknowledged the gift in appropriate terms.

NIAGARA.

MOUNT FOREST.—A harvest thanksgiving service was held here on Wednesday, 27th Sept. Many of the neighbouring clergy took part. The Reverends Messrs. Belt of Harriston, Connor of Durham, Bennetts of Arthur, were present, and the Rev. Canon Henderson of Orangeville preached a very interesting and practical thanksgiving sermon. Mr. Brown, who has for some time been serving the church at Attwood as lay reader, has lately come to the help of the rector, the Rev. Mr. Bevan, and it will now be possible to work the parish much more satisfactorily. It is proposed to hold a regular old fashioned tea meeting in the town hall on Monday, Oct. 2nd, as a harvest home celebration.

St. Catharines.—The new church of St. Barnabas' was opened on Thursday, Sept. 28th. The day began with a celebration of Holy Communion at 7 a.m., at which some fifty communicants were present. At 11 a.m. Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop of Niagara, assisted by Canon Houston, Mr. Roper and Mr. Geoghegan. There were also present in the choir Revs. Mr. Archer of Stamford, E. Stevenson of St. Stephen's, Toronto, and F. G. Plummer of St. Matthias', Toronto, the choir of which church assisted in the musical part of the service. At 7.30 p.m. the church was packed by a congregation who joined most heartily in a service of thanksgiving for the harvest, as well as for the opening of the church. Rev. W. H. Clarke of St. Barnabas, Toronto, was the preacher. A sumptuous supper re-union in the school house brought a most enjoyable day to a close. The rector and congregation are to be most sincerely congratulated on the beautiful church they have brought so near completion. It is well proportioned and lofty, with good chancel and vestry room, and when fully completed, will be a building which the congregation will have reason to be proud of.

ANCASTER.—Rev. Prof. Clark, of Trinity College, lectured in the town hall, on Oct. 2, to a large and appreciative audience. Mr. Clark also gave an admirable harvest home festival sermon at St. John's church at 3 p.m. on Oct. 3. Several neighbouring clergy assisted at the service. The church was beautifully decorated. A liberal collection was given for church purposes. In the evening a tea was given in the town hall, which was numerously attended. A number of ladies and gentlemen contributed vocal and instrumental music. Rev. Mr. Fessenden's weekly exhibition of limelight views and lectures is very interesting.

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HURON.

GALT.—On "St. Michael and All Angels" day, the Rev. Rural Dean Ridley, rector of the parish, opened services in one of the principal suburbs of the town—where a Mission Sunday School has been held during the past year. A building has been rented and converted into a very neat and church-like place of worship, the rector and a few willing workers having performed the necessary manual labour, to save expense, and now in faith and hope divine service will be held regularly every week. Fifty-three years ago, the late Very Reverend Michael Boomer, LL.D., Dean of Huron, established the church in Galt, and was rector of the parish for the long term of thirty-three years. This is the third offshoot from Trinity—the mother church—within the past few years. The Rev. Canon Hincks, now of Windsor, Ont., opened services at Hesepler, which were continued by his successor, the present rector of Galt—who, anticipating further extension—opened a similar mission at Preston, adjacent to Galt—resulting in the erection of a very pretty church two years ago. Another handsome church is to be opened by the Bishop on the 29th of the present month, and both of these congregations were constituted a separate parish in April last, and are under the faithful ministrations of the Rev. J. Edmonds, who is meeting with great success in his work. It is earnestly hoped that similar success will attend this new effort in the immediate suburbs of the town. The prospects are encouraging.

Huron Lay Workers' Convention.—At a meeting held in Woodstock on the 25th inst., at which the clergy and congregations of both Anglican churches in that town were represented, a reception committee was formed to prepare for the Lay Workers' and Sunday-school Teachers' Convention to be held on the 1st and 2nd November. Mr. T. C. Martin of Woodstock was appointed secretary, and all intending visitors should send their names to him as early as possible. The Bishop will issue a pastoral giving the convention his warm endorsement.

AYLMER.—Presentation.—On Friday evening last, before the opening of the Christian Endeavor meeting at Trinity Church, a presentation of a pleasing nature took place. Mr. Geo. W. Youell was presented with a beautiful gold-headed cane and a handsome mantel clock, accompanied by an address. The Rev. Mr. Andrews, rector, occupied the chair, and the Rev. Mr. Sanders read the following address:

To Geo. Youell, Esq., Senior and People's Warden of Trinity Church, Aylmer, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—We, the members of the Church of England in the town of Aylmer, whose names are attached to this address, beg leave to approach and offer you our sincere appreciation of the manner in which you have conducted the duties of your important position, that position just occupied from Easter, 1892, to Easter, 1893, with such satisfaction that you were at the Easter vestry meeting of 1893 re-elected as People's Warden, to serve as faithfully as you had done during the previous year, and most successfully has the work been done; but a principal feature in your work has been the success attending your efforts in having the church services regularly performed for ten months, having no resident pastor, and during that long space of time not a Sunday service omitted having been performed by prominent priests or students, licensed to the work by the bishops of their dioceses to which they belonged. This work of providing spiritual food for the congregation has been an astonishment to many, both clerical and lay members, here and elsewhere. We, the congregation of Trinity church, owe you a great debt of gratitude for your untiring and indefatigable work as church warden, and we now assure you of our most profound confidence in you in every relation of life as a Christian man, as a member of the Church of God, as a church warden in said church, as superintendent of the Sunday School, as a citizen and a merchant, evidenced by your work and conversation in life, and we trust, sir, you will accept this little offering of our esteem, viewing it in like manner as given. We remain, dear Mr. Geo. Youell, your sincere well wishers, the undersigned,

Signed, Rev. T. E. Sanders and 46 others. Aylmer, Sept. 8th, 1893.

WINGHAM.—Sunday, Oct. 1st, was, if I may say so, 'a red letter saints' day' to St. Paul's Church. A few days previous the weather had been cold and dreary, but Sunday morning the sun seemed as if it had kept away a few days on purpose to give a more brilliant sunshine for that day, to warm the hearts and shed its blessed sunlight on the devoted band of women that had toiled with those loving hands and hearts 'that alone can do so,' all the previous week in decorating what is to-day the loveliest church in Western Ontario. The services were announced for half-past ten. Before even the first bell rung out the sidewalk nearly down to the main street was blocked, and at ten not a seat or standing room could be had, and