

St. John the Evangelist.—The Choirmen of this Church had their annual dinner at the Hope Coffee House last week. Mr. G. Hadrill, Rector's warden, occupied the chair, the vice-chairs being occupied by Rev. E. Wood, Rev. A. French, and Mr. J. G. Brock, the People's warden. Between the various toasts some capital songs were given by members of the choir, and an enjoyable evening brought to a close by the singing of Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

The Lord Bishop of Ontario preached at St. Paul's Church here on 25th November ult, and in the course of his sermon is reported to have made reference at some length to the progress of the diocese since his connection with the Episcopacy 26 years ago. It is reported that he said that "if all the persons he had confirmed were living there would be 30,000 added to the membership of the Church. About 5,000 of other religious bodies had been confirmed and received by him, and recently he had opened his 166th church. The clergymen in the diocese had increased in number from 45 to 125."

THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD.—The Committee on the relations of the Anglican Dioceses with the Provincial Synod met at the Synod Hall on Thursday, 16th Nov., at 2 30 p.m. Those present were the Coadjutor Bishop of Fredericton, chairman; the Rev. A. Spencer, E. Baynes Reed, J. J. Mason, and R. T. Walkem. A long discussion took place respecting the several matters covered by the resolution appointing the Committee, and some conclusions were arrived at of an important character. The meeting adjourned until Friday morning at 10 a.m., when the Bishop of Niagara took his place on the Committee. The business was concluded by noon. The conclusions arrived at by the Committee have not been made public as they must be printed in the form of a report to the Provincial Synod.

Statistics.—The clerical secretary furnished the committee with the following statistics; Number of churches in the diocese, 200; total seating capacity of churches and mission stations, 39,614; average congregations at stations and churches, 21,434; number of clergy in active service, 114; on leave of absence or retired, 13; number of Sunday schools, 165; number of teachers, 985; number of pupils, 9,303. The secretary stated there were more than 29 stations, probably as many more served by clergyman or lay readers. This would bring the total average attendance to about 23,000.

DIVINITY STUDENTS' FUND.—At the last meeting of the Divinity Students' Fund Committee, when those present were the Lord Bishop, Rural Dean Baker, Rural Dean Bogert, Rev. E. P. Crawford, and the Clerical Secretary. The financial statement was read. It placed the capital at \$5,920.57. It was decided to make grants to seven gentlemen to enable them to pursue their studies. Two will get \$150 each, and four \$100 each.

ADOLPHUSTOWN.—The Rev. R. S. Forneri, B.D., Rector, is publishing a history of the United Empire Loyalists.

SYDENHAM.—At the Confirmation in St. Paul's Church on Sunday, 25th ult., twenty-one candidates were confirmed. The congregation was very large.

WOLFE ISLAND.—Thirty-six candidates were confirmed on Friday, 23rd ult., by the Bishop of the Diocese.

KINGSTON.—Anniversary services were held in St. Paul's Church on Sunday 25th ult., the

preacher in the morning being the Rev. Mr. Lewin, of Prescott, who chose for the text of his sermon selected verses from the 116th Psalm. He began with an allusion to Thanksgiving day, and then alluded to the intention to make improvements on St. Paul's Church building, and that it was desired to obtain \$500 for that purpose. And he made an appeal for a liberal collection. He said that when it was desired to get \$500 to improve his church at Prescott, Rev. Mr. Carey made the appeal to his congregation, and the result was the contributions amounted to \$560.

In the evening the preacher was the Lord Bishop of the diocese who referred at considerable length to the origin and meetings of the Lambeth Conference and specially to the resolutions of adopted by the last Conference.

Speaking of the resolutions of the Conference on reunion the Bishop is reported to have said; "this decision was criticized severely because, while the old Catholics of Switzerland and Holland, were sympathized with and encouraged to reform on the lines of the Anglican Church, there was no reference whatever to the Roman Catholics. The reason the latter were not alluded to was because it was thought it would be useless to do so, the infallibility of the Pope, the doctrine of the Immaculate conception, etc., blocking the way to the desired reunion."

Lambeth Synod represented the progressive nations of the earth. There were Bishops from the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and from Jerusalem itself, and he had no hesitation in saying that the next Synod at Lambeth would be attended by 250 Bishops. He also referred to the sneers being made at missionary enterprise, and then spoke of the Synod as a monument to the mission work of the last fifty years.

The chief Committees of the Diocese have lately been in session at Kingston, and have disposed of much routine business. Amongst others which so met was the Committee on the division of the Diocese. Judging from the discussion as reported in the local press there is little prospect of this taking place—opinion in committee was much divided; one of the members is said to have stated that unless the Bishop showed in a very plain way to the congregations the necessity of the division of the diocese and pleaded his own cause there was no use in pushing the matter further. Ultimately, it was decided to ask the Bishop to issue a Pastoral on the subject.

NEW BOYNE.—On Nov. 15th, 62 candidates received the Apostolic rite of Confirmation at the hands of the Bishop of Ontario; the handsome stone church was crowded to the doors, and all present listened most attentively to His Lordship's earnest and practical address; about 80 persons besides the candidates received the Holy Communion.

The Bishop and clergy then drove on to Newboro, stopping on the way to visit the church at Portland, which has been much improved lately by the addition of a wooden roof inside something after the style of the "barret" roof frequently seen in Devonshire, England. Twenty-two more were confirmed at Newboro on the Saturday, and after lunch the Bishop drove on to Lyndhurst, a distance of twenty miles.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

PARKDALE.—A Literary Association has been formed in connection with St. Mark's. The objects of the Association are the "mutual improvement of the members, and the cultivating of a social spirit." Any over the age of sixteen who care to join are eligible for membership, but only member's of St. Mark's congregation can be elected to hold office in the Association.

CONFIRMATION.—The Bishop of the Diocese

will (D.V.) hold a Confirmation in St. Mark's in the spring of 1889. Classes will begin in the first week of Advent, and will continue in the subsequent weeks.

CHEDDAR.—Kindly acknowledge \$2 with thanks from C.W., received for our new church through the appeal in your paper.—A. E. W.

THE C.W.M.A.—The ladies of the Church Women's Mission Aid having received applications for clothing for Indian boys at a school lately opened in Manitoba desire to ask for contributions for this purpose, of gentlemen's and boy's cast off clothing, which may be sent at any time to Roger's store on corner of Yonge and Elm street for the C.W.M.A.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

MISSION OF GRAND VALLEY.—On Thursday last Nov. 22nd, the congregation of Emmanuel Church, Farmington, one of the out-stations of this mission, presented their Lay Reader, Mr. H. B. Moore with a beautiful beaver fur cap and a pair of fur driving mits.

GUELPH.—*St. George's*—The Sunday-school Teachers' Association of this parish originated with the new superintendent, Mr. W. H. Harvey, and promises to be exceedingly useful by bringing the teachers together in a social way, and less formally than in their usual assemblies. The last monthly meeting was held at the residence of the President on the 27th ult., and was fully attended and of much interest. The Archdeacon will give a brief address on the importance of the Church Catechism in our Sunday-schools at the next meeting. The following are the officers for the year:

Ven. Archdeacon Dixon, Hon. President; W. H. Harvey, President; Mrs. M. Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer.

Committee—Miss F. Dixon, Miss C. Grenside, Miss Hall, Miss M. Holliday, Miss Haywood, Miss Kernighan, and Miss Ridgeway.

PROVINCE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

INCLUDING THE DIOCESES OF RUPERT'S LAND SASKATCHEWAN, MOOSENEE, MACKENZIE RIVER, ATHABASKA, QU'APPELLE AND CALGARY.

Diocesan Synod Report—Continued.

On the opening of the Diocesan Synod on the morning of the 2nd day, the Scrutineers for the election of Delegates to the Provincial Synod, reported as elected:

Clerical—Very Rev. Dean Grisdale, Rev. Canon Matheson, and Ven. Archdeacon Fortin, Revs. Rural Dean Pentreath, Canon O'Meara, W. A. Burman, Canon Coombes.

Substitutes—Rev. H. A. Tudor, Rural Dean Wilson, A. L. Fortin, E. P. Flewelling, J. J. Roy, M. Jukes.

Lay—Messrs. C. J. Brydges, Sheriff Inkster, J. Wrigley, H. M. Howell, H. S. Crotty, W. R. Mulock, and T. Gilroy.

Substitutes—Messrs. S. L. Bedson, F. H. Matheson, Judge Walker, J. H. Brock, A. F. Eden, G. W. Girdlestone, and Hon. W. Winram.

The scrutineers for the election of the Executive Committee, reported as elected:

Clergy—Revs. Canon Matheson, Rural Dean Pentreath, Rural Dean Burman, A. E. Cowley, Canon O'Meara, Rural Dean Wilson, Rural Dean A. L. Fortin, and Canon Coombes.

Lay—Messrs. Sheriff Inkster, W. R. Mulock, S. L. Bedson, H. S. Crotty, J. Wrigley, T. Gilroy, F. H. Matheson, H. M. Howell, A. F. Eden, and Judge Walker.

The report of the St. John's College Committee was adopted.

Rev. Rural Dean Pentreath, Hon. Secretary, presented a report of the S. P. C. K. deposi-