

There are to-day no less than thirty-two clergymen, whose term of service in this diocese ranges from fifteen to twenty years, who each receive less than \$1,200 per annum; twenty-two of them receive less than \$1,000 each, ten less than \$800 each, and two less than \$500 each, from all sources of income!

Of clergymen who have ministered from ten to fifteen years, fourteen receive less than \$1,000 each, and of these twelve receive less than \$800, and one less than \$500 per annum.

Of those who have ministered from five to ten years, thirteen receive less than \$800 each, and three less than \$500 each, from all sources of income. It will be seen that six of our clergy receive actually less than \$500 per annum! And this represents labor extending in many cases over a period of a quarter of a century; in some cases even much more than that!

We simply and solemnly ask should this state of things be allowed to continue? The Bishop asks for a general collection in aid of a fund to augment the stipends of the clergy. Should not the appeal be freely and generously responded to? We shall see what the result of these telling figures will be when brought before our congregations. We hope the fund will receive a hearty support and liberal assistance from the wealthy congregations especially.

LINDSAY.—The new church here will, it is hoped, be opened for Divine Service on Thursday, November the 25th. The structure is a very handsome and commodious one, having all the modern improvements. For many years the old building has been a disgrace to the town, but although efforts were made to erect a new church many times, a dispute about the site was the inevitable outcome of any meeting. The present site is the gift of Adam Hudspeth, Q.C., and it is in a very favorable location.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. W. J. Armitage is now engaged in visiting the principal towns and cities in Ontario in the interests of Wycliffe College. On Sunday last he preached in two of the Hamilton churches in aid of the project, and solicited assistance.

TORONTO.—St. James' C. E. T. S.—The annual business meeting of the St. James' branch of the Church of England Temperance Society was held on the 9th inst. in St. James' school-house. The chair was occupied by Rev. Canon Dumoulin. The secretary read his report, showing that the association has a membership of 531. After the various disbursements there was a balance on hand of \$5. Dr. Daniel Wilson moved the adoption of the report. The motion was carried. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Rev. Canon Dumoulin; Vice-President, Rev. H. B. Hobson; Secretary, Mr. J. M. Wrong; Treasurer, Mr. Grant Hollowell. The following Executive Committee were appointed:—Mrs. Dumoulin, Mrs. Hobson, Mrs. Hollowell, Miss Dixon, Miss M. E. Dixon, Miss L. Dixon, Miss Turner, Miss Williams, Miss De Wilton, Miss M. Joseph, Messrs. Lacon, V. Cozens, W. T. Boyd, John Bishop, John Beattie, George Stagg, J. M. Smith, G. W. F. Shaw, and J. Boulton. Rev. Bayley Jones delivered an address upon temperance and total abstinence. Rev. H. B. Hobson gave an account of the Band of Hope work, which he stated was making encouraging progress. During the evening a number of musical selections were rendered.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

GUELPH.—The quarterly meeting of the Rural Deanery of Wellington was held on October the 27th, 28th and 29th, at the city of Guelph. This city is remarkable, not only for its natural beauty, but also for the handsome buildings of all kinds in its midst, and amongst them all the

church and rectory take a prominent position. A double interest attached itself to this meeting; from the fact that the Bishop was to hold an Ordination on the second day of the session. The clergy were in strong force, and were as follows:—Besides Archdeacon Dixon, rector, and the Rev. E. A. Irving, curate, the Revs. Canon Belt, Burlington; A. Henderson, Orangeville; W. J. Pigott, Acton; Wm. Bevan, Harriiston; E. S. Radcliffe and C. G. Snapp, Mount Forest; R. T. W. W. Webb, Grand Valley; G. E. Webb, Erin; A. J. Belt, Arthur; A. Bonny, Moorfield; G. Adams, Georgetown; G. B. Cooke, Palmerston; W. F. Webb, Lay Reader, and the Rural Dean of Wellington, the Rev. P. L. Spencer.

The first day was taken up with Biblical discussion and Deanery affairs. At 7.30 p.m. the first Evensong was held, when the priest-elect delivered an admirable sermon on revelation and religion.

The next day, Matins alone was said at 8.30 a.m., and at 11 a.m. the ordination service began with a procession of clergy, the Rev. A. E. Irving acting as staff-bearer, and preceding Bishop Hamilton, who was vested in his scarlet convocation robes. The service was most solemn and impressive, and he who was ordained must have felt deeply this momentous crisis in his life.

The sermon was preached from St. Matthew xiii. 47 by the Ven. Archdeacon Dixon. The latter portion was as follows:—

And these Divine lessons are to-day as when they were first spoken, replete with consolation to Christ's ministers, the fishers of men, when they launch forth full of joyous anticipations of immediately enclosing a great multitude of fishes, and meet with sore disappointments and hindrances. But never be weary of well-doing, even when tempted to exclaim, "We have toiled all the night and have taken nothing." Ever be ready again and again "to launch forth into the deep" and "let down the net." Nor shall it at last return empty, for the Great Master sympathizes with all who struggle faithfully to do their duty amidst discouragements and difficulties—the bitter Marahs of the priestly life.

For evermore beside you on your way,

The unseen Christ shall move,
That you may lean upon His arm, and say,
"Dost Thou, dear Lord, approve?"

Beside you in the wilderness shall be,
To make the scene more fair;
Beside you in the dark Gethsemane
Of pain and midnight prayer.

Dear brethren in the ministry of Christ, and especially you, my brother, who this day will be ordained to the solemn responsibilities of the Priesthood—linked, through the laying-on of the hands of our revered Bishop and the attendant Presbyters, with the long and many-linked golden chain which binds us all to Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest, and the Holy Apostles—a very solemn responsibility rests upon us all to be true and faithful exponents of all the sacred principles of the true Catholic Church, and to plant them firmly in the minds of young and old over whom we have pastoral charge. The great net of the Church is the same that was first spread by the fishers of men; but new phases of error, new temptations and new necessities are ever arising. And thus fresh labors and fresh ventures of faith are ever needed, and the fishermen must launch out more boldly into the deep. But still the true fishers are always sailing under the same rules and the same orders given by the Great Master for all time. Yes; we are bound to speak the whole truth by our ordination vows, to declare the whole counsel of God—not alone the fall of man, the Incarnation and Atonement, justification by faith, faith working by love and purifying the heart—but still further, the Church of the living God, Divine as to her ministry, Divine as to her Sacraments, Apostolic in her worship, the instituted fold to which per-

taineth the adoption, the flock of Christ which He purchased with His own precious blood. Such is the "faith once for all delivered to the saints"—the faith for which we are to stand fast in one mind and strive together with one spirit. We have no right to keep back anything; like faithful stewards we must rightly divide the word of truth. Woe unto us if, through any craven fear or dread of unpopularity, the city of our God suffer harm! Woe unto us if, through a cowardly timidity, our people grow up in a partial and imperfect knowledge of the truth! Woe unto us if we blow not the trumpet at all, or if the trumpet in our hands gives a feeble and uncertain sound! If we ourselves are not always ready to give to every man that asketh a reason for the hope that is in us, how pitiable is the lot of the blind flock which a blind teacher pretends to lead! Oh! my brethren, in the most solemn period of our lives, under the most holy and spirit-stirring associations, we bound ourselves to carry out the principles of our Church as laid down in our Prayer Book. To nothing less than this we are solemnly pledged by our ordination vows. For we are bound to "give faithful diligence always so to minister the doctrine and sacraments, and the discipline of Christ, as the Lord has commanded, and as this Church has received the same." For it is only by so doing we may have good hope of being able to bring all such as are committed to our charge unto that agreement in the faith and knowledge of God, and to that ripeness and perfectness of age in Christ that there be no place left among them for error in religion or for viciousness in life. By doing so we obey the injunction of the High Priest of our profession, "Come ye after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Oh! then, let us follow Him; walking in His holy footsteps, studying His ordinances, conforming ourselves more and more to that perfect model, so that at last, when the net is drawn ashore, we may all hear the precious words, "Well done, good and faithful servants; enter ye into the joy of your Lord."

The service concluded with the reception of the Holy Eucharist. The afternoon was spent by the Bishop in conference with his clergy. How beneficial to the Church at large would such meetings be for all concerned if every Bishop would be, as we already feel ours is, a true father in God—one who feels with and for his clergy, and yet fears not to point out to them their duty as pastors.

The conference was followed at 7.30 p.m. by a choral Evensong, when the Bishop preached from "The faith once delivered unto the saints." The sermon was a practical and masterly explanation of the text. The preacher pointed out that nothing short of another revelation from heaven could stamp the novelties of Rome on one side, and Protestant bodies on the other, as being suitable for those who wanted to walk in the old paths. Dr. Hamilton then reminded those present that being steadfast in the faith did not mean continually finding fault with everyone and everything else, as the world is tired of that, but building ourselves and our people faithfully up in our most holy faith.

The beautiful church that evening seemed to look its best, and the Archdeacon and his curate may justly be proud of it. The happy and instructive meetings came to an end the following morning, when the Bishop celebrated the Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

HAMILTON.—Christ Church Cathedral Literary Society.—The usual weekly meeting of this Society was held in the school-room on the evening of Tuesday, the 10th instant. At this meeting it was decided to hold the meetings every two weeks for the future, instead of every week as at present. Several other business matters were attended to, after which an excellent programme was opened. This was followed by a general discussion on the subject,