

Testament, would not Christianity have appeared to us in a very different aspect from that which it now assumes, when we add to it the epistles of St. John, St. Paul and St. Peter? Of the four schools of thought now prevailing in the Church of England, perhaps under present circumstances we could not well spare one. Not the Evangelical, for it originated in a strong sense of the necessity of personal religion and living faith, which all admire. Not the High Church (so called), for it inculcated the scriptural doctrine of a great spiritual society established everywhere by the Apostles, with certain fixed laws, officers and methods of government, which cannot become obsolete. Not the Ritualistic, for it is the outcome of the theory of the Church as a spiritual society, desiring that its worship should be of the most reverent kind, conducted in the most exact and accurate manner (of which, indeed, some glimpses are given us in the book of the Revelation of St. John), and this school has rescued the Church from the meanness, slovenliness and disorder which the rubrics of our Church are designed to correct.

Not the Broad Church, so termed, except where it runs to seed in the obliterating creeds and sacraments and explaining away of miracles of the Bible, for it originated in aversion to the terrible decrees of Calvinism and the presumption which consigned to everlasting damnation all but a few of the whole human race.

In every school of thought there may be found some narrow, exaggerated or headstrong minds. But these are not the true representatives of the school. They are excrescences, which may be removed, not vital parts of the organization. For who would cut off his right hand because a single wart might, perchance, be found thereon? Christian wisdom and charity will, therefore, strive to make the best even of our divisions; to believe that there is something good in every man, if only we know how to draw it out; to admit even in the instances of what seem to us manifest errors, that they may arise from the intricacy of the subjects with which we have to deal, or from constitutional infirmity, or from want of education, or from an inability to see the question in more than one light; from anything rather than a determined opposition to divine truth, and a headstrong wilfulness in wrong-doing. Oh, how many and great are the points on which we all agree! How unwise to be perpetually dwelling on those on which we are sure to differ! How un-Christian to make the color of a stole or the use of a vestment, or the eastward position, or a choral celebration of as much importance as the inspiration of the Scriptures or as the Divinity of our Lord; and to treat those who use such accessories to their devotion, as if they were heathen men and publicans, formalists without a grain of spirituality, insidious traitors without an element of loyalty, forgetful of St. Paul's large-hearted counsel, "One believeth that he may eat all things, another who is weak, eateth herbs. Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; let not him that eateth not judge him that eateth; for God hath received him."

We have all the elements of strength in our Church if we wisely use them; an ancient foundation, prescriptive usage, brilliant examples, sanctified learning, capacity for progress, missionary zeal, a providential awakening from a state of indifference, a wonderful eagerness for the right interpretation of Scripture, an unquenchable thirst for knowledge: "We can stretch out our branches to the sea, and our boughs unto the river," and make our Church known, respected, beloved and progressing, wherever our language is spoken or our empire bears sway.

#### ONTARIO.

CLARA.—In a recent report of this mission Mr. James Worthington's gift of \$140 was given as \$1.40 only. Mr. Coverbill gave \$200, Sir Alex. Campbell \$15.

While glad to make corrections we would beg writers to remember that careless writing is the cause of these errors. We are constantly getting letters which are almost impossible to be read, and especially difficult to decipher are those which come from our correspondents who complain of printers' blunders. If correspondents would remember that the printer has to read and set in type each letter in each word and then would look where the letters are in their words they would be astonished at the general correctness of the press.

#### TORONTO.

PRESENTATION AT ST. ANN'S.—The Congregation recently presented \$125 to their highly esteemed Rector the Rev. Mr. Ballard to enable him to take

a holiday, his health being far from good. We are very glad Mr. Ballard is improving, and that this sympathetic act will by God's blessing lead to his complete recovery of strength, which is ever freely given—too freely at times we fear for his own health—to the work of the church.

BIBLE CLASS GIFT.—The Bible class conducted by the Rev. R. W. E. Greene, of St. James, have presented him with a silver salver as a token of gratitude and esteem. We congratulate this hard working curate on a gift which he no doubt will highly prize.

KINMOUNT.—On the 31st ult., the Bishop of Toronto consecrated the church of St. James; the following clergy taking part in the ceremony, Rev's Dr. Smithett, F. Burt, J. E. Cooper, J. Jones, Wm. Farncomb, and incumbent of the parish. The Bishop in his address said "that rarely, if ever, did it fall to the lot of one congregation, more than once in a generation, to take part at one time in four such interesting ceremonies as were to-day combined, viz:—Consecration of a church, Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion. And that it was interesting and instructive to note how each marked the various stages in the Christian's earthly life." The mission of Galway, of which this church is the headquarters, has attached four other stations three, seven, nine and twelve miles distant, the roads very rough, and the combined congregations, numbering forty-five families, widely scattered and poor. At Kinmount there are eight families. Under such circumstances it can only have been by making strenuous efforts that the present incumbent has been able to raise the \$500 required to build the church. Towards meeting this \$200 were collected by him in three tours among the wealthier parishes on the front, \$100 from the S. P. C. K., and Sunday School books value \$10, and from other sources in England, altar cloth, linen, Sunday School books and Hymns A. and M. to the value of \$150. The church is a neat frame structure, seating from eighty to one hundred people, with altar, altar-cloth, reading-desk and lectern, tasteful and beautiful. It is but fifteen months since the Rev. E. Soward was appointed to the incumbency of this parish, and at that time services were being held, alternately with other religious bodies, in a Union Meeting-House. There was also a union Sunday School. Recognizing that, so long as matters were on such a footing, he could have no hope of binding up his flock on any definite church principles, or training the younger members systematically as consistent enlightened Churchmen, the incumbent at once established a Church of England Sunday School, and energetically set to work to erect a church, with the happy result above detailed. The incumbent and congregation at Kinmount are much to be congratulated upon the material progress of the parish during the past year. May God's blessing be upon them in the future and His grace be with them that they "be not weary in well-doing," but ever increase more and more until the perfect day.

#### NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—St. Luke's Church or Mission, in the north end of the city, is carrying on a good work in this large manufacturing district; this is an off shoot from Christ Church Cathedral, and bids fair to become a well attended and a good-producing work. It is comparatively new, but we have, I may say, an attendance averaging 100, and a Sunday-school of near the same number; there are full morning and evening services, and Sunday school at 3 p.m. The attendance is rapidly increasing by the indefatigable efforts of the Rev. Mr. Massey, who seems never to weary in well doing, and in due season he will reap for he faints not.

THE REV. J. JACOBS, of the Indian Reserve, near Sarnia, has been collecting money at Dundas, Ancaster and Hamilton for the erection of a new church on the Reserve. We hope soon to hear what success he met with.

HAMILTON.—Miss Wilkins, "Harriet Annie," of this city, is greatly esteemed for her christian zeal in good works. Amid daily occupation of such a nature she has found leisure moments to produce another publication of poems, which, so far, have been well and deservedly received. "Victor Roy" is the name which designates her recent Masonic poem and seems to meet with a ready sale. Mr. J. H. Saunders, of Grand Haven, Mich., recently ordered 21 copies, expressed his delight with the work, and hoped to be able to send for more. The Rev. H. G. Perry, of Chicago, has sent a warm tribute of admiration of the beautiful poem, and says it ought to be in the hands of every Mason. The author has reason to be proud of the reception of her book in the United States.

Church of Ascension.—The rector, Rev. H. Carmichael, left on the 3rd inst. for a few days' enjoyment and rest among the Muskoka lakes.

Two Lectures of the Rev. S. E. Knight, of Bermuda, on "Egypt," and "The Origin of Nations," delivered recently in the Lecture Room of the Church of the Ascension, are spoken of very highly. The lecturer possesses a fine memory and very fluent speech. He is moreover a thoughtful student of history.

Christ Church Cathedral.—A special service took place at 10 a.m., Friday the 7th September, in commemoration of the 50th year since the Bishop of Niagara entered the ministry. The service consisted of the Litany, Ante-Communion, Sermon and Celebration. The preacher, the venerable Archdeacon Dixon, B.A., Guelph, gave an interesting biography of the Bishop, including, necessarily, much of the political and ecclesiastical history of the early days of Canada. The name of another veteran, venerable Archdeacon McMurray, who was also present, was coupled by the preacher with that of the Bishop. We hope to publish the excellent sermon in our columns. There was a large attendance of clergy and laity.

BURLINGTON.—The Rev. Hartley Carmichael preached at St. John's church, on the occasion of the harvest home festival, held on Aug. 30th.

STONY CREEK AND BARTONVILLE.—Thursday, Aug. 6th, was devoted as a harvest festival day here. An early celebration took place at Stony Creek, and another at 11 a.m., at Bartonville, at which there were forty four communicants. Again, at 2 p.m., at Stony Creek, a Service of Praise was rendered, followed by an address from the Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, late incumbent. The subject was Thanksgiving, its real service, so little remembered in prosperity or amid blessings received, while prayer is constant when benefits are sought. The morning address was likewise impressive, being in illustration of "The blade, the ear, and the full corn in the ear," denoting growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. In the evening the members and friends of the united congregation met in the Drill Shed, Stony Creek, for mutual greeting, refreshments, a sale of ladies' fancy work, and a concert. The floral decorations of both churches were in good taste and beautiful. We doubt if any town or country parish in the Diocese has so varied and extensive a supply of fruits and flowers as this valley parish below the mountain range. The Rev. F. E. Howitt is now in full charge, parochial work is again begun after the short interim of vacancy.

THE Bishop of Niagara, on the 7th inst., received the congratulations of a large number of the clergy and afterwards entertained them at luncheon. The family of his lordship was largely represented at the impressive service of the morning in the cathedral. They again joined together at Bishopshurst in happy family circle. Our correspondent remarks that the two scenes of his lordship's family gathering, first at the cathedral, and second at his residence, were of a nature most edifying and deeply touching, not to be forgotten in this life. Mrs. Fuller holds a deep seat in the affection of all her children, and we may add, of all friends who have the pleasure of her acquaintance. She is a crown to her husband, and a delight to her family.

THE members of St. Mark's church, Niagara, spent a most pleasant evening at the rectory, on Thursday, the 20th inst., on the occasion of the presentation of an address to their venerable pastor, commemorative of the fiftieth year of his entrance into the ministry of God's church, twenty-six years of which he had labored among them. Few, indeed, are permitted the privilege of preaching God's word, and administering the blessed rites of His holy church for so lengthened a period, and few there are who show the ravages of time less than he. More than eighty of his parishioners assembled to offer their congratulations