

debt. In this respect the church is alone among the places of worship in this city. The balance of debt, amounting to more than \$3,000, was fully discharged, and the mortgage cancelled. The retiring rector, the Rev. Arthur Murphy, signalized the last day of his incumbency of the parish by the ceremony of which the handsome church was the scene. His Lordship the Bishop of Huron conducted the beautiful and imposing rites in accordance with the prescribed form. He was assisted by a number of clergy of the diocese. There was a crowded congregation. A noteworthy feature of the proceedings was a special musical service conducted by the choir-master, Mr. Horstead. In four years the congregation of Holy Trinity has raised a revenue of more than \$17,000. The Rev. Mr. Murphy has gone to take charge of Ingersoll parish, and is succeeded by the Rev. R. Sims, of Forest.

BERLIN.—The new Church of St. John the Evangelist was opened on the 20th Sunday after Trinity, by the Lord Bishop of Huron, who celebrated Holy Communion, and also preached morning and evening to large congregations. The preachers on the following Sundays were the Revs. D. Williams, of Stratford, and Rural Dean Ridley, of Galt. The collections were liberal. The new church is built of red brick, and is English Gothic in architecture, externally resembling St. John's, Toronto. It has a noble interior, owing to its great height, half its extreme length, and to the ample dimensions of the choir. With the two transepts it will seat three hundred. Unfortunately, however, it is not properly orientated. The handsome stained windows that adorned the old church have appropriate places in the new. The basement gives ample accommodation for the Sunday school and for week-day services. The cost of building and furniture is over \$10,000, but the debt will not be large, though no indirect ways of raising money have been resorted to. The architect, Mr. Eden Smith, of Toronto, has done his part well, and the Building Committee, the Rev. F. J. Steen, Dr. Bowlby, and Messrs. Cook and Fennell, deserve much credit for the good taste and energy they have shown. The old church on the same site was built in 1862 while the Rev. E. R. Stimson was incumbent. Under the Rev. Dr. Beaumont, the parish became self-supporting, and attained the rank of a rectory in 1886. It is to be hoped that the spiritual advancement of the parish may keep pace with the improvement in its outward conditions.

THAMESVILLE.—The annual meeting of the Rural Decanal Chapter of Kent was held in St. Stephen's Church. There was celebration of the Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m., when the Rev. Wm. Johnston, Rev. G. M. Franklin, and Rev. Horace E. Bray, incumbents of the parish, officiated. The Chapter was called to order by the Rural Dean, Rev. S. L. Smith, of Morpeth, who outlined the work to be done, as expressed in a letter from the Bishop of the Diocese, and a communication from a sub-committee of the executive committee. The election of missions committee was then taken up and resulted in the following gentlemen composing the committee for this year:—The Rev. Rural Dean Smith, of Morpeth, ex-officio and chairman; the Rev. G. M. Franklin, of Wallaceburg; the Rev. F. M. Holmes, of Dresden; Mr. Henry Stewart, of Morpeth, and Mr. Thomas Barnside, of Bothwell. On motion the Rev. Wm. Johnston, of Wardsville, was tendered the freedom of the meeting, which was neatly responded to. The matter of missionary meetings was then taken up, and it was decided to leave the arrangement of each parish with the incumbent. The Chapter then adjourned for dinner, which was provided most lavishly at the rectory by the ladies of the congregation. On reassembling at 2 p.m., the Rural Dean introduced the matter of expenses incurred in connection with the newly-formed missions committee, and it was decided to have the secretary notify each congregation of the amount of their share. It was also decided that the Chapter meet twice in each year, in May and September. The convention of Church workers was then held, under the presidency of Rural Dean Smith, and the litany was said by the Rev. F. M. Holmes. A paper on "Church Extension" was presented by the Rev. G. M. Franklin. "Child Life and how to train it for God" was the subject of an exhaustive and elaborate essay by Mrs. Gahan, London. This paper was listened to with the greatest attention, for it was not only most thoroughly prepared, but also beautifully read. It created a profound impression upon the large number of hearers present. Mrs. Gahan was requested by a unanimous vote to allow her paper to be published. Mr. Thomas Barnside next read a paper on the subject of "The duties of the clergyman to his people," which was followed by his Honor Judge Woods on "Temperance." The next meeting of the Chapter and Convention will be held at Morpeth in May, and the meeting was dismissed by his Lordship the Bishop, who was in attendance a portion of the time. A meeting of the ladies was held in the rectory under the presidency of Rev. W. Johnston, and Mrs.

Gahan read a paper. There was a good attendance and warm interest manifested throughout. The Thamesville people loyally supported their clergyman and Mrs. Bray, and the gathering was a pronounced success. Fifty sat down to dinner, and fully more than that number to supper. At 7 p.m. a thanksgiving service was held, at which the Bishop preached from the words: "How much owest thou unto my Lord?" St. Luke xvi. 5. The Revs. Rural Dean Smith, Wm. Johnston, G. M. Franklin, and H. E. Bray, the incumbent, took portions of the service. The congregation crowded the edifice, and the offertory amounted to \$60, which will be applied to the repair of the church building and the erection of horse sheds.

COURTRIGHT.—In Memoriam.—On Thursday, the 25th Oct., as the bell tolled forth its solemn tones, the funeral of the late Mrs. Stukdale wound its way slowly to Trinity Church, where it was met by Rev. Mr. Howard, who led the way into the church, saying the well-known words, "I am the resurrection and the life." The hymn, "When Our Heads are Bowed with Woe," was sung, part of the service read, and, as the corpse was being carried out, the *Nunc Dimittis* was chanted. The service was concluded at the grave, where the body was laid beside the remains of her husband, who had gone before many years ago, and all that was mortal of the departed saint was lost to view in sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection through Christ. The deceased came to this country from England in company with her husband about the year 1833, and settled on the banks of the River St. Clair, where she has ever since lived, and in common with all early settlers endured the hardships and privations of pioneer life. She was kind and gentle to all living in her family, ready to help the poor and needy and shelter the houseless traveller. During her long and tedious illness, inflammatory rheumatism, she was an example of patience to all, and her bright smile and loving glance will be missed by all who came in contact with her. She was a staunch Churchwoman, regularly attending the services, and a devout communicant when possible, and willing to assist with her means both the church and Sunday-school. Her death on 22nd Oct., in her 81st year, although expected, was deeply felt by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. *Requiescat in pace.*

KINCARDINE.—The annual harvest thanksgiving services were held in the Church of the Messiah, Sunday, Oct. 28th. It has been usual to decorate the church for this service, but this year the decorations were omitted. The rector, Rev. J. Thompson, preached at both services. The offerings of the day amounted to \$161.

ALGOMA.

LAKE TEMISCAMINGUE MISSION.—Those who have taken an active and helpful interest in this mission of the far north, will, no doubt, be pleased to learn that here, of all the Protestant Churches, the Church of England leads the van. Five years ago a stirring appeal was made to the Bishop of Algoma, by Mr. C. G. Farr, of Haileybury, the pioneer of Ontario's great heritage on Lake Temiscamingue, urging that the Church of his forefathers be represented in this new land and that steps should be taken to establish her in advance of all other denominations, so that the reproach of "luke-warmness" might not be laid at her door. The result of this was the immediate appointment of a Wycliffe student to reside on Temiscamingue during the summer months, the Woman's Auxiliary of Toronto contributing sufficient to defray expenses. As this mission extended to both sides of the lake, which is the boundary line between the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, the Bishop of Montreal was communicated with on the subject, and it was agreed that the diocese of Montreal should contribute towards the maintenance of a missionary for these parts, provided that an ordained clergyman could be found to take charge of the mission. For five years only a student was sent, whose ministrations of necessity ceased every fall at the close of the summer vacation. Last spring, however, an ordained clergyman, in the person of the Rev. D. A. Johnston, stepped into the breach and has inaugurated a new era in the history of the Church of England on Temiscamingue. His energy and administrative capacity have already made themselves felt to a degree that is both creditable to himself and the Church to which he belongs. He is just made for a pioneer and the development of a mission of this kind, where ingenuity and a masterful activity mean so much, and the Bishop is to be congratulated on his selection of the right man for the right place. Owing to the contributions of friends of the Church in this country and in England, funds have been raised through the untiring energy of Mr. Farr for the purpose of erecting a church at Haileybury, the basis or stronghold of the whole movement. At first it was proposed to build it of

wood, but more ambitious councils prevailed, and finally it was decided that stone would be more lasting, more beautiful, and in every way more suitable; consequently there is to be seen this day the commencement of as pretty a little stone church as the heart could desire; a church which, if completed as it has been begun, will vie in beauty with any church of its size in Canada. It is proposed, now that a commencement has been made, and the walls have risen a few feet above the ground, to abandon the work until next spring, for the cold winter comes on apace, and it would be a pity to mar such a pretty piece of work by any of the disastrous possibilities of frost, therefore it will be next summer before the Bishop is once more called upon to visit this northern portion of his diocese, this time for the purpose of consecrating the church, whose site he selected last spring. In conclusion I might say that Temiscamingue feels much beholden to the Woman's Auxiliary of Toronto. To them belongs the honour of establishing here a mission that is bound to prosper with the prosperity of a country that already is being recognized as one of the most important new colonies of the Dominion, and let them take comfort in the thought that many, who but for them, would have been debarred from the comfort of joining in the services of their beloved Church from one year's end to another, can now, if so minded, join in them twice every Sunday.

HUNTSVILLE.—The Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd desires to acknowledge with most grateful thanks the receipt of the following donations to the church building fund: A Friend, Blakeney, \$2; J. Metcalf, Blyth, \$2; St. James' Sunday-school, Toronto, \$49.10, making \$126.10 towards the \$1,000 asked for by the Bishop in his recent appeal.

WARREN MISSION, STURGEON FALLS.—Harvest festival was celebrated in the English Church here last Sunday evening. The service was well attended. The church was artistically decorated with rare house plants, fruit, grain and vegetables, giving our trim little church an appearance of plenty, and put us in mind of what we were gathered together for, and, judging from the healthy appearance of the vegetables and grain, we should say that the farmer and gardener had not toiled and laboured in vain; and that the Almighty Lord had blessed his labours, giving the seed life and abundant growth. The choir rendered the beautiful harvest hymns specially for the service. Rev. Edward Lawlor, M.A., preached a very able sermon in his usual brilliant manner, taking his text from John, chap. i., verse 41, showing how necessary it was for us to give bountiful thanks to Him who gives life to all. The service was brought to a close by the choir singing that glorious and well-known hymn, "Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear." The members extend hearty thanks for the flowers, etc., kindly sent by friends.

THE CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

(From our own special correspondent.)

The new Bishop of Olympia has been elected by the House of Bishops. The choice of the Episcopate has fallen upon the Right Rev. William M. Barker, D.D., Bishop of Western Colorado. There can be no doubt that the selection of the right rev. prelate is a most excellent appointment, and will be satisfactory as far as Dr. Barker is concerned; but the great question is this—is it canonical to translate a Bishop from one missionary jurisdiction to another? This is a most doubtful matter.

It appears now that the already famous Cabrera, Protestant Bishop of Madrid, might have obtained consecration at the hands of the Bishop of Holland. The Archbishop of Dublin, however, got him to sign papers bringing him into line with the Irish Church; and, as a consequence, the "Old Catholic" Bishops would have nothing more to do with him. It is very doubtful whether the English, Scottish, American and colonial Bishops will consider themselves in communion with Bishop Cabrera.

An English Sunday-school scholar thus defined a diocese to Bishop Talbot recently: "A diocese is a geographical area with priests at the bottom and a Bishop on top."

Canon XXX. states that the sign of the Cross was used by the early Christians in all their actions.

This is the comment which *The Rock* (the English Low Church paper) makes on the recent disgraceful event in Massachusetts: "One of the two rejected candidates for Holy orders in the Diocese of Massachusetts withdrew his papers; the other accepted the chaplaincy on the Massachusetts State School ship 'Enterprise,' now visiting European ports. Unfit for orders, and yet accepted as a chaplain for religious oversight and instruction of the young sailors!"

The following eight Bishops took their seats for the first time in the House of Bishops at its recent meeting in New York City: Vermont, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Spokane, Southern Florida, Western