

building was begun in May. The corner stone was laid with appropriate ceremonies, in the presence of a large congregation. The united choirs of Norwood and Havelock furnished the music. The Revs. J. E. Cooper, of Hastings, and John C. Davidson, of Peterboro, were present and assisted in the office.

### DIOCESE OF HURON.

**WINDSOR.**—On Thursday and Friday evenings, the 14th, and 15th June, at All Saint's Sunday-school, W. J. Imlach, Esq., of London, the Secretary of the "Canadian Church Union" delivered two of the popular Illustrated Church lectures prepared by the S.P.C.K. of England, and introduced into this country by the C.C.U.

The first covered the period from the introduction of Christianity into Britain up to the Norman conquest and illustrated with some seventy views of early Churches, Cathedrals, and incidents in our History that tended greatly to enliven the lecturer and divest it of the dryness of a simple Historical narration. The lime light lantern used was of a high power giving the views, some 12 feet in character and most beautifully clear and distinct, especially the interior of some of our finest old cathedrals.

The second lecture was "The Influence of the Normans on the English Church, and the growth of Papal authority in England up to the time of the Reformation."

This was of especial interest as amongst the many views exhibited was a "Facsimile of a page of Doomsday Book" and extracts from "Magna Charta." In this the position of the church was clearly defined at that day.

These lectures were listened to with marked attention and highly appreciated by the audience, as from the handling of the subject by the lecturer, the continuity of the Church was fully sustained, and the fallacy of the Church of England being only a Church of the Reformation clearly refuted.

At the close a vote of thanks to Mr. Imlach was moved by Mr. Carney, for the able lectures and for the treat they had been to all present.

### BRITISH HONDURAS.

**BELIZE.**—*St. Mary's.*—The first fortnightly general meeting of the St. Mary's Guild, after its division into bands with additional leaders, met on the evening of Monday, June 17th, when there was a large attendance, fifty-four members being present.

The general officers took their respective positions for the first time under the Presidency of Mrs. Murray. Miss Annie Moody was unanimously elected to fill the vacant office of Secretary, and was duly installed.

Six candidates were duly proposed, balloted and elected, and on this occasion were duly admitted by the warden as members of the Guild. The following evenings were appointed for the band meetings: Monday Mrs. Tillot; Tuesday, Miss Thompson; Thursday, Miss Moody; Friday, Mrs. Murray. The colours distinguishing each band were decided on, in readiness for the semi-annual festival of the Guild of St. Stephen, to be held on St. John Baptist's Day.

After a short address from the Warden the closing office was said, and the blessing given by the Rector and warden.

**Appropriation of Seats.**—Although many of us desired most earnestly that the seats in our new church should be free and unappropriated for ever, yet those in authority could not see their way clear to secure this most desirable state in our Church worship, and this arose not from one but many causes, which need not be enumerated. The Rector and churchwardens found themselves in the only position of accepting the inevitable and other alternative, but how was this to be done? The old Mission

Church had held 150 people; the new church was to seat nearly four hundred, and with many more applications than there were sittings. What was to be done? The Rector decided to appropriate the sittings: 1. To meet the just claims of the old shareholders; 2. To try and satisfy the wants of new applicants, and third not to refuse an application. This delicate, thankless and yet necessary task has occupied almost the whole of the Rector's time during the past week, and is now completed. We are thankful to say to the satisfaction of the people as a whole, and with only two or three who have been restive and impatient under the process of appropriation.

The Rector would have his people remember when they read these pages, *as I am thankful to say a large number take in the CHURCH GUARDIAN*, that his was no easy task, and that he, whilst respecting the unity and well being of the whole parish, also tried to respect the claims and privileges of individuals. But with a parish and congregation where the constituent parts are of such variety, not only the sons of St. George, St. Andrew and St. Patrick, but others too, from the dark color of the sons of Ham, through all the various shades and admixtures of colour and races, until you arrive at the white skin of the European, together with the elements of the Spaniard, Coolie and Chinaman—we say with such a variety, the task of appropriation was anything but an easy task. However, all having been done to God's glory, the good of Christ's Church and the benefit of His children it can only be left in His hands, leaving all the issues to Him. *Laus Deo*

**Sunday School.**—On the resignation of Mr. Fred. Shewan, as Lay Superintendent of the Sunday School, on account of his removing to Spanish Honduras, where we trust that the Divine Blessing may rest upon him and prosper his work, the Rector appointed Mr. Harrison Brinton, who has just returned to his home in Belize, after having spent some time in New Orleans, as his successor.

On Sunday last Mr. Brinton assumed his official duties, and was introduced by the Rector to the scholars, he having already had his introduction to the teachers at a meeting held during the previous week.

The Rector has now completed the reorganization of the school. There will be four divisions: *GIRLS, St. Agatha, The Senior Division, Purple.*

1. Mrs. Murray, Daughters of the Temple.
2. Miss Thompson, Daughters of Faith.
3. Miss Phillips, Daughters of Hope.
4. Miss A. Price, Daughters of Charity.

#### ST. ETHELDREDA.

The Middle Division—Red.

1. Miss Moody, The Willing Workers.
2. Miss Gable, The Ready Helpers.
3. Miss Menciaer, The Faithful Doers.

**ST. LUCY.**—The Junior Division—Blue

Miss Valpy, Children of God; Mrs. Tillott, Children of Mercy; Miss L. Burns, Children of Promise; Miss Turner, Children of Patience; Miss H. Phillips, Children of the Cross.

**ST. FAITH.**—The Primary Division—White.

Miss Lundo, Jewels of the Lord; Miss Peters, Stars of Bethlehem; Miss M. Gibbs, Lambs of the Fold.

The Senior Division is dedicated to St. Agatha, and its colour is *purple*, because its members have been admitted to the Royal Table of the King Jesus, having received the laying on of the hands of the Bishop, whose color is purple.

The Middle Division is dedicated to St. Etheldreda, and its colour is *red*, because its members and those who are preparing for the due indwelling of the Holy Spirit, through the Sacramental rite of Confirmation, and His symbolical color is red.

The Junior Division is dedicated to St. Lucy, and its colour is blue, because its members come

under the ordinary general guidance of the priest in charge of them, whose colour is blue.

The Primary Division is dedicated to St. Faith, and its colour is white, because they are only a while ago raised out of the Baptismal waters, when their souls were made white through the Blood of the Lamb.

#### BOYS.

**Senior Division, Purple.**—Rev. F. R. Murray, Standard bearers dedicated to St. Alban.

**Middle Division, Red.**—Mr. J. R. Smith, Young Crusaders dedicated to St. George.

**Junior Division, Blue.**—Mr. Gillott, The Pathfinders; Mr. Gabb, The Truthseekers; Mr. S. Evans, The King's Messengers, dedicated to St. Edward.

**Primary Division, White.**—Mr. Arnold, The Little Pilgrims, The Little Branches; Mr. Wagner, The Little Sentinels, dedicated to St. Cuthbert.

The course of instruction will be based upon that contained in "*The St. Paul's Series, Manuals of Christian Doctrine*," by the Rev. Walter Gwynne, with the imprimatur of Bishop Medley, the most Reverend the Metropolitan of Canada.

The first teachers' meeting under the newly arranged mode of instruction was held on Wednesday, when almost all the teachers were present. The Rector conducted the class, marked the register, heard the lesson, gave the instructions to the teachers; they acting as a Sunday class. It must be said that when the teachers were called upon to stand and say the fifth part of the Catechism and the Sacraments, they did their parts right well. These instruction classes are held every Wednesday afternoon at 6 o'clock.

Several of the teachers we are glad to hear have expressed their willingness to go in for the examination in connection with the Sunday School Institute in London.

### CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

*The Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette* says:—

The Bishop of London has decided to appeal from the decision of the Queen's Bench Division in the matter of St. Paul's reredos to the Court of Appeal. It is a most unequal struggle. On one side is an Association supported by public money to the amount of £10,000, and set in motion by two justices of the peace, a general officer, and a barrister; and, on the other hand, a solitary Bishop, whose expenses, however the suit turns, must be enormous. Dr. Temple is not, however, a man to turn back, and once in for it we have no doubt he will fight the battle to the bitter end. The Bishop of London, as everyone knows, is not one of your "Ritualists;" he most probably has personally no interest whatever in ritualism, but he knows what Ritualists have done and are doing in the English Church, and he knows what a temple of worship they have made of St. Paul's Cathedral. The day was when sleepy, monotonous, perfunctory services were the rule in the cathedral; when worship was the last thing thought of; when people crowded higgledy-piggledy to hear the brilliant preacher of that day, Canon Melvill; when a rationalistic Dean presided over the destinies of the cathedral; but nothing was said. The evangelical party made no sign, no note of disapprobation was expressed at the cold, heartless services. Since then, under the direction of Dean Church and Canons Liddon, Gregory, and Scott-Holland, the cathedral has leaped into spiritual life, services are frequent, a daily Eucharist is celebrated within sound of Bow Bells, busy men are invited within its solemn walls for meditation and prayer. All this was looked upon askance by those who desire to keep the worship of the Church at a low level, and it only wanted the sculptured representations of the mysteries of the Christian revelation—the Incarnation, the Atonement, and the Ascension—to fill up the