

Our chapter will attend the 8 o'clock service on June 3rd, and hold its Brotherhood service on the evening of Sunday, June 13th. The Chapter of Hespeler, Preston and Galt will be invited to attend.

We have been very fortunate in securing the assistance of visiting clergy since Easter. The list to date includes, Rev's. J. C. Farthing, of Woodstock; J. C. Roper, of Toronto; H. J. Leake, of Drayton; W. M. Loucks, of Ottawa; H. V. Thompson, Caledon East; and Canon Belt, of Burlington, the two latter were with us on week nights. To this list must be added the name of Rev. Dr. Mockridge, of Toronto, who was with us for Whit-Sunday, (13th May,) At the evening service the offertory was for Algoma and the North West in answer to the Annual Ascensiontide Appeal sent out by our Board of Missions. The amount given was to go towards our apportionment for 1894-95.—*Parish Magazine.*

ORDINATION AT OAKVILLE.

On Tuesday, the 15th, the Bishop of Niagara held an ordination in St. Jude's Church, Oakville. This flourishing town may be called the garden town, as St. Catharines is the Garden City. There are many handsome residences in every direction, surrounded by ornamental grounds, trees and flowers being in full bloom. The church is very tasteful in its style, as well as commodious, and has a substantial brick school house connected with it, in which there is a large stained glass window with a full length portrait of the Queen. There were several clergymen present with the Bishop and Archdeacon Dixon, including Canon Worrell, the rector, Canon Dumoulin and the Revs. F. Dumoulin, Farthing, Irving, Geoghegan, Mignot and Fennell. There was a large congregation, also, many laity from town and country being present. The clergy came in procession from the school house, singing a hymn, and the service commenced with the sermon by the Archdeacon, on the text, "They continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and the breaking of bread and the prayers." The Archdeacon showed that the English Church and its various branches throughout the world professed in all their vital force and efficacy the doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread and the prayers, which cheered and sustained the members of the Primitive Church. In his address to the candidates, he pointed out the perils to which the Church was exposed, in those latter days, from the open attacks of infidelity and the more covert assaults of what was called the higher criticism. He dwelt also on the *anomia* which was sweeping over the earth. Even our own Mother Country has felt its influence in Church and State, and is now threatened by it. It is incarnate not only in

"Men loud against all forms of power,
Unfurnished brows, tempestuous tongues,
Demanding all things in an hour—
Brass mouths and iron lungs,"

but also in men of culture and social position. He closed with an earnest appeal to the candidates on the duties of the Sacred Ministries to which they were to be admitted. Then followed the presentation to the Bishop of Mr. Woodroffe and Mr. Ballard for deacon's orders, and the Rev. Mr. Garden for priest's orders. The impressive services of the ordinal were then proceeded with, several of the clergy uniting with the Bishop in the laying on of hands on Rev. Mr. Garden. The musical portions of the services were very well rendered by a highly trained mixed choir. The church itself was most beautifully adorned from door to chancel with white flowers, while the latter was radiant with white roses, lilies and hydrangeas. In the evening there was a Confirmation and the Bishop addressed the candidates with fervid eloquence. The attendance was very large.

The Venerable Archdeacon William McMurray, rector of St. Mark's church here, and Archdeacon of the Diocese of Niagara, died on the 19th inst, aged eighty-four years. He had been in Holy Orders longer than any clergyman of the Church of England now living in Canada, his term of service having been sixty-one years. He was revered and beloved by all who knew him.

Diocese of Huron.

LONDON.

His Lordship the Bishop of Huron has just completed a Confirmation tour through Essex, Kent and Elgin.

At an early hour Friday morning, May 11th, Mr. James Harrison, a promising student of Huron College, died at his residence, Oxford street, from rapid consumption. He was much beloved by his fellow students, and his death is deeply regretted by all who knew him.

Rev. Canon Davis has been laid up for some weeks with acute tonsillitis, and although about again his voice is very weak.

Mr. Geo. Robson, of Huron College, who has been appointed curate of New St. Paul's church, Woodstock, was ordained on Trinity Sunday at St. Paul's church, London, by his Lordship the Bishop of Huron. Mr. Robson will remove to Woodstock and assume the duties of his new position in a few days.

On Trinity Sunday morning an ordination was held at St. Paul's Cathedral by His Lordship the Bishop of Huron. The candidates for Deacons Orders were: Messrs. Geo. F. Sherwood, W. L. Armitage, Geo. Robson, J. Arthur Tancock and O. W. Howard, of Huron College, and Messrs. Hooper, of Attwood; Farney, of England, and Philpott, of Burford. Those advanced to the Priesthood were: Revs. R. J. Freeborn, Windsor; C. J. Gunne, Millbank; J. E. Graham, Sarawak; Moore, of Bervie; Arthur Shore, of Port Rowan; S. Gould, R. Sims, of Forest, and F. J. Steen, Berlin.

An interesting meeting was held in Christ Church school-room Friday week, being a valedictory to Miss H. Thompson, who goes as lady missionary to the Diocese of Athabasca. The proceedings were opened by singing and prayer, and earnest practical missionary addresses were given by the Right Reverend the Bishop of Huron, Rev. Canons Davis and Richardson and Rev. F. E. Roy. Miss Alice Wright contributed a recitation entitled, "A Plea for Missions," in her usual acceptable way. After which Miss Thompson was presented with an address, expressive of the high esteem in which she is held, and regret at her departure, but recognizing the higher call to labor elsewhere. The address was read by Mr. A. G. McCormick, and was accompanied by a beautiful gold watch, presented by Miss Brown in behalf of the choir, teachers and various societies with which Miss Thompson has been identified. Miss Thompson made suitable acknowledgment, and asked for the prayers of those she was leaving behind. The Rector indicated on the map the route Miss Thompson would take. Seven days by rail from Winnipeg to Fort Edmonton, then eighty miles by ox cart across the plains, then seven days by boat up the Peace River to her destination at Fort Chippewayon, on Lake Athabasca. The meeting closed by singing "God be With You Till we Meet Again," and the Benediction by the Bishop.

MITCHELL.

Rev. Mr. Dawdney leaves Mitchell for Nova Scotia in about six weeks. It is hoped that as good a man may be found to succeed him. The whole congregation of Trinity Church regret his departure.

THE MAN OF GOD.

BY REV. R. C. BREWER.

"In Him was life; and the life was the light of men."

We often exclaim: "God is everywhere! seen in all creation, in nature, in man; and the materialist, the atheist, the scientist of advanced ideas, say what they will, or try how they may to prove there is no God at all, or relegate the Almighty to a secondary place in the plan of creation, they are still uncertain, perplexed, wandering in the realm of thought, astray themselves and leading others astray.

Yet creation is apparent. Not by accident, in perfect order, with governing laws. An evident fact, "a tangible something," with a beginning, an expansion, and a continuity up to the present. All must acknowledge this, and the thoughtful reasoner will ascribe this creation, so marvellous, so beautiful in its blending gradations, to some great power; and the more he thinks about it, the more will he be willing, nay, compelled, to ascribe such controlling power to the idea of a Master Creator, and the thinking man, advancing step by step, more than likely through stages of doubt, mystified often, gradually perceives, clearer and clearer, the wonderful conception of light and life. And in such contemplation the mind of man rises higher and higher, until his thoughts appear insignificant and limited, rises into the realm of the spiritual, there to rest on God as creator of all things, there to realize that true science assists, not conflicts belief, for nature rightly studied leads up to God. Then theory becomes fact to establish the mind, convince and rejoice.

To the Christian, God is everywhere, and His hand seen in all that is wonderful, beautiful, good; and especially is this so in man, the highest in the scale of creation. God's word tells us that man was made in the image of God. Sin came to demoralize and to degrade; and as it is true that man in his positive state of innocence was godlike, so we are assured that the man of God will receive like purity in the end, when Christ, God's Son and the world's Saviour appears to claim His own.

As the highest and the best in creation, man has at all times played the prominent part in religion and in life, while in Scripture and prophecy, he was the inspired instrument in God's hand. The Almighty worked in him," both to will and to do of His good pleasure," and it ennobles thought to grasp the truth that man was created to show God's marvellous conception of the perfect in life and structure. And as the Infinite is thus brought to centre in the finite, we have as result the natural and the spiritual blending together, God and man united. Therefore, man has a right to feel that he is a "Lord of creation," and legitimate for him to believe that it is his privilege to rise to influence and power; and as he realizes from whence he came, and for what he was created, and regards his blessed destiny, surely all that is good, noble, grand, will rise the controlling power. He should be the best and the highest; for as there is beauty and grandeur, and sweetness in nature, all from nature's God, so there is grandeur and beauty in life and character, all from God.

But sin is in the world, and the man left to himself falls into sin, then he loses the grandeur and the beauty, and sinks from the highest to the lowest. Reason as we may, moralize as we will, sin is here, God who is all powerful over sin, watches man His creature, and seeing his damage, comes to help and to save in the Saviour Christ. There must, however, on man's part, be the admission of sin, a realization of its influence and effect, a hatred for and avoidance of it, before there can be a hope of divine deliv-