

and was placed on the coffin by Mrs. Brayfield. A large procession formed at the church doors, including the church-wardens, sidesmen, and many of the leading church people, which wended its way to the cemetery, preceded by the sign of the Christian Faith.

During the services the choir rendered, very feelingly, the hymns,

"For All the Saints who from Their Labors Rest."

"How Bright Those Glorious Spirits Shine."

"Now the Laborer's Task is O'er," and during the Recession, the "Nunc Dimittis."

"We bless Thy name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear, beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow their examples that with them we may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen."—Communicated.

#### BIRTLE.

(Communicated.)

On Sunday, Jan. 17, Rev. C. Wood conducted his last service as rector of St. George's, and he has since gone to Stonewall, to which charge he has been appointed. In the interval that occurred between his departure and the arrival of his successor, services were conducted at Birtle and Solsgirth by Rev. M. H. Winter, with the sanction and license of the archbishop.

On the 5th Sunday after Epiphany, Feb. 7th, His Grace the Archbishop inducted Rev. W. Robertson to the charge of the parish. Morning service consisted of Matins, the ceremony of institution, sermon by the Archbishop, and a celebration of Holy Communion.

After Matins to the third collect, and before the ceremony of institution, the Archbishop addressed a few words to the congregation from the altar steps. He said that formerly the ceremony of institution in the Church of England took place privately; but, in recent times the English Bishops had adopted the practice of performing it publicly; and, in performing it so on this occasion, he was acting upon the precedent so established. After the institution, Hymn 317 was sung, and the Holy Communion service begun, Rev. W. Robertson being Gospeller, and Rev. M. H. Winter, Epistoler. His Grace preached from I Cor. ix. 14. He pointed out by the principle laid down by St. Paul in this passage the provision which he made for organization and management, and showed his hearers from this the illogical position of those who profess to adhere strictly to the letter of the Bible, and yet made light of church principles, and consequently of the Divine organization established by the

Apostles, which was in perfect working order before a word of the New Testament was written, and yet all these principles of this Divine organization, the Christian Church, could be tested and proved by Holy Writ—the Bible to which they profess so strictly to adhere.

Referring to the allusion by the Apostle to the preaching of the Gospel, His Grace deprecated the practice of many in choosing attractive subjects for their discourses, with the view of attracting large congregations. And, while allowing that such subjects as science, socialism, politics, etc., might occasionally, and under certain circumstances, be treated by a preacher of the Gospel in their bearing on the Christian life, yet to give them undue prominence, by reason of their popularity, led to the subordination to them of those higher truths and verities which it is the special mission and privilege of a preacher of the Gospel to proclaim, and thereby maintain the proportion of faith.

He also insisted on the importance of preaching continually Jesus and Him crucified, as the centre from which all grace and truth radiates, thereby echoing the words of Bishop Walsham How, in his admirable book on "Pastoral Work," in which he reminds his clergy that ours is not only the religion Christ teaches, but the religion that teaches Christ. His Grace went on to say that although preaching might be feeble, like St. Paul's, "not with enticing words of man's wisdom, yet it might be, and would be, "in demonstration of the spirit and of power."

He concluded by commending Mr. Robertson warmly to his new parishioners, speaking in high terms of his past work.

Returning to the altar, His Grace proceeded with the Holy Communion service. There was the largest number of communicants there has been here for some time, about 25 drawing near to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord. The service was in the main choral. Our organist, Mrs. Broadfoot, had taken considerable pains with the training of the choir for the occasion. The evening service was as usual. Evensong was said by the new incumbent, and His Grace again preached. The opening hymns at both services were processional (391 and 542). The lessons on both occasions were read by Rev. M. H. Winter. The congregations were good, Solsgirth and Blenheim, out stations, being represented.

A reception was given in the afternoon at Mrs. Mainwaring's residence, when many had the opportunity of conversing with His Grace.

The Archbishop, during his stay, was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Wheeler.

#### KILLARNEY.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Holy Trinity church, Killarney, have found a new

way of making money for church purposes. Since the curling and skating season began they have been running a first-class restaurant in connection with the rink. They have a nice lunch counter in the waiting-room, where hot coffee and sandwiches, and other good things are served on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in the evenings. In more ways than one this is doing good in the district; good accommodation is afforded to the skaters and curlers; wholesome environments and influences are being supplied, and money is being raised for Christian work by honest labor.

#### HOLLAND.

The Sunday school entertainment held by the English church on Tuesday evening, January 19, in the Foresters' hall, was the most successful event, without exception, in that line that has taken place in Holland. The attendance taxed the capacity of the hall to the utmost, the supper provided by the ladies was exceptional, and the programme was excellent. The Queen, as represented by Miss Pentland was both beautiful and gracious, and the bounty distributed was royal. Among others who took part in the programme might be mentioned Misses Berry, Cummings, Mayers, McKenzie and Cummings. Messrs. J. Morran and Cummings also assisted. The scholars taking part reflected great credit on their teachers. Everything done was well done, and it is small wonder that those who attended are unanimous in conceding first place to this entertainment when compared with others which have taken place here, without in the least detracting from previous successes.

#### TREHERNE AND RATHWELL.

On Friday, Feb. 19, His Grace the Archbishop held a confirmation in St. Mark's church, Treherne. The church people were desirous of having the Primate with them for Sunday, the 21st, but, owing to the trains on the branch lines being so inconvenient for Sunday visitations, and to the fact that His Grace lately visited the parish to consecrate the churches, he could only stay for one night. Seven persons received the Apostolic rite of "laying on of hands." The unusual frequency of winter storms, and the consequent bad state of the roads, have proved a great hindrance to the parochial work.

The annual bazaar was held on Thursday, Feb. 25th, in the town hall. An entertainment was also given in the evening.

#### RAT PORTAGE.

St. Alban's Ladies' Aid birthday party, held on Feb. 18th, in the basement of the church, proved a pecuniary as well as a