

his second episcopal visit to the Upper Ottawa, the candidates this year nearly doubling those of the previous Confirmation. All this has been most cheering to both Missionary and people, who feel very much encouraged by his Lordship's words of hearty satisfaction at the progress of the work. The Bishop after his return home intimated to the Missionary his desire to see the present Churches and the Mission House completed, the new Churches proceeded with, and any outstanding claims adjusted and settled as quickly as possible, in order that the Missionary's uninterrupted attention may be given to the thorough development of the Mission work in conjunction with the scheme of associated lay help as established in this Mission, and which has proved itself thoroughly practicable. The work has in the past been constantly interrupted through its necessities requiring the frequent absence of the Missionary in search of assistance in the erection of churches, and the Bishop has now directed that a systematic appeal be made throughout the diocese with as little delay as possible in order that these most necessary buildings should be erected and unfinished ones completed, thus providing for the increased services which are being asked for. His Lordship and the Archdeacon have authorized the issue of appeals.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. John Charles Roper, B.A., Assistant Chaplain of Brasenose College, Oxford, has arrived and entered upon his duty as Keble Professor of Divinity at Trinity College, Toronto.

The Right Rev. Dr. Sullivan, Bishop of Algoma, preached on Sunday morning to a crowded congregation at St. Peter's Church, Toronto.

The Rev. T. B. Angell has completed a year's work as Curate of St. John's Church, Peterborough. He expects to go to the United States shortly.

TRINITY COLLEGE.—The usual February meeting of the College Council was held recently. The attendance was large. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—"That the best thanks of this corporation be and are hereby tendered to his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Lord Bishops of Truro and Lincoln, for the active interest they have so kindly shown in the prosperity of this university, by undertaking and so promptly discharging the trust committed to them of selecting a successor for the vacant Keble professorship of divinity in Trinity College." A communication was read from the Rev. Canon Chalmers, Rector of St. Paul's, Geelong, Victoria, Australia, on behalf of the Bishop and Diocese of Melbourne, requesting the corporation to sanction the holding of examinations for degrees in divinity in Australia. It was resolved "That the corporation consents to the holding of examinations for degrees in divinity in Australia, subject to the receipt of proper guarantees (to be approved of by the Curriculum Committee) for the due conduct of such examinations." Mr. C. L. Ferguson having intimated his intention to offer a prize of \$50 in law books to be awarded to the first man in the first examination in law in 1886, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to that gentleman for his generous offer, and the Registrar was authorized to announce the same in this year's calendar."

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE.—The following examiners have been appointed for 1886:—Exegetical theology and patristics, Rev. Canon O'Meara, LL.D., Port Hope; Systematic theology, Rev. J. B. Richardson, London; Ecclesiastical history, Rev. J. S. Stone, B.D., Montreal; Apologetics, Rev. H. Carmichael, Hamilton; Practical theology and Homiletics, Rev. T. C. DesBarres, Toronto.

PETERBOROUGH.—*St. John's.*—The recent entertainment in aid of the Sunday-school in the South Ward was a great success. During the evening, Miss D. Shaw, Messrs. S. Craven, H. B. Carter, C. H. Geale and W. Blackwell contributed songs, and Mr. Hooper gave a reading. Refreshments were served also, and social chat whiled away a pleasant evening.

Mr. Hampshire, organist and choir-master of St. John's, has in preparation the cantata "Ruth," composed by A. R. Gaul, Mus. Bac., Cantab. The practices are held in church, and the choir consists at present of about thirty voices. It will be given in about five weeks from date, and we believe will be rendered in church.

LECTURES.—The series of lectures held at Convocation Hall, Trinity College, are meeting with much success. The last was on the poet Cowper, by Prof. Clarke, and was extremely interesting. Prof. Grant, of Queen's College, lectures on the poet Burns on Saturday, the 20th inst., and is sure to have an appreciative audience.

TORONTO.—*St. Luke's Church.*—The guild in connection with this church is in a prosperous condition. It is called the Guild of St. John, and has reached its ninth year. The following are the present offices:—Warden, W. A. Shutt; Assistant Warden, J. H. Mumford; Secretary, P. J. Horrocks; Assistant Secretary, C. Harding; Bursar, J. A. Catto; Librarian, F. B. Edmund; Assistant Librarian, H. W. Ellison; Organist, F. T. Shutt.

MISCELLANEOUS.—A festival for the children was held at the Town Hall, Bobcaygeon, recently. Though late in the day, there was a Christmas tree with suitable gifts, and the rendition of appropriate cards. The financial result was good.

A bazaar will be held at Hastings Temperance Hall, in aid of the church there, on Monday next. It is hoped there will be a good attendance and rapid sales.

At the last meeting of the Trinity College Missionary Association, a paper, entitled "Sources of Ministerial Strength," was read by Mr. J. G. Lewis. It provoked an interesting discussion, and was very favourably received.

Grace Church held a "Komical Koncert" lately, which was well attended. Dr. Lennox occupied the chair. The proceeds were for church purposes.

Mr. Dixon's Cottage Choir, to the number of one hundred, recently paid a very kindly visit to the Rev. R. W. E. Greene, at Weston. Here they were conducted to the Town Hall, and gave, with their usual precision and skill, the story of "Christie's Old Organ," to a well filled hall and most appreciative listeners. Mr. and Mrs. Green afterwards provided supper for their visitors, with the aid of the ladies of the congregation.

St. Peter's Church of England Temperance Society still prospers. At the late meeting there was a very entertaining programme, in which Mrs. Caldecott, Mrs. Mason, Mr. Darby and Mr. H. Boddy took part. The meeting closed with two earnest addresses from Messrs. McCullough and Hall upon the religious aspect of temperance work.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

MOOREFIELD.—On Sunday, February 7th, the services in connection with the third anniversary of St. John's Church were held in that pretty little church. At 11 a.m. first service. Musical part as follows:—Opening hymn, 480 ("Onward, Christian soldiers"); Venite (3); Gloria (14); Te Deum (63); Jubilate (5); after third collect, hymn 509 ("The Church's one's foundation"); ante Com. responses in F;

before sermon, hymn 540 ("We love the place, O Lord"); Offertory, Doxology; hymn 213 (O God unseen"); Communion, Ter Sanctus; after consecration, hymn 408 ("Just as I am") and Gloria in Excelsis.

Rev. A. Benny, incumbent, read the prayers, and Rev. Wm. Massey, St. Luke's, Hamilton, read the lessons, and preached an appropriate sermon from 1 Kings x. 19. Rev. Wm. Massey was the celebrant, and Rev. A. Benny assisted.

Afternoon service at 3. Opening hymn, 566 ("Brightly gleams"); Gloria (16); Magnificat (50); Deus Miseratur; after third collect, hymn 292 ("Lord, her watch"); before sermon, hymn 357 ("Far down the ages"); after sermon, hymn 30 ("Sweet Saviour"); Offertory, Doxology. Revs. A. Benny and Massey took the service, while Rev. G. B. Cooke, of Palmerston, read 1 Kings xix. 15, 16, and preached a soul-stirring sermon from the words "What do'st thou here, Blijah?"

Evening at 7. Opening hymn, 478 ("On our way"); Litany, Deus Miseratur; before sermon, hymn 482 ("Pleasant are Thy covert"); Offertory, Doxology; after sermon, hymn 32 ("The day Thou gavest"). Rev. A. Benny read prayers, while Rev. Wm. Massey read the lesson and preached a well prepared sermon from 1 Corinthians iii. 9.

The church was well filled at each service, without being over-crowded.

On Monday evening the anniversary social was held in the Temperance Hall, and no one had any reason to complain of the plentiful spread.

At 8 o'clock a service was held in the church. Opening hymn, 478 ("On our way") followed by opening prayer, Rev. A. Benny; lesson, Rev. A. J. Belt; Deus Misericordatur; hymn 360 ("Father, we love Thy house"); address, Rev. A. J. Belt, Arthur, from the words "What think ye of Christ?" hymn 368 ("Glorious things") address, Rev. R. S. Radcliffe, of Mount Forest, from the verse, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I to thee; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

The addresses were most beautiful and impressive, and were listened to with rapt attention by the comfortably filled church. The singing of the choir, both on Sunday and on this evening, showed great care and much improvement, no doubt in great part due to the careful accompaniment of the organist, Miss S. J. Cross, and the time and pains taken by the Rev. A. Benny in the weekly practice of this most promising choir.

The reverend incumbent, although he has been little over a year in charge here, has endeared himself very much to his people, and is much respected by all denominations. He is a gentleman who grudges neither time nor money to help on the good cause.

THOROLD.—The congregation of St. John's Church, Thorold, has recently sustained a very great and seemingly irreparable loss in the death of Mr. Frederick Lampman, B.A., barrister. Apparently always healthy and vigorous, and one of the most familiar business men upon our streets, the fatal termination of his brief illness, on Tuesday, 9th inst., took the whole town by surprise, and never, perhaps, has a death evoked more wide-spread local sympathy. A man of the strictest integrity of character, gentle, forbearing and considerate, a wise and temperate counsellor, and a faithful and sympathizing friend, he had endeared himself to the whole community, and his departure has cast a gloom over all. As a member of the church in this parish, he was, as already intimated, no less valuable, always taking a deep and active interest in parochial affairs, and, in his quiet and unostentatious way, ever trying to do good work for the Master; and not only within this parish, but also as a Lay Delegate to the Diocesan Synod for many years, and a useful member of the Executive Committee.