

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

LITTLE RIVER.—On Tuesday, the 9th Nov., St. Mary's Church, Little River, Sunbury Co., was consecrated by the Metropolitan of Canada. Little River is twenty miles from Fredericton, nevertheless the Metropolitan drove all this distance, to the great delight of all the people.

The church was begun by Rev. G. H. Sterling, Rector of Manguerville, on the 18th of May this year, and was finished so soon entirely through his energy, a good deal of work being done even with his own hands. The model of the church was drawn by Mr. Hard Peters, City Engineer of St. John, and is Gothic in style. The church is 50 x 24 feet, and is surmounted by a bell turret large enough to hold a bell of 400 lbs. On the turret is placed a plain cross, the emblem of our faith. The entrance to the church is from the south side, through a commodious porch. There is also a large vestry on the north-east side.

The interior of the church is finished entirely in wood. The walls are ceiled, oiled and varnished, and the roof is butternut stained. There is no east window, but there is a three-light window in the West end. The chancel is sixteen feet deep and twenty-four feet wide. The elevation of the altar is four feet above the nave. The altar, the gift of Rev. J. M. Davenport, is a handsome piece of workmanship. It is made of butternut, but has three panels of pine in the front. The centre panel contains the monogram "I.H.S.," and each of the other panels a lily, the emblem of purity. The monogram "I.H.S." and the lilies are of black walnut. The font is also very handsome, and is the gift of Miss Medley. The lectern was given by the Metropolitan, and the prayer-desk by Col. Raymond, Woodstock. The organ is one by Karn & Co. The building is seated with chairs. It is remarked by all visitors how beautifully all the furniture corresponds.

The service of consecration began at 2 p.m. Besides the Metropolitan, the following clergymen were present:—Rev. G. H. Sterling, Rev. W. Jaffrey, Rev. G. G. Roberts, Rev. H. Montgomery and Rev. N. C. Hansen. Prayers were read by Rev. H. Montgomery, the first lesson by Rev. Mr. Roberts, and the second lesson by Rev. Mr. Jaffrey. The service was very hearty and the singing excellent. The anthem, "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness," from 1 Chron. xxi., was well rendered. The Metropolitan's address, explaining the object of consecration of churches, was listened to with marked attention. After service, the Metropolitan confirmed a young man who is dying; and thereupon his Lordship drove to Manguerville (18 miles), where he and all the clergy were hospitably entertained by Rev. G. H. Sterling.

Rev. N. C. Hansen and the people of Little River wish here to express their thanks to Mr. Sterling for his invaluable assistance in completing the church.

PETICODIAO.—The Kingston Deanery Magazine says: "we are very sorry to say we are about to lose our curate the Rev. B. W. R. Taylor, who is to leave us at the end of the year. He has done a good work, and we shall miss him much; but we wish him good luck wherever he goes."

Mr. Taylor has been unanimously elected Rector of All Saints' Parish, Riverside, California, and will enter upon his new duties in the American Church about the 1st of the year. He was also offered an important curacy in Ontario, but declined.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

PRESOTT.—The annual Harvest Festival of St. John's Church was held on the 17th Sunday after Trinity. The Church was beautifully decorated with fruits, flowers and grain by the ladies of the congregation, under the superintendence of Mrs. French. Sermons appropriate to

the occasion were preached by the Rev. W. Lewin, Rector of the parish, both in the morning and evening, and the hymns and chants were finely rendered by the efficient choir. A pastoral letter had been addressed to each individual member of the congregation on the financial position of the Church, and the response was an offering of \$230 to their pastor's appeal, a substantial proof of the regard in which he is held by the people after ministering among them for nearly thirteen years.

The Woman's Auxiliary of this parish is alive and active, and has for some time been engaged in preparing a box of clothing, &c., for some of our missions in Muskoka.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TORONTO.—The Girl's Friendly Society.—A special service in connection with the Girl's Friendly Society was held in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Toronto, on All Saints' Day. The attendance of members, associates and friends of the Society was large. The Church with its white frontals and wreaths of autumn leaves wore a bright and festal air.

Evensong was sung by the Rector, the lessons being read by the Rev. Dr. Body, Provost of Trinity College, and the Rev. Chas. Darling, of St. Matthias Church. A most appropriate sermon was preached by the Chaplain of the Society, from the following words: "Called to be Saints," and "I have called you friends." Among others, the special G. F. S. hymn was sung very heartily by the congregation. Now that the Girls' Friendly Society has thoroughly taken root in Canada, it is hoped that much good and useful work may by God's blessing be accomplished during the present winter.

TORONTO.—St. George's.—It is gratifying to record that this year the annual collection for the Widows' and Orphans' fund came so near the amount of our assessment as a parish, viz: \$136, that the wardens were enabled to remit the full amount without a second call being required.

CHURCH HOME.—A meeting was called by Rector for Monday, 25th ult., for the purpose of considering the steps to be taken to establish a Church Home for aged men and women in the parish, whom we cannot send to the House of Industry, and who are inadmissible at the Home for Incurables. Eighteen ladies so far have promised to collect one dollar per month towards its maintenance, and a committee was formed to look after the furnishing. All is in readiness except a building. Here is our chief difficulty. Mrs. Alexander Cameron has just given \$6,000 to build an Industrial Home for Boys, and we hear of many large gifts by men of means in other Christian bodies. Have we none who would give the money to buy or build such a home as we need? A home for aged men and women, whose poverty and helplessness are their claims upon us, would be a truly Christian and philanthropic work. Such a benefaction would be rewarded by the approval of Christ, the satisfaction of one's own conscience, and the thousand prayers and blessings from those who benefit by it.

THE WHITE CROSS ARMY.—Two meetings were held lately, one a general meeting, which was largely attended, the other a meeting of the Council for the purpose of organizing the work. Steps are being taken to form a junior corps of boys, similar to one called "The Boys of the Silver Cross," lately organized by the Bishop of Central New York, for the purpose of promoting reverence, purity, and temperance among lads.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

ELORA.—The autumn meeting of the Clergy of the Rural Daanery of Wellington was held

ta this place on the 9th and 10th inst. Rev. Canon Curran, M.A., of St. Thomas Church, Hamilton, was the special preacher, his subject being Christian Reunion. At the second service addresses on the same subject were delivered by Rev. A. J. Belt, M.A., Harriston; Rev. R. S. Radcliffe, Mount Forest; and Rev. G. B. Cook, Palmerston. Eight of the clergy, besides the incumbent, who is Rural Dean, were present. Mr. William Webb, lay-reader, of Grand Valley, also attended the meeting.

The Harvest Festival held last month in this parish was highly successful. The congregation were led in the singing by the surpliced choir of St. Alban's Church, Grand Valley. The Church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, crowded by members of all communions. The preacher was Rev. C. G. Adams, D.D., of Georgetown, who has lately removed to Diocese of Central New York. An entertainment held on the following evening was largely attended. The net pecuniary result of the festival was nearly \$100.

There is now a flourishing Ladies' Aid Society in this parish; the immediate object of which is to procure funds for a stained glass chancel window.

ELORA.—A largely attended entertainment was given by St. John's Church Band of Hope on the 15th inst. The programme comprised a recital of the Temperance Service of Song entitled, *Bug Your Own Cherries*, which was illustrated with lime light views. Other views were shown describing the influence of *the bottle* and the physiological effects of alcohol on the *human stomach*. The Incumbent conducted the entertainment, and impressively enforced the lessons taught by the pictures.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

BRANTFORD.—The Rector and Mrs. Mackenzie are always at home on Tuesday evenings, from 7 to 10, and glad to see any Parishioners and friends who may desire to call.

The Jubilee Services were all that we could desire. Canon DuMoulin, of Toronto, preached on Sunday, the 17th ult., to large congregations; in the morning making reference to the past history of Grace Church and its first Rector, Rev. J. C. Usher; in the evening his subject was the great revival of life and work in the Church of England in the last fifty years, and her present efforts in struggling with the two monster evils of the day—intemperance and impurity. The Canon's eloquent and powerful sermons will long be remembered by all who heard him.

On Wednesday evening following the Choral Union Service took place, and notwithstanding a rainy night, the Church was filled. All the clergy of the Deanery took part, also Rev. Jno. Ridley, of Galt, and Rev. Isaac Barefoot, of Dresden. The Rev. S. Brown, A. Anthony, J. Ridley and W. H. Wade took part in the service. The Bishop preached. The choral part of the worship, both on Sunday and Wednesday evening, was simply grand. The question now is on the lips of very many, "Why cannot the Psalms and Amens be chanted every Sunday evening?" and the answer is—if the people desire it there is no objection.

The offerings on behalf of Terrace Hill, placed upon the altar on Sunday and Wednesday evening, were eleven dollars in excess of what the Rector asked for, viz: \$611; the deed of the lots to the Church from Dr. E. Griffin; and last, though not least, the resolutions of our Vestry requesting the Trustees of the Church lands to sell two lots, and pledging the Vestry to hand over to St. Jude's the proceeds to the extent of \$2,000. Thus Grace Church has celebrated her Jubilee, for her eldest daughter, St. Jude's, she requests, with all due and legal formality, the trustees of her property to hand over \$2,000 worth; and to her second daughter—Terrace Hill—She makes a present