

Hamilton, Howitt, of Stoney Creek, and Clark, of Ancaster, were the preachers. In the evening the church, including the aisles, porch and vestry, was literally packed. The services were bright and hearty. The Rev. T. Smith is a most faithful priest, and is doing a grand work for his Master in the parish of Saltfleet and Binbrooke.

The Church in this Diocese is full of life. There is scarcely a parish in which progress is not being made—churches built, enlarged or restored, more frequent services and celebrations of the Holy Communion, and greater attention given to the musical part of the services. The highest service is not now the coldest and dullest and most lifeless. Our new Bishop will soon have gone over his Diocese, and in his quiet, happy way is encouraging and strengthening the hands of each clergyman. In almost every parish he asks for and visits the sick and aged who are not able to go to the House of God. *Deo Gratias.*

HALTON AND NORTH WENTWORTH RURAL DEANERY.—A Confirmation service was held in St. John's Church, Nelson, on Wednesday, Sept. 30th, at 3 p.m. The Bishop of Niagara and Rev. Messrs. Worrell and Mackenzie, came by way of Burlington, and Rev. Messrs. Motherwell and Fletcher direct from their respective parishes. All of these, with the incumbent, took part in the service, and the Bishop delivered an impressive address to the candidates and the congregation. The church was well filled, and the new picket fence along the front of the churchyard, and other signs, testified to the church life of the congregation. An excellent supper was provided after the service, by those hospitable church members, Mr. and Mrs. John Ireland, and was done justice to by the clergy and a large number of invited guests. It was a day of interest and profit to all present.

The Rev. J. H. Fletcher has entered on the charge of Palermo and Omagh under good auspices.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

STRATFORD.—The re-opening of St. James' Church, Stratford, took place on Sunday, Sept. 27th. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese preached on the occasion. The sacred edifice was crowded to its utmost capacity. Bishop Baldwin's sermons were much appreciated; in them there is always food for believers—Christ being pre-eminently held up as the sinners' friend, the Saviour of souls. About \$1,200 has been laid out in beautifying the chancel and otherwise improving the church. The Rev. Rural Dean Patterson, the Rector, assisted at the services.

HENFRYN.—A harvest thanksgiving festival was held at St. John's Church on the 25th. The church was suitably decorated. Revs. Ridley, Cluff, Turnbull and other clergymen took part in the services. The Church work is most encouraging in this Mission.

CHATHAM.—A harvest thanksgiving service was held in Christ Church on Sunday, the 27th ult. The Rev. Mr. McGahay, of Lucan, preached at both services.

LONDON.—The Ven. Archdeacon Farrar arrived in London on Saturday evening, Sept. 27th, and lectured in the Grand Opera House the same evening to one of the largest gatherings ever assembled within its walls. The subject was "Dante." Judge Elliott presided, and the clergy were seated on the platform. The lecturer was frequently applauded during the delivery of what may justly be called one of the finest lectures ever delivered in London. He preached in St. Paul's on Sunday morning, from Luke xix. 41, 42, and in the Memorial Church in the evening, from Matthew v. 11. The congregation at each service was very

large, and hundreds were unable to gain admittance.

WARDSVILLE.—A series of special services, lasting thirteen days, was held in St. James' Church, Wardsville, Sept. 9th to 22nd. The Mission preacher was the Rev. J. H. Moorehouse, of Gorrie, assisted by the Rev. W. J. Taylor, the incumbent. The services were commenced under unfavorable circumstances, owing to the very inclement weather and the attraction of the London Fair, &c. The attendance, which was at first but small, increased steadily until the large church was well filled with deeply interested congregations, who gave every evidence that they were seekers after and lovers of "the truth as it is in Jesus." The systematic, earnest and powerful presentation of the truths of man's need of salvation, God's provision for that need, and the pressing home of the importance of immediate decision for Christ, was attended by the blessing which God has promised to the faithful preaching of His word. There were Bible readings every afternoon, and three celebrations of Holy Communion. One of these services (in the afternoon) was a memorable one, owing to the fact that the incumbent had gathered together all the old people in this part of his charge to partake of the emblems of Christ's broken body and shed blood. To see several approaching the Holy Table, who had to be supported there, and to know that they would never meet together again in this life, was a truly touching sight. The children were also remembered. A children's service was held on Saturday, Sept. 19th, at which there was a good attendance of adults and children. The Rev. F. G. Newton, incumbent of Grace Church, Bothwell, who assisted in many of the services, preached an instructive and interesting sermon. Several letters were received and read during the last two meetings, bearing testimony to blessings received during the Mission. The earnest and zealous servant of God who is incumbent here has much cause to thank Him for the evident presence and power of His Holy Spirit in the midst of this people. N.

CLINTON.—*St. Paul's Sunday School.*—The Sunday-school house of St. Paul's Church was opened on Sunday, Sept. 13, by the Bishop of Huron. There was a children's service and a sermon by the Bishop, and at the close of the sermon he in an appropriate prayer dedicated the building to the honor and glory of God, and for Sunday-school and congregational purposes.

The school-house is generally spoken of as very complete in its internal arrangement. It can, by means of windows hung on pulleys, be shut into three rooms—main room, Bible class, and, in the gallery, infant class room.

Externally the school-house is in harmony with the architecture of the church, a difference being made by having square, mullioned windows in the sides, instead of Gothic windows. This style of building is beginning to be in vogue; a church in New York, planned by a leading architect, has these characteristics, Gothic ends and old English sides.

The Bishop preached in St. Paul's Church morning and evening. There were large congregations at both services, and the singing of well-known chants and hymns was pronounced by Bishop Baldwin very sweet and well ordered.

The ground on which is situated St. Paul's Church is one of the prettiest sites for a church in Ontario. The new fence now in course of construction around it will add much to its appearance, and the pruning of the superfluous branches off the trees which ornament it is also another step toward making "God's acre" bear outward and visible mark of the order and loveliness of the worship to which the building on it has been consecrated. There are still a few ghostly reminders of the departed studding the ground, which would be better in the cemetery.

BRUSSELS.—St. John's Church in this place has been much improved, as follows:—The walls have been painted with a new shade of green, with a neatly painted border of brown. Running the full length of the walls are the following Scriptural quotations, on either side: "I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people," and "Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool, for He is holy." On the front wall may be read: "Feed my sheep," and "Feed my lambs." Over the chancel is inscribed, "In this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts." The pulpit has been done away with, and the reading desk brought out in front of the chancel. The choir is placed in the chancel. The Communion table is covered with purple, and the arm chairs, desk, &c., are upholstered with material of the same color. Just above the Communion table is the familiar inscription, "This do in remembrance of Me," in elegant gilt letters; while over the chancel window is "Holy! Holy! Holy!" There are also three satin banners with gold fringe bearing the texts, "The Lord reigneth," "God is love," "Trust in God." The painting was done by Mr. Clucas, of Goderich, who is well known for his artistic ability. Ex-Reeve Rogers took a very active part in raising the wherewithal to meet the expense of the work done.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

A VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY.

(Continued.)

The departure from Collins' Inlet on the morning of Tuesday, the 16th of July was not effected without difficulty, owing to the intricacy of the channel, and the fact, that not one on board having ever before visited these waters, we had to feel our way very cautiously, sounding every now and then, and keeping a sharp look out for the shoals which abounded at the western mouth of the Inlet, for fully a mile from the shore. Grømrkye, however, fully vindicated his reputation here as a wary vigilant pilot, by taking us out safely into deep water, where six hours run brought us to one of the mouths of French River, from which we worked our way slowly and carefully up the main channel, moving beside the Walkerton Mill. What remained of the afternoon was devoted to a visitation of the lumbermen's houses. Each family being notified of the services to be held, and notices being posted in several conspicuous positions. At 7.30 p.m. a rather motley assemblage gathered in the dining-room of the Walkerton Mill boarding house, which the caretaker had most kindly placed at our disposal, but owing to the mixed character of the congregation which numbered about fifty, many of them being French Canadians, the service was not as hearty as it had been elsewhere. One gratifying result of it, however, was a request by a young woman that she should be baptised—she had already been partially instructed before coming to the settlement, and now wished to make a public profession of her faith. Accordingly the Rev. Mr. J. at the bishop's request, took her, and "expounded unto her the way of the Lord more perfectly." This was followed by her baptism the next morning, and none who were witnesses of the devout earnestness with which she took part in the service could question the sincerity of purpose which actuated her. Indeed she had already given proof of it the night before, in the fact that she was one of seven or eight persons who, in response to the bishop's enquiry as to their possession of Bibles, and his offer to supply their wants, of any who wished for one, followed him down to the "Evangeline" after the service, and sat quietly in the cabin, while their names were being inscribed on the fly leaves. Surely the bread there "cast upon the waters will be found again," though it be "after many days."