

CHURCH IN CANADA.

The Archbishop, who is greatly improved in health, has been holding confirmations in the eastern part of the diocese.

The opening services in connection with the approaching Synod of Ontario will be held on the 17th of June at St. George's Cathedral.

Rev. Rural Dean Baker, of Bath, has met with very great success in canvassing for the incumbent's salary, in Camden East, and outlying stations.

The Synod of the Diocese of Huron will meet in London on the 18th June. On the 9th of June an ordination service will be held in Trinity church, Galt.

The rector of St. George's Church, St. Catharines, Rev. R. Ker, has gone to Europe for the benefit of his health, and during his absence his pulpit will be filled by visiting clergy.

A general ordination will be held at Kingston on Sunday, July 7th, by His Grace the Archbishop of Ontario. The examination of candidates will begin on Tuesday, the 2nd of July, in the Synod Hall.

On Monday night, 27th ult., Archbishop Lewis confirmed seventy-three candidates in St. Peter's church, Brockville. They were from the three Brockville churches and from St. James church, Maitland.

Rev. W. Bedford Jones, eldest son of the Ven. Archdeacon, in charge of a congregation at Geneva, N.Y., made a recent visit to his former parish at North Buffalo. He was made the recipient of a well-filled purse, as a token of the esteem and remembrance in which he is held by his late parishioners.

On Good Friday an open air service was organized in South Peterborough attended by a large crowd, who seemed much impressed. An address was delivered by Rev. I. F. Davidson, the singing being led by two choirs and a brass orchestra. The regular services were largely attended.

Rev. Thomas E. Saunders, of Aylmer, died on Monday, May 20th, of bronchitis, after six weeks' illness, in his 78th year. He was a native of England, and was in the active ministry of the Church of England in this province for about thirty-one years, laboring with acceptance in several fields, and retiring about eighteen years ago.

Miss Jeanette Osler, of Toronto, gave a very interesting and well delivered address to women at St. James' church, Guelph, 22nd ult. After opening the meeting in the customary manner, Rev. A. J. Belt introduced Miss Osler, who held the closest attention of the large number present in her remarks on Woman's Work in a Parish.

The Easter Vestry meetings passed off most harmoniously. Messrs. R. M. Dennistoun and Harry Long were elected Wardens of St. John's, and Messrs. J. Burnham and H. T. Strickland at St. Luke's. Messrs. W. B. Bamford and A. Pearson were appointed Assistant Wardens to oversee the financial welfare of St. John's South Ward Mission.

During Lent there was daily service and addresses by well-known clergy: Canon Burke, of Belleville; Rev. Septimus Jones, of Toronto; Rev. E. J. Etherington, A. J. Reid, Carl Smith and others addressed large congregations at St. John's. In addition to similar addresses popular scientific lectures were given by medical men at St. Luke's.

There were two celebrations at St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, on Ascension Day, at 7 a.m. and 11, Evensong at

8. There were also celebrations in St. James', St. Paul's, and All Saints'. N. F. Davidson addressed a meeting of the combined city Chapters, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, in St. George's Hall, at 8.30 p.m., on Holy Thursday.

The grand organ for St. Luke's cathedral is now in course of erection under the care of Mr. Benson, the builders' representative. Other engagements have already been taken by Mr. Benson, where his services are needed. Among organ builders and musicians in England he is an acknowledged authority on organs and organ building. St. Luke's new organ will be completed about the end of June.

The Rev. R. Hicks, who has been suffering from a disease in his eye for a year or so, has just returned from Montreal where Dr. Buller successfully performed an operation. The sight of the other eye is now strengthened and it is sincerely hoped that there be no more trouble. He has the sympathy of the clergy as well as of the laity in the Diocese. He returns to his work in Simcoe and expects no further hindrance from that source.

Rev. Thorne Bailey, rector of St. Barnabas church, Ottawa, has resigned, having effected an exchange with the Rev. Geo. Law, Almonte, with the archbishop's consent. Rev. Mr. Bailey will preach his farewell sermon on the last Sunday in June, and both he and Rev. Mr. Low will assume their new fields of labor on the following Sunday. Rev. Mr. Bailey has been rector of St. Barnabas church for five years. Rev. Mr. Low has for eight years been rector of Almonte.

A peculiar accident happened to Rev. Edwin Lee, rector of Princeton. He was conducting the service on Sunday night, and at the conclusion proceeded to the communion table. A chandelier, which had been pulled down for the purpose of lighting, had been left, and in walking across the chancel Mr. Lee's forehead came in contact with the sharp projection from the chandelier. A bad cut was inflicted, and Mr. Lee was unable to finish the service. He retired to the vestry, and Rev. Mr. Moore conducted the closing devotion.

On May 14th the Bishop of Niagara confirmed 61 persons in St. Luke's, Ashburnham, and next evening 96 persons at St. John's, 44 males and 52 females, a large proportion in both parishes being of middle age. At St. John's the candidates answered the Bishop's question individually as their names were called out by the rector. The candidates left the church as they had entered, in the procession following the choir, clergy and bishop, who carried his pastoral staff. Though all available standing room was occupied to the doors members were denied admission to the church.

The first church parade this season, in which the three local military organizations participated, was held on Sunday forenoon, May 26th, at St. George's cathedral, Kingston. Rev. G. R. Beamish, M.A., preached a very appropriate sermon to the soldiers, taking as his text Ephesians vi. 14th-17th inclusive. The sermon was an eloquent one, and was listened to attentively by both soldiers and civilians present. The band of the 14th was stationed in the chapel, and played "Nearer, My God, to Thee" as it is seldom played. The National Anthem was rendered after the processional, and it also was played in the band's usual incomparable style.

To the great sorrow of all parishioners Rev. C. B. Kenrick leaves Peterborough after six and a half years' earnest and faithful work. He has had especial success among young men and boys with

whom he has lived in constant informal intercourse. Mr. Kenrick is an enthusiast in church music, and has brought St. John's large surplined choir to the front rank. His successor will be Rev. E. Vicars Stevenson, of St. Stephen's, Toronto. The staff of St. John's was strengthened last winter by the arrival of Rev. B. C. H. Andrews from England, who received a warm address.

Persistent efforts continue to be made on behalf of the church in Peterboro' by both the clergy and the laity of Ontario's largest town Peterboro'. Up to 1889 there were but two clergy permanently, now four clergy are working in Peterborough and Ashburnham, while another serves the adjacent mission of Otonabee. This latter post has just been resigned by Rev. C. W. Hedley after two years' self-sacrificing work which undermined his health. He sails for Germany to recuperate, his place being taken temporarily by Mr. Chappell of Trinity University, who is to be ordained on Trinity Sunday for the foreign field.

The annual ordinations by His Lordship, the Bishop of Montreal will this year be held on Trinity Sunday, June 9th, in St. Stephen's Church, instead of Trinity Church as in previous years. The following candidates have forwarded their applications to the examining chaplain, Canon Mills. For deacon's orders: Messrs. G. A. Mason, W. P. R. Lewis, B.A.; T. H. Graham, W. J. Hamilton, J. C. W. Prout and S. R. McEwan, from the Diocesan Theological College; T. W. Barnes, of Sabrevois College, and A. B. Groulx, a graduate of the Presbyterian College. For priest's orders: Rev. Messrs. T. A. Pratt, B.A., Dunham; Jas. Thompson, B.A., North Shefford; A. C. Wilson, Bolton; A. E. Elliott, Eardley; A. C. Asch, Masouche; A. E. Mount, Lakefield; R. Emmet, Papineauville.

The chief matters of business submitted to the meeting of the Committee of the Diocese of Ontario were: First, the proposal of the clerical secretary that a Church Building Society should be formed for the purpose of securing heavier and better investments. The proposal evoked a good deal of interest, but owing to the prospect of the immediate division of the Diocese no definite action was taken. The report of the Divinity Students Committee showed that fund to be in a very prosperous condition, there being \$757 on hand after meeting all liabilities. There was an equally gratifying report from the Mission Board, showing a revenue for the last year of \$10,284.51, and a balance in hand of \$817.46. The immediate opening up of several new missions was discussed, and the appropriations recommended by the committee were passed. Altogether the Archbishop is to be congratulated on the efficient administration of the finances of the Diocese.

The Rural Deanery chapter of the County of Middlesex convened in Belmont on Tuesday when the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Archdeacon Davis and Rev. J. H. Moorhouse, of London, after which the business of the Chapter was transacted. In the evening a public meeting was held which was opened by singing "Onward Christian Soldiers," after which Archdeacon Davis offered prayer. The following clergymen gave brief addresses on current topics in connection with church work:—Rev'ds. W. L. Armitage, Archdeacon Davis, J. H. Moorhouse, G. B. Sage, of London; E. W. Hughes, Adelaide; A. H. Rhodes, Hyde Park; A. G. Smith, Muncy, and Mr. C. H. Armitage, London. Appropriate hymns were sung at intervals. The addresses proved both interesting and instructive, and another Rural Deanery meeting be held it will no doubt be more keenly appreciated.—Belmont Times.