

gara, who at present is away for his health in England; the Curate is the Rev. W. S. Spiers, formerly Rector of Ottawa, U. S. A. On entering the Cathedral, I could not help noticing the loftiness of the building, and the beautiful East window. I never remember seeing such a nice one in Canada; it represents the Good Shepherd. There are numerous other painted windows at the sides, and a very fine one at the west end. The whole arrangements in the Cathedral are very nice, the gas burners are very handsome, and the choir seats, Bishop's throne, and Dean's, are beautifully carved from oak wood, which gives the whole chancel a very solid and good look. The organ is a very nice one, and is played by the young organist, who I found out is a Mr. Willie Fairclough, with great taste so rarely seen in young players. The altar is covered by a very nice cloth, and the Credence Table is neat, and if they had a handsome Reredos it would just make that end of the building complete, with the nave, which is very handsome. The choir is composed of male and female singers, who I think rather look out of their place, in amongst the clergy, with their dresses of different hues; however this will alter in time, I have no doubt. At 11 o'clock the organ struck up the well known hymn 164, A. and M., which was sung very well; the Rev. W. S. Spiers entered from the vestry in cassock, surplice, and stole, and took his seat behind the choir. Then the service was proceeded with, the Rev. gentleman doing it all himself. The sermon was an extremely fine discourse, delivered with an earnestness which does one good to listen to, after which the alms were taken up. And just allow me, Mr. Editor, to say a few words about this act of worship. It did me good to see in what a seemly way this often neglected part of our service was done. There were six collectors, and they all met at the bottom of the Cathedral, and came up in line to the foot of the sanctuary, where Mr. Spiers met them with a brass alms dish, and after he had presented the alms on the altar they retired to their seats. I have been in some churches, and I am sorry there are lots of them at the present day, where the collectors come rushing up all one after each other, and putting their plates into the clergyman's hand, and after making a bow while resigning the plate, at which the clergyman returns one, he scrambles back to his seat, and waits till his fellow collectors have done ditto; but I hope this system is gradually dying out. We do not want too much Ritualism, but common decency and order. There was sacrament at which the Rev. Mr. Spiers was the celebrant, and about sixty people stayed for this holy ordinance. I have not given a full account of the Cathedral, as it has already been fully described in your valuable columns. I propose sending you a short account of all the Hamilton churches, and next week shall be in Hamilton and attend either the Church of the Ascension or St. Thomas', and then I hope to see a service at All Saints and St. John's the Evangelist at the west end. Hoping, dear Mr. Editor, these little accounts of mine of the different churches will interest some of your readers. Yours very truly,

OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.

ORDINATION.—The Lord Bishop of Niagara will (D. V.) hold an ordination on Sept. 24th (the 15th Sunday after Trinity) in Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton. The examinations will take place in the Cathedral school house, commencing at 10 a.m., on the preceding Thursday. Candidates are requested to give notice to the undersigned without delay, and to come

provided with the usual testimonials. ALEX. DIXON B.A., Examining Chaplain. Rosehurst, Guelph, Aug. 16th, 1876.

TORONTO.

THE Rev. R. S. Forneri, of Christ Church, Belleville, officiated last Sunday morning and evening, in St. Peter's Church, Toronto.

HURON.

The Bishop forwarded to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and cordially recommended an application from the Rev. Jeffrey Hill for a grant towards a new church, to replace an old smaller building in the town of Meaford, County Grey. It has been a question whether, in order to accommodate a larger influx of poor immigrants, it would be well to build a second small new church of larger dimensions to replace the existing one. The latter plan has been adopted. It is proposed to build a stone church, to accommodate 350 or 400, at an estimated outlay of 11667. Towards this amount there are 7807. in hand, almost all of which was contributed on the spot. The population of Meaford is 1600, of whom about 600 are Church people. None are rich. Four or five families are comfortably situated; the great majority are struggling shop merchants, farmers on wild land, mechanics, labourers, etc. It was agreed, on the recommendation of the standing committee, to grant 507. in this case, subject to the fulfilment of the usual conditions.

OBITUARY.—

Far better they should sleep awhile,
Within the Church's shade,
Nor wake until new heaven, new earth,
Meet for their new immortal birth,
For their abiding place be made.

Separated from this life at the Deanery, Huron College, London, on Saturday, 19th August, 1876, at 6 o'clock p.m., Isabella Jemima Boomer, beloved wife of the Very Rev. M. Boomer, LL.D., Dean of Huron, aged 67 years. The deceased had for years borne a very painful illness with truly Christian resignation, and as the sun was sinking on the eve of the Lord's Day, slept in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life. At her own request her "natural body" was borne from St. John's Chapel, Huron College, to the little church she loved so much. On Tuesday at 7 o'clock a.m., the congregation assembled in the chapel. The body, in a metal casket, was borne into the sacred building and laid in front of the chancel. The burial service was read by Rev. G. C. McKenzie. It was a solemn moment—sad, but in the midst of mourning, triumphant in the power of faith. *She is not dead but sleepeth.* From the chapel her remains were brought to Galt, the family burial ground. The pall-bearers were Revs. Canon Innes, W. H. Tilly, H. W. Halpin, and A. Sweatman, and Col. Shanly and Judge Elliott. The burial service at the grave was read by Rev. W. B. Curran.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.—Preachers, at morning service Chapter House, Rev. Mr. Young, from Torquay, E., preached from Philip i. 21, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." His words went home with power to the hearts of his hearers. The sermon was remarkably appropriate, and all were found to think of her who had a few hours previously passed from their midst into life.

ST. PAUL'S.—Rev. Canon Innes taking for his text the apostles' commendation of the Bereans as more able than they of Salonica, combatted the sceptical tenden-

cies of the time. His sermon was a sequel to that preached by him the preceding Sunday. The deep attention and intense interest manifested by his hearers bore testimony to the earnestness and power of his reasoning.

The pulpits of the other churches were occupied by their respective ministers: Rev. W. H. Tilly, J. P. Smith, and Evans Davis. Afternoon, Rev. Canon Innes officiated and preached at Petersville; and again at evening service at St. Paul's. Rev. Mr. Young preached at the Memorial Church at evening service. The ministers of the other parishes each in his own church.

VEN. ARCHDEACON MARSH has been at the Lake Shore, Owen Sound, for some weeks, recruiting his health, and still more that of his good lady. Rev. H. W. Halpin, of Huron College, is his *locumtenens*, officiating for him at St. John's in the morning, and at his own place, Glamworth, in the afternoon.

THERE was a special collection in aid of the mission of St. James' Church, Westminster, in St. Paul's last Sunday, according to the resolution passed at the Easter Vestry, requesting the Rector and Churchwardens of St. Paul's to have two special collections annually for two years for that purpose.

FLORENCE AND AUGHIRM.—TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.—Ven. Archdeacon Sands, D.D., preached at St. Matthew's, Florence, and at St. John's, Aughirm, to large congregations.

THE CHURCH IN ENGLAND.

The Editor of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN.

DEAR SIR,—Before leaving Canada about a year ago I partly promised to write to you from time to time, giving your readers my impressions of what I might see and hear during my sojourn in the Mother land; but such has been my incessant labor both in correspondence and travelling for my Church Building Fund, that I have found it impossible. I have, however, repeatedly been inclined to congratulate you upon the improved and decided tone of your paper. So long as it was only a "milk and water" paper, and it conveyed no more instruction than any secular or sectarian paper did, I did not see the use of it. But now it is such as not only the clergy but every Churchman in Canada ought to have, and to circulate far and wide, and I hope the clergy will spare no pains to introduce it to the notice of their most distant parishioners. "I do not know what our young people would do on Sundays and in the evenings without a good Church paper," were the words once said to me by a mother living eight miles from the church. But I know how interesting letters from England are to Churchmen in Canada, and I wish it was in my power to give you a really good communication and such as you might expect from me after one year's travelling in great and beautiful England. And especially would you wish, I know, to hear something of the state of the mother Church, and of the religious parties, and polemical discussions which are so rife just now in all parts, not only in our own Church, but in every other Church and sect in the world. I must say, however, that the same cause which has kept me from writing to you hitherto has also prevented my entering very deeply into the questions which are agitating the Christian world. But to say that I have heard nothing and seen nothing would not be correct. You cannot live in England any time without observing a good deal that is most interesting in religion, as well as in