

Rougemont is incorrect. He prefers to accept the parish of Richford, Dio. Vermont, U. S., which is likely soon to be constituted a parish.

AYLMER.—The corner-stone of a new church at Aylmer is to be laid on the 8th inst. The Bishop will officiate.

THE RURAL DEANERY MEETING for the district of S. Andrews is to be held on the same day as above.

MONTREAL.—The Methodist Conference has just closed its session in Montreal. We speak of it because some very peculiar expressions were used relative to certain of their ministerial members who had joined or desired to join other Christian churches. One, a Mr. Charbonnel, an ex-Roman priest, we believe desired to go into some other body—which one carefully kept in the dark—his case would not be considered until he should put in an appearance, which, however, he did not do. It seems to us this is very like coercion. Another desired to join or had signified his intention to join the Reformed Episcopal body. Some of the Conference took great umbrage, and desired that this person should get no certificate of good standing; but he asked to return his ordination certificate!! What is this? To be unfrocked—to be degraded—to be made a layman—does it mean? We wonder what is now the idea among Methodists concerning ordination. One time it was merely a form for sake of order and impressiveness—improving the occasion; the candidate having (in their own and their brethren's estimation) already received the ordination of the Spirit, which the man could neither add nor take from. And yet here a Methodist preacher demands that his brother in the ministry give his ordination papers back, simply because he was going to take work in another portion of the Lord's vine yard, to phrase it as Methodists used to do. And lastly, the conference was greatly exercised over Mr. Brick's resignation, and evidently were more worked up over his case, because he had gone into the Episcopal Church, and be there a layman. They seemed to desire, and some of them, Messrs. Bland and Hansford, did all they could to make him out as untrustworthy and certainly undeserving of their certificate. Nevertheless, they granted it!! Perhaps they might as well have withheld it. If Mr. Brick desires, and is fitted for ordination as a deacon, he will get such whether he has the Methodist Conference certificate, or whether he has not. Their animosity against him will not retard him now. But what do such preachers as these members of conference mean when they thus speak? Do they not openly again and again say, that it matters not what Church you belong,—that the only true Church is the secret company of all sincere believers—wherefore, then, if one of their preachers jumps the hedge, that simply (according to the sect idea) makes the boundaries of allotments to work to better advantage in another portion, wherefore raise any question as to his right and liberty, to do so? Verily, some of our Wesleyan preachers are certainly not the simple preachers of a century ago, or fifty years ago; but are making pretensions to something like priest craft.

IRON HILL.—Services are now conducted in this Parish, *pro tem*, by Mr. Robertson, a student from the Montreal Theological College.

SOUTH STUKELY.—The Bishop held service in St. Matthew's Church, on May 29th. There was a very large attendance. Two young men were baptized, and twelve candidates were confirmed. One was about seventy-six years of age, and belongs to one of the oldest and best families of Stukely. The Bishop expressed himself much pleased with the services, and complimented the organist and the choir for the hearty manner in which they had rendered the musical part of the service.

MONTREAL.—The Rev. Canon Carmichael, of Hamilton, Ont., has been unanimously elected Rector of St. George's Church in succession to Rev. Dr. Sullivan, Bishop-elect of Algoma. He was formally Assistant Rector of St. George's and was one of the most popular clergymen not alone with his own congregation, but with all sections of the inhabitants.

### DIocese OF HURON.

(From our own Correspondent.)

ANOTHER Nova Scotian has taken work in this Diocese. The face of our tall brother, Rev. Richard J. Uniacke, is now looked up to in the streets of London. He has been appointed Assistant to Dean Boomer at the Chapter House, in place of Mr. Ramsay, lately removed to Windsor. If rumour is to be believed, still another of your clergy will soon be seen among us. Time will tell.

A GRAND choral Festival was held last week at the Cathedral, Hamilton. The excellent choir of St. Paul's here went over in a body to take part. From a musical point of view the Festival was a great success; but I hear that financially its promoters were considerably out of pocket.

THE Synod of the Diocese of Huron is to assemble as a matter of form on Tuesday, June 20th; but as the Dominion Elections take place on that day, the Synod will be adjourned until the autumn. The Bishop anticipates spending the summer in England. His Lordship has succeeded in making the Western University here an established fact. Its first year of existence is now drawing to a close, and the calendar for the ensuing year breathes a spirit of assured hope. What with this University, and the Dufferin and

Ladies' Colleges, Bishop Hellmuth has made London no mean educational centre.

CHANGES are being constantly made in this Diocese. The town of Woodstock, formerly under the sole care of Rev. James Hill, has been divided into two parishes. Mr. Hill retains the Rectory, together with the handsome new Church, while Rev. A. A. W. Hastings, formerly Rector of Chatham, has been appointed Incumbent of Old St. Paul's Woodstock East.

To the north of London there is a very thriving town, by name, Wingham. Of St. Paul's Church in this place, Rev. R. McCosh, lately Incumbent of Bayfield, has been appointed Rector.

THE Rev. D. Deacon, formerly Rev. Canon Caulfield's Assistant at Windsor, has been elected Incumbent of Memorial Church, Stratford, in place of Rev. J. P. Curran, appointed Rector of Christ Church Zorra.

### DIocese OF NIAGARA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

THE Synod closed on Wednesday, the 31st ult., having dispatched its business carefully and without haste within two days. The clergy were thus kept a very short time from their Parish work, and the lay delegates were given an early return to their private and often pressing business. This excellent feature was largely owing to the happy spirit of unanimity and charity which was so pleasantly evident to your correspondent. In every speech, whatever the opinions expressed, the predominant thought was clearly the promotion of the general good. The spirit of party was never breathed; to all appearance it was never thought of; hence but little time was wasted. The Bishop's opening address contained the pleasing announcements that no deaths had occurred among the clergy since the previous session, and that the number of candidates confirmed was over one thousand, nearly double that of the preceding year. His Lordship strongly urged upon his clergy to give their people high, spiritual views on the subject of giving to God, and in particular with regard to the offertory, which, having its place in the Church's service, should be regarded as part of the Christian's service to God, and as an act of worship, and should accordingly receive the Christian's best. The sacred, as well as the secular side of the office of Churchwarden, was also earnestly and plainly pointed out, and the necessity of appointing to it men of sterling Christian character, as well as of good business capacity, was as strongly insisted on. Resolutions were unanimously passed, expressing the deep sense of the great loss sustained in the death of the late faithful and self-denying Bishop of Algoma, and cheerfully accepting the assessment levied on this Diocese for the stipend of the new Bishop of that missionary field, and assuring him of hearty support in the arduous work that he has undertaken in such a spirit of self-sacrifice. A measure was also adopted to pay the travelling expenses of all those clerical and lay delegates to Provincial Synod who shall give its Sessions a full and proper attendance, and to raise the required amount by increasing the Diocesan Synod assessment of each Parish or Mission.

### THE SYNOD OF ONTARIO.

(From our own correspondent.)

Synod began with a Choral Service in the Cathedral on Tuesday evening, the 6th inst.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Lewin, Curate of Prescott. It illustrated the fulfilment of the promise of God, and the statement of the 105th Psalm that "rivers ran in the dry places" by describing the wonderful advance of missionary work of late years, and the evident blessing to the Church which had accompanied it.

A singular mistake appears in the newspaper reports, in which the preacher is made to speak of the present Metropolitan of Canada as if he were the successor of Bishop Inglis in the Diocese of Nova Scotia. The statement may be true in one sense, as all the Bishops in Canada may be considered successors of the first Bishop appointed within its limits, but it is, to say the least, misleading.

The sermon, like most of those preached by the reverend gentleman, was highly poetical, and contained very graceful allusions to the labours and eminently Christian life of the late Bishop Fauquier, and to the self-sacrificing spirit of Dr. Sullivan in consenting to follow him as Bishop of Algoma; and it ended by urging that this self-sacrificing spirit was necessary on the part of all to sustain him properly, and that humble prayer to God the King became us now that He might "strike the rock of selfishness and bring forth the living waters of faith, and hope, and charity to fertilize the barren land."

Wednesday was the first working day, and after Celebration of the Holy Communion by the Lord Bishop, the Synod opened with a good attendance of both clergy and representatives of parishes. The late season will doubtless keep away many from the rural districts, and several whose names appear must have made considerable sacrifice to attend.

There is seldom anything very interesting on the first day—as a custom has been allowed to grow up of referring all Reports of Committee to a future period of the Session. If those which did not require printing were always discussed as presented, it would lighten the labor of the

Synod very much, and nearly always two working days would complete the business.

The Rev. Dr. Dankers, of the Diocese of New York, and the new Provost of Trinity College, Toronto, were invited to take seats in the House.

The resolution of the Provincial Synod regarding the support of the Bishopric of Algoma was read and a motion made that the Diocese should approve and adopt it. The motion was referred to a Committee, and as this Diocese has always paid promptly the amount it undertook to pay, and the Provincial Synod has not suggested its increase, it is not likely that there will be any failure in the future.

After several petitions and reports of committees had been presented, the Synod took up the business unfinished at last session. A new canon was proposed on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, the consideration of which was postponed till next year. It would be difficult to count up the number of years which have been consumed in abortive attempts to draw up a satisfactory canon for the management of this fund.

A motion was made by Rural Dean Lewis to have a special agent appointed to canvass the Diocese for contributions to make up the loss to the Synod Funds through the late Clerical Secretary, but it failed to meet the approval of the Synod.

A further motion was then made by Rev. H. Wilson, D. D., respecting the relations of the late Archdeacon and Secretary to the Diocese, which led to a very painful discussion, at the close of which the Bishop said that he thought the Synod was no place to discuss the question, and that he doubted whether it was one which many clergy in the Diocese understood. The motion was referred to a Committee.

Special mention was made in the Report of the Mission Board of the lamented death of the late Canon Forest, and of the illness of the Ven. Archdeacon Lauder.

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### DIocese OF TORONTO.

(From our own Correspondent.)

TORONTO.—St. James'.—Since the death of the late Dean there appears to have been some difficulty about the appointment of his successor. The Canon on Patronage provides that the Bishop is to make no appointment to a vacant parish before consulting with the Churchwardens and Lay Delegates; and its object is that he may know and appoint that sort of clergyman who will be most likely to carry on the Church's work successfully. But the authorities of St. James' have manifested a desire, almost a determination, that the Bishop must appoint the very man whom they select as Rector. They proposed two names, but neither of them was acceptable to his Lordship; the first because of his treatment of the late Metropolitan, and the second because he has done but little to deserve the position, and is an uncompromising supporter of the E. D. S. in opposition to Trinity College. The Synod determined to treat both institutions fairly, and will be no partizan in this matter in the important position of Rector of St. James'. The latest information is that he has offered the Rectory to Canon Carmichael, of Niagara Diocese. Should the congregation offer any opposition to this arrangement, it will be evident to all that their object is not simply to have a Rector of the Low Church School, but that they are determined to have no one except their own nominee. Whilst it is a pity to go out of the Diocese for a man to be Rector of the wealthiest Parish in Toronto, all moderate men hope that the present unpleasantness may be ended by the Canon accepting the appointment. If he were once fairly at work there is little doubt that he and those who are now dissatisfied would get along quite harmoniously; and even if many of the congregation were to withdraw to other Parishes Mr. Carmichael would very easily fill the Cathedral with others.

COLLINGWOOD.—All Saints'.—Several ladies of this Parish have been for some time preparing for a bazaar in aid of the funds; and it was held during three days last week, and was very successful financially and otherwise.

CREEMORE.—A meeting of the Rural-decanal Chapter of West Simcoe having been called by the Rev. W. R. Forster, R. D., Incumbent of Creemore, for Thursday and Friday last, your correspondent and a neighbouring parson started to drive there on Wednesday evening, and about eight o'clock reached Claverleigh, the Rural Dean's charming residence. The house is beautifully situated at the foot of a wooded hill; through the grounds, which are delightful, runs a stream, which, from its velocity, is known as Mad River; and from the summit of the hill just mentioned is an extensive and diversified prospect, one of the chief beauties of which is the confluence of two rivers at the extreme point of a promontory, reminding one of Moore's exquisite melody, commencing—

"There is not in this wide world a valley so sweet  
As the vale in whose bosom the bright waters meet."

Other members of the Chapter continued to arrive till twelve were present, Messrs. Watt and Morley being the only two absent. In his opening address on Thursday morning, the Rural Dean, on behalf of the Chapter, very touchingly expressed their deep regret at the removal from West Simcoe of the Rev. A. W. Spragge, R. A., but had the pleasure of congratulating him upon the fact that he had been promoted to a more important Parish than that from which he had been removed.

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