

WHITTY.—The new parsonage, to which reference was recently made in the *GUARDIAN*, has now been secured. A house, which suits admirably for the purpose, was purchased by the Church Wardens for \$2,200, and \$450 has been paid on account.

BRAMPTON.—Christ Church was consecrated on the 14th ult. Among those present, in addition to the Bishop, were Rev. Messrs. Ford, Belt, MacKenzie, Dixon, Swallows, C. Thompson, Hannah, and C. C. Johnson, the Incumbent. The singing was earnest and congregational. The sermon was delivered by the Bishop. In the afternoon of the same day a tea meeting was held, which was very largely attended, and later on there was a concert and addresses by the Bishop and clergy. The Brampton brass band gave several operatic selections during the evening, which was brought to a close by the audience singing "God save the Queen."

NEW PARISH.—A project is mooted in Toronto to build a church and parsonage on the island opposite the city. Great numbers of influential Churchmen reside on the island during the summer months, and hundreds of visitors pour in from all parts of Toronto and elsewhere during the summer season. Certainly a chaplaincy here would be no sinecure for a portion of the year. Services might at first be taken in turn by the city clergy or arrangements might be made to have country rectors spend a portion of their holidays in the work. The money to erect a suitable building could readily be had. The Bishop has applied to the City Council for a site.

TRINITY COLLEGE.—At a recent meeting of the corporation, the Rev. John Langtry, M. A., gave notice of a motion to invite the graduates of the University and their friends to undertake the foundation of a Whitaker Professorship in the College as a memorial of the first Provost. This would certainly commend itself to the majority of Provost Whitaker's friends as the most seemly and appropriate memorial of his long, faithful, and disinterested services in connection with Trinity College. We have no doubt it would be pre-eminently successful, and we trust it will be undertaken with a will. The following gentlemen are appointed examiners for 1883:—Faculty of Arts—Divinity, Rev. C. H. Mockridge, D. D.; Classics, Wm. Dale, M. A.; Mathematics, Cortes Feasenden, B. A.; French, W. H. Fraser, M. A.; Science, W. H. H. Ellis, M. A.; English, Rev. C. D. Worrell, B. A.

TORONTO.—*Church of the Ascension.*—Advent Sunday was the fifth anniversary of this Parish, and was duly observed by appropriate services. Sermons were preached by Canon Dumoulin at 11 a. m., and by the Bishop of Algoma at 7 p. m. Collections were taken up in aid of the building fund. It appears that this church is indebted to the estate of the late S. B. Smith in the sum of \$9,000, and that although Mr. Smith had subscribed \$4,000 to the church during his lifetime, the will of that gentleman does not hold the estate responsible for this latter sum. It will be remembered that Mr. Smith left \$30,000 to the Church of the Ascension, but this is a somewhat marked way of being generous before just if the above facts are true.

DIocese OF HURON.

(From our own correspondents.)

INGERSOLL.—The day of intercession for Sunday Schools, as appointed by the Church Sunday School Institute, was observed in this parish on Oct. 15th. The Sunday School assembled as usual in the basement at 9.30 a. m. and instead of the usual choir exercises, a procession was formed to the church, headed by the rector, vested in cassock and surplice; then the infant class bearing the banner, on which was inscribed in letters of blue on a white ground, the Saviour's injunction, "Feed my lambs." The hymn, "Brightly gleams our banner," was commenced as the children filed out of the school room, the classes following in order from the junior to the senior, and upon entering the church its joyous strains were taken up by the organ, the choir now joining with the scholars, and continued until

all the classes were marshalled into their seats, which was accomplished without any confusion by two of the side-men, Messrs. Wright and Revell, who are also Sunday School officers. When all were assembled, the rector, kneeling at the chancel steps, said the prayer to be used before divine service, all reverently kneeled and joining in the Amen. The offertory was on behalf of the parish Sunday School work. It may be encouraging to others to state that as a result of Sunday School work a mission chapel is to be built in an out-lying portion of this parish, the fruits of years of faithful work amongst otherwise neglected children, by a band of sisters, who devoted every Sunday afternoon to gathering, first in their own house and then in the section school, all the children of the neighbourhood. It had been hoped that the building would be ready by Christmas, but owing to unavoidable circumstances the erection has been postponed till spring. The land has been given by Mr. Alex. Choat, and a goodly portion of the funds is already in the bank, collected by a young lady worker, and we hope ere long to witness the development of our mission school into a Chapel of Ease.

WINDSOR.—*All Saints Church.*—Considerable alterations and improvements are about to be carried out in this Church. At a vestry meeting recently held it was decided to remove the organ from the gallery to a chamber to be erected at the north side of the chancel; to introduce oak choir stalls, to seat a choir of about 30 voices, now being trained to antiphonal singing; to light the whole building with gas, color the walls, fresco the arches, and otherwise add to the internal beauty of the sacred edifice. About \$1,100 have already been contributed for this object, and the work is to be commenced at once. The new Rector, Rev. W. H. Mansley, is to be congratulated on the marked improvement since his incumbency.

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Including the Dioceses of Rupert's Land, Saskatchewan, Moosehide & Athabasca.

DIocese OF RUPERT'S LAND.

WINNIPEG.—*Holy Trinity Church.*—On the occasion of the commemoration of the eighth anniversary of the induction of the Rev. O. F. Fortin as Rector of the Parish of Holy Trinity, both morning and evening services were attended by very large congregations. While preaching at the morning service, the Rev. A. Stonden briefly referred to his appointment to the charge of the Parish of Morris, and requested the prayers on the congregation for his success as a minister of the Gospel in that field. The musical portion of the evening service was very well rendered by the choir. Smith's Evening Service was sung, also the beautiful anthem "As pants the hart," which to say the least was given in a style very difficult to improve upon. The Rector preached from the first verse of the sixth chapter II Kings, "The place is too strait for us." After a review of the life of Elisha, and the events leading up to the occasion of the text, the Rev. gentleman said:—"Elisha being a wise master builder and prophet in Israel, he felt that the great reformation which he had effected would be of little avail, unless it were followed up after he had gone the way of all the earth. He was not satisfied with merely laying the foundation of the work which was so fair and promising at the outset. He, therefore, established colleges, or schools of the prophets, for the training of young men, who, after being thoroughly equipped by a regular course of study under his own supervision, might go forth among the people as approved teachers and pastors. One of these colleges was at Jerusalem, and it soon became so famous that there was no more room for the students that came crowding in from all parts of the country. The characteristic feature of this city is that of growth and expansion. Every department of business life is in need of increased accommodation; what was ample two years ago is utterly inadequate to-day. This is equally true of the Church. Churches of yesterday compared with ourselves, have provided seating room for a thousand, and twelve hundred souls; a wise

step surely in view of the circumstances of our city, into which flows a ceaseless stream of emigration, An effort will be made to seat one hundred more persons shortly in this church, but what is that among so many? As a temporary measure, it is certainly better than nothing. I well remember our first service in autumn of 1875. The church was then only half its present size. It was the day of small things. We had good men and true, but we were comparatively few in number. There were thirty communicants on the first celebration of the Holy Communion, after my induction as pastor; now the number has increased so as to render it necessary to have three celebrations a month. There was a debt of \$2,600 then, which was removed in about eighteen months. There was then no organ, but by hard work and persistent efforts, the present instrument was procured, which, together with the organ chamber, involved an outlay of \$1,600. Twelve months ago the congregation had increased to such an extent that it was thought proper to invite the Rev. Mr. Stonden to share with me the work of this rapidly growing Parish, and most cordially do I bear testimony to his zeal and devotion, and to the cheerful manner in which he always seconded my efforts and wishes. To-day he severs his connection with this church, having been appointed to the important congregation of Morris, which will, no doubt, ere long become a rectory. He has earned a good degree for himself, and I feel sure that we shall all follow him into his new sphere with our prayers and good wishes.

I have thus very cursorily traced the leading events that have transpired during the past seven years. There are, besides, many details of interest had I time to mention them. I may, perhaps, be allowed to refer to our increased liberality towards Diocesan objects. Our offertory to the Widows' and Orphans' fund last winter was \$258, the largest ever taken in this church for that object. Our Thanksgiving offering this year, given a few days ago to the Home Mission fund, was \$323, a much larger sum than we have ever given before. I look upon these as indices of increasing activity and life. I look upon them as an earnest of cheering success, in the efforts that the ladies of the congregation will make this winter on behalf of the mission work of the diocese. We have not by any means reached perfection, nor have we anything to boast of particularly. Nevertheless, our successes have been sufficient to make us hopeful for the future. We have ample material. We have all the elements necessary to build up a large, earnest, useful, working parish, only "the place is too strait for us." Let us stretch out our cords and enlarge our borders, and the past successes, over which we rejoice to-day, will be multiplied ten fold.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men
Which taken at its flood, leads on to fortune,
Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows, and in miseries.
On such a full sea are we now afloat;
And we must take the current when it serves
Or lose our ventures."

These words, spoken by one who understood life and its issues, better perhaps than any other man, seem particularly applicable to us at the present time. Oh, then! let me say to you in the stirring words of the well-known hymn:

Soldiers of Christ arise,
And put your armor on;
Strong in the strength which God supplies,
Through His eternal Son.

But I would not close without asking you how it is with you spiritually. Is your soul dwarfed and contracted by selfishness and sin, or is it enlarged by the noble aspiration to make it the temple of your God? Have you said with David, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and the King of Glory shall come in? Do you cherish thoughts of God, and love His service? Do you pray for the advancement of His Kingdom, both in yourselves and abroad in the world? If so, the great object of my heart just now will be to welcome you; and when I stand before you and say, "Men and brethren, the place is too strait for us, let us build a larger place," and perchance you say to me, "Will you go with us?" rest assured that my prompt reply will be "I will."