

It is proposed that the Diocese of Ontario shall consist of the counties of Addington, Lennox, Hastings, Frontenac, Prince Edward, Leeds and Grenville. Church population 42,388. The Diocese of Ottawa shall consist of the counties of Carleton, Daudas, Glengarry, Lanark, Prescott, Renfrew, Russell and Stormont. Church population, 42,983.

After a discussion upon the discipline question, Archbishop Lauder reported that \$2,500 had been collected towards a See House. A scheme was set on foot to raise \$10,000 for a See House, and thus mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of his lordship's episcopate.

The Synod was then closed with the benediction.

## TORONTO.

**TRINITY COLLEGE SCHOOL.—Speech Day.**—The 8th of July is to be observed at Trinity College School, Port Hope, as annual Speech Day. The principal, the Rev. Dr. Bethune, will gladly welcome "old boys" and all friends of the school. The event is usually one of the happiest festive days of the church to those who take an interest in this prosperous and admirable institution. This year will be signalled by the visit of the new Bishop of Niagara, who, following in the steps of his wise predecessor, is giving active assistance to all good works helpful to the church—especially educational ones. We trust the clerk of the weather will be in a good humour on Speech Day, and the event prove a pleasant one to the principal and staff, as well to the boys and their friends, many of whom are looking forward to it with "great expectations," of prizes, honours and congratulations.

**St. James' Church.**—A confirmation was held at this church on the 22nd June, when forty-two candidates, about equally divided in sexes, received the Apostolic rite and were earnestly addressed by the Bishop.

**St. Anne's Church.**—Mr. Kirkpatrick has resigned the position of superintendent of this Sunday school and been presented with an address and gifts by the teachers. We trust Mr. Kirkpatrick will be enabled shortly to resume these duties, as the Church cannot afford to weaken her staff of Sunday school workers.

**RETURN FROM THE WAR IN EGYPT.**—We heartily congratulate Lieut.-Col. F. C. Denison, on his safe return from the Nile. He speaks in high terms of the voyageurs and their treatment by the home authorities.

**BISHOP STRACHAN SCHOOL.—Closing Exercises.**—The closing exercises in connection with Bishop Strachan school took place on the 24th June, at Wykeham hall. There was a large number of visitors, among those present being the Lord Bishop of Toronto, Hon. G. W. Allan, Rev. J. P. Lewis, Rev. Mr. Harrison, Professor Hirschfelder, Professor Theodore Martens, Mr. Alexander Marling, and others. The young lady pupils of the institution, presented a charming appearance in their toilettes, provided a delightful entertainment in the shape of a concert with recitations. The vocalist was Miss Langstaff, who sang "My heart is like a singing bird" and the popular "Gavotte," from the opera of "Mignon," with much sweetness, both of which numbers elicited appreciative applause. The elocutionists were Misses E. Marling, A. Lough, Sullivan, Starkey, E. Cooke, H. O'Reilly and Ridley, who recited a number of pieces with a skill and judgment that reflected credit on their instructor. PIANO solos were given by Misses Clara Lough, Sullivan, Moberley, Stafford, K. Cooke and Ridley, all of whom displayed much merit, both from a technical and musical point of view. Arrangements of well known compositions for eight and twelve hands were capably played by Misses Stafford, Ridley, Roberts, Drew, K. Cooke, M. Roger, A. Paterson, O. Lough, M. Browne, F. Burnside, T. Howard, K. Cryslar, F. Shape, M. Sullivan, H. Hall, M. Wilson, K. Richards, M. Beck, A. Simpson and B. Wilson. The vocal class sang Barnby's "A summer song," which was most favourably received by the audience. Specimens of drawing in oils and water colours and of fancy work by the pupils were displayed in the reception room, the collection forming a most interesting exhibition. Between the first and second parts of the programme the Hon. G. W. Allan distributed the prizes, after making a few congratulatory remarks to the lady principal and the pupils under her charge as to the satisfactory work the school was doing. The company broke up about eleven o'clock, after having passed a most pleasant evening. We shall give the prize list next week.

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARADE.**—On the 25th June, the children attending the public schools, Toronto, paraded the main streets. It was indeed a most impressive and beautiful sight to see thousands of girls and boys so well dressed, so healthy looking and manifesting marked signs of physical care and well being. The military aspect of the procession was especially noticeable, the marching of several of the schools being quite up to the volunteer standard. Some of our friends might have learned a lesson from this parade, by noticing the pride of the children in their banners, and participation in a festive procession with music and all the outward and visible signs of joy and gladness. How puzzled many of these young people must be, when they are told as they will be that a procession with banners and music, in association with religious festivity, is an abomination and wickedness! Their puzzling over this problem will lead hundreds to see the utter absurdity of the Puritan objection to all these signs of festive joy in Church services.

## NIAGARA.

**ANCASTER.**—The Bishop of Niagara arrived in this parish on Saturday afternoon, the 18th inst. At 7 o'clock, at the request of the stockholders, His Lordship laid the corner stone of a new carriage factory, the old one having been destroyed by fire a few weeks previously. The Bishop and the rector of the parish robed in the church close by. They were met at the door of the church by the stockholders, where a procession was formed, the rector preceding the Bishop and bearing the pastoral staff. Upon reaching the site of the factory, His Lordship delivered an excellent address to the large congregation there waiting, impressing upon all the desirability of mingling religion in their every day life and work, and of beginning, continually and ending all things in God's name. The following were the prayers said:—"Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly beseech Thee to bless this corner stone for the foundation of this building to be erected for the promotion of man's enterprises, and grant that they whose substance may through this and other like employment be increased, may be kept from covetous desires, through Jesus Christ our Lord. O Lord, who wisely orderest all things, both in heaven and earth; to Thy merciful protection we commend the workmen employed in this building. Let Thy fatherly hand ever be over them; keep them from all evil, accident, hurt or hindrance, and from all unfaithful profane, or unholy words or deeds; that the work now begun, may by Thy blessing on their labour, be brought to a happy end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." The Lord's prayer and benediction closed the service. The Bishop then taking the trowel in his hand, said:—"In the faith of Jesus Christ and in the hope of God's blessing on this enterprise, we lay this foundation stone in the name of the Father, of the Son, of the Holy Ghost. Amen." E. Kenrick, Esq., barrister, who is the secretary-treasurer of the company, then thanked the Bishop for his kindness, and for the good advice given, and assured His Lordship that it would not soon be forgotten. The congregation, which were deeply impressed with the whole service, then dispersed.

A reception was given the Bishop and Mrs. Hamilton, during the evening at the rectory, and was largely attended. On Sunday morning the Bishop visited and addressed the Sunday school. At 11 o'clock a confirmation service was held. The church was filled before the hour of service. Fifteen candidates—three of whom were over fifty—were confirmed. This, it may be observed, is the fourth confirmation service which has been held in this parish in the past six years, the incumbency of the present pastor. His Lordship in an address of about half an hour explained the vows they were on that day renewing, and told the candidates how they would be able to keep them. A celebration of the Holy Communion followed, and was largely attended. All the newly confirmed—except one who took ill during the service—remained. The service throughout was bright and hearty. The Revs. T. Geoghegan, of West Flamboro', and the rector, W. R. Clark, assisted in the service. It may be said to the credit of this parish, that although neither large nor rich, it has met for some years back all diocesan and parish claims—the latter of which have been very heavy. The large stone church and rectory here, are amongst the handsomest of this diocese.

**GUELPH.**—Another teacher's examination in connection with the Church of England Sunday School Institute, has been lately held in Guelph. Six teachers presented themselves, after able preparation under the teaching of the Venerable Archdeacon Dixon, and acquitted themselves very well. The Guelph Sunday School teachers have set an example of zeal and do.

interest in Sunday School work, worthy of all honour; and their zeal is a reproach to the too common indifference prevailing on this important matter. Surely the knowledge that "maketh wise unto salvation," is the most important of all knowledge, and those who impart it, should use diligent preparation, as well as prayer, to become "good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

**HALTON AND NORTH WENTWORTH RURAL DEANERY.**—The new Bishop and his amiable wife, have won all hearts in the diocese, by their Christian earnestness and unassuming demeanor. They recently paid a very welcome visit to this deanery, from Ancaster, where a large company of parishioners and others assembled to welcome them, on Saturday, 13th inst, and where the Bishop administered the rite of confirmation to 15 catechumens. On Sunday, 14th, he proceeded to Flamborough West, where in the evening a full choral service was held, and was joined in by a large congregation. After an early communion on Monday, followed by a large public reception, the Bishop and his party arrived at Waterdown. There an overflowing congregation assembled at Grace Church to witness, and we hope, to profit by the confession of twenty-one candidates in confirmation. The Rev. Rural Dean Bull, G. B. Bull, and F. E. Howitt were present from South Wentworth, and Revs. Messrs. Clark, Geoghegan, Munson, and Rural Dean Belt, represented the deanery. Here also a parish welcome was extended to the new Bishop and his wife, in the grounds of Mr. Davidson. On Tuesday, 16th, after an early communion and breakfast, the Episcopal party, consisting of the Bishop and Mrs. Hamilton, with Rev. Messrs. Geoghegan and Munson, proceeded to Milton, where, in the evening, confirmation was administered to six candidates, four of whom were from other religious bodies. The next day, 17th, the Bishop's party reached Burlington about noon. Here again, a public "welcome" of parishioners greeted the Bishop at the rectory, and they had also the pleasure of welcoming their former assistant minister, Rev. W. R. Clark and Mrs. Clark, from Ancaster, and Rev. W. J. Mackenzie, of Milton. In the evening divine service was held in St. Luke's Church, Burlington, which was well filled. The Revs. Messrs. Clark, Geoghegan, Munson, and the rector took part, and the Bishop preached. The large congregation seemed pleased and edified by both service and sermon.

## HURON.

**WALKERVILLE.**—The Rev. M. Aston, has resigned the incumbency of Walkerville, and will leave for England 27th inst.

**GODERICH.**—Rev. Mr. Owens has resigned the assistant ministry of St. George's Church, and has been appointed to the diocese of Ontario.

**ST. THOMAS.**—Rev. E. M. Ballard has handed to his lordship the Bishop, his resignation as rector of Trinity Church.

**INGERSOLL.**—The resignation of Rev. E. Bland, rector of St. James' Church, though doubted, is confirmed. He has accepted the living in St. Catharines. He who runs may read a lesson from these facts.

**BOTHWELL.**—Last Sunday, Rev. R. F. Dixon held his farewell services in Grace Church. There was a large congregation at each service. The number of communicants was the largest that ever communicated at one time, with the exception of one public celebration. It must have been gratifying to the Rev. Mr. Dixon, as he looked over his congregation, to see such a representation of his own people, who regard his removal as a serious loss to this parish, for who will stir up that spirit of true devotion, and teach them of "the faith once delivered to the saints," as he has done? Many are the improvements that have taken place during his four years pastorate: a fine frame church on the Indian Reserve, with a fine altar and furniture, a commodious drive shed, and fence around the church lots in Bothwell, besides altar and furniture in Grace Church that would be a credit to any city church, these and others amounting in all to about two thousand dollars, free from debt. Well may churchmen feel sorry at his loss, for who has not been cheered at the true Christian fortitude and manliness exhibited by their pastor in time of difficulty over which they had no control. We all know with what zeal and energy he worked to make his parish self-sustaining, sparing neither himself nor his horse, holding services in outlying parts of his parish, and visiting from house to house as few other men could.