

**ST. MARK'S MISSION CHURCH.**—This new place of worship, on Herkimer St., near Garth, was opened on Tuesday evening last, by the Lord Bishop of Niagara, assisted by Revs. Carmichael, Curran, Massey, Ford, (Toronto) and others. The building is a very neat frame structure and ecclesiastical in design. The interior is comfortably, though not expensively, fitted up. There is a chancel, with raised altar (upon which stand cross and vases) having dossal hangings and frontal. The seating capacity is set down as 105, but the benches are so arranged that more accommodation can be given if found necessary. The estimated cost is said to be about \$700, and this sum has been secured by gentlemen outside of St. Mark's congregation. Services will be held every Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock and every Thursday at 8, the rector, (Rev. R. G. Sutherland, M.A.) conducting the same. The Sunday School will be under the superintendence of Mr. F. G. Whatley, who is thoroughly competent to manage so important an auxiliary to a church. It is intended, during the winter months, to hold a night school, which, no doubt, many young people in the neighborhood will appreciate. The growth of the city in this direction has increased greatly during the past few years, and a building similar to the one referred to had been asked by members of the Church of England living in the locality; the want is now supplied and gratifying results will doubtless follow.

**ST. MARK'S CHURCH.**—At this church, on Whitsunday evening, before a large congregation, the rite of baptism was administered to two female adults. The service was most impressive and interesting. The choir marched from the chancel to the font, two of the smallest youths bearing the baptismal shell and scroll. Rev. R. G. Sutherland, M. A., made a most appropriate address, taking for the basis of his remarks, Galatians iii. 27, "For as many of you as have been baptized unto Christ have put on Christ."

The Bishop of Niagara will hold a confirmation in St. Mark's on Thursday evening next, 28th inst. at 8 o'clock.

**ST. LUKE'S.**—Notwithstanding the falling rain the confirmation and other services held by the Bishop of Niagara at St. Luke's Church, John St. north, on Whitsunday were very largely attended, the little church being crowded with worshippers. The day will long be remembered by the many that were present. The service was conducted in a very sober, and at the same time most dignified and reverent manner. The Bishop's address was admirable and edifying in the highest degree. It treated of the Holy Spirit's work in the world and His presence in person in the Church and with each of its members, as a guide and Comforter, the difference between an influence and a person being made clear by a simple yet most telling illustration. The men and boys of the choir took their portions of the service very firmly and well, and it was supposed by some present that well-nigh 100 members partook of the Holy Communion for the first time in St. Luke's from their Chief Pastor's hands. Many, nay all, must have gone to their homes saying "It was good to be there."

#### DIOCESE OF HURON.

**LONDON.**—Rev. Canon Innes was taken suddenly ill Sunday evening, and was unable to hold services at St. Paul's as intended. Rev. Mr. English read the prayers, at the close of which the congregation was dismissed.

**St. Paul's.**—The adjourned meeting of St. Paul's Vestry, called in connection with the appointment of an assistant minister, was held in the Bishop Cronyn Hall last night. The Special Committee reported in favor of Rev. R. Hicks, the rector's nominee, who officiated at the Chapter House a month or two ago, and after discussing the question it was resolved to accept Mr. Hicks.

Bishop and Mrs. Baldwin have returned from attending the Twenty-sixth International Conven-

tion of the Y. M. C. A., held at Atlanta, Ga., last week. In the course of the session the Bishop delivered an address on the question, "Is the Bible adapted to the young men of to-day, and if so, why?" The *Atlanta Constitution* thus refers to the address:—"Bishop Baldwin delivered his beautiful address in a very earnest and impressive manner, which enlisted the closest attention. It made a deep impression on the convention and the large congregation of spectators. The address was a model of strength and beauty, as well as of deep spiritual thought."

**See House.**—The plans for the \$10,000 See House to be built on the Huron College grounds, are in the course of preparation, and tenders will shortly be asked for.

**LONDON, SOUTH.**—A parlor concert was given by Mrs. C. S. Hyman, on Tuesday evening last, in aid of the Rectory Fund of St. James' Church. A good programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered. An abundant supply of refreshments were served. A collection was taken up amounting to nearly \$60.00.

Special sermons were preached on Sunday, 24th May, (the Queen's Birthday) in many of the churches in London and the diocese on the subject of **LOYALTY**.

**GODERICH.**—Rev. Percy Owen-Jones, of St. George's Church, Goderich, has been invited to Ottawa. The salary offered him is \$2,000 a year.

**EXETER.**—The Rev. E. J. Robinson has been preaching a course of sermons on the Lord's prayer, which are highly appreciated by the congregation, judging from the attendances at the services.

**RESIGNATION OF VERY REV. DEAN BOOMER.**—The Very Rev. Michael Boomer, LL.D., D.D., Dean of Huron, Principal of Huron College and Rector of the Chapter House, has, owing to physical infirmity, resolved upon retiring from the active duties devolving upon him in connection with the two latter positions, which he has so worthily filled for the past thirteen years. To his numerous friends, who have not been uninformed of the rev. gentleman's failing health, the news of his resignation will not be a matter of surprise. All will, however, wish for the Ven. Dean many years of rest from arduous labors which have been blest in many ways to the Diocese of Huron. The following interesting letter, containing his resignation of the charges named, has been received by his Lordship Bishop Baldwin, and will be read with painful interest:—

"My ministry has extended over a period of forty-six years, and has been confined to two pastorates. In 1839 the venerable Bishop Strachan sent me to Galt, at that time a small village, containing only three Church of England families, having neither church building or parsonage. During a very happy and peaceful pastorate of thirty-three years God so blessed the ministry of His Word that a substantial church, rectory and school buildings were erected, all free of debt, an endowment of \$6,000 secured, and a congregation gathered, whose support of missions was second only to that of the first church in the diocese.

"In 1872, at Bishop Hellmuth's earnest solicitation, I left Galt, and was appointed to the joint charge of the Chapter House congregation, and the Principalship of Huron College. Necessarily a large portion of the pastoral work in connection with the former fell to the share of my assistant, but it was my happiness, no less than my duty and privilege, that my College duties never prevented in any way the discharge of my ministerial duty and pastoral oversight, and the interchange of Christian sympathy with the members. And it pleased God, while in the discharge of that duty, the work of my life, to call me aside.

"To the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Huron:

"MY LORD,—The Council of Huron College having expressed their willingness to provide for me, as the retiring principal, a suitable residence

by a grant of \$200 per annum, with the privilege of my remaining in this house until it shall be required for my successor, I herewith place in your Lordship's hands my resignation of the incumbency as rector of the Chapter House of the pro-Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in this city, and also the position of Principal of Huron College, the former to take effect on the 1st June, the latter on the 1st October, both next ensuing.

"In placing these resignations of my life-long work in your Lordship's hands as Bishop of the Diocese, I desire to express my sense of thankfulness to the Great Shepherd and Bishop of the Church, that he has permitted me to exercise my ministry in His Church as long as I have. And as I believed myself called of Him to the work, I now no less recognize the same Divine gracious will in the re-call, and I regard it as a mark of the Heavenly Father's favor and love, that no hand short of His own interposed to bring my earthly service to a close.

"Will your Lordship at an early day say for me a few kind words to the Chapter House congregation. That God's blessing may rest upon them, one and all, is the prayer of my heart.

"In resigning the principalship of Huron College I will trouble your Lordship to express my sincere thanks to the Council for their uniform consideration for my wishes and comfort at all times, adding my special thanks for their continued kindness.

"I cannot finally sever my connection with the college without saying to your lordship that my work here has been indeed a labor of love. I look back upon thirteen very happy years spent within these walls. I have been deeply conscious of the responsibility laid upon me. I have felt my own insufficiency for the greatness of the work—the duty training and thoroughly furnishing the minds of the students to be worthy standard-bearers of the Cross, teachers of the Word and faithful ministers of Christ and His Church. While I know that my work was more with the letter of the Word, I trust that I never failed to point them to the source of all life, where alone the letter can be made profitable.

"May God in his infinite mercy accept the years of my ministry, blessing what has been in accord with His will and pardoning what has been amiss, for Jesus Christ's sake.

"I remain, my Lord,

"Yours faithfully, in the bonds of

"Christ and His Church,

"(Signed,) M. BOOMER.

"Huron College, London, Ont., May 22, 1885."

#### DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

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The Bishop removed to Sault Ste. Marie last week. He requests that all communications by mail or otherwise be addressed accordingly.

**PORT ARTHUR.**—Few clergymen win so warm a place in the affections of their congregations as Rev. J. K. McMorine occupies in the hearts of the members and adherents of St. John's Church, and few congregations, it may be added, exhibit their regard so handsomely and practically as the people of St. John's did to Mr. McMorine. His departure from their midst they keenly regret, but recognize that in justice to his growing family they should interpose no hindrance to a change that was unsought by Mr. McMorine and brings him no pecuniary advantage, while it places him in the position to give his family a liberal education. A farewell gathering being held in the Masonic Hall on Friday evening last, the congregation, through