

firmly at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, May 27th.

ST. THOMAS.—The new Parish of St. John's is making good progress. The Bishop visited them on Sunday, the 3rd of June, and confirmed 26 candidates presented by the Rector, Rev. S. L. Smith.

THE congregation of old St. Paul's Church, Woodstock, have increased the salary of the Incumbent, Rev. A. A. W. Hastings, to \$1200, and the congregation of All Saints, Windsor, that of their Rector, Rev. W. H. Ramsay, to \$1800.

SARNIA.—The Bishop of the Diocese held a Confirmation in St. George's Church on Sunday, June 10th, when the largest class of candidates ever presented for Confirmation in this Parish, was presented by the Rector, Rev. T. R. Davis. A large congregation was present, and many unable to gain admittance filled the porch. The Bishop addressed the candidates as to the engagements they were about to make, and afterwards preached from the text "For what is your life," James iv. 14. On Monday afternoon the Corner Stone of the new Church, which is being erected from the designs of Wm. H. Blacker, Architect of Sarnia was laid by the Bishop. The plan shows an elegant Gothic building with a spire 160 feet high, designed in the most elegant style of church architecture. The length of the building from east to west is 120 feet, and the west front, including the base of the spire is 67 feet broad. A large assemblage gathered to witness the ceremony of laying the Corner Stone. A silver trowel bearing a suitable inscription was handed to his Lordship by the Rector, who then proceeded to lay the stone which was incised as follows:—"Laid by the Right Rev. J. Hellmuth, D. D., Bishop of Huron, June 11th, 1883," St. George's Church, A. D., 1883." In the evening a Conversazione was held in the Town Hall, when an address was presented to the Bishop prior to his departure to England.

GODERICH.—Ven. Archdeacon Elwood has issued a card of thanks to the ladies of St. George's Church for their zealous labors in the Loan Art Exhibition. The handsome sum of \$219.12 was netted and placed in the bank to the credit of the Sunday-school House Fund, after paying \$66.43 for expenses. The ladies of the Church having now experienced how much good they can accomplish by their united efforts, have established a Ladies' Aid Society in connection with St. George's: President, Mrs. Walters; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. Elgood and Mrs. Cottle; Sec.-Treas., Miss McMicking; active Chaplain, Rev. J. Walters; honorary Chaplain, Ven. Archdeacon Elwood, and a committee.

BAYFIELD MISSION.—The Rev. R. McCosh and family are comfortably ensconced in the admirable and conveniently arranged parsonage recently erected in Bayfield. The cost of the building, when outside improvements are completed, will be over \$3,000. The lot on which it stands contains one acre of land, and for beauty of location is unsurpassed in the village. They who have viewed the location, design and interior arrangements of the building, universally pronounce it to be one of the best and most desirable parsonages in the Diocese. The incumbent, members and supporters of the Church have good reason to congratulate themselves on the completion of this necessary and well ordered work.

DIocese OF TORONTO.

MEETING OF SYNOD.

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION.

ANNUAL SERVICE.

The opening service of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto took place in St. James' Cathedral, on Tuesday the 12th inst., at 10 o'clock. The man-

ner of the service varying somewhat from the custom in past years attracted unusual interest, and the Church was crowded long before the service commenced.

The surpliced choir consisted of nearly a hundred men and boys from the different Churches in the city, many of whom attended at great personal inconvenience and shewed their readiness to make the service worthy of the occasion. The procession formed at the school house and on reaching the Church, the organ pealed forth the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers." The choristers halted at the chancel to allow the Bishop and clergy to pass to their appointed places and then took their own seats. The number of clergy present in the procession was larger than has been known for many years, and in all respects, the service was of a brighter and heartier character than ordinary. The first part of the service was sung by the Rev. J. D. Cayley, the latter portion being taken by Professor Clark of Trinity College. The entire service was choral, the Special Psalms being xi., viii., i., xxxiv., and cxxii. Rural Dean Allen read the first lesson, and Rural Dean Johnson, the second, Archdeacon Boddy acted as Epistoller, Rev. Dr. Courtney of Boston, Gospeller, and the Bishop of course was Celebrant. The Rev. Dr. Courtney preached an admirable sermon from 1. Thess. v. 25, "Brethren pray for us." He said that the work of a minister was one of vast importance. The foundation of the Church of Christ was laid already by the Lord Jesus Christ, and what was required of the ministry was, that they should build on it. They should be careful in building the Church, that their work should be in good accordance one with the other. The Church was to be built as Solomon's Temple was. The stones were not brought to the spot until they had been already fashioned, and when laid at the foundation, they fitted into each other perfectly. This care was necessary with the ministers. They should have their work so well laid out and so thoroughly understood, that the great Church should be composed of perfectly fitting material. It was necessary that the ministry be prayed for by the laity. The clergy were ambassadors for Christ, and the laity had to pray that they might be blessed with faithfulness. In the second place the clergy held the office of stewards, and the prayers of the laity were desired that they might have wisdom in that capacity. In the third place they were shepherds of God's flock, and prayers were needed, that they might be tender and true custodians of the flock. And in the fourth place, the clergy were ministers to the wants of God's servants, and as such prayer was required that they might be given humility.

The Service was closed by the administration of the Holy Communion, a very large number remaining. The only drawback to the whole Service was that the musical portion of the Communion office was not quite what it ought to be. This being the Lord's Service it should not be considered as of secondary importance, while pains and care are taken to render what precedes. It is a fitting and becoming manner. We sincerely hope this will be remedied on the next occasion, and trust the Communion Service may receive more attention, and that one or two hymns may be introduced, while the choral portions may be thoroughly and fully prepared.

MEETING OF SYNOD.

At 2.30 p. m., the clergy and delegates assembled for business in St. George's School house, the Lord Bishop occupying the chair. The attendance of lay delegates was very large but quite a number of well-known clergymen were absent. After the usual routine work the Bishop delivered his

ANNUAL CHARGE

which was a very lengthy and important document. We cull from it some interesting particulars regretting that our space will not allow us to offer it to our readers complete. After extending a greeting to those present and invoking the blessing of God on their deliberations, the Bishop referred touchingly to the removal by death from their midst of the Rev. Henry C. Avant, Bobcaygeon; George

Hallen, Penetanguishene; Joseph Gander, who had charge of the townships of Cardiff, Mammoth and Glamorgan, and Robert Shanklin, Rector of Thornhill. The services and zeal of the deceased clergymen were amply testified to by his Lordship. Several changes in the clerical staff were also noticed. Seven deacons has been ordained the year and seven clergy has been admitted from other dioceses. Against this however there were six vacancies caused by the removal of clergy from Toronto Diocese. The appointments of Canon Dumoulin to the rectory of St. James', and of Professors Clark and Schneider to positions in Trinity College, were referred to in complimentary terms as a great gain to the Church. The clerical roll now contained 135 names classified thus:—Engaged in parochial work 108; in tuition 10; retired 11; on leave 6. His Lordship expressed regret that Mr. S. B. Harinan had resigned the office of Chancellor. He also alluded to the death of Archbishop Tait, at whose hands our Bishop received the orders of deacon and priest.

EPISCOPAL ACTS.

During the past year the Bishop held 82 confirmations, confirmed 1,352 candidates, delivered 126 sermons and addresses, administered the Communion 37 times, consecrated 9 churches, ordained 4 deacons and 7 priests, baptized 11 infants and 6 adults, and presided over a large number of meetings.

MISSIONS.

The mission work was in a most prosperous condition as far as funds were concerned. There had been an increase in the voluntarily contributed income of \$2,976.17. Under the new scheme of parochial missionary associations, the total amount paid in by means of monthly subscriptions was \$5,309.42, whereon this plan had been tried the contributions had trebled. If the whole Diocese had contributed at the same ratio their collections would have been \$20,000 for mission purposes. Three thousand dollars had been voted during the year for domestic and foreign missions. The Bishop regretted that he was unable to report any extension in the Diocese in the way of opening up new missions or subdividing old ones. On the contrary, several missions had fallen vacant, and he found himself temporarily short-handed for lack of men.

STATISTICS.

The annual Reports received through the Rural Deans, showed that there were in the diocese 14 rectories, 45 parishes, and 14 missions. These were worked by 108 parochial clergy, assisted by nine who were engaged in tuition or were on the retired list, and they possessed 51 rectory or parsonage houses—2 of stone, 23 of brick, 10 frame, 14 rough-cast, and 2 log-houses. The services of the Church were conducted in 180 churches, and 60 other buildings; of the 180 churches, 12 were stones, 69 bricks, 83 frame, 9 rough-cast, and 7 log. 89 had been consecrated. The churches furnished accommodation for 45,826 worshippers, and an average attendance at each Sunday service was reported of 20,616. The number of Sunday schools returned was 140, with 1,411 teachers, and 14,156 scholars. The contributions to clergy stipends showed a total of \$59,256. The amount contributed for parochial objects was \$74,249.27; to diocesan funds, \$18,000; for other Church objects, \$8,197; making an aggregate total of voluntary contributions of \$160,000. Nothing had been done, however, by the congregations to remedy the evil of having an underpaid clergy. The contributions to clerical stipends, including pew rents, were reported as follows: \$2,000 and over, 5; over \$1,200, 12; \$1,200, 1; \$1,000 to \$1,200, 2; \$800 to \$900, 9; \$700 to \$800, 5; \$600 to \$700, 3; \$500 to \$600, 12; \$400 to \$500, 13; \$300 to \$400, 15; \$200 to \$300, 8; \$100 to \$200, 11; \$80, 1; \$63.70, 1; nil, 4. This table showed that the ordinary grant of \$200 from the mission fund would leave the stipend of 64 of their clergy under the minimum sum which the Synod had pronounced to be adequate for the maintenance of them and their families. The effect of such policy would be the degradation of the profession in