

which we were unable to ascertain, and Miss Nellie Foster sang "Under the willow tree." Miss Geddes, the accomplished organist of St. George's, played several accompaniments, and Miss Foster gave a piano solo. About ten o'clock the guests shook hands with the Bishop, Mrs. Fuller, Canon Dixon and Mrs. Dixon, and an exceedingly pleasant evening was brought to a close. The Bishop and Mrs. Fuller left Guelph by the morning train on Tuesday for Hamilton.

STONE CREEK.—Acknowledgment of subscription towards belfry and bell of new church. From A. Sooker, Hamilton, \$5.

#### TORONTO.

A MEETING of the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Lindsay, was held June 6th, in reference to the church property on Kent street. The Rev. Dr. Smithett in the chair. There was a good attendance. After some discussion, it was decided that it would be well to secure one of the lots for building a new church. A committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Hudspeth, Martin, Orde, Russell, Hopkins, and Nicolle, with instructions to view and be prepared to report on eligible sites for that purpose, the next Monday evening at a full meeting of the congregation. The new hymn book—Bickersteth's Psalmody—was adopted, and is to be brought into use the first Sunday in August. We understand the new church will, if undertaken, cost from \$12,000 to \$15,000. The congregation is strong enough and wealthy enough for the purpose; and we hope soon to learn that it has been set about in earnest.

THE Lord Bishop will, D.V., hold confirmation during the months of July, August, and September, as follows:—Peterboro', Sunday, July 9th, at 11 a.m.; Otonabee, St. Marks, Sunday, July 9th, at 8:30 p.m.; Lakefield, Monday, July 10th at 10:30 a.m.; Apsley, Tuesday, July 11th, at 10:30 a.m.; Cardiff, Wednesday, July 12th, at 10:30 a.m.; Port Hope, St. John's, Sunday, July 16th, at 11 a.m.; Port Hope, St. Mark's, Sunday, July 16th, at 7 p.m.; Gore's Landing, Tuesday, July 18th, at 11 a.m.; Cobourg, Sunday, July 23rd, at 7 p.m.; Bolton, Sunday, August 6th, at 11 a.m.; Mono Mills, Sunday, August 6th at 7 p.m.; Albion, St. James, Monday, August 7th, at 11 a.m.; Grafton, Sunday, August 20th, at 3:30 p.m.; Colborne, Monday, August 21st, at 11 a.m.; Brighton, Monday, August 21st, at 7:30 p.m.; Seymour, Tuesday, August 22nd at 7:30 p.m.; Percy, Wednesday, August 23rd, at 11 a.m.; Hastings, Wednesday, August 23rd, at 7:30 p.m.; Alnwick, Thursday, August 24th, at 4 p.m.; Westwood, Friday, August 25th, at 11 a.m.; Norwood, Friday, August 25th, at 7:30 p.m.; Whitby, Sunday, September 3rd, at 11 a.m.; Oshawa, Sunday, September 3rd, at 7 p.m.; Brooklin, Monday, September 4th, at 11 a.m.; Port Perry, Monday, September 4th, at 7:30 p.m.; Cartwright, Tuesday, September 5th, at 11 a.m.; Enniskillen, Tuesday, September 5th, at 4 p.m.; Bowmanville, Wednesday, September 6th, at 11 a.m.; Newcastle, Wednesday, September 6th, at 7:30 p.m.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, TORONTO.—On Trinity Sunday a Confirmation was held in this church at Morning Prayer, by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. The pretty little church was well filled by an interested and devout congregation, who entered heartily into the service. The Rev. Mr. Ballard was still too unwell after his late illness to take the duty, and the Rev. Mr. Taylor of St. Matthew's Church, near Leslie-

ville, read prayers for him and presented the candidates to the Bishop. After the usual Morning Service was said as far as the 3rd collect, hymn 347 (new edition) H. A. and M., was nicely sung by the choir and congregation, when the Confirmation service began. After the solemn promise of all the candidates to renew the baptismal covenant, they were presented, two and two, to the Bishop, who laid his hands upon them and blessed them in God's name. Fourteen young persons presented themselves for the rite, three of whom had been baptised during the previous week. The Confirmation service ended, the choir sang the hymn 320 which, like the former one, was heartily joined in by the congregation. The Bishop then proceeded with the ante-Communion service, afterwards delivering a most impressive and instructive sermon, a synopsis of which we here give. The text was Mal. iii. 8:—"Will a man rob God?" He explained that although these words were originally spoken to the Jew, and bore relation to the punishment of that people, still he feared that they were just as applicable to Christians of the present day as to the Jews of old. May we not be said to rob God in various ways, not only in tithes and offerings, as here more particularly instanced, but also in devoting to other uses than those for which they are given us, our time, our talents, and our riches? Many impiously profane His holy name and day, thus robbing Him of His glory. Many deny the divinity of the Son and others that of the Holy Ghost. Our Lord's command, just previous to His ascension, was "Go ye into all the world, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost;" and from the words of St. Paul, which you often hear, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost," and from numerous other passages, although the doctrine of the Trinity which is this day specially brought before us, was altogether too vast for us to enter upon fully; we see that we have scriptural authority for it. Our Creeds, the first of which, if not actually written by the Apostles themselves, is traceable to the times in which they lived, before even many of the Scriptures of the New Testament were written, and without doubt, as we may gather from their teachings, received their assent. This creed is of very simple form, and expresses our belief in God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. In the course of time vain and speculative men, dissatisfied with the simple truth, and anxious to appear wise above what was written, began to corrupt the ancient doctrine. We find a general council assembled in the beginning of the 4th century, who drew up and published the greater part of what is now called the Nicene creed which we use in our Communion service. But this did not at once extinguish the false notions which had arisen; accordingly we find the Church afterwards adopting that commonly called the Athanasian Creed, and which has since been called by that great reformer, Martin Luther, "the bulwark of the church." Here we have the doctrine of the Trinity most fully brought out and defended against the errors and disputings of all vain and presumptuous men by this authoritative declaration of the Church. And with respect to the admonitory clauses, the Church having expressed, in the plainest and most simple language, what was the true faith, he asked whether it were possible that any language we could use would be too strong to warn her children of the awful danger they were in, and the risk they incurred who denied that faith. And as in times of peace we do not neglect our fortifications, much more need have we now to look well to our creeds. His

Lordship concluded his sermon with a very impressive address to the newly confirmed, urging them so faithfully to attend to the duties of their station here, that they may finally be received with the welcome salutation "Well done good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." His Lordship then returned to the altar and proceeded with the Communion service. We were pleased to notice that nearly all the newly confirmed remained to receive that Holy Sacrament, the memorials of their Saviour's body broken and His blood shed for them.

We could not but feel much interested in this thriving new parish, which seems to struggle on so manfully against the various difficulties that surround it in its battle for existence among the wealthier parishes of the city, none of which, we feel sure, are doing more in proportion to their ability for the Master's cause, or doing it where it is more needed than in that heretofore neglected part of the city. There seems gathered around the rector a faithful and energetic band of workers who spare neither time nor trouble to further the interests of the parish. The choir, although a voluntary one, reflects great credit on those who have to do with it. The boys are thoughtful, well behaved lads, who seem to feel what they are saying, and join in the service with seriousness. They have evidently devoted much time in careful practice under painstaking instructors to both singing and responding, and they are well repaid in the life and spirit which their distinct, measured responses and their singing give to the service. But while much has already been done there is yet more to do, for nothing but steady practice can make the service effective or keep it so. It will be a great step in the right direction when all choirs learn to sing by note, and if our taste could be gratified we should like to see adapted-Gregorian more generally used, and the service made to partake of a uniform character, for Gregorians and Anglicans in the same service are not suitable. Much of the above will apply to the little church of St. Matthew's near Leslieville, which may be described as an offshoot of St. Bartholomew's, it having but recently been separated therefrom, with an earnest and painstaking clergyman appointed thereto, where his Lordship again held a Confirmation service in the evening of the same day, this being the first time the holy rite has been administered in this church since its opening, now some eleven months since. Before seven o'clock, which was the time for commencing service, the little church, which is arranged to seat about 200 adults, was filled to over-crowding; indeed the church-wardens were greatly taxed to find even standing room for the numbers who came. The aisle, the chancel, the choir vestry, the vestry, the porch, and even the steps outside being fully occupied, while numbers were unable to obtain admission. Evening prayer having been said by the Rev. Mr. Taylor, the incumbent, Hy. 849, n.e. H. A. and M., was very heartily sung, after which the Confirmation service was commenced. The Rev. Mr. Taylor presented twenty-three candidates to the Bishop by two and two, who laid his hands upon them, repeating over each couple as he did so the beautiful prayer of the church. We noticed that of the twenty-three candidates, thirteen were adults, some of the younger candidates even being accompanied by their parents. This fact alone speaks much for the good this little church is doing. This part of the service having been concluded, Hy. 282 was effectively sung, when his Lordship proceeded to address those who had just been confirmed.

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