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(who is rector of the parish), the Rev. Dr. Bethune, Head Master Trinity College School, Port Hope, and the curate, Rev. E. J. Harper, proceeded to the church door, where the request to consecrate was read. Then commenced the service of consecration, the bishop and clergy reading alternately the 24th Psalm as they moved up the centre aisle and took their seats in the chancel. After the sentence of consecration was signed, morning prayer to the end of the third collect was taken by the curate. The bishop celebrated the Holy Communion and preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion, at the close of which he congratulated the congregation in their possession of the new church, and pointed out the analogy which the chancels of the Christian churches bear to the Holy of Holies in the ancient Church of God. A large number of communicants partook of the Holy Eucharist. In the evening the Rev. Dr. Bethune preached, and it is much to be regretted that many were prevented from attending the service, owing to the rain which began early in the afternoon. Both services were bright and hearty, and much credit is due to the organist, Miss Drake, and to the members of the choir for their creditable rendering of the canticles and hymns. The offertory amounted to \$20 and was devoted towards the improvements in the church.

The new chancel, which has been erected by the Ven. Archdeacon Wilson, in memory of his wife and daughter, is a very important addition to the church. It is 18 ft. deep by 16 ft. wide with lean-to organ chamber and vestry. The choir is raised one step above the nave, and is provided with sittings for about twelve. The sanctuary is elevated two steps above the choir. The floor and steps of both are covered with a carpet of neat ecclesiastical design. A want hitherto unsupplied is provided by a small credence niche in the south wall. The east end of the chancel contains a handsome memorial window, erected by Mrs. Vernon, of Peterborough (a former parishioner), to the memory of her late husband, Chas. Henry Vernon, Esq. This window, executed by the well-known firm of Spence & Sons, of Montreal, is divided into three sections. The centre contains a panel representing the Saviour blessing little children, with sacred monograms above and below. The side sections have emblems of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Communion, represented by a font with dove descending upon the water, and chalice with ears of wheat and clusters of grapes in north and south sections respectively. The spaces formed by the spring of the arches are filled in with angel heads—silent witnesses of the worship offered to Almighty God in His Church on earth. The effect of the whole is very pleasing and much admired. The altar has been remodelled, and the expense of enlarging it and providing an altar cloth has been generously met by Mrs. Dr. Halliday, of Peterboro, (also a former parishioner). The work on the altar cloth itself is a labour of love by the same deft hands, that two years ago did a like service for the new church at Centreton. To these good ladies, Miss Barnum, the Misses Cameron (2) and Miss Drake, the church is now in possession of a very handsome altar cloth. The altar linen, too, which has been in use for upwards of 40 years, has undergone a transformation at the hands of Miss Drake and her sister, Miss Lizzie Drake, rendering it more chaste and becoming for the sacred purpose for which it was required. A very nice lamp has recently been suspended in the chancel. This is the gift of Mrs. Clitheroe, of Grafton.

The Rev. J. Fielding Sweeny, B.D., the Rector of St. Philips, has removed from No. 41 D'Arcy Street, to No. 140 St. Patrick Street, exactly opposite St. Philips School House door.

#### NIAGARA.

The Bishop of Niagara visited several parishes in the deanery of Welland during the last week of October. The rite of confirmation was administered in the following places:—Welland, Fort Erie, Stamford, Drummondville and Thorold. The congregations in each instance were very large, and deeply impressed with the solemn service and the bishop's addresses to the candidates and people.

NIAGARA FALLS.—The religious ceremony of laying the corner stone of a second church in this growing parish was conducted by the Bishop of the diocese, assisted by the rector, Canon Houston, and Canon Bull, at 2 p.m., on Monday, 31st ult. His Lordship declared the name of the new church to be St. Stephen, and spoke of that evangelistic deacon and first martyr of the early Church. The opening of a new church ground is nearly always commenced by a few faithful and thoughtful hearts, but the work of earnest faith is sure to prosper. The good attendance of men and women at the first service indicated their warmest interest in this section of Canon House-

ton's parish. Already great encouragement is evident by several liberal donations for the purchase of the lot and building fund.

THOROLD.—*All Saints' Day.*—The bishop of the diocese was celebrant here at the early service, 8 a.m., when a large number of communicants was present, including many of the newly confirmed.

DRUMMONDVILLE.—*All Saints' Day.*—After the early service at Thorold on this festival day, the bishop of the diocese proceeded to the next parish of Drummondville, to be present at the church service there at 11 a.m. The bishop preached most instructive and comforting words to a large congregation from the text, Heb. xii. 1. The rector, Canon Bull, was celebrant. In the evening of All Saints' Day in Drummondville, the annual parish festival was held in the public hall. For twenty-five years and more this goodly custom of Church members and their friends has been most successfully observed here. The late rector, Rev. C. L. Inglis, warmly commended the custom which so impressively reminds us of dear departed ones, and admonishes us as to what manner of persons we ought to be in our life and Christian citizenship. The festival is strongly established in this parish. The attendance is always very large, and is as happy as it is free in social intercourse.

BARTON.—*Holy Trinity Church.*—The clergy of the Rural Deanery of South Wentworth and Haldimand held on Thursday and Friday, the 27th and 28th ult., their regular quarterly meeting at this church. The following parishes were represented: Caledonia, Rev. Rural Dean Mellish; Dunnville, Rev. P. W. Smith; Cayuga, Rev. A. Boulton; Jarvis, Rev. G. Johnstone; Ancaster, Rev. W. R. Clark; Tapscott, Rev. T. Smith; Barton and Glanford, Rev. C. R. Lee; Stoney Creek and Bartonville, Rev. F. E. Howitt. On Thursday evening a very interesting service was held in Holy Trinity Church, which was well filled on the occasion. An excellent sermon was preached by Rev. Prof. Clark, of Trinity College, Toronto, from John xv. 27: "And ye all shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning." The Professor is a graceful and fluent speaker and treats his subject in an able and pleasant manner. His sermon was listened to with great attention throughout, and was of deep interest to both clergy and laity. The service was of a bright and hearty character. The prayers were said by Rev. C. R. Lee, incumbent of the church, and Rev. S. Bennetts, of Waterdown, and the lessons were read by Rev. Rural Deans Mellish and Forneret. The choir sang the anthem, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains," and special psalms and hymns suited to the occasion. Friday morning the Holy Communion was celebrated at 9 o'clock, after which the business meeting of the chapter was proceeded with, and various matters of interest to the clergy and their people were discussed with advantage to all present. The meeting adjourned yesterday afternoon. The occasion was a pleasant as well as a profitable one. The visiting clergy were most hospitably entertained by the members of the congregation resident on the brow.

#### HURON.

LONDON.—*Peace River Mission.*—The lecture by Rev. Mr. Brick, on Wednesday evening in Oranys Hall, was attended by a large audience, and was most interesting. Rev. Canon Innes, rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, presided, and introduced the reverend lecturer. The subject of his lecture was the mission work in that portion of the Athabaska Diocese, known as the Upper Peace River. He pointed out on a map the boundaries of the different dioceses in the Canadian North-west, stating that two or three of them extended 14,000 miles. Bishop Bompass, of Mackenzie River, no doubt, had spiritual authority to the North Pole, and if ever that point were reached by the diocese, he might expect to hear that next that energetic man had gone off to preach the gospel to the inhabitants, if there were any. The Canadian North-west contains about 300,000,000 acres, ten times the size of England, and he regarded it as a glorious heritage from God to the nation, which would provide homes for millions from the older and more crowded countries of Europe. The Upper Peace River district where he is stationed was a country of surpassing glory of scenery, and rich in agricultural possibilities. The climate is the finest and healthiest in the world, and when as in due course of time it would come about, the railway to the Hudson Bay was built, and short communication with Europe was effected, that district would be one of the finest and most progressive in the world, and the healthful climate would be taken advantage of by invalids from all points. There the winter only lasts from about December 10th till some time in February. It is very cold while it does last, but he stated emphatically that he had felt he

cold more in Toronto with the thermometer 10 degrees below zero, than at Peace River when it was 40 degrees below zero. They are 11 degrees north of us here. The two great drawbacks of the country, the mosquitoes, and the summer frosts, which, however, do not occur every year. The Indians away from civilization are a better class than those who had experienced the deteriorating influence of the white man. They are perfectly honest and truthful, and anything lost is sure to be returned to its owner. He told some wonderful facts of the Hudson Bay Company's operations up there, and held that they went in for too big profits in their dealings with the Indians. Large game is almost exterminated, and the small game on which the Indians chiefly exist was plentiful for three years, and then very scarce for three years, alternating in that way for three years for some unknown cause. This was driving the Indians to agriculture for a living, but he was not a willing worker and was very unsteady. The hope of the missionaries is to get hold of the young people and train them upon farms of instruction, such as he is starting now, and which would soon become self-sustaining. The lecturer, in his very interesting address, demonstrated the fact that industry and social instruction are best promoted by the missionary, declaring the glad tidings as proclaimed by them was primarily commissioned by the Royal Commission—"Descend all nations." Rev. Mr. Brick has received in contributions for his industrial school at Dunvegan, in the Peace River, in behalf of which he has been pleading, \$160. A quantity of goods has also been given, and more contributions have been promised. The building will be commenced, and, it is hoped, finished next summer. Mr. Brick left this city for Brantford on Saturday. He will not return to the North-west until the spring.

ST. THOMAS.—*Deanery of Elgin.*—Rev. Canon Richardson of the Memorial Church, London, preached in Trinity Church, Sunday the twentieth after Trinity. A special Sunday School service was held in the evening, and a collection for the school funds taken up.

PETROLIA.—Rev. Charles O'Meara, incumbent of Christ Church, Forest, has been appointed to Christ Church, Petrolia, temporarily vacant by the departure of Rev. B. Pierre De Lom for the mother country.

LONDON.—*Chapter House.*—Tenders have been let for the erection of the new Church of St. John the Evangelist on the corner of St. James and Wellington Streets. The structure will cost \$9,500, and be built of white brick with Credit Valley stone facings. Ground was broken on Monday, Oct. 25th, to the great joy of the Chapter House congregation.

WOODSTOCK.—Twelve candidates for Holy Orders are writing at the Huron College examinations this week. The Right Rev. the Bishop of Huron will ordain them, if they succeed in their examinations at Woodstock, on November 7th.

TYRCONNELL.—At the close of the meeting of the Tyrconnell branch of the W.A.M. Society, on Thursday last, Mrs. Stephen Backers, on behalf of the ladies of the congregation of St. Peter's Church, read an address to Mrs. Chance and presented to her an expensive astrachan jacket, as a small token of the great esteem which they entertain for her, and of their appreciation of her valuable services in the parish and Sunday Schools, and the address further expressed a hope that she would long be spared to them. Mrs. Chance was completely taken by surprise, and was overpowered by a sense of their kindness, but she made as suitable a reply as possible under the circumstances.

LUCAN.—One of the most notable events that have occurred for some time in this parish was the Harvest Home service held in Trinity Church, on the 5th of October. The congregation cordially joined with their new rector, the Rev. John Downie, B.D., and I do not think that there are many congregations in our land that would assemble in such goodly numbers, without any special attraction in the way of festival concert, or other amusement, but simply to attend a church service of Thanksgiving to God for the bountiful harvest. Of the 167 who attended the afternoon service, and the 250 and upwards who were present at the evening service, the majority seem to have remembered the injunction given to the Israelite on such occasions, "Thou shalt not appear before the Lord empty." The large number of envelopes (marked with the object of the gift and the name of the donor) containing the free will offerings of the people included a sum upward of \$120. There were two services, one at 8 o'clock p.m., the other at 8 p.m., at each of which special praises and forms of