

being supported upon arches sustained by two rows of round columns, the capitals of which are decorated with a species of conventional foliage, and the rafters are braced by large ornate semi-radiated wheels across the angle of the roof; the lowest radius with the portion of the felloe between the adjoining radii being omitted, while the latter are continued, sloping in a different form to the well-finished corbels on the wall over the columns. There is no distinct clerestory, but the roof of that portion of the church outside the columns is less sloping than that over the central part of the nave. The ceiling is panelled in oblong rectangles by means of the heavily moulded rafters and cross-stays, which are stained and oiled. The enclosed spaces, as well as the walls, are finished in fine plaster. Much of the wood-work has a serrated ornamentation, and angles are filled in with well-wrought trefoil openings. The tower, in which



TRINITY CHURCH, ST. THOMAS, ONT.

there is an excellent bell, is surmounted by a tall and graceful spire. The church will seat fully 800 people, and cost about \$40,000. The five Gothic windows of the apse are memorials of stained glass, one of which was inserted in memory of the late Rev. S. B. Kellogg, a former rector of the parish; the rest in memory of various members now departed. Handsome rose windows of stained glass adorn the transepts and west gable. The altar is of carved oak with gracefully designed openings filled in with rich crimson cloth, bearing the well-executed emblems I.H.S. and Alpha and Omega. The chancel is well fitted with appropriate chairs, stalls and choir seats, the former two being also of carved oak. The church is furnished with a splendid and powerful organ, which cost about \$5,000, which has been defrayed through the unwearied exertions of the Ladies' Aid Society. The choir is a mixed one of about 40 voices, under the able direction of Mr. J. H. Jones, organist. The voices are excellent, and the music is rendered with taste. There is a commodious and substantial school building on the church grounds, also of white brick and having transepts, which form rooms for infant and intermediate classes. The Sunday-school roll numbers about 400 scholars, 28 teachers and 8 officers. The superintendent is R. Miller, Esq., whose efficient labours have gone far to bringing the Sunday-school to its present highly satisfactory condition. The building is used for all week-night services and all gatherings and business meetings.

On the corner opposite, westward from the church, stands the new rectory—a fine white brick building, which has been but recently completed and occupied by the rector. It is a beautiful structure, in the Queen Anne style, with all modern improvements, and containing nine spacious rooms. The wood-work is of black ash, finished in oil; the doors being of lighter wood, are grained to match the former.

The organized societies in connection with this parish are: The Ladies' Aid; the Young Ladies' Guild, a junior branch of the former; the Willing Workers, composed of little girls, who are doing what they can on the same lines as the former two; the W.A.M.A.; the Earnest Workers, a junior branch of the W.A.M.A.; the Juvenile Workers, a still younger branch; the St. Andrew's Brotherhood, and cadets of the same order. The Sunday-school children of Trinity Church and those of the Church of St. John the Evangelist unite in supporting one Indian boy at the Shingwauk Home, Sault Ste. Marie. A rather notable event occurred in July last, when His Lordship the Bishop of the diocese re-opened the old Church of St. Thomas, of which he had an affectionate recollection as its former

rector. It had been built in 1824, and disused for 17 years, but was now thoroughly cleaned and renovated, to be maintained as a historic relic and mortuary chapel, and this re-opening was made the fitting occasion for a notable memorial service—performed by the Lord Bishop of the diocese, assisted by six of his clergy—in thankful commemoration of the faithful departed who had worshipped therein in days of yore. Christmas has again come and gone, but the joyful memory of the hallowed and hallowing services of that day will not soon fade. These chastened, though cheering and refreshing, services, with Holy Eucharist, sweet and spirited music, sacred and social emblems of joy and eternal felicity, and the mutual tokens of love, all conspire to make it a happy, a right merry Christmas to all men of good will, and to all the dear children of their Lord. The service at Trinity Church was especially interesting. The church had been beautifully decorated by loving hands with evergreen wreaths, festoons and flowers, and many appropriate and beautifully wrought texts of Scripture: "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, etc.," "The Mighty God," "The Everlasting Father," "The Prince of Peace," with many such other texts. In regard to the music of the service, members of the congregation are enthusiastic in their praise of it. It had been evidently most carefully selected and prepared by the organist, Mr. Jones, who thoroughly drilled and handled well his efficient choir. The music chosen was Selby's Te Deum in A; the Benedictus was Tours in F; the chorus sung for the anthem was Mozart's "For unto us a Child is Born." After the offertory the same author's Hallelujah chorus was sung. It may be mentioned that the Psalms were sung to Mercer's Psalter, and the hymns were selected from the Hymnal Companion, being "Hark! the herald angels sing," "Who is this so weak and helpless?" and "My God, and is Thy table spread?" The sermon, which was both able and impressive, was preached by the Rev. Canon Hill, M.A., the rector and Rural Dean of Elgin, from the text Gal. iv. 4, "God sent forth His own Son made of a woman." A brief record of the career of the rector will here not be out of place:

ARUNDEL CHARLES HILL

was born in the Village of York, on the Grand River, in the County of Haldimand, Ont. He was the second son of the Rev. B. C. Hill, M. A., of Trinity College, Dublin, a zealous and devoted missionary, who laboured in the County of Haldimand for 32 years (1838-1870), and built churches in York, Caledonia and Cayuga, and on the 9th of Nov., 1870, died, deeply respected and regretted by the whole community, from injuries received by a fall from his horse. The future rector of St. Thomas received his early education at home, entered the University of Toronto in 1865, won prizes and scholarships in classics, and graduated as B.A. and classical gold medalist in 1867. He was a volunteer for over five years, having entered the service as private in No. 1 Company 37th Batt. (Haldimand Rifles.) In No. 9 Company (University Rifles) Q.O.R., Toronto, during his University course, he attained the rank of sergeant. He took part in a skirmish with the Fenians at Limeridge, June 2nd, 1866. He obtained the degree of M.A. at Toronto University in 1868, and then took the divinity course at Huron College, London. In 1869 he was ordained deacon by Right Rev. Benjamin Cronyn, Bishop of Huron. He was appointed curate of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, which position he held from September, 1869, to September, 1870. Ordained priest in 1870, he was curate of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, from September, 1870, to May, 1873. He was assistant at the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton, from May, 1873, to April, 1875. In 1874 he was married to Miss Emily M. Delamere, second daughter of the late Mr. Dawson Delamere, of H. M. Customs, Toronto. From Hamilton he removed to London, where he became assistant minister at the Chapter House for a few months in 1875; was appointed to Burford Mission in October of the same year; rector of St. John the Evangelist's Church, Strathroy, in 1878, and rector of Trinity Church, St. Thomas, in 1885. Under the Episcopate of Bishop Hellmuth he became a member of Huron College Council, canon of St. Paul's, and member of the Senate of the Western University. In 1882 Bishop Baldwin appointed him one of his examining chaplains, and in 1885 Rural Dean of Elgin. For many years Canon Hill has been a member of the Executive Committee of the diocese, and a delegate to the Provincial Synod. In St. Thomas he lives in the hearts of his people, beloved and respected by all—even as that heroic old soldier of the Cross, his father, was, where he laboured faithfully so many years, an example to many of our restless and fastidious young clergy of to-day. He now has the happiness of seeing his work prosper under his hands in an increase of the congregation, of the Sunday-school, of the candidates for Confirmation, of the communicants, of the organized workers, of the good spirit in which all take their part. As the

Lord has done in the past, may He now continue to prosper his handiwork.

COURTSHIP.—The Rev. Mr. Howard, of Toronto, preached here on Sunday to a large congregation upon the text "Peace on earth." He is an earnest speaker and promises to be one of note in the near future. He spent New Year's with his brother, the Rev. R. J. W. Howard, of this parish. The Sunday-school entertainment came off on New Year's Eve. It was largely attended. There was a bright programme provided under the management of Mrs. Kerr, our Bible class teacher. All of them received presents of books, dolls, etc. Mr. Howard received a present from the Sunday-school, as also did Mrs. Kerr. Some from here attended the watch meeting in Trinity Church on New Year's Eve. Our church hall was tastefully decorated with evergreens for Christmas. Let us hope that the time is not far distant when we can say it is wholly set apart for church services.

The Rev. E. Hutchison, formerly of Lion's Head, has been appointed to the charge of Christ Church, Forest, Ont.

The Rev. J. A. Ball, of Euphrasia, has been appointed missionary of Lion's Head by the Bishop of Huron.

At a recent meeting of the Council of Huron College, the Rev. G. F. Sherwood was promoted from the position of Lecturer to that of Professor of English Literature and History.

NEW HAMBURG.—St. George.—The three congregations of the parish gathered on Christmas morning, in St. George's Church, at a bright and hearty service, with celebration of Holy Communion. The church was tastefully decorated, the principal feature being a chancel screen, and crimson banners hung on either side the chancel arch with the texts "Peace on Earth," "Good will to Men." A white silk frontal vested the "Holy Table," and there were white chrysanthemums in the Altar vases. A new chancel window of five lights, the gift of "St. George's Ladies' Aid," was placed on Christmas eve, and adds much to the beauty and dignity of the church. The design was entrusted to Mr. Robt. McCausland, of McCausland & Son, Toronto, who after carefully studying the rather uncommon character and grouping of the five lights, prepared a very effective and beautiful design, and the windows are at once seen to be executed in the highest style of devotional art, and are fine examples of McCausland & Son's best work. Nothing but the most expensive English "antique" glass has entered the window, and great care is shown in the drawing and painting of the figures and in the rich and harmonious colouring of the draperies, as well as in all the minute details. The subject of the window is perhaps best conveyed by the text, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my Throne." The centre light contains the figure of "Our Lord" in glory, richly enthroned, surrounded by angels; the side windows have full sized figures of different ages in attitudes of adoration, each attended by its guardian angel. A double rainbow in brilliant hues curves through clouds below the figures, giving a connecting idea to the subject, and running scroll-wise; along the base is the text, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world," and in the upper points are angels holding a scroll with the motto "Gloria in Excelsis." It is a pleasure to note that the chancel of St. George's begins to assume a richly furnished appearance, and if the present plan of completing the interior of the church on the same careful lines is successively adhered to, the result in the end will be far more lasting and satisfactory than where everything is rushed to completion in a commoner manner. The Church people of St. George's are very few in number and by no means wealthy, so that such an object can only expect accomplishment by patient perseverance.

HANOVER.—St. James'.—At our meeting on Dec. 19th officers were appointed for the coming term. It was also decided that our next meeting should be dispensed with, on account of the Sunday school entertainment being held on that night. After the meeting, the members of the guild remained to help with the decorating of the church. The "At Home" given for the Sunday School, on Dec. 26th, was a success. About 8 p.m. the people assembled, and the evening's amusement began. There were games of all kinds for both old and young. The Rev. E. C. Jennings gave an address of welcome and also spoke of the relation between the parent and the Sunday school. There was music and singing, which aided in making the entertainment successful. About 9 o'clock refreshments were served. After lunch candies and nuts were distributed to the children, who were anxiously waiting for them. The presi-