

[June 7, 1888.]

UNIVERSITY OF TRINITY COLLEGE.—An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held on the 23rd ult. Present—The Bishop of Toronto (in the chair), the Provost, the Dean, Professors Boys, Schneider, and Clark, Chief Justice Hagarty, Rev. Dr. Davies, J. D. Cayley and John Langtry; Christopher Robinson, Q.C., Messrs. Wm. Ince, J. A. Worrell, and C. C. Ferguson. On the recommendation of the Committee on the Curriculum it was decided to establish five Boards of Study composed of the professors in the several faculties and a certain number of elected members, whose duty it shall be to advise the Curriculum Committee as to changes in the course of study, and revise the papers to be set in the various university examinations. A new by-law was adopted, providing that candidates for matriculation in medicine shall be allowed to substitute National Philosophy in place of Greek, the text book recommended being Balfour-Stewart's Lesson in Elementary Physics, and to take one Latin author instead of those at present prescribed, provided it is of equivalent amount, and to omit the Latin prose. Also the candidates for the primary examination in medicine shall be allowed to pass the Botany of that examination at the end of the first year. The Vice-Chancellor and Mr. Worrell were appointed a Committee to meet the authorities of the other Canadian universities, with the view of deciding on some uniform scale of fees for matriculation, examinations, and degrees.

NIAGARA.

STONY CREEK AND BARTONVILLE.—The church members of these places have been very expressive in their regret at the resignation of the Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, and we may add of his zealous fellow-helper, Mrs. Whitcombe, on Friday, May 25th, addresses were presented together with handsome tokens of affection and esteem. From parishioners of Stony Creek was given a massive ice-pitcher, and from Bartonville a gold-mounted walking-stick. Mrs. Whitcombe was made the recipient of a gold ring chastely set. The following extracts are taken from the two addresses: First, from the Church of the Redeemer, Stony Creek, "It is with feelings of deep regret that we members of four congregations here, learn of your decision to leave this field of labour in which you have been engaged for the last eight years. Your labour amongst us has been one of love, and while we sorrow at your removal, we know that our loss will be a gain to those to whom you are going. Mrs. Whitcombe has especially endeared herself to us, and we deplore her loss as that of an earnest Christian worker. We pray that you may both be long spared, and that God will prosper all your undertakings in the future as He has in the past." Secondly, from Bartonville,—"We the members of St. Mary's wish to convey to you our deep regret at your departure, and our gratitude for the work which you have done for the Church in connection with this congregation. This work cannot be given in detail, and it may be years before we fully realize its extent, but it may be summed up thus—that under God you have established the Church in this place, forming a congregation, and erecting a church where neither was thought of before you came." These addresses were signed by all the churchwardens, and presented at special meetings.—W. H. Wodehouse, Walter Grieve, William Syer, Richard Parmenter.

The Rev. C. E. Whitcombe has removed to Toronto, and is now assistant minister at St. Luke's, of which the Rev. John Langtry is rector.

The following extract is from the report of the Bishop of Niagara, as chairman of the Board of Missions in his diocese:—"The Church appears to be much strengthened in the Mission of Stony Creek and Bartonville, in which two small substantial stone churches have been erected through the exertions of the able and zealous missionary thereof, Rev. C. E. Whitcombe."

ANCASTER.—The bazaar held on the 24th ult. was a lively attraction to a large attendance and realized an amount of over \$300 towards the Sunday-school Building Fund of St. John's Church.

NANTICOKE.—This mission is in the county of Haldimand and lies along the north shore of Lake Erie. The missionary reports to the Board of Missions in this diocese that \$2,000 have been raised at Nanticoke for a new church. He also reports excellent attendance there and at Cheapside both on Sundays and week-days. Two of the outstations, visited only on week-days, are very urgent for the establishment of Sunday-schools.

BINBROOK AND SALTFLAKE.—The Bishop of Niagara reports as chairman of the Board of Missions:—"In the mission of Saltfleet on the mountain and Binbrook there is much to encourage us. In spite of constant removals to the North-west, the church people have entered into contracts for the erection of a substantial new church at Woodburn in place of the

old one, which has served the settlement for forty years. At St. George's in the east, township of Barton, the good people have erected two new driving sheds, and the people are talking of erecting a new church at Tapleystown to take the place of the little brick church that has stood so long. At all these churches the attendance is good.

WELLAND AND LINCOLN.—Reports from the travelling missionary show that "The services of the Church are beginning to be appreciated in the region of country traversed by him, and that, if the Mission Board shall be sustained by the people of the diocese in its efforts to wipe away from the Church the disgrace which is justly attached to it for having so long neglected this old settled part of the country, that disgrace will be removed for the future."

STEVENSVILLE AND RIDGEWAY.—Mr. George A. Harvey has been appointed catechist and lay reader here by the Bishop. Mr. Harvey is studying for holy orders under the direction of the Rev. E. T. Fessenden, B.A., Chippewa.

THE SALVATION ARMY AT HAMILTON.—The attraction produced in the streets here is nothing more than that of any strolling curiosity. We have discovered nothing edifying or heart-affecting, but much that is offensive, low and wicked. The tongue of the speaker may be glib, and the song with tambourines may be heard at a distance, but it is all as sounding and brass a tinkling cymbal. We deem the profanity which is so manifest as something most awful, and as a nuisance to the public. Jeers and slang terms, *pro ad con* may be called "sharp shooting," but the contest is fine fun for the whole crowd, and the result to those who enjoy such pastime is downward and degrading. For the past eight months a man named Gaskill has made his home miserable through his inattention for the Salvation Army. His wife is a most respectable woman, well thought of by all her neighbours, and is a member of the Simcoe street Methodist Church. Since Gaskill has been connected with the Army he has neglected his family, being constantly away from home at night, and sometimes all night. These proceedings were more than Mrs. Gaskill could bear, and she endeavoured to induce the Hallelujah lasses to drop their hold upon her husband and permit him to return to his neglected family.

HAMILTON.—Church Congress.—To-day, June 7th, the first congress of the kind in this province will be held, let us hope that it will prove eminently successful and lead to others in Toronto, London, and Kingston, in due course. Among the names of eminent brethren from the Church in the United States who will be present at the Congress to day, are the Bishop of Western New York, and the Rev. Dr. Courtney, of Boston. The Rev. Dr. G. D. Wildes, General Secretary of the Church Congress in the United States, accompanied by the Rev. J. W. Kramer, M.D., Secretary of Executive Committee, will be in attendance upon the Congress. Dr. Wildes has been invited to address the Synod of Niagara on "Missions," and also to read a paper, or speak at the first session of the Congress. Dr. Kramer will probably speak in connection with some one of the topics on the programme.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—A special offering with a view to reducing the debt of the church was made last Sunday when, in round numbers, \$2,700 was laid upon the Lord's Table. This was chiefly owing to the liberality of Bishop Fuller and his family. His Lordship contributed \$1,000, and Mrs. Fuller and Valency E. Fuller, \$500 between them. It is hoped that an annual offering for this purpose will be made in the future.

HURON.

THE ELECTION OF BISHOPS.—As the time approaches for electing a successor to Bishop Hellmuth the usual signs of agitation appear in the daily papers, which are glad of exciting letters to freshen their columns. The letters in the Mail from *Presbyter*, *Churchman*, *Layman*, for and against the candidates, are mere straws showing currents and party zeal. The charge that certain Toronto agitators are pulling the wires in this election is quite true, although discredited because it is so discreditable. These men cannot endure the sight of any men enjoying liberty or exercising power outside their own set. We trust our Huron friends will keep meddlers in their place, and calmly and prayerfully conduct this election as men responsible to God and not to party leaders. The Bishop they will elect will be seriously hampered by an outburst of personal feeling or sectarian spirit either for or against him. A Bishop should be looked up to as one moved by higher impulses, guided by nobler motives, enlightened by a holier light, than those inspiring and leading partisans. A Bishop is a

ruler in the Catholic Church, he is not a true man if that dignity shows not out in all his acts; grace and charity and wisdom will be given for his work if he lives for Christian labours only for the honour and glory of Christ's Church. The name of Dr. Courtney, a very able clergyman of the American Church has been added to the list of candidates. We again urge the Huron clergy and laity to resist being tempted into the use of uncharitable personal criticisms of those clergy who are nominated for their Bishop, or of their friends.

WOODSTOCK.—Old St. Paul's, East.—Sunday 20th ult. was the anniversary of the restoration of that venerable and sacred building in which the Rev. Wm. Bettridge had officiated for nearly half a century. It was to many more than the mere addition to the Anglican communion of Woodstock of a second shrine at which to worship. It was the celebration of a success that marks the agency of the Divine Master, and our people of all creeds but performed a proper duty in lending a cheerful countenance to what to many portrayed in a feeble manner the restoration of the ark of the covenant to the ancient Israelites. The church was beautified for the occasion by floral effects and was particularly attractive. The service in the morning was attended by a congregation of upwards of three hundred speaking well for the efforts of the rector, Mr. Hastings, all the more when it is considered that this number stated barely represents the usual attendance. The service was conducted by the Rector of Brantford, and the simplicity of the pulpit arrangement was seen to excellent effect as Mr. McKenzie opened his discourse which was a most pleasing and earnest enunciation of pearls of scriptural thought tending to show the church's purpose in giving pre-eminence to Trinity Sunday. The service at evensong was marked by an unusual effort by Mr. McKenzie. Not a vacant seat could be seen. Nave and transepts were packed; and as the service proceeded the trained eye of the preacher must have detected an unusual devotional spirit as the vast concourse in rapt attention followed the service to its close. The Rev. J. P. Curran, of Huntingford, read the prayers. The music by the choir assisted by Mr. Geo. McLeod and Mr. Henderson, could hardly be surpassed, while the assistance rendered by Miss Lewis and Mr. Coventry was very noticeable. As we intimated at the opening the most agreeable feature in one sense was the hearty accord of people strange in a way to Episcopal Church worship, and their willingness to aid the congregation of St. Paul's on the occasion of their anniversary services was but in keeping with the experience of the year that has just closed. Mr. Hastings and his people, on the threshold of another ecclesiastical year, may with assurance rely on that promise of which the past has supplied an excellent foretaste. The Rector of Brantford it is to be hoped will accord our people another occasion of manifesting their regard for his pulpit efforts and for himself personally.

BRUSSELS.—A well merited donation, Miss Jessie Kelly, was waited upon by the members of St. John's Church one evening of this week and presented with a purse containing \$35 with an address expressive of gratitude for her willingness and efficiency in acting as organist in the church. Rev. Francis Ryan, rector of St. John's, made the presentation.

CHATHAM.—Presentation to a member of the choir at the close of the church service on the 9th inst in Christ Church. Mr. Kestwick, who has been a member of the choir for the past six years has been presented with an address from the members of the choir and a handsome volume by the Rev. N. H. Martin on behalf of the members of the choir on his departure for the North-west.

SEAFORTH.—The Rev. J. Edmunds, who has been incumbent *pro tem* in Mitchell, has been appointed to the parish of St. Thomas, Seaforth, in the room of Rev. Jeffrey Hill who has resigned.

WIARTON.—This mission comprising Trinity, Wiarton, St. Johns, Sarawak Sidney Bay, Indian Reserve, has been sometime vacant. It is a most important field for the Church's vineyard. Wiarton is the terminus of the Port Dover and Georgian Bay Railroad. It has at present 1,100 inhabitants and the population is increasing. The Church of England has a greater number of adherents than any other of the seven denominations in the village, and is the only one without a minister. There is throughout the diocese much missionary work yet to be done. In Lions Head on the bay, twenty miles from Wiarton, there is a very promising field for an active missionary, Mr. Hutchinson a zealous Churchman represents the Church as lay-reader. He has a good congregation on Sundays. All the families in the vicinity, (four excepted) are of the Church. Last Sunday morning he rode to Wiarton, twenty miles of a rough road, to hold morning service there, and then back to officiate