

PERSONAL.—Lieut. J. E. Helliwell, wounded at Batoche, belongs to the 15th Battalion, Argyle Light Infantry, of Belleville. His father is rector of Améliasburg, Ont. Lieut. Helliwell lives at Belleville, where he is employed in the law firm of Robertson & Thomas. He graduated from Trinity College three years ago. Corporal E. Helliwell, brother of Lieut. Helliwell, and who was also wounded at Batoche, is a law student from Madoc. —*Orillia Packet.*

KINGSTON.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese will hold a general ordination in St. Paul's Church on 7th June.—The Synod will meet in St. George's Hall, on 8th June.—The Rev. J. K. McMorine, the newly appointed Incumbent of St. James' has arrived in the city.

WOLFE ISLAND.—The Rev. I. J. Christie, late of Cumberland, has been appointed to this parish and will enter upon his duties next week.

CARP.—A concert was given at Carp on the evening of the 25th inst., by the members of the Church of England there; proceeds to be applied to liquidate the debt on the organ.

DIocese OF TORONTO.

PERSONAL.—The Bishop of Algoma preached an eloquent sermon in Trinity College Chapel on Sunday morning last.

Rev. W. T. Smithett attends the meeting of the Grand Lodge of British North America at Cornwall on the 1st prox. The reverend gentleman will probably spend the following Sunday in Montreal.

The Rev. Henry Heaton, formerly *locum tenens* at Woodbridge, and latterly the missionary at Brooklin, has been appointed to the Mission of Haliburton.

The Rev. G. A. S. Schneider has tendered his resignation as Assistant Professor of Divinity at Trinity College, Toronto. He will shortly return to England.

PRESENTATION.—Mr. W. J. Dowding, the efficient and painstaking choirmaster of St. Bartholomew's Church, Toronto, was made the recipient of an address recently from the members of the choir and others. The address was accompanied with a handsome water pitcher, and the presentation was made at his residence. The members of the choir expressed their fervent hope that he would long continue at his post as choirmaster.

CONFIRMATION.—The Lord Bishop held a confirmation at Christ Church, Omemeé, on Monday, May 18th. Some of the candidates were from the churches in Emily. About twenty received the Apostolic rite of laying on of hands. There was a large attendance, and the service was a very earnest and enjoyable one. The Bishop, as usual, made an eloquent address.

PROBABLE CHANGES.—It is rumoured that several of our clergy are about to effect changes in their pastoral relations. Among others it is rumoured that the Rev. J. A. Hanna, of Streetsville, will take up his residence at Midland, and the Rev. J. H. Harris, now the Missionary at North Orillia, it is expected, will be appointed to the Mission of Brooklin and Columbus. The Permutation system was considered by the Mission Board at its last meeting, and was, we regret to learn, thrown out. Most of the clergy are strongly in favour of the system, and it would, we imagine, carry just now, if introduced in Synod. There are certainly some serious objections, but, on the whole, these are fully met by the thought that such a plan would very greatly help on the work of the Church, especially in country districts.

ORDINATIONS.—The Bishop hopes to be enabled to fill all vacancies in the Diocese very shortly. It is expected that about twelve men will be ordained before the year is out. We trust that among this number from both the colleges a majority will offer themselves for missionary work. As it is, the

greatest number of the men seem to have all preparations made for their first appointment before they are accepted and ordained. Pity that so many seek out curacies in towns and fat livings in the country.

TEMPERANCE WORK.—A lecture was delivered by Mr. N. W. Hoyles before St. Mark's branch of the Church Temperance Society, Port Hope, on a recent Friday. There was a good attendance, and a considerable number connected themselves with the Society at the close of Mr. Hoyle's address.

At St. Stephen's Church, Toronto, on the 11th instant, the Rev. James Roy, of Cobourg, spoke to the members of the C. E. T. S. on "How temperance work promotes the honour of Christ." After pointing out the false glamour that had been shed on drinking habits in days gone by, not only by the customs of our English ancestors, but by poet and novelist, he showed the evil effect it had on spiritual life, and the way in which temperate and sober habits conduced to the glory of the Saviour. There was a large audience, and great interest was manifested in the speech.

MISSION WORK.—We very much regret to learn that a considerable deficiency appears in the Missionary returns this year. The Board reports a net deficit of \$3,700. As the current quarter's stipends will amount to probably \$3,000 more, this is no small sum. To meet this adverse balance, there will probably be some \$700 or \$800 obtained before the 1st of July; still the deficiency will be considerable, and demands the serious attention of our people. Hard times may probably account for a small proportion of this deficiency, but we venture to say the employment of a Mission Secretary and his escapades have much more to do with it. Out of some 1200 mission boxes circulated through the Diocese, only about 200 have sent in returns. This is simply disgraceful.

DIocese OF NIAGARA.

CONFIRMATION.—The Lord Bishop held a Confirmation in the Cathedral, on Sunday evening, May 17th. The unusually large number of sixty persons were confirmed.

THE BISHOP'S ARRIVAL, WELCOME AND INSTALLATION.—In reply to the address from the Synod, presented to him in the Cathedral school house on the afternoon of Saturday, May 9th, Bishop Hamilton said:

I wish that I had the opportunity of making some becoming and formal response to such an attractive, kind, and encouraging address, but I would fail to give utterance to the feelings of my own heart if I were not to express not only for myself, but also on behalf of Mrs. Hamilton, our deep appreciation of this kind welcome. I followed with great interest the addresses of the late lamented bishop to the synod, and learned of the goodwill, harmony and peace which prevail among you, and united those of different shades of opinion in the one great object of advancing the cause of God. It will be my hope and prayer that those brotherly relations may not be disturbed in future. It is only twenty-four hours since we parted from friends who are very dear to us; but as I listened to your address and looked into the faces of those who have welcomed me here to-day, I confess that the thought has passed through my mind whether some mistake has not been committed in the transfer from one train to another, and whether I have not got back to the old friends instead of finding myself among new ones. Of course we cannot expect that the fetters of affection that have bound us for 27 years to friends we have left behind—fetters that have been forged in the highest acts of Christian worship and acts of piety—can be broken altogether; but I trust that as time rolls on the hearty welcome that you have accorded me to-day may strengthen and consolidate into those close personal ties of affection which have bound us to those we have left. I now invite you to go into the Cathedral and join in three distinct acts of worship—thanksgiving to God for completing the

organization of this church within this diocese; then in an act of faith, setting forth before God and reminding each other of the sacred truths on which our faith is built; then in an earnest prayer to God that He will give His best blessing to the work about to begin.

On Saturday evening Bishop Hamilton was presented with his robes of office in the Church of the Ascension, School House, by the ladies of the Church's of Ascension, St. Thomas, St. Mark's, and All Saints. The schoolroom was crowded, all the English church clergymen in the city being present as well as a number of representative members of the church and others. Prof. W. Jones, Dean of Trinity College, Toronto, was among those in attendance. The ladies predominated. The platform was handsomely adorned with flowers and foliage plants. Outside of this no attempt at decoration had been made. On behalf of the ladies the presentation was made by Mrs. Edward Martin, by Mrs. G. S. Papps and Mrs. Adam Brown, Mrs. Martin reading the Address, and Mrs. A. Borwn presenting the Robes. Mrs. Hamilton occupied a seat on the dais.

The whole assemblage rose, when shortly after 8 o'clock Bishop Hamilton stepped upon the platform, and the presentation was made, accompanied by the following short address:

To the Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Niagara: The ladies of the Church's of Ascension, St. Thomas, St. Mark's and All Saints, Hamilton, tender you their most hearty welcome on this your first visit to the diocese, over which our Heavenly Father, in His good providence has called you to rule. They beg your acceptance of these Episcopal robes, and earnestly pray that your life may be long spared to use them in the ministrations of your sacred office.

Hamilton, May 9, 1885.

The Bishop said in reply:

Mrs. Martin, and, I hope I may call you my dear friends: I wish I could thank you for your kind and magnificent gift as I would, but, unfortunately, I am not a man of many words, and I find it difficult to say all that I would desire, although my heart is overflowing. I hope the time will come when you will all be my personal friends. I can hardly take this as a manifestation of any strong personal feeling for me, but rather as a gift to the holder of the sacred office among you to which I have been called. I am glad to be among you, proud to be here to-night, and there is a deep feeling of gratitude in my heart for my predecessor, who must have had your sincere esteem and affection, when you welcome his successor with the cordiality and kindly spirit which you have shown to me. Again I must thank you for your kindness to myself and Mrs. Hamilton, whom I am sure is deeply grateful to you all. I look upon this splendid gift as the intimation on the part of the ladies of a desire to strike an alliance with me. I have always found the ladies most excellent lay helpers, and I consider this magnificent gift an earnest that you will uphold me and give me all the assistance in your power, in every good work. Mrs. Martin and ladies, I thank you again for this princely gift and for your kind welcome to me to-night. These robes will be associated with the most sacred moments of my life.

The robes are of an unusually magnificent character, and are from the famous establishment of Pratt, the celebrated clerical outfitter of London, England. They consist of six different pieces—a purple cassock and silk sash, the linen rochets, black satin chimere and scarlet convocation robe. They are the most elaborate episcopal robes that could be procured, and form a remarkably handsome and magnificent gift.

THE BISHOP'S INSTALLATION.—The ceremony of installing the Bishop took place in Christ Church Cathedral, on Sunday, the 11th. There was a very large congregation present, the edifice being crowded to the doors. The ceremony occurred just before the morning service. A procession consisting of the Bishop and Archdeacon McMurray, preceded by the clergy and followed by the surpliced choir, proceeded to the western door, and the Archdeacon knocked for admittance.