

parish; for it has been kept as the Dedication Festival of the Church of England since its foundation. The celebration really began on the evening before, by the visitation of the Bishop to administer the rite of confirmation. Twenty-nine were confirmed; fifteen males and fourteen females. The latter were all dressed in white and decently covered with long white veils. His Lordship was as usual very solemn and emphatic in his remarks to the candidates and to the large congregation present. The festival proper began by an early celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 7.45 a.m., at which there was a very large number of communicants. The second celebration was at 11.15. The day was bright, full of sunshine; the decorations were marvels of beauty and good taste; the music of the large surpliced choir was excellent; and the preacher's fame drew a congregation that tested the holding capacity of the church. Father Hall of Boston, preached morning and evening. His sermons, the texts being from the Revelations, were fine specimens of true pulpit oratory; simple in language, clear in style, earnest in tone, learned and suggestive; they held the attention of the people to the end, although the time reached well on to the hour. The offertories nearly came to nine hundred dollars.

LONGUEUIL.—St. Mark's.—This pleasant suburban parish, now in charge of Rev. J. Baylis, is a popular summer resort for our city people. The little church has been lately cleaned and tinted in very good taste. The Bishop paid his annual visit on the 12th inst., and confirmed twelve candidates.

LACHINE.—The Rev. Mr. Winterbourne of St. Mark's, Halifax, has been appointed by Bishop Bond, Rector of this parish.

The annual meeting of the Synod of this diocese will be held on the 21st inst. Service will take place in Christ Church Cathedral at 10.30 a.m. The prospects of peace at this synod are rather dubious. The condition of the Church in this part of the Province is not just what it should be. There has been a serious falling off in the mission fund, so that the staff of clergy has been lessened and several missions remain vacant. The Dunham Ladies' School is closed, the Sabrevois' Mission for the conversion of French Roman Catholics has never prospered since its removal to this city, and there is a growing dissatisfaction among the leading laymen at the narrow policy of the diocesan executive.

Personal.—Rev. Joseph Merrick, of Adamsville, has been superannuated and will make his home in the North-West with his sons.

Rev. J. G. Norton, Rector of the Cathedral, leaves by steamer "Lake Superior," on Tuesday, the 21st inst., for a two months' sojourn in England.

Very Rev. Dean Carmichael will preach before the Synod at Christ Church.

Rev. J. D. Borthwick, of Hochelaga, who has been seriously ill from inflammation of the lungs, is now quite well again.

ONTARIO.

NEW EDINBURGH.—The first annual meeting of the White Cross Brotherhood was held at the parsonage, Saturday, May 11th, at 8 o'clock. The following officers were elected: Rev. E. A. Hanington, president; Dr. R. G. Wicksteed, counsellor-at-law; Mr. W. Y. Lampey, treasurer; Mr. J. C. Wilson, 1st vice-president; Capt. McElhinney, 2nd vice-president. The active work will (D.V.) recommence first Saturday in October. Counsellors elected: Messrs. James Fletcher, W. L. Magee, W. H. Noble, A. Horan, A. Bliss, J. Jessup, Samuel Graham, Geo. Brown, Mr. Strouger, Hon. Mr. Lambert, Rev. Mr. Muckleston, Mr. John Bell, Dr. Wicksteed and Mr. W. Q. Ketchum were appointed as a committee to report for press.

KEMPTVILLE.—We have recently had a visit from the missionary at Mattawa, on the Upper Ottawa. He preached in the parish church on Sunday, at both morning and evening services, giving very interesting and encouraging addresses on the mission work of the diocese, with particular reference to his own large field of labor. There was a large congregation at each service. Throughout the week Mr. Bliss visited the parishioners at their homes, accompanied by the rector, and received on all sides practical evidence of their sympathy and readiness to further the good work for which he pleaded, and in which the people of this parish have from the first taken a deep interest. This is the third visit of Mr. Bliss to this parish in the past six years, and the response to his appeal

was even more ready than previously. A missionary meeting was held in the church on the Wednesday following, at which addresses were given by the Rev. W. A. Read, of Oxford Mills, Rev. Mr. Bliss and the rector. The former spoke on foreign mission work, and Mr. Bliss on domestic and home missions, chiefly dwelling on the life and labors of Bp. Horden, of Mooseonee, whom he had the honor of entertaining at Mattawa five years ago during his Lordship's return trip from England to his diocese, and from whom he had obtained much information respecting his pioneer work in the vast regions bordering on Hudson Bay. It was most interesting, as few here had heard much of such work, or of that truly apostolic man so full of zeal and noble self-renunciation. Such meetings are calculated to do great good in disseminating information regarding the great work the Church is doing throughout Canada. Mr. Bliss at the conclusion of his address, warmly thanked the people for all their kindness, and paid a glowing tribute to the success attending the labors of our energetic rector, as at each visit he saw some fresh evidence of the great progress made in the parish, and of the abundant life evinced by the members of the congregation in the interest taken in all branches of church work. Bible classes, guilds, leagues, &c., abound, and all in good working condition. Before the meeting concluded Mr. Leslie, the excellent president of our parochial mission board, made a very practical address. Great festivities are announced here for the Queen's Jubilee, under the auspices of the rector and congregation, beginning with a grand commemorative service in the Church.

TORONTO.

THE SYNOD OF TORONTO.—The annual Synod of the Diocese of Toronto was prefaced by a communion service in St. James Cathedral, on the 14th June. The clergy who took part in the service, were the Lord Bishop of the diocese, Ven. Archdeacon Boddy, Canon Dumoulin and Professor Boddy. The offertory was in aid of the mission fund.

At 11.30 the clergy and lay representatives assembled for business in St. James school room, under the presidency of the Bishop, whose comprehensive address was a valuable statement of the present position of the Church in the diocese. Bishop Sweatman commenced with the mournful duty of paying tributes to the memory of the late Canon Edward Morgan, Rev. John McClear and Rev. W. R. Forster, rural dean of West Simcoe, and then mentioned the changes which the year had made in the clerical staff. There had been nine removals from the diocese and eight admissions. The total number of clergy now was 143, of whom 115 were engaged in parochial work, 14 in tuition, etc., and 14 were retired and on leave. There had also been changes in the parochial and missionary staff and in the number of rural deans.

The Bishop then announced the resignation of Hon. Edward Blake as chancellor of the diocese. During the year he had ordained 7 deacons and 17 priests and had held fifty-six confirmations, at which 1284 candidates were confirmed, of whom 454 were males and 780 females. He had consecrated one church and opened three new ones. Besides this he had preached 116 sermons and given numerous addresses. Premising that all the returns were more or less incomplete, he gave the approximate figures in each department of church work. The attendance at the city churches last year had increased by about 1,000 over the figures recorded in the previous report, and that in the country showed little difference.

The number of communicants reported was 11,789, an increase, but he was concerned very much to note the continued decline in the number of baptisms. These were only 2901 in 1886, against 3129 in 1885. The marriages had risen to 787, against 765 in the year before. Seven hundred burials were reported, being an increase of one for the year; these were in the country districts. The number in the city was unknown. There were 160 Sunday-schools, against 149; the teachers had increased from 1464 to 1630, and the scholars from 15,204 to 17,241. The average attendance had also risen from 10,961 to 11,760. Similar particulars were given of libraries and other agencies.

The percentage of voluntary contributions showed a gratifying increase, the sum total being \$181,771, against 105,580 in 1885. Four new churches had been erected in the year and two new ones replaced older buildings. All the seats were free. There was on the year an increased value of \$20,000 in the churches, an increase of 2000 sitting accommodation. These figures, he submitted, showed very encouraging evidence of life and growth in the diocese.

The parishes still unhappily stagnant were very few. The drainage of population from the country districts into the city operated prejudicially against the growth of the church. It was a serious question how to keep pace with the rapidly growing population of Toronto. As fast as additional churches were built they were filled and a church extension fund

had been formed for Toronto. He gave particulars of projected churches and mission rooms for this city, and then spoke favorably of the operations of the Church Army.

The result of another year's labor to raise the income of the Mission Board had been practically a failure—it had only be raised from \$13,000 to \$13,500—a most unsatisfactory state of things, and one not creditable to the diocese. After referring to the Church Women's Mission aid and the Jew's societies, the Bishop said there had been a very unmistakable weakening of interest in the Church of England Temperance Society. There were only thirty branches in the diocese, and some of these had only a languid existence.

The remainder of the address consisted of a review of the steps that had been taken by the Provincial Synod with a view to Christian union and the announcement of the special memorial services to be held in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, and the centenary of the Episcopal Missions. The collections would be in aid of a memorial cathedral in Halifax.

These officers of Synod were elected: Clerical Secretary, Rev. John Pearson; Lay Secretary, Dr. Hodgins; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. D. Kemp. The afternoon proceedings were opened by reading the reply of the Governor-General, to an address from the Executive Committee. A long and fruitless discussion then arose on the Commutation Trust and on the leases granted by Dean Grassett, regarding which, disputes had arisen owing to the lack of business-like clauses defining the position of the lessees in regard to improvements. In drawing such documents a great deal less verbiage, and much more common sense would have such disputes arising. The matter is one for arbitration.

SECOND DAY.—Mr. Biggar presented a report on the defective state of the law for protection of females.

The Clergy Commutation Trust Committee was passed as follows:—Revs. Alex. Sanson, L. H. Kirby, A. J. Bronghall, E. W. Murphy, A. Hart, T. Walker, B.A., E. H. Mussen, M.A., W. C. Allen, M.A., Messrs. A. H. Campbell, William Ince, Richard Snelling, L.L.D., C. J. Agar, J. A. Worrell, B.C.L., Herbert Mortimer, Major Evans, G. Mercer Adam.

The rectory lands Committee was appointed as follows:—Revs. John Langtry, M.A., Canon Dumoulin, J. Carry, D.D., William Logan, M.A., Canon Trayne, M.A., H. B. Osler, Messrs. J. C. Kemp, Thomas Hodgins, Q.C., Marcellus Crombie, M.A., John Carter, Hon. John Patton, Q.C., J. Herbert Mason.

The remaining committees were passed as follows:—

Mission Board.—The Lord Bishop of Toronto, Ven. the Archdeacon of York, Ven. the Archdeacon of Peterborough; Rural Deanery of Toronto, Rev. Jones, J. W. G. Whitney; Rural Deanery of West York, Rev. R. D. Osler, A. Hoskin; Rural Deanery of East York, Rev. R. D. Fletcher, M.A., John Cowan; Rural Deanery of Peel, Rev. R. D. Swallow, Capt. Blain; Rural Deanery of East Simcoe, Rev. R. D. Stewart, M.A., Basil R. Rowe; Rural Deanery of West Simcoe, Rev. R. D. Kirkby, W. A. Hamilton; Rural Deanery of South Simcoe, Rev. R. D. Ball, Hon. G. W. Allan; Rural Deanery of Durham, Rev. R. D. Allen, B.A., his Honour Judge Benson; Rural Deanery of Northumberland, Rev. R. D. Beck, M.A., H. A. Hammond; Rural Deanery of Haliburton, Rev. R. D. Smithett, D.D., Rev. Rural Dean J. D. Cayley, M.A., J. H. Delamere, S. Caldecott.

Widows' and Orphans' Fund and Theological Students' Fund Committee.—Revs. Canon O'Meara, L.L.D., A. W. Spragge, O. E. Thomson, M.A., Arthur H. Baldwin, M.A., T. C. DesBarres, M.A., Provost Body, M.A., D.C.L.; Messrs. J. G. Hodgins, L.L.D., Dr. Burritt, H. S. Northrop, C. J. Campbell, T. D. Delamere, M.A., Geo. M. Evans.

General Purposes, Statistics and Assessment Committee.—Revs. J. Middleton, John Pearson, W. C. Cooper, John Davidson, M.A., J. H. McCollum, A.M., H. G. Baldwin, M.A.; Messrs. George Gillespie, Judge Scott, E. M. Chadwick, F. C. Denison, M.P., A. McLean Howard, A. R. Boswell.

Sunday School and Book and Tract Committee.—Revs. J. D. Cayley, M.A., W. C. Bradshaw, J. F. Sweeney, B.D., J. McLean Ballard, B.A., T. W. Paterson, M.A., Messrs. C. R. W. Biggar, M.A., J. C. Morgan, M.A., S. G. Wood, L.L.B., A. Marling, L.L.B., G. B. Kirkpatrick.

Audit Committee.—Revs. A. Hart, Jas. Roy, L.L.D., J. Scott Howard, B.A.; Messrs. Thomas Shortiss, Edward Burch, J. R. Roaf.

The Bishop appointed this Executive Committee: Archdeacon Boddy, Canon O'Meara, Rev. the Provost of Trinity College, Rev. R. D. Allen, Rev. C. C. Johnstone, Hon. G. W. Allan, Mr. A. H. Campbell, Mr. J. Herbert Mason, Hon. James Patton and Dr. Snelling, Registrar of the diocese. Scrutineers were appointed to take the ballot of the Synod for the elective members, with the following result:—Clerical—Rev. J. Pearson, Rev. J. Langtry, Canon Dumoulin, R. D. Beck, Rev. Dr. Carry; Lay—Messrs. C. J. Campbell, J. G. Hodgins, W. Ince, J. Carter and N. W. Hoyles.