

in Him we live and move and have our being." In the chancel were the Ven. the Archdeacon, Dr. Lauder, Rev. Mr. Muckleston, Rev. Mr. Bogart and Rev. Mr. Bliss, in addition to the clergymen who took part in the service. The chancel was tastefully decorated with fruits, flowers and vegetables, and the whole service was so arranged as to fully carry out the object for which it was given. The music chosen was very attractive. The hymns were: "Come Ye Faithful People" and "The Sower went forth Sowing." The "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" in "D" were by G. M. Garrett, Mus. Doc., and a fine anthem by Sir Henry Stuart was rendered. The service was concluded, in place of the evening hymn before the benediction, by Sir Henry Stuart's gorgeous "De Feum" in F. The musical portion of the service was carried out in the most finished style. Mr. Dingley Brown deserves great credit for the manner in which he trained his excellent choir. It was evenly balanced, and the effect in the body of the church was grand in the extreme. Special mention may be made of the anthem, which was given with a dash and vigour rarely heard in church choirs. The service on the whole ranks among the best ever given in Christ Church—and the services in this church are always good.

**BATH—St. John's Church.**—Not long since a pair of handsome turned wooden alms basins were presented to this church by the Rev. A. L. Geen, of Belleville, and more recently a very neat credence table of correct ecclesiastical design was placed in the chancel through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. G. Ferren, of Kingston. Many improvements are going forward in this church and its surroundings, and it is in contemplation to wholly restore the ancient edifice as soon as the requisite means can be obtained, towards which end members are now working hard, notably the ladies.

**OTTAWA.**—The White Cross Guild held a special meeting at the rectory of St. Bartholomew's church, New Edinburgh ward, on Saturday evening, the 8th inst., the Rev. A. E. W. Hannington presiding. The meeting was specially called to consider the fact that the report concerning the debauchery of young children had appeared in the columns first of the *Free Press* and afterwards of the *Citizen*. A resolution to the effect that Mr. Lampey, who was accused of having given the report, be expelled and that Dr. R. J. Wickstead be requested to resign, as both had given reports to the newspapers, was read. Dr. Wickstead reminded the members that they had appointed him as one of those to supply the press with information, and now wished to expel him for having done that duty. He then left the room. Mr. Lampey strenuously denied that he was the member who supplied the report to the press, and also withdrew. The resolution was then carried and the meeting adjourned. Dr. Wickstead, in conversation with a reporter, said: "I think the act is one which may be termed a *felo de se* so far as the society is concerned. I had previously given notice that unless the society drew up a satisfactory programme of work in the winter, I should resign, as I did not believe in four or five good men meeting in a room to talk goody goody. Unless the proceedings of the guild are made public, I do not see that they can benefit the public." Mr. Lampey said: "I, of course, bow to the decree, and have left. I did not supply the report to any paper, and have not given information to the press."

#### TORONTO.

**St. Anne's.**—A ten day's mission will be held in this Church, commencing on Sunday, the 28th inst. The missioner will be the earnest and devoted priest, Rev. Alex. Macnab, of the diocese of Niagara, all are earnestly invited to attend.

**ORILLIA.**—The Rev. Canon Mulock, of the diocese of Ontario, is visiting his brother-in-law, Mr. A. G. Robinson, C. E. When he left Orillia, fifty years ago, there were thirteen houses here. Coming back after such a lapse of time, and finding a thriving town of over four thousand inhabitants, with railways, telegraphs, telephones, electric lights, waterworks, churches, schools, etc., he says it is like coming into a new world. Though he heard of the progress of the place, it was impossible to realise it fully without having seen it. Life in Orillia in 1834 was very primitive indeed. The only place of worship was the Indian meeting-house, and when a stray clergyman visited the place, messengers were sent to notify the settlers of the fact that service would be held. It is remarkable that, with such scant spiritual advantages three or more of those youthful pioneers should have been honored ministers of the Church of England and Ireland in Canada. At the erection of a barn on the farm at present owned by Mr. Crookford, the four "corner men" were Mr. A. G. Robinson, C. E. Mul-

ock, A. Sanson, and W. S. Darling. Mr. Sanson is now rector of Little Trinity Church, Toronto, and Mr. Darling died rector of Holy Trinity Church in the same city. In those days industry was honored, and such a thing as pride or idleness unknown. Canon Mulock was regarded as the most expert axeman in the neighbourhood.

**COOKSTOWN.**—On October the 2nd, His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto administered the rite of confirmation to 41 people in this parish. It is only two years ago since His Lordship visited this place on the same mission. At St. John's Church 29 were confirmed, and the church was inadequate to accommodate the congregation, which is always large, but on this occasion was much augmented. In the afternoon the Bishop drove to St. Luke's, Pinkerton, where twelve more presented themselves for confirmation. In the evening the Bishop preached, at St. John's Church, an able sermon from Eph. ii. 17, 18, 19. His Lordship expressed his gratification at the prosperity and growth of the parish. The Rev. W. H. A. Fraser, incumbent, informed the Bishop that owing to lack of time many candidates had to be left over until his next visitation, for the number kept increasing up till the time of the Bishop's arrival, and it required special visits to the homes of the candidates as they lived chiefly in the country, to prepare them. It was a solemn sight to see so many adults come forward and confess their desire to separate from the world, and put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and the members had their faith strengthened, and their hearts encouraged to go on and fight the good fights of faith by witnessing the addition of so many to the ranks of the church.

#### NIAGARA.

**St. CATHARINES.—Harvest Thanksgiving.**—This annual Festival at St. Barnabas was celebrated on Wednesday, 5th. The day was begun by a choral celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock. Rev. Alex. W. MacNab was celebrant, assisted by Rev. E. E. Bland and Rev. T. L. Spencer. A large number of working men was included in the attendance at this early Eucharist.

In the evening there was a full choral evensong. Rev. Mr. MacNab sung the service, and the Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, of St. Matthew's clergy house, Hamilton, was the preacher.

The sermon, taken from the text, "A sower went forth to sow," dwelt upon the Incarnation, and was a powerful exposition of the Real Presence of Christ in His Church and Sacraments.

A full choir rendered the music selected, chiefly Gregorian, with devotional sweetness. The very young organist, Master Willie Thompson, who has been playing since Mr. Nay left the city, accompanied with remarkable accuracy, and was assisted, by an orchestra of 4 pieces.

The little church was, as usual, tastefully decorated. There has lately been erected a new altar—the carving is exquisite, the design is chaste, and the general effect with gradines surmounted by cross and flowers is very dignified. The altar, which is fairly well raised, is thrown into relief by a very handsome dossal curtain, fringed.

The little church, which was filled to its utmost capacity on this occasion, is as pure a type, in its interior fittings and in its services, of the Anglican branch of the Church Catholic, as can be found in this diocese.

**HAMILTON.—Church of St. Thomas.**—An addition is being put to the schoolhouse costing \$1020. On last Sunday, Canon Curran told his congregation \$100 were required at once to complete the work, and that a collection to raise the amount would be taken up on Sunday, Oct. 16th. On Monday a few gentlemen, without the knowledge of the rector, met and determined to raise the sum without a collection, and on Friday they called on the rector and surprised him by telling him the sum of \$206 had been subscribed and paid for all necessary expenses. Such an act is most commendable and worthy of being imitated.

**HAMILTON.—Church Reminiscences.**—The solemn and very impressive services at the recent ordination at Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton, have very forcibly recalled the early days of the Church to mind in that parish. On the recent occasion there was a good attendance,—25 or 30 white robed clergy, headed by the Bishops of Niagara and Qu'Appelle, and six candidates for ordination. But mere numbers of laity and clergy do not constitute the chief excellence of any religious service in the House of God. The best impressions are those which are made on the heart, in the impartation of a devout mind and reverential manner leaving lasting recollections. It was a remark of one some time afterwards, during the day, that the service had greatly affected him with deepest feelings, and was quite like the order of such a ser-

vice which now prevails throughout England. The regularity of the whole proceedings, the attentive and reverent bearing of all, the clear and hearty utterances of prayer and praise; these aided in making us feel that it was good and pleasant to be there. Doubtless there were other helps at such a time and occasion—there was the fine, lofty, well designed and arranged church building itself; the deep, well ordered chancel; and the clear sound of a noble organ.

In early days of Hamilton the writer was resident there. The first Christ Church was opened in 1839. It was a very large frame structure, Sunday School rooms, (2), were in the basement, while the upper or church floor, was, perhaps, 15 feet over it. The vestry room was at one time situate at the west end of the nave, and at another time in the basement at the east end of the boys' Sunday School room. In either case an active promenade was necessary for the officiating clergyman, either through the length of the church from west to east, or in ascending a long stairway from the basement to the reading desk standing conspicuously in front of the chancel. The reading desk was connected by a sort of ship's gallery with the more lofty pulpit to suit the loftier galleries on either side. A crimson curtain was placed as a frontal before the rails of the quaint gallery, which admitted a direct way to the reading desk or else to the pulpit. But a change was soon made by a new long stairway erected outside the church, safely enclosed, leading through a new opening of the wall to the church floor, and thence the officiant proceeded to the desired place for the service. This was not more quaint than that arrangement which so long continued in St. Mark's church, Niagara, where two outside staircases were built, one leading to the reading desk, and the other to the pulpit, which, like dove-cots, were fixtures upon the church walls within. But in the case of the first Christ Church, Hamilton, improvements were frequently made. *Experientia docet.* The old building did not give place to the new until material changes had been made in these and other particulars—decided improvements they were, although there were many persons in the congregation who feared any change at all from the original plans, and were offended at it. Some desired that the black gown should be retained by the preacher, and that he should each time enjoy a little promenade when he required to change surplice or gown. Some again thought that the stentorian voice of the clerk (sexton Lewis), was best for giving out the usual church notices, or for announcing one or other of Tate and Brady's metrical version of the Psalms, with the usual prefix, "Let us sing to the glory and praise of God." All is now different. The square pews have yielded to the single seat, with a kneeling stool that all may kneel in prayers. The organ loft and choir gallery with its long iron rod and red curtains have yielded to other positions in the church and to other arrangements better calculated for the purpose of rendering praise to God. The *Te Deum* and other chants are now ordinarily sung by the minister and people.

We are not thinking of those early days and quaint doings of the Church with any smile of ridicule playing upon our lips, God forbid! We neither forget that the service of religion and its surroundings are sacred when pious hearts are engaged in it, nor do we forget the dear loving hearts and ready hands of those early days, for they did what they could; they gave of their best. We do not deride and desire to give expression of thankfulness that Church ritual and Church work have been progressive within the last 50 years, the effect of which we can plainly see and approve of. Some one has truly said:—The last 50 years have witnessed a gracious revival of Church life and Church principles. Our altars have been, as it were, rebuilt; the ancient services of the Church restored to something like their former beauty. Those services, more particularly the one great service of the altar, have become, once more in symbol and outward expression the transcripts of the heavenly realities within the veil; our churches, restored once more in the beauty of holiness, are—palaces indeed, of God, but true palaces also of His people, available to all, rich and poor alike, in every place, where art, music, and architecture, all that can lift the soul from off this lower earth is once more enlisted in the service of the sanctuary.

#### HURON.

**Huron College.**—We are now entering on the twenty-fifth year of preparing young men for the ministry of the Church, and the question comes, have they been successful in their most responsible undertaking? Last year was, if we judge by the number of students, not successful. The number passed through the college, one hundred and twelve, of these over one hundred have taken holy orders, so that nearly one half of the clergy of the diocese are alumni of Huron College. At the time of the setting apart from the diocese of Toronto, the clergy of the new diocese (Huron), the greater number of the clergy were