

mouth, on Jan. 10th, and afterwards delivered a short, practical address to those who had assembled to witness the event.

The Archdeacon was kindly entertained at the Grange, by Sir John Jones Jenkins.

The Rev. F. Owen Phillips, a son of the late Dean Phillips, of St. David's Cathedral, has been appointed Curate of the Parish in the place of the Rev. F. E. Scott.

This change was made because it was very necessary that the assistant Curate should be able to devote the whole of his time to Parish work. This, of course, Mr. Scott was not able to do, owing to his scholastic duties as Head Master of St. Catherine's College. In the time that was at his disposal Mr. Scott did all he could do, and we are grateful to him for his past services to the Church.

Mr. Phillips comes with good credentials. He is a good type of a healthy minded, athletic Christian, and will doubtless exercise a good influence over young men. May the Almighty prosper him in his high calling!

Yet another change—Our respected Organist, Mr. T. S. Camidge, feeling that he wants rest has resigned his position. He has been Organist of the Parish Church for eight or nine years. Some years previous to his living here, he acted as deputy Organist at York Minster. Mr. Camidge is highly respected by all who know him, and his familiar figure at the organ will be missed. May peace and joy attend him in his latter years!

Mr. R. C. Macdonnell, Organist of St. John's Church, Hatod, has been appointed to the position relinquished by Mr. Camidge. Mr. Macdonnell is a young Organist of great promise. His special qualification is the training of boys' voices. The change will not be effected till after Easter.

*Assistant Clergy Fund*—The subscriptions to this Fund are due in January each year. £100 per annum is required. We most sincerely hope that those who have subscribed in past years will kindly continue their subscriptions, and if possible give a little more, for we require more now than formerly. We also hope that many who have not hitherto given anything will feel it their duty to give something in the future. Our Church in this Parish depends almost entirely upon voluntary contribution. We have no grant from any society for the Curate's stipend. It is hoped therefore that all Church people will remember this, and determine to give something however small to the Assistant Clergy Fund.

Mr. Phipps, Misgrove, is the Secretary. He will be glad to receive the subscriptions for the coming year as soon as possible.

*Alterations in the Parish Church*—The Vicar and Churchwardens have decided to make some alterations in the Church at once. 1st—To make that portion of the Church under the gallery a choir vestry. The present vestry is far too small and very damp. 2nd—To adopt a better system for lighting the Church, viz: to place three four-light gas pendants over each aisle, and two three-light pendants in the Chancel—Incandescents. This will very materially reduce the gas bill, and give more light. 3rd—To place a dry drain along the south side and east end of Chancel wall to prevent the water soaking in through the walls and floor as it does now. 4th—To improve Choir Stalls and Chancel generally. It is estimated that £100 will be required to do this very necessary work satisfactorily. One kind friend has offered the Vicar £10 if nine others will do the same. Who will help? Smaller amounts will of course be most gratefully received.

The Heating Apparatus is now in use and thus we are able to do without the gas stoves. *Nett Gain*—Better air, smaller gas bill.

#### CONFIRMATION.

The Lord Bishop of St. David's will hold a Confirmation Service in the Parish Church, on Monday, April 17th, at 11 a.m.

Probably there will not be another such service in the Parish for two years to come. Those therefore who are desirous of receiving the Confirmation blessing, and to walk in the path which the Church has mapped out for her children, should take this opportunity and attend the preparation classes. The Clergy do not ask young people to give a decided answer one way or the other before they have attended the classes.

Many a young man says "No" when he is asked to be confirmed, without knowing what it is he is rejecting. Many a young man says "Yes" without realizing what Confirmation means. In order therefore to avoid the rejection of Confirmation through ignorance, and the acceptance of that Holy rite through indifference, or as a mere matter of form, we ask those young people who are desirous of learning its true meaning, to attend the classes. And then when it has all been fully explained, and they fully realize what they are accepting or refusing, they will be in a better position to decide for themselves.

It is much to be hoped that parents will assist the Clergy by getting their children who are of age to attend the classes. If there are any adults who wish to be confirmed, the Clergy will gladly make special arrangements for them. The