

Cawood, high up in the Laurantian Range. The visitation of the Gatineau parishes is completed, and the Rev. Mr. Chambers and his people, and the Rev. Mr. Plaisted are bidding adieu to their Bishop as he starts on a canoe voyage to reach the southern slope of the mountains. A "good safe boat" has been put away so *safely* that it can not be found, and with many misgivings on the part both of Bishop and Missionary a punt, neither so *safe* nor so *elegant* as an Allan Steamer, is chartered to make the voyage. Its crew know both boat and stream and the Bishop lands safely seven miles up the Creek in the Mission of Thorne where he is met by the Rev. Mr. Bourne and driven to Thorne Centre. The rest of the week is occupied with the visitation of this Mission, Thorne Centre on Thursday Leslie on Friday; Thorne West on Saturday. North Clarendon, one of the stations is left for the following week. Well attended and hearty services mark the visit. A magnificent work has been done and is being done in this large and mountainous parish; but it is evident that matters ecclesiastical are in a primeval stage. There is no Church at Thorne Centre. A log school house, made cosy with texts, pictures and green leaves, serves the purpose. The communion rail consists of a bench brought from the rear of the room. But the communicants are as truly living souls as those of Christ Church Cathedral or St. George's. It is the same Bread of Life which feeds them and in the same words their doctrines ascend to the Father of spirits; and the delight of these lonely toilers in their Bishop's visit is very great.

The voyage up the Kazuabazua this year has saved the Bishop the journey over the Alps, but it has necessitated a drive through Greenland. Greenland is a wonderful place. Some one said "the Giants have been at play." Rocks, and they are mighty rocks, are piled on rocks. The ice sometimes remains till July. A stream ripples along. There are dark caverns. Many kinds of creeping plants festoon the giants' work and transform the place into a sort of fairyland. Over all towers an immense wall of rock some 300, or 400 feet in height, and great trees cast deep shadows and impart a mysteriousness and an awe to the place not soon forgotten.

The Parsonage, Thorne West, was reached Friday night. Here are evidences of Missionary work and life. Those who knew the place ten years ago can see in the house now comfortably finished,—in the new St. Stephen's Church, so solid and churchly looking, in the large congregation and devout communicants, in the well kept houses of the people—a vast advance upon the old state of things.

Here the Bishop proved himself a true Missionary. The Rev. Mr. Bourne is as yet his own housekeeper, cook, and man of all work. Nevertheless the Bishop insisted upon "*roughing it*" with his missionary, and he seemed thoroughly to enjoy the experience. The whole story shall be left for the Bishop himself to relate.

Portage Du Fort, Parish.—Sunday morning (Aug. 28), found the Bishop at Bryson. Here again is grand scenery: mountains to the right, and mountains to the left. Upon a ledge of one stands the little English Church. Between the mountains runs the Ottawa—at the village deep and dark, but a mile below divided by two islands and broken into magnificent falls, which I could lie on the rocks for a whole day and watch.

The day of rest is for the Bishop a day of labor. The Bryson congregation is visited in the morning. After dinner a drive of four miles brings him to Clarke's where service has to be held in a school-house and where an effort is being made to build a little Church. The Rev. A. A. Allen, of Portage Du Fort, or the Rev. E. McManus, of Chambly, would thankfully receive subscriptions from any one who wishes to help in a good work. After service at Clarke's a drive of twelve miles brings the party to Portage Du Fort where the Bishop has his third service of the day; and where on the following

day a very hearty Sunday School Festival is held,—a gathering of the children in the beautiful village Church, an address by the Bishop, and then the children enjoy themselves as only children can, under the grand trees on the parsonage grounds. The Portage Du Fort Brass Band furnishes music and the ladies provide a feast of good things to refresh the inner man. About five o'clock the Bishop proceeded to Shawville bringing to an end once more his annual visit to this picturesque and interesting Parish of the Portage, and here for the present let us take our leave of him.

BOLTON CENTRE.—Prior to the departure of the Rev. Mr. Clayton for his new field, New Glasgow, the Bedford Clerical Union met in his parish and presented him with an address and accompanied it by several volumes of a most useful theological work. The address expressed the regret of the Clerical Union at the approaching withdrawal of Mr. Clayton from this particular portion of the Diocese, and also bore testimony to the zeal, earnestness and self-denial evinced by him in his work during his prolonged ministry of seventeen years in this locality; and expressed the hope that through the Divine blessing on his labours spiritual and lasting results might be found in after days in this parish of Bolton, as an evidence of his faithfulness and to add lustre to his crown of rejoicing in the day of reward. It also expressed the good wishes for himself and family in their new field of labor, assuring him the Union would miss in him a very genial friend in church gatherings, and many would retain very pleasant memories of the cordial hospitality they had been privileged to enjoy in his cheerful home and in the society of his amiable family.

The address was signed by the Venerable Archdeacon Lindsay, M.A., and the resident Canons, Rev. F. Robinson, J. B. Davidson and T. Mussen, the Clergy of the District and others, and was suitably and happily replied to by the Rev. Mr. Clayton.

BROME.—The last monthly meeting of the District of Bedford Clerical Union assembled at Brome, Rev. R. L. McFarlane, incumbent. There was a large attendance and much interest shown. The session was chiefly occupied in ventilating the topic as to what have been the hindrances to the growth of the Church in Canada. This topic was raised by the reading of the article on the Canadian Church that appeared in the *Philadelphia Church Magazine*, and in which it was said that the Church in Canada frem being the first and foremost in numbers and time was now a long way behind in numbers as to the denomination. The article has caused "great searchings of heart," as no doubt was the intention, and much room there is for such searching, if there is any truth in the charge, and which indeed is admitted as having some just colouring in many and influential quarters. As to the point of the great difference in numbers, it was pointed out by Rural Dean Smith that some years ago the various bodies of Presbyterians and Methodists appeared in the census in separate columns and in consequence the Church of England was first in point of numbers to any one of the other bodies viewed separately; but now these having united, their showing was naturally larger. The Rev. C. Banerott touched upon several features that have tended to retard the Church's spread among the people, as for instance the social idea which considered the Church of England as a Church only for the wealthier and more cultured class, and which was largely and unfortunately seemingly endorsed and acted upon by the clergy and laity both, in days now, thank God, vanishing. Then again the long services of Matins, Litany, Ante-Communion and sermon acted as a deterrent, and yet again the children of the Church had not been catechised as to Church principles; then there was or had been a coldness, a stand offishness on the

part of the clergy to the people, and also to each other. They viewed each other askance, if there happened to be any divergence of opinion on ritual or doctrine; and yet again there arose a difference among the laity, especially those who were brought by business or summer vacations to attend other churches than the one they were identified with. These were too apt to point out, dwell upon and magnify unfavorably whatever varied from their own accustomed "use." Yet again Church papers have acted as a hindrance rather than a help, from the acrimony shown in their columns towards each other and all who differ from them. And finally there had been little attention paid towards throwing the people of the Church more sociably together, and yet again we must not forget that as regards the Church's lessened numbers, that immigration is bringing thousands every year into our Dominion who are not of the Church or at all friendly towards it. Another speaker pointed out that as to the growth of Methodist and Presbyterian churches it was largely helped by the open handed liberality of Churchmen. Still another speaker dwelt upon the fact that the Church element had been rather a high and dry element, content to obey rubrics and laud the Church without showing the bearing of the Church on the daily life of her children; there had, in fact, been but little fervor and spirituality among them, and the sermons in the Church had been dry and essay like, largely owing to the fact that the exercises of the pulpit were not prepared for in college, but left to be gathered by experience. There had been, neither in Lennoxville or Trinity any chair of Pastoral Theology until lately. The power of the pulpit had not been cultivated or used—the spiritual bearing of the Church as a divine organization intended to educate souls for the Church Triumphant had not been grasped, &c.

These and other points were touched upon, and so far showing how much could be said upon it, that it was decided to continue the topic at next meeting, to be held (D.V.) in Waterloo on the 4th October. A resolution of condolence was carried relative to the decease of the Rev. Wm. Jones, formerly rector of Granby, and more lately incumbent in this very parish where the Union was now in session. Such unions, we cannot but observe, will tend and do tend to remove one of the hindrances pointed out, viz.: distrust and differences among the clergy, making them know each other better and enlightening and encouraging each other.

The next meeting of the above Union takes place (D.V.) in St. Luke's Church, Waterloo, on the first Tuesday in October.

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KINGSTON.—St. George's Cathedral Sunday-school picnic took place on the 7th inst, and although late in the season it was well attended. The usual games were indulged in and prizes given. The day was fine, but the prevalence of a high wind rendered the passage to and from the Island very unpleasant.

Fifty of our citizens including the family of Rev. R. T. Burns, have been living in camp on the banks of the St. Lawrence during the months of July and August. Every Sunday evening Mr. Burns held divine service for the benefit of the campers; the congregation averaged between 30 and 40 persons, and the presence of a good choir and the situation in the open air beneath the trees, made the service interesting.

The Rev. Buxton Smith, of St. George's Cathedral, arrived home on the 10th, after an extended tour in England.

ALMONTE.—The children of St. Paul's Church Sunday-school, with a number of their friends, held a most enjoyable picnic in Lieut.-Colonel Gemmill's grove, 10th line of Ramsay, on Sat