

much as for the first time in the history of the parish, one of its churches, All Saints', was decorated for the occasion by the ladies, and Matins was followed by the celebration of Holy Communion. A fair congregation was in attendance, and a goodly number partook of the sacred feast. The decorations which were in extremely good taste and very beautiful were done under the direction of the newly appointed lady teacher of that section.

DESERONTO.—St. Mark's.—The basement of this church having reached completion and all being in readiness excepting some articles of chancel furniture, it was opened on Sunday, October 16th. At 11 a.m., Matins and Litany were said by the incumbent, Rural-dean Baker, and the opening sermon, an able and churchly one, was preached by Ven. Archdeacon Jones, rector of Napanee. At 7 p.m., evensong was said by the incumbent, and the Rev. George Gardner, the newly appointed incumbent of Roslyn, preached a forcible and practical discourse from the words "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." On both occasions the building was crowded to its utmost capacity, and very many for lack of room found it impossible to gain admission. The offertory in the morning (including a donation) brought \$50 to the building fund, while that at night realized \$28 more, in all \$78. The temporary altar-table was adorned with two vases of flowers from the conservatory of E. W. Rathburn, Esq., and around it and upon the sills of the windows, pots of geraniums, fuschias, and foliage plants kindly supplied and placed in position by the ladies, added brightness and beauty to a basement which in the judgment of many is in itself singularly neat and attractive. In furnishing the goodly room with seats, cocoa-matting and lamps, and in terracing the space between the church and the street, and in the construction of a handsome walk to the church door, the churchwardens, Messrs. Egar, and Irvine, aided by various members of the congregation, notably Messrs. M. Oliver, Keeler, and Nasimith, worked with a will and exhibited excellent taste, and the result of their labours left scarcely anything to be desired. The music under the charge of Messrs. Rixon and Keeler, the former as organist and the latter as leader and tenor singer, though perhaps a little too elaborate was very spirited and churchly, and promises well for the usefulness of the choir under the same management in days to come.

KINGSTON.—Carroll Orphans' Fund: from Amherst Island, St. James' \$7.45, Christ Church \$7.27. Total, \$1026.17, A. SPENCER, Clerical Secretary.

GRIFFITH.—An exceedingly interesting meeting, the first ever held in this locality in connection with our branch of the Catholic Church, took place on Saturday, the 22nd October, the object of which was to elect our first churchwardens with a view to building a church in this part of our Master's vineyard, where Thomas Bate, Esq., formerly of Grantham, lay-reader, and licensed by the Bishop of this diocese, has regularly conducted the services of our church for nearly two years. Mr. Thomas Joyce, and Mr. Richard Edwards, were unanimously chosen to act as churchwardens. The former is the wealthiest and most influential landowner in this neighbourhood, and his eight sons and two daughters form the greater part of our little congregation; whilst the latter is an Englishman who after enjoying all the privileges of our beloved Church in London, settled here in the wilds of Ontario, where no clergyman of the Church has yet penetrated, although the place has been settled over a quarter of a century, and is earnestly anxious, as far as may be, to enjoy the same advantages here. It was also resolved that a strenuous effort should be made during the coming winter to provide material, and to seek to obtain funds for the purpose of erecting in spring, a building suitable for our present wants. A plot of ground is also to be set apart as a cemetery, there being no burying place anywhere in the neighbourhood. With the assistance of kind friends a new organ has already been procured and paid for, by means of which the services and Sunday-school which have hitherto been held in Mr. Bates own residence have been made more churchlike. We have also a nice Sunday-school library, the gift of R. Unsworth, B.A., a graduate of Toronto University, son-in-law of Mayor T. Bate, and now a resident here.

When our Bishop returns from England we hope further steps will be taken to advance the cause of the Church in this neighbourhood.

TORONTO.

As we go to press this week on Tuesday morning, before the opening of the Toronto Diocesan Synod, we are unable to give any report of its proceedings till next week.

VESPERA.—About fifteen months ago Christ's Church, a wooden structure, was burnt to the ground by an incendiary; and on 16th inst., a new brick building was opened in the same for public worship. At eleven o'clock the Rev. W. Farncomb, B.A., said matins, and the Rev. W. W. Bates, B.A., said the ante-Communion, and preached a sermon. At three o'clock (in the absence of the incumbent, Mr. Farncomb, through sickness) Mr. Bates said evensong, and a sermon was preached by Canon Morgan, rector of Barrie. The church was crowded at each service, many having to go away for want of room in the afternoon. The canticles and hymns were sung well and heartily under the direction of Miss Leadley as organist, upon whose father's farm the building has been erected. Messrs. Leadley, Wallwin, Sneath, and Kirkup, were the committee; and although the church is not everything one could desire, yet the basement for heating purposes, the semi-vaulted roof, the stained glass in the chancel, and a very convenient vestry, all indicate a marked improvement in the architecture of country churches.

ATHERLY.—On the following Tuesday, St. Luke's day, St. John's church having undergone a thorough restoration, was reopened. The erection of a suitable tower (the lower storey of which forms the vestry) and of a commodious chancel, each surmounted by a plain Latin cross, are the chief improvements effected. After Rev. H. W. Robinson, incumbent (who has had charge of the mission for the last four years, and whose hard work, energy, and prudence have succeeded in raising the people from the slough of Puritanism to something like an adequate apprehension of Christianity) the credit of the restoration of the building is mainly due to Messrs. Strange and Thomas, both young gentlemen lately out from England. Mr. Strange presented handsome stained windows for the chancel, and Mr. Thomas with his own hands made the chancel furniture; and both in workmanship and design is quite equal to what one often sees in much finer buildings. He also superintended the whole work of restoration. A handsome carpet for the sanctuary was given by Miss Adamson, and beautifully embroidered coverings for the paten and chalice were given by Miss Willis Adamson. The handsome white altar-frontal used at reopening services was presented by Mrs. E. O'Dell. These indications of improvement must be very satisfactory to the Bishop of the diocese, as they show plainly that a change is taking place in that deplorable state of things which in a late Charge he described as prevailing in East Simcoe. By the way, it was a matter of extreme regret that his lordship could not make it convenient to be present, especially as the church was ready for consecration, and Mr. Robinson had a class ready for confirmation. Some of them are on the point of emigrating to the great North-west, and many have to wait for a long time before having an opportunity of being confirmed. The clergy present besides the incumbent, were Rev. Messrs. Jupp, Turton, Butts, and Sprague assisted in the services. There was an early celebration of the Holy Eucharist. At 11 o'clock matins; at mid-day there was another celebration. "Onward, Christian Soldiers," was sung as a processional; "Draw nigh, and take the Body of the Lord," as an introit; "I am not worthy, Holy Lord," was the office hymn; and the *Nunc Dimittis* was sung as a recessional. The service was quite rubrical, except that the famous Ornaments Rubric was almost completely ignored. The visitors and a large number of parishioners having been most hospitably entertained at the parsonage, service was again held at 6 o'clock. The processional hymn was, "Hark, the sound of holy voices"; after the third collect, "We plough the fields, and scatter"; before the sermon, "Come, ye thankful people come"; and as a recessional, "Praise, O praise our God and King."

The house occupied as a parsonage is a miserable building; but no doubt a new one will soon be erected as several of the people held back from assisting in the improvement of the church, on the ground that a parsonage was very necessary, and that anything they would do would be done in this direction.

MANVERS.—In this parish a new church has been lately opened under the incumbency of the present priest, the Rev. H. F. Burgess, B.A. Two churches have been built, and this in six years. One must consider this an indication of earnest and faithful work bearing its legitimate fruit. Not only however has a church been built, but a handsome and well built parsonage has also been erected. The church consecrated on the 20 September last (St. Michael and All Angels) is twelve miles from Bethany, the place of the incumbents residence. It is of wood as to material, gothic as to style, and tasteful and correct in its details. The roof is what is technically called "open" exhibiting the "Principals." Windows filled with stained glass, patterned. The church has chancel, nave and porch. Aisles carpeted. Altar well raised and unmistakable as to its character. There are

wanting however a font for baptism, a bell in the tower, and vessels for the altar. Gifts of any, or all of these are solicited from friends of Christ's cause and lovers "of decency and order" in God's service. On the day of its opening, service was held at one p.m. The Rev. Rural-dean Allen, rector of Oavan preached an able and telling sermon from the words "He loveth our nation and hath built us a synagogue." There was a large congregation present who entered into the service with a heart and will that do credit to the place, people, and priest. The musical portions of the worship were led by a volunteer choir from St. John's, Cartwright, to whom great thanks are due, and are herewith tendered. The offertory was very good. A reunion was held in the grove known as "Graham's grove," refreshments were abundantly supplied, and addresses were delivered by the clergy present. An address was looked for from Col. Williams, M.P. but owing to domestic trials arising from serious illness of his child, he was unable to meet our expectations. However, a very happy time was spent.

ALGOMA.

From Our own Correspondent.

The Rev. A. S. O. Sweet acknowledges with many thanks the following sums for the Hilltop church, Ravenscliffe; Rev. T. W. Paterson \$4.00, C. E. F. Allensville, \$5.00; \$118.16 have been received towards the \$500 to be raised. It is hoped that the kindness of those who have already contributed will be a stimulus to others to help in this good work.

The Rev. H. Beer of St. Joseph Island desires gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions towards purchasing a Communion Service. R. and W. Conroy \$2.00, Rev. G. C. Robinson, W. H., J. H. Burwash, Jno. McCrea, Thos. McArin, Jno. Hoare, Ethel Hoare, E. Bullis, C. Lusk, J. Kearney, 50 cents each; Emma Hoare, J. McMullen, E. Graham, D. Graham, Mrs. Murphy, 25 cents each. Also a box of Bibles and Prayer Books from the Bishop of Algoma. A bracket and lamp from Mrs. Jno. Bishop for the Hilltop church.

ROSSEAU.—The harvest festival was held on the 18th ult. The pretty little Church of the Redeemer was nicely decorated, and at matins the incumbent said prayers assisted by the Rev. J. S. Cole, the Rev. T. Lloyd of Gravenhurst preaching. In the afternoon the congregation was large, and evensong was said by the incumbent assisted by the Rev. T. Lloyd, the Rev. J. S. Cole reading the lessons, the Rev. A. S. O. Sweet was the preacher. A social was held in the evening, in a room kindly lent for the purpose by Mr. Pratt of Rosseau House. The musical part of the programme was rich and everyone was well pleased with the entertainment. The proceeds of the day amounted to something over \$20.00 which was added to the parsonage fund. On the day before the harvest festival was held at Ufford, (one of Mr. Chowne's out stations) at which the Rev. Messrs. Cole and Lloyd assisted. All those present showed that they took a great interest in their church and were determined to support their pastor by all the means in their power.

Correspondence.

All Letters will appear with the names of the writers in full and we do not hold ourselves responsible for their opinions.

THE CHURCH IN DETROIT.

Sir,—With reference to your correspondent's description of a visit to Holy Trinity, Detroit, allow me to state in justice to the choir, that on the Sunday your correspondent visited us both of our choir leaders were absent from town, and it was considered impossible to have a choral service. But our rules are, never give up, make the best of your resources. Therefore I massed our feeble band (for the rain had kept others away) on the decani side, and had a choral service such as it was. No visitor can ever judge of our strength by attendance at a single service. Your correspondent was at the fourth service held in this church on that day. We teach our people that the service is the Holy Eucharist. Nearly all our congregation live at the west end, miles from the church. We have twenty-one services each week, so that those who cannot attend evensong on a Sunday night can attend the Eucharist some week-day morning. We have just started a parish and boarding school, which has already seventeen scholars. We have star-