

cial act outside of the Synod. There was a large attendance, the room being well filled. His Grace was supported on the platform by the Bishops of Toronto, Huron, Athabasca and Columbia, and the Rev. Dr. Mockridge, Secretary of the Board of Missions.

After the singing of a hymn and prayer, his Grace delivered a short address, relating a number of interesting facts in regard to his early work in the Northwest, and as to the missions in his extensive diocese, and, in closing, expressed his gratitude for the work which had been done during the past week in the formation of a General Synod. He then introduced the Ven. Archdeacon Mackay, one of the best known missionaries to the Indians, his station being in the Diocese of Saskatchewan, some 500 miles beyond Winnipeg. His address was practical and earnest, and he gave considerable information in regard to the Indian work of that district. More than half of the Indians there were baptized members of the Church of England, and out of thirteen workers in the diocese twelve were employed specially in Indian work.

The next speaker was the Rev. Mr. Stewart, representing the C. M. S., and hitherto a missionary in China, the character of whose address was very different to that which has generally been heard on Church of England missionary platforms, and partook too much by far of the Salvationist type. Fortunately, however, there remained to speak the Lord Bishop of Athabasca, who recalled the meeting to the spirit and feeling which had prevailed through the opening addresses of the Primate and Archdeacon Mackay, and who also delivered an admirable closing speech.

ORILLIA.

A well attended meeting of parish workers was held in St. James' schoolroom on the evening of Wednesday, the 27th ult., the Rev. Canon Greene presiding. An address was given by the Rev. R. W. Stewart, C. M. S. missionary, after which a conference of workers followed, in which Mrs. Greene, the Misses Stewart, Evans and C. M. Stewart, and Messrs. Knox, Church, Stewart, and others, took part. The church-wardens regretted that more had not been done in reducing the debt on the church, but Canon Greene expressed his thankfulness that so much had been done, \$8,000 having been paid off by the congregation during the last three years.

PRICE'S CORNERS.

A Harvest Thanksgiving service was held in St. Luke's church here on Sunday, the 28th ult., when there was a good attendance. The church had been tastefully decorated by the ladies of the congregation, and looked very beautiful. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. W. Jones, and an offertory presented of \$40.

EAST ORO.

The harvest festival, held in St. Mark's church here on September 22nd, was a great success. The church was beautifully decorated with fruit, flowers and vegetables. After the service tea was served by the ladies, and in the evening a concert was given by the Orillia Glee Club.

NEWMARKET.

St. Paul's.—The Harvest Festival was celebrated with great heartiness on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. A parochial dinner in the evening was largely attended, and the church was well filled at evensong. Rev. F. Heathcote, of King, preached an excellent sermon. The music was well rendered, and the decorations were considered to be an improve-

ment on former years. The Thanksgiving Communion was celebrated on the following Sunday. Receipts from offertory, etc., \$64.

Diocese of Niagara.

MILTON.

Very successful Harvest Thanksgiving services were held in Grace church, Milton, on Tuesday, Sept. 19th. The clergy present were the Revs. J. Seaman, of Lowville, R. F. Dixon, assistant priest of St. Matthew's church, Hamilton, A. J. Belt, Rector of St. James' church, Guelph, J. Fletcher, incumbent of Omagh and Palermo, and the Rector of the parish, Rev. P. T. Mignot, all of whom took part in the services. The Rev. R. F. Dixon preached in the morning an earnest sermon on Luke xii, 15, his subject being "The Blessings of Life." The church was beautifully and tastefully decorated with flowers and fruit for the occasion. The singing was admirable. The choir under the skillful management of Mr. Gollins, the choir-master, performed their part well in leading the musical portions of the services. There was a good congregation in the morning, and more than half of them remained to show their thankfulness to Almighty God by partaking of the Blessed Feast that He has provided for His saints in the Holy Eucharist. The Rector was the celebrant, and he was assisted by the Rev. J. Seaman.

In the evening there was a very large congregation, the church being well filled. There was a musical service. The congregational singing and responding was very good. The Psalms and the Anthem, "O Lord, how manifold," by Barnby, were sung very heartily by the choir. Two solos were introduced into the service, "Adam's Holy City," sung by Miss Alice Burrows, and Torrington's "Abide with Me," sung by Miss Alice Klinger. These ladies, who are, we believe, members of St. James' Cathedral Choir, Toronto, have beautiful voices, and rendered their parts very effectively, but the writer would have liked to have seen the congregation stand during the singing of the solos, as well as when other parts of the service were sung. Miss Carter, of Milton, in the morning, and Mrs. Dowding, of Hamilton, in the evening, presided at the organ in a very creditable manner. The Rev. A. J. Belt preached an able sermon from the text Eph. iii, 16-18, his subject being "St. Paul's Prayer for Blessing."

We are glad to see such marked signs of Church life and growth in Milton. Mr. Mignot is fortunate in succeeding so true and sound a Churchman as the Rev. W. J. Mackenzie, by whom a thoroughly solid foundation of Catholic truth has been laid, and Mr. Mignot is well qualified to carry on the good work to a successful issue. But we must remember that a Paul may plant and an Apollon may water, but God only can give the increase.

Thank God there are many signs of spiritual life in the Church in Canada, not only in Milton, but also in many other places, and we trust that the time is not far distant when Christ's Church, no longer weakened by the rivalries and jealousies of human societies, may take her rightful place—the first in the land. May God hasten that happy day.

Diocese of Huron.

PORT BURWELL.

The sudden death of the Rev. C. W. Ball has cast a gloom over this community. Mr. Ball returned from Chicago on the 15th rather tired. He attended to his duties as usual, and on Thursday, the 21st Sept., went out visiting in

his usual happy state of mind. About 9 p.m., a gentleman driving by saw a horse and buggy at the rectory gate. Returning about 11.30 the horse was still standing by the gate. Fearing there might be something wrong he got out and found Mr. Ball had fallen from the seat and lay on the bottom of the buggy just breathing, but unconscious. The sad news was made known to his wife within, and the body taken to the room he had left but a few hours before. Mr. Ball was a good faithful man, always anxious about the souls committed to his care. Though not very robust, yet no one expected such an end. It is supposed that the cause of death was paralysis of the heart.

The funeral took place on Saturday, Sept. 23. A solemn service was held at Trinity Church, at which Rev. Canon Richardson, this city, and Rev. J. W. J. Andrew, of Aylmer, officiated. There was a large gathering of parishioners and members of other churches present to do honor to the memory of the deceased pastor. The remains were afterwards conveyed to Tilsonburg station, and thence by rail to Toronto for interment. A gloom has been cast over the entire community by this melancholy occurrence, and the esteem in which the clergyman was held has added to the pain of bereavement.

The work in connection with the Cathedral is progressing very favorably. It will be a handsome structure when completed, and the seating capacity will be largely increased. The window frames in the transepts weigh over five tons. This will give some idea of their great size. When completed the new Cathedral with Synod Hall and offices will be a credit to the city.

The Rev. Canon Smith has returned from England, where he had an operation performed on his throat. He is very much better, but still is in a critical state as there is danger of a further growth, and may not be able for work for some time.

MITCHELL.

The Rev. A. Murphy, of Trinity church, Chatham, officiated in Trinity church here on Sept. 24th. The congregation were deeply interested in the earnest gospel sermons which he preached.

Contemporary Church Opinion.

The Family Churchman :

Wales is now affording us a striking illustration of the intolerance of undenominationalism and of the illiberality of so-called liberal views. The Draft Charter of the proposed University for Wales, challenged in the House of Lords on Wednesday by the Bishop of Chester, excludes St. David's College, Lampeter, because it is a Church college, though it is the only college in Wales which confers degrees and is affiliated to Oxford and Cambridge. In the Merionethshire Intermediate Education Scheme, now before Parliament, a Churchman in charge of a school boarding house is, in the name of religious liberty, and in defiance of all laws, prohibited from using Church collects in family prayers in his own house, and is only allowed to teach the Catechism to his Church boarders subject to the dictation of the Nonconformist County Governing body. In the Cardiganshire Intermediate Education Scheme, now also before Parliament, county scholars for Lampeter district are, in order to "boycott" an efficient Church school in the town, compelled to waste their money in payment of board and lodgings at a far-away school, in spite of the combined protests of fair-minded Nonconformists, and of Churchmen, as expressed by unanimous resolutions of the