

Messrs. Johnstone, Canon of the Cathedral of Montreal, H. B. Patton, B. B. Smith, H. Pollard and Garrett. The opening Voluntary was played by Oliver King, Esq., Pianist to H. R. H. the Princess Louise; Mr. J. W. Harrison taking the organ for the service. As usual on such occasions the ladies had expended much skill and taste in decorating the Church, and the Fall being unusually propitious, flowers and floral decorations abounded. A novelty consisted of a plough covered with flowers near the chancel arch. A floral cross surmounted the font, and the chancel and other parts of the Church were decorated with flowers, fruit and grain. The service was musical and perfectly rendered—the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis from Tours' Service in B. Flat and the Anthem, "Blessing, glory, wisdom and thanks," from Rev. and Psalms, also by Tours. The Offertorium from Handel's Judas Maccabeus,

"O lovely Peace with plenty crowned,
Come spread thy blessings all around;
Let fleecy flocks the hills adorn,
And valleys smile with wavy corn,"

being sung by Misses Denzil and Simpson, whose voices and execution could scarcely be surpassed. An eloquent sermon on the privilege of praising God for His benefits was preached by Rev. Canon Johnston. The Hallelujah Chorus (Messiah) was played as a concluding Voluntary by Mr. Harrison.

TORBOLTON—*Mission of Fitzroy*.—The Bishop visited the Torbolton part of this Mission on Sept. 20, for a series of very interesting services, the Consecration of Church and graveyard and a Confirmation. The existence of the Church in this corner of the Diocese dates from hardly more than ten years ago, when the zealous Missionary, Rev. D. P. Merritt, broke ground here, and worked so well that, with a good deal of help from his own private means, he got a nice Church erected on a splendid corner lot. The work has prospered under his successor, and has now been solemnly dedicated to God. The site, a God's acre, was given by Mr. John Hoadly. The Church is built with strict attention to Orientation, which gives it a strange appearance from the cross roads. The Church is very well proportioned, having nave, choir and chancel, besides a vestry and room which will serve for library. The inside woodwork is of ash and oak, and does credit to the locality. The fittings have been presents from the congregation; there is a very pretty marble font. The services began with the Consecration of the graveyard, followed by that of the Church, St. Thomas; and a Confirmation of 38 candidates, varying from 15 to 65 years of age. There was a large number of communicants. The chancel is covered with a carpet presented by two of the flock. The Bishop was accompanied by the Rev. W. Fleming of March, Rev. A. Cooke of Pakenham, and Rev. F. Codd of Carp.

ARCHVILLE.—Evening prayer will not be held at Trinity Church in this village until further notice—probably not during the coming winter—as owing to the very poor circumstances of the congregation, it is unable to meet the expense of heating and lighting the church. This is a grievous disappointment to many, and your correspondent is of opinion that if any of the friends of the Church of England amongst the numerous readers of the CHURCH GUARDIAN in Ottawa, who are desirous of doing a good work, will help the congregation to meet these necessary expenses, such help will be gratefully and thankfully accepted. It should be a pleasure to Churchmen who are rich in this world's goods to help their poorer brethren and to encourage their clergymen.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

The Bishop of Algoma desires to acknowledge, with very many thanks, a further contribution of \$25 from "C. D." Nova Scotia, for the Steam Yacht Fund; \$5 from Dr. Smellie, Prince Arthur's Landing, for the same object; \$20 from Talbot Palmer, Esq., London Stock Exchange, for the "Nepigon Mission"; also a box of most serviceable clothing from the Sewing Society of St. Michael's Church, Bergerville, Quebec, "for the poor white children in the Parish of Sault Ste. Marie."

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

[From our own correspondent.]

HAMILTON—*Church of the Ascension*.—Rev. G. Osborne Troop preached his farewell sermon to this congregation, on Sunday last, previous to his departure for St. John, N. B. It was announced that Rev. Hartley Carmichael, the Rector-elect, would sail from England in November, and enter upon his duties in Hamilton in December. In the interim the Rev. A. E. Millar has charge of the parish. It is to be hoped that the new Rector may win the affections of this large congregation as truly as did his brother, the Canon.

HAMILTON.—After a ministry of four years and a half in the Church of the Ascension, the Rev. Canon Carmichael has left for his new charge in Montreal. On Saturday evening, the 23rd ult., he was presented with a very affectionate farewell address by his congregation, and on Sunday when he preached his farewell sermon the church was so crowded that large numbers failed to obtain an entrance. One very gratifying feature in the services of the day was the great number that remained to communicate with their pastor for the last time; two hundred and ninety-eight in all. The Rev. Canon will be peculiarly missed. All his undertakings, among which might be mentioned the Total Abstinence Society and the Bible Class for men, were signally blessed, and his influence for good has shed far beyond his own flock and his own communion. While sorely regretting his departure we try to cherish the Catholic thought that his rare gifts will now be employed with all the old energy in a wider sphere of usefulness, and that our loss will thus be the gain of the whole church.

St. Thomas' Church.—The genial Incumbent, Rev. W. B. Curran, has been very successful now for some years, in gathering his men and young men together by means of a literary society. The society enters upon its Winter session with the intention of making History and Shakespeare its curriculum for the coming months.

St. Catharines—*St. Barnabas*.—The Harvest Thanksgiving service was held in this Church on the eve of St. Michael and all Angels' Day. The church was beautifully decorated, the rood screen ablaze with bright summer and autumnal flowers and fruits, and the altar, vested in festival white, had above it choice vases of flowers. Jallis Ferial Evensong was sung. The processional and recessional hymn were accompanied by a band of wind instruments, which had a very striking effect, giving a body to the music, and filling up the harmonies, as could not be done by the small organette. There were present of the clergy, the Rev. A. Mackal, (Incumbent), Revs. Fessenden, (Chippawa), Moore and Booth, of St. Catharines, Mead, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and Whitcombe, (Stony Creek.) Rev. C. E. Whitcombe preached, particularly dwelling upon the unreasonableness of those who would have us offer the tribute of thankful hearts at the feet of an abstraction called *The Law of Nature* rather than before a supreme, moral, personal intelligence, the Creator, preserver and controller of those laws, in the working of which the harvest promise is secured to the world from year to year. A liberal offering was devoted to the needs of a Parish in the Diocese of Algoma.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

[From our own correspondent.]

CHURCH HILL—*St. Peter's*.—The work on the new edifice is going on rapidly and satisfactorily under the supervision of the architect. The tower is completed and the work of covering the spire will soon be finished. The church seems to be everything that one could desire in so small a place, except that the opening of the nave into the chancel is a poor affair, and can be called an arch by courtesy only.

CREEMORE.—St. Luke's held recently a Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Choral Evensong was admirably rendered by the choristers and others under the direction of Rev. W. F. Swallow, and a very eloquent sermon was preached by Rev. Thos.

Ball, both of which clergymen went a long distance in order to be present. But all the clergymen in West Simcoe are always ready to do anything in their power to oblige the incumbent of Creemore, who is also Rural Dean.

MULMUR.—Holy Trinity, St. Luke's, and St. David's, in this parish, recently held their second annual excursion to the beautiful grounds of Couchiching, close beside the lake of the same name. The weather was all that could be desired, and the affair was in every way successful. It was under the management of the youthful and energetic Rector, Rev. E. W. Sibbald.

ALLISTON.—St. Andrew's and St. Peter's, in this Mission, held a picnic and concert soon after the above excursion, at which all enjoyed themselves heartily, and a considerable sum of money was realized.

WHITBY.—We are glad to know that owing to the indefatigable exertions of the Rev. A. J. Fidler, backed by the Churchwardens and congregation of All Saints' Church, a parsonage is about to be purchased here. The committee decided to buy a house on Byron street which is a very valuable property and will prove of great advantage to the Church and clergyman. With a Church free from debt and fully equipped in every way, this will make Whitby a complete parish. This is the only small town in our Diocese where the Church has a chime of bells.

ORDINATION.—An ordination took place at All Saints' Church, Toronto, on Sunday, September 24th. Morning Prayer was said by the Rector Rev. A. H. Baldwin, the first lesson being read by Provost Budy and the second by Rev. F. B. Morau, Paris, France. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Styloman Herring, Vicar of Clerkenwell, London, England, and was founded on Gal. vi. 10. J. Scott Howard was ordained Deacon and the following Deacons were advanced to the Priesthood: Revs. C. H. Short, B. A., Woodbridge, Joseph F. White, B. A., Curate of St. George's, Toronto, O. G. Dobbs, M. A., Wyebidge. John Lindsay (unattached), and A. C. Watt, Mono. The Bishop of Toronto was assisted in the Ordination Service by the clergy mentioned and by Rev. Dr. Scudding and Rev. Canon Stennett, Examining Chaplains.

RIVERBIDE—*S. Matthew's*.—The priest-in-charge, Rev. Edward Ransford, LL.B., preached his farewell sermon to this congregation on Sunday night last. There was a full attendance, and at the close Mr. Stapells on behalf of the congregation presented Mr. Ransford with an address and a purse containing a sum of money, stating at the same time their regret at parting with him and their gratitude for his faithful services. Mr. Ransford suitably replied. He has gone to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and will be succeeded by Rev. J. S. Howard, lately ordained Deacon.

PETERBOROUGH—*S. John's*.—The old Church here has been renovated in excellent style and at great expense, and is now both commodious and comfortable. Over \$12,000 has been expended in the improvements which include new chancel, stained glass windows, new seats, ceiling, roof, stone buttresses, etc., etc., in fact everything is new but the tower, one gable, and the side walls. A splendid organ has been purchased at a cost of nearly \$3,000, from the firm of S. R. Warren & Son, Toronto. The work has been very tedious owing partly to the death of the contractor, and from the dilatory habits of the architect. However it is expected the opening services will shortly be held, when I shall send you a fuller account of the changes made. Mr. Charles W. Ewing, late of St. Peter's Church, Cobourg, and formerly of London, Eng., has received the appointment of organist. He has a first-class reputation and it is expected will give an impetus to the musical aims and aspirations of the people in Peterborough. A surprised choir is spoken of for St. John's, but will be difficult to obtain, as good male voices are very scarce.

Peterborough has been made the seat of a Roman Catholic bishopric, four counties having been