

Progress in Canada," which was a careful examination of the question, whether the Church be really progressing or not. A great deal of statistical information was given in this paper, and it appeared that the Church had not, up to the census of 1871, kept pace with other religious bodies. In one discussion which followed, a variety of interesting questions were touched upon. The apathy of our people, the worthless character of many claiming to belong to the Church, and the variety and number of sectarian influences, which, in most parishes and missions, far exceed the most faithful efforts under the *one man* system, so exclusively used by our Church. The absolute opposition and suspicion set on on foot by irresponsible agencies was also attended to. In short, it seems as if the Church has to struggle against a host of difficulties, and, under God, must look to her lay as well as clerical members for increased zeal and intelligent support.

The service in the evening was held at 7.30 o'clock, and was very hearty. A good number of clergy had arrived in course of the day, and twelve in all were present in church at Evensong. There was a fair congregation, quite encouraging indeed, and giving good hope that the laity were not indifferent to the objects of the clerical meeting. The chants and hymns were sung well and heartily, and we may here notice that at all the services the valuable assistance of the organist, William Jacobs, Esq., was readily given and gratefully appreciated. After the third Collect, addresses were given by the Rev'ds D. F. Hutchinson and B. B. Smith, the former on "Worship, not preaching, the great object of the Church's services;" the latter on, "The ways in which parishioners can assist their clergymen in parochial work."

On Wednesday, the programme of proceedings was somewhat similar to that of the preceding day. A celebration of the Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m., the Rev. Dr. Clarke, celebrant; Choral Litany and a meditation on Heb. iii, v, i, by the Rev. J. W. Burke, at 9.30 a.m.; after which a meeting at the Rectory for discussion of certain passages of Scripture; another meeting at 8 p.m., and Evensong in the Church at 7.30. Several (eight) of the clergy were obliged to leave in the afternoon, and the evening service was short of some its attractions on the previous evening. However, the congregation was good (some even coming over from Odessa), and the service hearty. Addresses were made by Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, on "Foreign Mission Work," and by the Rev. J. W. Burke, on "Church Music in relation to its use and advantages in our services." Thus closed the best meeting that the Bay of Quinte Clerical Union has had since its formation. Fraternal intercourse and devout worship united to promote spiritual advantages. The visit to Bath will be well remembered for the cordial hospitality shown to all the clerical visitors, both at the Rectory and by the people of the village.

The clergy present were.—The Rev'ds J. J. Bogert, J. W. Burke, W. B. Carey, Dr. Clarke, A. Dawson, A. F. Echlin, A. Elliot, D. F. Hutchinson, F. W. Kirkpatrick, E. Loucks, W. Roberts and B. B. Smith. The next meeting of the Union is to be held during the month of November next, at Christ Church, Belleville.

MILL POINT, which forms a portion of the charge of the Rev. Rural Dean Baker, Indian Missionary, was, upon Wednesday, August 18th, the scene of a most interesting ceremony,—the laying of the corner-stone of an Anglican Church in that thriving village, which is beautifully situated upon the Bay of Quinte. Steamboats from Kingston, Belleville and other places on the bay brought clergy and numerous excursionists to take part in or to view the ceremony. About 20 clergy were present, and a vast concourse of people. The Lord Bishop arrived from Napanee in company with several of the clergy. At 12 o'clock the procession formed at the "Union Chapel." The band took the lead, citizens and visitors, Sunday School children and banners, the clergy and Bishop followed. When the procession drew near the site of the church, all raised the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers," which was caught up and joined in by those already on the spot. The platform being gained, the Bishop took his place by the stone, while the clergy surrounded him, and the people thronged the high ground adjoining. The site was an elevated one which commanded a beautiful view of the bay. The basement of the edifice was already finished. It was raised high enough for a schoolroom beneath the nave, and supplied a foundation for a south porch and a well-proportioned chancel, with organ chamber and vestry. We were informed that the church would be 55 feet by 80 feet, and the chancel 22 feet by 18 feet, and of the early English style; and would probably cost \$5,000. After depositing in the stone receptacle coins, journals, and other records of the country, place and period, the Bishop, in the usual solemn form of words, proceeded to lay the corner-stone with the silver trowel presented to him for that

purpose. A short service of prayer and praise followed, and then a stirring address from the Bishop, in the course of which his lordship paid a well-merited tribute to the earnestness and zeal which, no less now than in past days, characterized the labors of the Rev. E. H. M. Baker. The offerings of the people were then received and deposited on the stone. They amounted to \$28. After this impressive ceremony was over, all repaired to the Public School House for dinner. It was a sight in itself to see the tables, three in number, reaching the whole length of the main building, groaning under the load of substantial and choice provisions which had been contributed by almost all the families in the town, with the greatest good will; while the Mohawks, in a separate wing of the building, had spread excellent and liberal boards, the proceeds of which—about \$20—were given as their contribution to the Building Fund. Many hundreds of guests must have partaken; for two or three hours there was a continual flow of incoming and out-going people, and yet, after all were satisfied, two waggon loads of provisions remained untouched at the close of the day.

After dinner speeches, from the platform at the entrance of the school house, were the next order of the day. The Rev. Rural Dean Bogert, Rev. Dr. Clarke, and the Rev'ds F. Hutchinson, Carry, Morris, and Mr. John White, M.P., addressed the attentive crowds upon subjects appropriate to the occasion. The enthusiasm reached its highest pitch when the Rev. Mr. Baker stepped forward and read a letter from Mr. E. W. Rathbun, the leading citizen and business man of the town, expressing his great interest in the work, and his regret at not being able to be present, and enclosing a cheque for the sum of \$200 towards the Building Fund.

The occasion was a grand success, in every respect. The whole village, with remarkable unanimity, lent a helping hand in the celebration, and many were the donations towards it. Thus Mr. Gratrix, the Mill Point confectioner, contributed a beautiful "wedding cake" for the table, of the value of \$80. The Church people of the place, young and old, rich and poor, exerted themselves to the very utmost to do whatever their hands could find to do on the occasion. The Rev. Rural Dean Baker seemed omnipresent, everywhere at the same time, animating, directing and overseeing the whole proceedings. He particularly requested the reporters present to express his thanks and obligations to the Bishop, the clergy and all the Church people near and far, who, by their presence, contributions and assistance, rendered the celebration one of the most successful ever held in the country. Mr. —, the Churchwarden, was Mr. Baker's right hand throughout the busy day, and is enthusiastic in his desires and efforts to promote the good of the Church and the building of the house of God in the place. May the undertaking which was, upon that 18th of August, begun with prayer, be soon completed with praise, "and the headstone thereof be brought forth with shoutings, crying, 'Grace, grace, come unto it.'"

The Rev. Septimus Jones, M.A., preached in Belleville, on Sundays, the 22nd and 29th of August, much to the gratification of his many friends and former parishioners in that city, who were greatly pleased to see the reverend gentleman once more.

LANARK.—The following circular has been issued:—DEAR SIR,—As the Church of England people of Lanark Mission, Ontario, intend purchasing a suitable house and grounds adjoining for a Parsonage, and have guaranteed nearly two-thirds of the amount required, might I solicit, on their behalf, your kindly help. Any subscription forwarded to me, Rev. Wm. Cruden, B. A., Incumbent of St. Paul's Lanark, will be thankfully received and acknowledged. Yours truly, Wm. CRUDEN.

As the proposed Parsonage, absolutely required to make the Mission permanent, occupies a central position, it will materially aid the Missionary in making his work more satisfactory.

TORONTO.

SHANTY BAY.—Harvest Home Festival and Sunday School Picnic.—This place, (which is one of the oldest missions in Ontario), has been a centre of missionary labor for a wide district around it. From it had sounded out the gospel into places which have now themselves become flourishing missionary centres, and settled parishes. Barrie, itself, first heard the word of God from Shanty Bay, being served by its minister, and included in his cure. The Shanty Bay Church, with its thick walls and heavy buttresses of mud or "cob," built after the style of some old fashioned church at home, is between forty and fifty years old. Its outside finish is roughcast, its inside, plaster, which, however, does not conceal the beams and rafters of the roof. A solid tower contains one of the best bells in the country. No mention of this church

or mission is possible without coupling therewith the name of its oldest patron, its firmest friend and greatest helper, the late Colonel O'Brien, whose name and venerable appearance will long be remembered by the members of the Synod, in which for many years he sat. His son, Mr. Wm. O'Brien, now fills his father's place as church-warden in the parish church, and inherits his love and zeal for the church. The remark of our Diocesan in his late charge to the Synod, "That the churches in the Deanery of East Simcoe were not kept with the nicest care," determined the church-wardens of this church to remove its application to them; so workmen were set to work to renovate it thoroughly outside and inside, which task was completed just in time for the Harvest Home Celebration, which brought your correspondent on the scene. The decorations for the occasion were executed with the greatest taste: they were abundant, yet not too profuse; simple in character yet effective. They were applied chiefly to the altar, chancel and font, while the pulpits and windows were not neglected. The *tout ensemble* was most pleasing, and creditable to the ladies and gentlemen who performed this labor of love. The Festival was held on Aug. 27th. The clergy present were the Rev. Canon Morgan, the Rev. Rural Dean Stewart, the Rev. E. W. Murphy, and the Rev. R. S. Fornire, of Belleville. Prayers were said by the Rev. Canon Morgan, and the Rural Dean preached from Lev. xxiii.-10, an excellent discourse, while the choir sang with more than usual heartiness the praises of the Lord of the Harvest. After service the parishioners with the Sunday School adjourned to the Rectory grounds hard by, where they enjoyed a feast of good things, such as the souls of children love, and grown up people do not disdain. After the repast was over the usual games were indulged in until evening, when all dispersed well pleased with the success of the celebration, and no doubt thankful to the Author and Giver of all good things. The Shanty Bay Church has lately sustained a loss by the departure of Miss Wright, who kindly acted as organist. The parishioners signified their appreciation of her services by presenting her upon leaving with a purse containing \$25.00, and a handsome Bible and Prayer Book from the members of the choir. The present Incumbent of Shanty Bay and the parts adjacent, is the Rev. C. E. Sills, under whose ministrations life and progress are perceptibly increasing throughout his extensive mission, one mark of which is the general increase in the number of communicants. May he go on and prosper in his blessed Master's work.

NIAGARA.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

FONTHILL.—A very pleasant Peach Festival was held on Tuesday evening, Aug. 24th, for the benefit of Holy Trinity Church, at the residence of D. D'Everardo, Esq., Fonthill, who assisted in every way to make the entertainment a success. The choirs of Welland, Port Robinson and Font Hill, gave selections of songs and glees which were well rendered. Richard Harcourt, Esq., M.P.P., made an admirable speech, especially addressed to the young men (of whom large numbers were present), warning them against giving heed to the infidel teachings of Colonel Ingersoll and others of his stamp; reminding them that men like Wm. Wilberforce and others who have been the greatest of benefactors of the human race, were men who have humbly listened to and revered the teaching of God's word, and obtained those virtues which so adorned them, at the foot of the cross. After providing for all expenses, more than \$50 was cleared by the entertainment; more than 250 persons having paid for admission. A portion of the proceeds will be applied to make up the balance required for the erection of a 'Driving Shed,' after the collection of a liberal amount by subscription. The rest of the proceeds will be used for defraying the cost of shingling the roof of the church.

WELLAND.—On June 16th, a Wednesday Evening Service was begun at the Feeder Junction School House, about a mile and a half from Welland; and has been continued through the summer. The attendance is very satisfactory, never being less than 40 or 50, and occasionally as many as 80 being present. The singing is supported by the aid of a small melodeon by Prince & Co., which does duty at this and at the Air Line Junction School House. We can strongly recommend these little 4 octave instruments to other musical missionaries, as a great help to congregational singing. The responding is very hearty at the "Junction." Welland, itself, might take a lesson from the little flock there, we are sorry to say. This service is in no way intended as a substitute for attendance on Sunday at the Mother Church; but to enkindle a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord, in the hearts of those who have previously absented themselves. It has already had this effect to a considerable degree. Our Sunday School you have already heard of. Service at another point