

bountiful table was spread beneath the trees on the bay shore. The children, numbering about seventy, were served first. After all had dined, several gentlemen took those who wished to go on the water in row and sail boats, and so the afternoon flitted pleasantly away. At five o'clock tea was ready, and the children were called together. After which all were soon en route for home, having passed a delightful day.

The ladies of St. Paul's church have, during the summer, been holding fortnightly musical reunions, which were usually well attended. The last was held on Tuesday, the 2nd instant, at the residence of J. Proctor, Esq.

LINDSAY.—With their usual modesty a section of the congregation of St. Paul's church, not unmoved by sundry wire pullers in Toronto, petitioned the Bishop to appoint a young divinity student, of a certain school of thought, not yet ordained, to the charge of that important parish. The Bishop very properly gave the deputation to understand that he could not entertain the idea, as, putting other considerations out of sight, such an appointment would certainly be distasteful to a large body of his clergy, many of whom had certainly a prior claim to the parish.

WEST SIMCOE RURAL DEANERY.—Some one writing of the capital of Ireland, says, "Dear, dirty Dublin"; but, writing of the principal town in the northern part of the county of Simcoe, one would be inclined to say, "Charming, cleanly Collingwood." At least, so the place appeared to the clergy of West Simcoe on the 25th and 26th ult., when they held their July meeting at Rock Court, the residence of Mrs. Lett, and situated in the most picturesque suburbs. Though the meeting (like all others of an ecclesiastical character held in this place) was looked forward to with much pleasant anticipation, yet a gloom was cast over it by the death of a very dearly loved son of the Rural Dean, the funeral having taken place on the previous Saturday. "The whole parish" attended the obsequies, and thus by leaving their harvest fields for this purpose, showed their esteem and affection for their pastor and his family; and at what may be called the Mortuary Eucharist (though it was really held because of the impossibility of having a celebration on the following day) at which the Hon. and Rev. T. P. Hodge was celebrant, and the Rev. J. Farncomb, deacon, some sixty (including the bereaved family) communicated. The clerical meeting at Collingwood certainly would have been postponed on account of Mr. Forster's bereavement, had not he himself, in his thought for others, almost insisted on its being held at the time appointed.

On St. James's day evensong was said at All Saints' church, the prayers being said by the Rev. Messrs. Swallow and Farncomb, the lessons by Rev. Messrs. Spragge and Ball, and your correspondent being the preacher. The service was very hearty, and the singing excellent. The church is such as is not often seen in this province, being not only of ecclesiastical design and appearance both outside and inside, but also is built of stone, and thus has something of that massive appearance which reminds one so much of the parish churches in the old country. In the chancel window is a beautiful cross intertwined with a monogram, and on the altar-table is another lovely cross covered with moss and flowers. But what most strikes the beholder are several very elaborate scrolls bearing texts of Scripture, over the doors and windows. These, together with almost all the chancel furniture, were a labour of love on the part of Geo. Moberly, Esq., cousin to the bishop of Salisbury, reeve of the township of Collingwood, and one of the most eminent barristers of the county Simcoe. Within the same enclosure as the church is the rectory, also of stone, and in general appearance quite in keeping with the former building. It is at present occupied by Mr. Hodge, who is doing duty for the Rev. L. H. Kirkby, who is at present on a visit in England. Except Toronto it would be difficult to find anywhere in the diocese a parish where all things connected with the Church are more complete than in Collingwood.

On Tuesday morning there was an early celebration, at which Mr. Hodge was celebrant, and your correspondent, deacon. Several very sweet hymns from A. & M. were sung at this service; and the *Gloria in excelsis* was taken to an elaborate and devotional piece of music, Mrs. Moberly at the organ. Altogether the whole service must have been very solemn, blessed, and delightful to every devout worshipper present. Immediately afterwards the clergy present (all in the deanery except four who were unavoidably absent) met at Rock Court for breakfast, after which they assembled for the transaction of business.

As your correspondent is writing more than forty miles away from his notes of the meeting, the readers of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN must be satisfied with a very meagre sketch of what was done by the Chapter. First, a resolution of condolence with the Rural Dean and his family in their recent bereavement was passed, and the secretary was directed to send a copy

of it to Mr. Forster. Second, Mr. Farncomb read a paper on the Rubrics, taking up those only concerning which there could be any room for diversity of opinion, and extending to the third rubric in the Communion Office. Upon this there was a somewhat thorough and profitable discussion. Third, a resolution was passed condemning all attempts, from whatever quarter, to influence the Diocesan in the appointment of a successor to Provost Whitaker as archdeacon. Fourth, there was an informal talk on personal religion and cognate subjects. Fifth, the Rev. A. J. Fletcher, B.A. (the only celibate present) having modestly declined writing a paper about children (in Sunday school), the Rev. A. W. Spragge, B.A., kindly consented to read an essay on the subject at the next meeting. Mr. Farncomb was asked to continue his paper on the Rubrics, and promised to do so in time for the next meeting, which is to be held (D.V.) at Cookstown shortly after the Diocesan Synod in September. The last thing done before the closing office was said was to pass a vote of thanks to Mrs. Lett for her kindness and hospitality to the clergy. It would not be in very good taste to speak of this matter in detail; and to those who know Rock Court it would be a work of supererogation, whilst to those who know it not, your correspondent's pen could convey no adequate idea of the refined hospitality for which it is famous throughout the Rural Deanery of West Simcoe. Another vote of thanks (inadvertently omitted) should have been passed to Mr. Hodge for the ability, impartiality, and urbanity with which he discharged the duties of chairman in the lamented absence of the Rev. W. R. Forster, R.D., incumbent of Cremona.

Though many of the clergy had arranged to leave Collingwood on Tuesday evening, yet they remained till the following morning, for it was impossible not to accept Mrs. Lett's kind invitation to take part in an excursion, for which she had arranged, to the far-famed Caves of the Blue Mountains of Nottawasaga. The carriages met the clergy and others at Rock Court and the parsonage; and after a very delightful drive of some seven miles there bursts upon the gaze one of the most charming and extensive views in the Dominion. "Charming and extensive" are hardly the words; "picturesque and sublime" would be much more accurate. The mountain summits still towering above, that magnificent inlet of Lake Huron, known as Georgian Bay, lying far below the beautiful town of Collingwood on its shores and reposing in the shadows of the mountains, are but the faintest indications of the scene that broke upon the enraptured view of the visitors. Driving to the Caves, a charming tea on the green sward beneath the shade of the umbrageous beach and maple, a drive back to town at the close of a lovely summer evening, a fervent pressure of the hand, a softly uttered good-night, and so came to an end—if not the pleasantest—one of the pleasantest clerical meetings ever held by the Chapter since West Simcoe was first set apart as a separate Rural Deanery.

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HURON.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LISTOWEL.—The Rev. G. B. Sage, B.A., late of Trinity College, Toronto, officiated in Christ Church since Mr. Troop's departure. Mr. Sage has been appointed professor of mathematics and English literature in connection with the Western University, London, Ontario.

GODERICH.—The Rev. E. Robinson, of Exeter, preached to the Masonic craft in St. George's church, North St., Sunday 24th July, on "Symbolic Unity as illustrated in the Ark, the Pyramid, and the Temple." On Monday evening he gave a public lecture in Crabb's Hall on the "Great Pyramid of Egypt, its builders, and lessons;" and on Tuesday evening to the craft on "The Symbolism of the Pyramid, compared with Masonry or Masonic Symbolism."

STRATFORD.—The church of St. James is little heard of outside of Stratford. Diligently and silently she performs her mission. Quite an unprecedented affair in her annals occurred on Tuesday the 29th ult. A sacred concert was held in the church; and the choir with other vocalists added to it, under the leadership of Mr. Foot, sang some sweet anthems and sacred choruses. Mrs. Parker, of Hamilton, sang with good effect several contralto songs. Mrs. Gordon in two difficult solos proved herself a sweet singer. Mrs. Chute sang with true feeling, "One sweetly solemn thought." Mrs. Jenkins, of Hamilton, was a great favourite in the grand notes of Handel. The organist, Mr. C. S. Carter, rendered several difficult solos and played the accompaniments. The music was justly appreciated by a large audience; but there were no manifestations the solemn strains of the sacred music solemnised every thought in association with the sacred character of the house in which they met.

Of the few clergymen educated and ordained in Huron who are doing service in the American Church, we have just met one on a visit during the clerical vacation. The Rev. J. Morton was educated in Huron College, and having been ordained by Bishop Helmuth he was appointed to the mission of Christ Church, Markdale, comprising eight congregations, from Markdale to Inistogoe. In the course of time he visited the sister Church "over the border," and the result has been that he is now incumbent of the Church at Albion, in the diocese of West Michigan. The population of Albion is chiefly Methodist, and it is the seat of a Methodist college. The Church in America is increasing in numbers and influence far more than any of the denominations who went out from her. Her gains, however, are principally in cities and large centres of intelligence and learning. In country places Methodists, Baptists, and other minor denominations hold their ground. At Albion, above mentioned, the church where Mr. Morton officiates is only large enough for two hundred and fifty worshippers, and it is seldom full. The Churchmen in the States are more conservative, more faithful to the Church than in Canada, so we have been told, and we cannot gainsay it. They are *Churchmen*, free from the leaven of Latitudinarianism. To this, under Providence, may be attributed their surprising progress. They are well versed in the history of the Church, and there is a well-founded love—a threefold cord that cannot be broken.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PIC-NICS. From country parishes as from city schools we have reports of Summer festivals. In London the Chapter-house Sunday school turned out in full force, numbering one hundred and forty scholars, who with their teachers and friends went to the Park by the street cars, and heartily enjoyed the feast and sports of their holiday. Christ Church Sunday school have also had their annual holiday—a very pleasant day, at the Park. The Memorial Church Sunday school passed the day of their festival at Port Stanley. This school, second only in numbers to St. Paul's, did not turn out with all their numbers. However, there were some hundreds, who went to the Port and had a good time. The annual Sunday school pic-nic of St. Mary's, Maxwell, county Grey, was a very pleasant affair. They were joined by many friends from the Sunday school of Christ Church, Markdale. But the CHURCHMAN cannot give up its columns to the chronicling of pic-nics, even of Church Sunday schools.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS AND SERMONS.—Sept. 5th Dungannon, 6th Port Albert, 7th Goderich, 8th Hensall, 9th Exeter, 11th Glamworth and parts adjacent, 12th Delaware, 13th Burwell's, 14th Mount Brydges, 15th Birr, 16th St. George's, London Tp., 18th Lucan and parts adjacent, 19th Ailsicraig, 20th Granton, 25th Brooke, Napier and Alvinston.

October 2nd Thorndale and Nissouri, 3rd Lakeside, 4th Thamesford, 5th Ingersoll, 6th Shoebottoms, 7th Hyde Park, 9th Petrolia and Wyoming, 10th Corunna, 11th Mooretown, 12th Forest, 13th Hillsborough, 14th Thedford, 16th Sarnia and Point Edward, 17th Parkhill, 18th Boston, 19th St. Mary's, McGillivray, 20th Christ Church, McGillivray, 23rd Port Rowan, &c., 24th Vittoria, 25th Ryerse, 26th Port Dover, 27th Woodhouse, 28th Lynedoch and Delhi, 30th Simcoe and Waterford, 31st Vienna.

November 1st Port Burwell, 2nd Tilsonburg, 3rd Dereham, 4th Aylmer, 6th Norwich, &c., 7th Oxford Centre, 8th Eastwood, 9th Princeton, 10th Paris, 11th Byron, 13th Millbank, &c., 14th Galt, 15th Berlin, 16th Hamburg, 17th Haysville, 18th Wilmot, 20th Brantford and Mount Pleasant, 21st Burford, &c., 22nd Onondaga, 23rd Grace church, Brantford, 24th Middleport, 25th St. Jude's, Brantford, 27th Listowell, &c., 28th Stratford, 29th Stratford, 30th Mitchell.

December 1st Dublin, 2nd St. Mary's, 4th Kirkton, &c., 5th Thamesville, 6th Bothwell, &c., 7th Newbury, 8th Glencoe, 9th Wardsville, 11th Strathroy, 12th Adelaide, &c., 14th Dorchester, 15th Harrietsville, 16th Belmont, 18th Christ church and Trinity church, Zorra, 18th Woodstock, 19th Woodstock.

NOTE.—The meetings in the Deanery of Huron will be held, D.V., immediately after the Christmas holidays.

ALGOMA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ST. JOSEPH'S ISLAND.—H. Beer, the missionary in charge of the place, has the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt, through Mrs. J. Marks, of a very nice offertory plate, for the Hilton church, from T. Vallier, Esq., London, Ont. Also, a pair of bracket lamps, from Mrs. A. Eddy, for the same church.