

Mr. Jones himself, as his sermons abound in shockingly profane coarseness of speech. Another, a very able Baptist minister, the Rev. J. Denovan, writes to ask, "What the converts of Mr. Sam Jones are converted to?" He then enquires:

"Will any sober and God-fearing person read that blasphemous tirade against the grace of divine election reported in your issue of the 19th inst., as uttered by our visitor, Sam, the day previous, and, in the face of what Christ and his apostles have said on the same subject, then assert that it 'is good' that men and women, boys and girls, should be 'converted' to such diabolical perversions of revealed truth, to such revolting insult cast by a loose, foul tongue in the face of Heaven?"

Another writer protests against the shameful language used to annoy persons unable to remain until the close of the meetings. A few boys who went away were called "trundle trash," their going out was said to be "the work of the devil." Several young ladies who went away were sneered at by Dr. Potts as "only servant girls who had to be in early." A conscientious domestic seeking to do her duty, is even more honourable than any man who could insult her. But we leave our readers to judge how much religion there is in men who display such offensive tempers?

One of the oldest and most respected Methodist local preachers informed us, that he could not attend Sam Jones' meetings, as the jokes, the flippancy, and the laughter, were so revolting to his feelings. "How," said he, "A person can talk of eternity, of salvation, of Christ, of the Holy Spirit, in a strain of jocularity, I am utterly unable to understand—it is very shocking—a really pious Christian is always reverent." We have similar testimony from other prominent Wesleyans and Presbyterians. A Wesleyan preacher of celebrity, informed us that he "Could not approve of Sam Jones handling sacred subjects so flippancy, as he feared it would, in the long run, do much more harm by encouraging unseemly levity and profane jesting, than any possible good."

NIAGARA.

LINCOLN AND WELLAND.—The quarterly rural dean conference of the clergy of this deanery, was held at St. John's Church, and parsonage, Port Dalhousie, on October 18th and 19th. The Rev. Dr. Read, of Grimsby, acting rural dean, presided. The Rev. John Gribble, rector, secretary. The preacher was the Rev. George A. Ball, rector of Stamford. Text, Philippians, iv. 22.

THOROLD.—The Rev. W. Grahame, rector, has obtained the Rev. Edward N. Webber, lately of Philadelphia, U. S., as his curate. Mr. Webber is a Canadian, was educated for the ministry at the New York Theological Seminary, and has spent two years or more in the Church of the United States. He is well spoken of, and is a thoughtful writer.

The Rev. Thomas Bousfield has fulfilled his term at Thorold, and returned to Kingston, in the diocese of Ontario.

CAISTOR.—This will be the name of a new mission on our church list, adjoining the prosperous one of Binbrook and Saltfleet. It has been happily commenced under the same missionary, the Rev. Thomas Smith. The Bishop has been pleased to appoint the Rev. J. C. Munsen, deacon, late of Waterdown, to Caistor and parts east. It is a large area hitherto much neglected in the county of Lincoln.

The mission board of the diocese of Niagara, at its late very interesting meeting, expressed an earnest wish that the Mission Fund would soon enable the Bishop to send a clergyman to a large district between Flamboro West and Guelph, and another to similar ground between Flamboro and Galt.

STEVENSVILLE.—This and other villages in the county of Welland, would have a missionary sent to them, if the Mission Fund could sufficiently assist. Let us hope that assistance will soon be forthcoming.

STAMFORD.—Obituary.—The name of Peter Lampman is well known, as one of a large connection of the same name in the old Niagara district. At the advanced age of eighty-three years, he entered into rest on October 3rd, when absent from his home in Lundy's Lane, at his daughter's, near Woodstock, Ontario. As a loyal subject and devout Christian, he was highly regarded by all who knew him. "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost, and of faith," Acts xi. 24. The interment of Mr. Lampman took place on the 6th inst., at Lundy's Lane cemetery, attended by a large number of friends and relatives, the Rev. George A. Bull, officiating.

The Lord Bishop of Niagara has lately administered the rite of confirmation at Niagara Falls South, Fort Erie, Welland, Port Colborne, and Merriton.

Harvest Services of Praise.—A correspondent has well suggested that such services should precede, if possible, the holding of the annual exhibitions, whether at the large centres of counties, or else in the smaller centres of townships in Ontario. When there are those occasions of grand displays of earth's richest products and man's wisest skill, it is at such times that the goodness of the Lord should indeed be glorified. This subject of honour and glory is one upon which all who profess and call themselves Christians, can unite unreservedly. We are referring to occasions of local character. In this there is no detracting from the yet greater occasion of the Dominion General Thanksgiving Day.

The same correspondent thinks that the term "Service of praise," might be better applied to occasions of a local character, while that of "General thanksgiving," would belong to the day appointed by the Government for observance throughout Canada.

GEORGETOWN.—The Rev. C. Graham Adams has resigned the incumbency of Georgetown, and is about to remove to the United States.

HAMILTON.—The Bishop left for the diocese of Ontario, on Saturday last, and will be absent from town until the 9th of November.

The Japanese colony from San Ban, have been for some weeks in the city. The interpreter, Mr. Takagashi, is a highly educated native, of polite manners and excellent address.

ROTHSAY.—A harvest home festival was held in St. James' Church, on 24th ult., service at 10.30, when Rev. G. B. Cooke, of Palmerston, preached, the Rev. A. Boney assisting in the services. The members and friends then adjourned to the hall where the dinner was served, and as usual there was a bounteous spread. Afternoon service at 3 o'clock, when the Rev. Dean Spencer preached. The choir from Moorefield, led by Miss S. J. Cross, organist of St. John's, rendered efficient service. The church was tastefully decorated.

On 30th ult., the annual harvest home festival was held in St. John's, Moorefield. Service at 10.30, when the Rev. J. C. Farthing, of Durham, preached, the incumbent, Rev. A. Boney, and Rev. A. J. Belt, Harriston, taking part in the services.

Dinner was served in the Old Hardware, and the good things were done ample justice to by quite a large number of people. Afternoon service at three, when Rev. A. J. Belt, of Harriston, preached. This pretty little church looked well in its holiday garb, no crowding of decorations, but only just enough.

PALERMO.—Entered into rest, on Sunday, the 17th day of October, Harvey Morris Switzer, of this place, merchant. Deceased was born in the county of Limerick, in 1818, and emigrated to Canada in 1832. He settled in the township of Albion. At the age of twenty-one entered into mercantile life as clerk to J. M. Chaffee at Tullamore, Gore of Toronto, with whom he remained eighteen months. He then entered the dry goods establishment of the late J. A. Smith, of Toronto. There he remained five years, and in 1844 moved to Palermo, county of Halton, where he carried on the mercantile business until his decease. He has been postmaster at Palermo since September 1846, and a magistrate and commissioner in the court of Queen's Bench since the separation of the county from Wentworth. He was a cadet of the military school at Toronto, and ever since the organization of the 20th battalion Halton Rifles, held a position on the staff as paymaster. He was a member of the Church of England, and always active in matters connected with the Church. In 1845 he took great interest in the erection of St. Luke's Church, Palermo, and many of the trees which now adorn the church grounds, were planted by his hands. For the past year he was actively engaged in promoting the building of the handsome parsonage which is now just completed, and to the very last his interest in the work was unabated. In politics he was a Conservative. Deceased was foremost in everything connected with the welfare of the village and township where he resided. His death leaves a blank which it will be hard to fill.

ARTHUR.—During the vacancy in this mission after the removal of the Rev. A. J. Belt, M.A., to Harriston, and before the Rev. C. E. S. Radcliffe, B.C.L., could take charge, the services were faithfully kept up, first by Mr. Shutt, a student of Trinity College, and afterwards by Mr. W. E. A. Lewis, lay reader of Grand Valley.

Mr. Radcliffe, who has laboured with great zeal in Maberly Mission, diocese of Ontario, for the past three years, was offered the appointment by Bishop Hamilton, and arrived in Arthur for Sunday, October 10th, accompanied by Rev. P. T. Mignot, late curate of St. Paul's Church, Kingston, who is to act as curate at Arthur. It is really a matter of great congratulation to the Arthur people, that two such efficient men could be induced to take up the work in that large mission, made all the larger by the addition of Alma. The field is wide, and gives plenty of scope for all the energies of young and active men.

The harvest thanksgiving, and induction services, were held on Friday, 15th. The day was not pleasant, snow, sleet, and rain, falling at intervals to remind all that winter at all events, was not to fail them, but there was a fair congregation in the beautiful little church for holy communion at 10 a.m. The Rev. A. J. Belt was celebrant, assisted by Revs. R. S. Radcliffe and C. G. Snapp. The Rev. J. C. Farthing, B.A., of Durham, preached an admirable harvest thanksgiving sermon. The service ended, all adjourned to the town hall for dinner. No better plan could have been devised to enable Messrs. Radcliffe and Mignot to meet their new parishioners as soon as possible, and they were introduced to all present. The ladies well sustained the character of the Arthur harvest home dinners, by leaving nothing unprovided which would have increased the excellence of the repast. Mr. Radcliffe's induction into the charge took place in the evening. In the absence of the Ven. Archdeacon Dixon who was unable to be present, the Rev. Alexander Henderson, M.A., of Orangeville, acted on behalf of the Bishop and preached a very impressive and practical sermon from Heb. xiii. 17, showing very clearly the duty of priest to people, and people to priest. All the clergy mentioned above and a large congregation were present to take part in this deeply impressive service. The proceeds of the day amounted to about \$60.

Mr. Radcliffe expressed himself as greatly pleased both with his reception and also with the general condition of the parish. Certainly prospects look bright for him. The church is a beautiful little brick building capable of seating over \$200. It was built by the exertions of the late Rev. Thomas Rixon, who has left in the parish a lasting monument of his zealous and self denying labours. The interior of the building was much improved, and a bell and font added during the incumbency of the Rev. A. J. Belt. Last spring, in order to clear off a debt of \$950 on the parish, notes covering two years were signed, and subscriptions promised amounting to \$700, which are now in the hands of the church wardens, so that financially the parish is in good condition. But there is no church in West Luther, and a new building at Alma is an imperative necessity, so that the incoming clergy need not be idle. Besides all this, during the interregnum at Arthur, the ladies were very busy getting up two socials, the proceeds of one paid the half-yearly interest on the church debt, and the proceeds of the other, \$27, is being used to build a new fence in front of the parsonage.

HARRISTON.—The harvest thanksgiving service in connection with St. George's Church, Harriston, were held on Friday, September 24th. The morning service consisting of matins and holy communion, began at 10 o'clock, the Rev. A. Henderson, M.A., of Orangeville, said prayers, Rev. J. C. Farthing, B.A., of Durham, read the lessons, the incumbent, Rev. A. J. Belt, M.A., celebrated, and Rev. Rural Dean Craig, B.D., of Clinton, who formerly had charge of the parish for a short time, preached the sermon, which was a brilliant exposition of Acts xiv. 17. In the evening, the Rev. J. C. Farthing preached a really excellent sermon from Ps. cvii. 8. The lessons at this service were read by C. E. Belt, B.A., lay reader. No indirect method of obtaining money was tried, but only the free-will offerings of the people, placed in envelopes upon the offertory plates, and humbly presented to God. By this means over \$40 was realized towards cleaning and improving the interior of the church.

CLIFFORD.—The thanksgiving service here, was held on Thursday evening, 14th inst. Notwithstanding the severest wind and rain storm for many months, there was a very good congregation. The same plan was adopted as in Harriston, and resulted in an offertory of over \$20 placed on the Lord's Table. The church in this village has been painted during the present month, and the offertory goes towards this object. Both churches in this parish, (Harriston and Clifford) were very tastefully decorated. At Clifford the Rev. J. H. Moorehouse, of Gorrie, preached an earnest and effectual sermon on sowing in tears and reaping in joy. Mr. H. Vioborn, lay reader, read the lessons. The work in the three parts of this mission—for Diew has been reopened for service every Sunday—is very encouraging. With the assistance of a lay reader, the incumbent finds it possible to provide for all the services with far greater ease than was formerly the case.