

ments, and other necessary adjuncts, which it was beyond his power otherwise to obtain. The Sisters of the Church have done and are doing a noble work for God, not alone in the mother land, but in the colonies as well. Their monthly publication, "Our Work," is replete with evidence of the marvellous success attending their various undertakings, and more than that, it is undeniable proof of the powerful influence of that grand revival which has of late years awakened the Church to a revelation of her too long "hidden strength." Another of this Society's publications is the "Banner of Faith," a capital magazine for general circulation. It is published at one penny, monthly, and may be had in quantity of one hundred at six shillings and sixpence. The Editor's address is 6 Paternoster Row, E. C. London. Church work in this distant part of the Diocese is steadily progressing. There is no lack of work, the operations of the missionary extending over a territory one hundred and forty miles long. Such is the rapidity with which the C. P. Railway is constructing, that it has already become necessary to prepare for the erection of two more churches. At present there is but one church in the whole district, and that erected only last year.

OSGOODE.—The children and teachers of the Sunday Schools of this Mission, with a few friends, enjoyed the pleasures of a picnic party last week in the parsonage grounds at Metcalfe.—Two good driving sheds have been put up at the Metcalfe church, with accommodation for twenty teams.—At Duncanville the congregation of St. Mary's expect to have only one more winter in their present cold and inconveniently situated place of worship. The site which has been secured for the proposed new church is in the middle of the village. A large part of the materials are on the ground, and it is intended to go on with the work next summer.

DIocese OF TORONTO.

HALIBURTON.—The Bishop of Toronto visits this Deanery this month. He is at present camping on the shores of Stony Lake, near Eagle Mount, in company with Rev. Messrs. Smithett, Farncomb and Cooper. The Bishop's appointments are as follows:—August 25th, St. George's, Apsley, and St. Stephen's, Chandos; 27th and 28th, Cardiff and Monmouth; 30th, St. George's, Haliburton; 31st, Kinmount. Not only will Confirmation be administered, but the gatherings will be utilized for missionary meetings also.

TORONTO—Grace Church.—On Sunday, the 12th inst., at 3 p. m., the Rev. J. H. McCollum preached a sermon to the Orangemen and Prentice Boys in commemoration of the Relief of Derry. The preacher's text was "He shall not enter this city." He began by giving an interesting description of the siege and of the relief, and closed with a stirring appeal to those present to guard sacredly the citadel of the human heart. The collection, amounting to \$31.00, was applied towards liquidating the debt on St. Thomas' Church.

CANOE ASSOCIATION.—The American Canoe Association held their annual gathering this year at Stony Lake, in the County of Peterborough. Contingents from all parts of the States, consisting of the principal canoeists of this continent, met for a two weeks' sojourn in the wilds, and wound up with a three days' regatta. Among the visitors from the other side were many Episcopal clergymen, Dean Hoffman of the General Theological Seminary, the Rev. G. L. Niede, Schuyler-ville, N. Y., and many others. Service was held each Sunday in camp, and was largely attended. One noteworthy feature of this Association is that all the prizes are simply flags of little monetary value, and of no interest to the professional. This excellent plan does away with many serious objections to which the ordinary regatta is open, and naturally gives the members a high place among amateur associations.

SCARCE.—News in ecclesiastical circles just now is very scarce. Many of the clergy are enjoying their well-earned vacations, the Sunday Schools have had their annual picnics and all is quiet before the rush and bustle of winter work begins. In consequence, your correspondent has little to chronicle.

VACATIONS.—Speaking of vacations, one cannot help considering the case of those unfortunate parsons, who, owing to small salaries and large families, are unable to avail themselves of a trip to the seaside, or a prolonged stay in some fashionable resort. It would be doubly beneficial if a system of exchanges could be inaugurated among brother clergy in the summer season. We see no reason why the town parson should not change places for a month with his brother in the country. This would bring all the advantages of a vacation without its expense. It would in the first place be a change of scene and employment; it would be restful and invigorating for both parties; it would give practical evidence of the unity of the Church, while producing new ideas and plans from seeing the effects of different parochial organizations, it would also greatly help the progress and prosperity of the Church in all quarters. Who will inaugurate this excellent system?

EXCURSION.—The Sunday School teachers connected with St. Matthew's Church, Riverside, had a trip to Niagara Falls on the 23rd. ult. The Incumbent accompanied them and the day was spent pleasantly.

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

LACHUTE.—The annual picnic of St. Simeon's Church Sunday School was held on Tuesday the 14th inst., and was like all its predecessors, a most successful affair. Shortly after 2 p. m., the grounds in the immediate neighborhood of Mr. J. C. Wilson's magnificent paper mill presented a scene of unusual animation. Groups of men, women and children all in holiday array, and all apparently bent on enjoyment, dotted the freshly-mown Plateau, which, stretching along the banks of the beautiful Riviere Du Nord, commands a superb view of the Rapids, the Mill Dam and many points of interest along the banks on either side. A day of bright sunshine, blue skies, flecked here and there with the softest masses of silvery grey clouds and a gentle breeze stirring through the giant elms and spreading birches and maples made the atmospheric element all that could be desired. Soon the sports of the day were inaugurated by a vigorously contested "tug of war," which, resulting in a triumph for the Rev. H. J. Evans. Incumbent, evoked great amusement and enthusiastic applause from the combatants on both sides. Swings of the old fashioned picturesque type together with the more modern and equally graceful *Hammock* were kept busy during the afternoon. Croquet also was vigorously engaged in and racing for prizes. A somewhat novel feature and one which we greatly commend was introduced by Miss Blanche Evans by way of varying the usual routine of St. Simeon's picnic sports. Prizes were offered for the best hand bouquets gathered and arranged impromptu from the wild flowers, ferns, etc., in the vicinity, and quite a number of young ladies were the recipients of awards in this graceful and peculiarly feminine competition. At 6 o'clock all sat down and did ample justice to a most generous repast, after which a scramble of almonds and raisins and bon-bons took place amidst much fun and laughter. Then followed the beautiful evening hymn so familiar to our Church children:—

"Now the day is over,
Night is drawing nigh,
Shadows from the evening
Steal across the sky."

led by Master Beathome Evans on the flageolet, and the pronouncing of the Benediction by the Incumbent, closed the proceedings of a very happy day.

PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

The following has been sent to the Clerical and Lay Delegates, and is now published for the information of Church people:—

MONTREAL, 15th August, 1883.

To the Clerical and Lay Delegates to the Provincial Synod:

Reverend and Dear Brethren and Brethren of the Laity,—

We are instructed by the Most Reverend the Metropolitan to inform you that the Provincial Synod will meet in the Synod Hall, at Montreal, Wednesday, 12th September, at 10 a. m.

The Clergy and the Lay Delegates will walk in procession to the Cathedral, for Divine Service, which will begin at 10.30 a. m. After the Litany has been sung or said, a sermon will be preached by the Right Reverend the Bishop of Easton, and the Holy Communion will be celebrated. The Offertory collection will be devoted to the expenses of the Synod.

At 2.30 p. m., the members of the Synod will re-assemble in the School House of St. George's Church, when, after prayer and the delivery of the address, the President will inform the Lower House as to their place of meeting, and direct them to elect their Prolocutor.

The order of proceedings, and the business, so far as it is known to the Secretaries, will then be as follows:—

- I. The Clerical and Lay Secretaries will call the Roll of their respective Orders.
- II. The election of Prolocutor.
- III. The Prolocutor conducted to the Upper House, and his election announced to the President. On his return the Prolocutor will nominate his own Deputy, in case of his absence, and will then introduce to the House the business on which the Upper House desire the Lower House to engage themselves.
- IV. Election of Secretaries and appointment of Treasurer and two Auditors.
- V. Appointing Committees.
- VI. Presenting, reading and referring Memorials, Petitions, Correspondence, etc.
- VII. Presenting Reports of Committees.

(a) CENTRAL BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS, TO INCLUDE THE NORTH-WEST AND ALGOMA, WITH POWER TO ADD TO THEIR NUMBER.

(See pages 81 and 82, Journal of 1880.

Revs. Canon Ellegood, Chairman; Canon Norman, Canon Carmichael, Revs. Charles Hamilton, F. W. Kirkpatrick, Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay; Messrs. Charles Garth, T. White, M. P., F. Wolferstan Thomas, James Hutton, Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, Q. C., Mr. J. B. Forsyth.

(b) CENTRAL BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, WITH POWER TO ADD TO THEIR NUMBER.

(See page 82, Journal of 1880.)

Rev. R. Lindsay, Chairman; Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal, Rev. Dr. Lobley, Ven. Archdeacon Evans, Rev. Canon Davidson, Mr. S. Bethune, Q. C., Dr. L. H. Davidson, Mr. T. Simpson, Dr. Johnson, Messrs. R. V. Rogers, R. W. Heneker.

(c) IMMIGRATION:

(See pages 47, 55 and 56 Journal of 1880.)

Revs. R. Lindsay, Chairman; J. D. H. Browne, I. Brock, J. D. Cayley, G. J. Low, Canon Medley, W. F. Campbell, J. W. Burke, Canon Houston, Messrs. W. C. Silver, L. E. Morris, Sheriff Davis, R. T. Clinch, Geo. Macrae, Q. C., E. Baynes Reed, James Shannon, Hon. J. B. Plumb, M. P.

(d) CONSTITUTION.

(See page 64 Journal of 1880.)

Hon. Chief Justice Allen, Chairman; Dr. E. J. Hemming, Hon. Judge Benson, Mr. Adam Brown, Rev. Dr. Roe, Rev. Canon Medley, Ven. Archdeacon Ellwood, Rev. J. J. Bogert.

(e) JOINT COMMITTEE ON DUTIES OF DEANS, ARCH-DEACONS, ETC.

(See page 79 Journal of 1880.)

The Most Reverend the Bishop of Fredericton, Chairman; The Lord Bishop of Ontario, Rev. J. Langtry, Chairman of Committee of the Lower House, Rev. Canon Dart, Revs. J. W. Burke, F. Partridge, Dr. Henderson, E. J. Hemming, Mr. S. Bethune, Q. C., Mr. Adam Brown.

(f) ON THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES.

(See page 87 Journal of 1880.)

Rev. Canon Davidson, Chairman; Rev. Dr. Lobley, Rev. Canon Dart, Very Rev. Dean Boomer, Ven. Archdeacon McMurray, Messrs. R. W. Heneker, G. R. Parkin, F. W. Thomas, Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, Q. C.