

but was unable to attend in consequence of parochial engagements.

After the service, the clergy adjourned to the rectory, where the Rural Dean took the chair, the Rev. V. Clementi being requested to act as Secretary, *pro tempore*. The Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, of Ashburnham, was also present. The meeting was opened with prayer, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting. A resolution was unanimously adopted to the effect that, in future, the meetings of the chapter be held half-yearly, in the towns of Peterboro and Cobourg alternately.

The next meeting will be held in Cobourg, on Wednesday, the 4th day of May, 1881, when the Rev. S. Gardner, of Colborne, will be the preacher. The subject for discussion will be the *agenda*-paper, to be issued—it is hoped in good time—preparatory to the ensuing session of Synod.

The Rev. V. Clementi was appointed Sec.-Treas. of the Chapter, in place of the Rev. H. D. Cooper, who has left the Diocese. The Chapter Library, for the use of the clergy, is now deposited in the rectory. Application for the loan of books may be made to the Rev. J. W. R. Beck.

#### To the Clergy of the Diocese of Toronto:—

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN,—The Governor-General having appointed Wednesday, the 3rd of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving for the blessings of Harvest, I invite you to assemble your respective congregations in your Churches on that day, either in the Morning or in the Evening, as the local circumstances of your Parish may seem to indicate as the more favourable for the purpose, their to join in a service of praise, in this national tribute to the Giver of all good. The Thank-offering on this Annual occasion is of vital consequence to the Mission Fund to which it is devoted; and should you have reason to fear that, in your case, it is likely to suffer in amount from being made on a week-day, I suggest that you postpone its collection to the following Sunday. I request that you will read the accompanying Pastoral Letter to your congregations on giving notice of the Thanksgiving Service. Believe me, dear Brethren, Your faithful servant in Christ,

ARTHUR TORONTO.

#### To the Laity of the Diocese of Toronto:

BELOVED BRETHREN—"Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ." The Governor-General of the Dominion has been pleased to order that Wednesday, the 3rd Day of November, next, be observed as a day of Public Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessings of an abundant Harvest. It becomes us as a Church both loyally and religiously to obey this invitation. I exhort you, therefore, to assemble in your respective Churches on the day named, that you may not only feast and make holiday in celebration of national mercies, but may render pious acknowledgement to their gracious Author in a reasonable and joyous service of praise. You are challenged, by this very rendering of a tribute to Him from whom all good things do come, to give proof of the sincerity and measure of your grateful sense of indebtedness. I need not impress upon you the fact that the harvest, lately garnered, was one of exceptional plenteousness, demanding large and cheerful gifts of thank-offering, and that there has been a marked return of prosperity in all branches of commerce throughout our land. You are fully alive to this. But it is my duty most earnestly to impress upon you the truth that God, who has given you all this wealth, looks that you should make proportionate returns of gratitude to Him; that His Church should partake of the prosperity he has vouchsafed to the nation; that the spiritual harvest should be assisted, hastened, made more abundant by the means and blessing He has bestowed through the natural harvest. According to custom, your Harvest Thank-offering will be devoted to the Mission Fund of the Diocese. The needs of this Fund are very pressing, as there is no permanent income derivable from capital to meet the permanent current expenditure required to maintain the existing Missions. I may briefly state that there are at present in the Diocese forty-five Missions dependent upon grants from the Board, which, if they were all supplied, would absorb an income of \$11,000 per annum, whereas the total amount contributed by the Diocese through all channels to this Fund during the last financial year was little more than \$8,500. It may not be known by our Church people that we depend upon the collections made on Thanksgiving Day for the payment of one Quarter's Cheques to our Missionaries: this collection last year produced \$826, 33, as the sum total of the gratitude entertained by this wealthy, commercial, and agricultural Diocese for the gifts of an unusually plenteous year. I trust that a deeper sense of indebtedness to the gracious Giver of all may be created within our hearts by His manifold and increased mercies, which shall find a juster and worthier expression in the proportion we give back to Him for the work of that spiritual hus-

bandry in which he permits us to be his fellow-laborers. And let not your increased liberality to the cause of God's Church, be limited, brethren, to this special occasion of Thanksgiving. We have an undoubted right to look that the increase of wealth in our people should be felt in an improvement in the revenues of the Church: that now that the hard times have passed away to give place to ease and plenty; and the burden of debt, which was so discouraging, has been removed from the Mission Fund, we should experience no difficulty in supporting our Missionaries, with their modest and too often insufficient stipends, but should be in funds to push forward the outposts of our Church by opening new Missions in unoccupied fields, where the ministrations of the Gospel are greatly needed. I pray, brethren, that God may pour out upon you a spirit of thankful and cheerful liberality, and that He will cause you to abound in grace and all good gifts for body and soul, which are by Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of Him. Your faithful Friend and Bishop,

ARTHUR TORONTO.

Synod Office Toronto, Oct. 21st 1880.

BATTEAU.—On the occasion of the marriage of the Incumbent, the Rev. John Farncomb, an address and testimonial were presented, a committee having been formed for that purpose. The Parsonage was thoroughly renovated and useful articles of furniture presented. The address was as follows:—

To the Rev. John Farncomb, Incumbent of Batteau,—

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—We, the undersigned members of this parish, wish to convey to you our most sincere and cordial congratulations, on the occasion of your late most important step in life. It is our earnest desire, while extending to you and Mrs. Farncomb our warmest welcome, that it may please God in His great mercy and providence, to grant you a long and happy life. May each day serve only to bind more closely around you those blessings which alone are the reward of true Christianity and charity.

Since your residence among us you have, by your kindly, genial manner, and the interest displayed in our behalf, endeared yourself to all. We would, therefore, ask your acceptance of the accompanying present, as a slight token of our esteem and regard, and pray that Almighty God will bless and keep you and your worthy wife for long among us.

Here followed sixty names.

#### NIAGARA.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

HAMILTON—Christ Church Cathedral.—At the services in this church on Sunday last, reference was made to the late Canon Givins, who for some months in the early part of this year had temporary charge of the parish, and who had greatly endeared himself to the congregation. Appropriate hymns were sung, amongst which were "Days and Moments Quickly Flying," and the "Dies Irae." The Rector in charge of the parish, the Rev. C. H. Mockridge, closed his sermon in the following words:—"We see how the number of his saints is being gradually filled up. One after one goes to join the hosts above. But a few months ago, a dear, good old clergyman spent some time here with you, ministering for you while you were looking for a pastor. You remember his benevolent face, his kind, gentle manner as he went in and out amongst you, and the practical and excellent advice he gave from this place. He is now in his grave. He died suddenly last week, and was buried yesterday. Few men were better known than the late Canon Givins. From the work of a missionary in the back-woods in early life, to that of a city rector in his later days, he was always faithful and energetic, his heart full of love for his Master Who redeemed him. He has gone to Him. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, even so saith the spirit, for they rest from their labors."

At the offertory, the sentence, "Blessed are the dead," &c., to music by Gilbert, was beautifully rendered by the choir, and, at the conclusion of the service, the Dead March in Saul was played.

#### HURON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

United Sunday School Centenary Gathering.—The announcement that Vice-Chancellor Blake was to deliver an address, giving a synopsis of the Sunday School Centenary Celebration in England, brought a large crowd to a church in this city on Wednesday evening, and again on Friday evening a large number of the Sunday Schools. He compared the Sunday Schools in England with those of Canada, claiming greater advancement in their cause in the latter country. His address was more political than might be expected on such an occasion. He referred sarcastically and bitterly to the opposition to the Burials

Bill—he being, of course, wiser than the eminent men on the other side. He also wondered at the opposition to Bradlaugh, the notorious infidel, being allowed to take part in the legislation for the country. He ridiculed the state dress of the Lord Mayor of London, being, as he described himself, horribly democratic. The Vice-Chancellor, who devoted the celebration of a S. S. Centenary to sarcasm and denunciation of the Church of England and her time-honored insignia of constitutional government, is a prominent member of the English Church.

At the meeting on Friday evening, the Vice-Chancellor's address was not a political one. There were expressions of disappointment that it was not, as it was announced it would be, a synopsis of the Sunday School Centenary Celebration in England. It was an eloquent Evangelical address.

ST. THOMAS.—Services of thanksgiving for the ingathering of the fruits of the earth were held in Trinity Church, on the twentieth Sunday after Trinity. The Rev. G. G. Ballard, Rector, delivered an address on "Thanksgiving," and there was a special service of song by the choir.

On Wednesday evening, a Harvest Home Festival was held in the Opera House, at which His Lordship the Bishop delivered an address. The readers of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN, no doubt, bear in mind that St. Thomas, the most thoroughly "Evangelical" parish in the Diocese, was selected by the Communitates as their base of operations here and they built a church. They will also remember that your Evangelical contemporary has denounced Harvest Homes, as remnants of superstition. Well, we have learned to value these oracular denunciations at their true worth.

WOODSTOCK.—Sunday, the 10th of October, was appointed by His Lordship the Bishop to be observed throughout the Diocese, and that on that day special collections would be made for the Missionary Diocese of Algoma.

The Bishop preached in St. Paul's, London, at morning service, an earnest and appropriate address. There was a good congregation.

At St. Paul's, Woodstock, the Thanksgiving services were largely attended, and the sermons by the Rector, Rev. W. Hill, were very impressive. The music was essentially that of thanksgiving, and the congregation.

County of Middlesex Missionary Meetings.—Sunday, Nov. 21st, Lucan, 11 a.m., and Granton; Monday, 22nd, Trinity Church, Lucan, 7.30; Tuesday, 23rd, St. James', Biddulph, 7.00; Wednesday, 24th, Trinity, Birr, 7.00; Thursday, 25th, St. George's, London Township, 7.00; Friday, 26th, ——— Carlisle, 7.00.

SUNDAY, Nov. 28th, St. Mary's, Ailsa Craig, 11 a.m., and Christ Church, McGillivray. Monday, 29th, St. James', Parkhill, 7.30; Tuesday, 30th, Grace Church, Benton, 7.00; Wednesday, Dec. 1st, St. Paul's, Thedford, 7.30; Thursday, 2nd, St. Paul's, Wisbeach, 7.00; Friday, 3rd, St. Ann's, Adelaide, 7.00.

SUNDAY, Dec. 5th, Strathroy, 11 a.m., and Mount Brydes, 7.00 p.m.; Monday, 6th, St. John's, Strathroy, 7.30; Tuesday, 7th, St. Ann's, Byron, 7.30; Wednesday, 8th, Christ Church, Glunworth, 2.30, and Trinity Church, Lambeth, 7.30; Thursday, 9th, Zion Church, Oneida, 2.30, and Christ Church, Delaware, 7.30; Friday, 10th, St. John's, Muncy, 11 a.m., St. Paul's, Muncy, 8 p.m., Memorial Church, Burwell, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, 12th, Wardsville, Glencoe, and Newbury, Monday, 13th, St. Peter's, Dorchester, 7.30; Tuesday, 14th, St. John's, Harrietsville, 7.30; Wednesday, 15th, St. George's, Belmont.

His Lordship the Bishop has left for England. Bishop Alford is his commissary during his absence.

Report of the Diocesan Sunday School Committee.—Not the least important subject now engaging the minds of Churchmen in the Diocese, is the selecting of uniform lessons and scheme for the Sundays, whether the religious instruction be of a distinctive Church character or latitudinarian.

The committee appointed by the Diocesan Synod have presented their Report, as required. They accept the Constitution of the Synod as a sufficient code of laws for the government of the Synod, as a Diocesan Sunday School Association, for the selection of teachers of normal classes and the general Sunday Schools; and to provide for the formation of normal classes for the mutual improvement of teachers, to be, as far as practicable, under the supervision of the clergyman of the parish, they resolve that the rules recommended by the Committee be adopted by the different Sunday Schools of the Diocese. The Committee most strongly recommend the adoption by all schools, and by Church of England scholars in Union

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