

appear, and to be constantly dropping in unexpectedly whilst work is going on to see that at the exact moment of his visit the exact work set down for the class is being proceeded with. Should this not be the case, or should the master have been so injudicious as to exercise his own private judgment and vary the business *pro re nata*, or to teach his pupils after a fashion not approved by this official, he is delated to the president and admonished. The other officials, are the "study-place master," whose sole employment is to preside in the hall where the boys get up their work, and see that they are diligent, and to report to the various masters any who may seem to have been idle. As he is expected to give his whole attention to his duty, and to spare no means to detect, not to prevent inattention, he is not allowed to bring in a book with him or a newspaper of any sort, but to keep his eyes diligently employed for the space of an hour or more. A model study-place master is a mere instrument of overseeing: he is not supposed to talk to anyone or to assist any boy in his difficulties, and if he moves, he must move in such a way as not to distract the students, the great desideratum being that those engaged in their work should not even know in what part of the hall the master stands, and over and over again have I heard one of these officials boasting of having stood behind a lad for a quarter of an hour, and then giving him an imposition for merely turning his head to see where his overseer was, or to ascertain whether there was any one looking over his shoulder.

Diocesan Intelligence.

NOVA SCOTIA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

NEW ROSS.—The Rev. J. W. Norwood preached his farewell sermon Sept. 29th. He is to be succeeded by Rev. W. Atwater.

PICTOU.—St. James's Parish is still vacant. A clergyman of the Scotch Episcopal Church, who is accustomed to living in amity among a Presbyterian community, and yet asserting and maintaining in all charity the distinctive principles of the Church, would, we should say, find here a useful field.

HALIFAX.—St. Luke's Cathedral has been reopened after repairs, painting, &c.

A General Secretary for Church work in the Diocese of Nova Scotia is wanted. We understand that the salary will be about \$1,000 and travelling expenses. The Venerable Archdeacon Gilpin, Ecclesiastical Commissary, will no doubt give all necessary information to applicants.

QUEBEC.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

DEATH OF THE REV. J. S. SYKES.—Fell asleep in Jesus, on Friday, 13th inst., the Rev. James S. Sykes, Port Chaplain, aged 66 years. During a visit to the Marine Hospital a few days since, Mr. Sykes had occasion to go into a cold and rather damp room, which produced congestion of the lungs, of which he died on Friday afternoon. The Port Chaplain, who was also Pastor of Trinity Church, was much beloved by his congregation and the sailors who visit this port. With the latter his reputation was world-wide; in his capacity as Port Chaplain, he was brought in contact with men whose kindly natures he thoroughly understood, and for whom he labored with a labor of love, which they all felt. The members of Trinity have lost a faithful pastor, for whom they entertained the highest regard, and who will deeply mourn his departure. His family have our deepest sympathy in their great affliction.

APPOINTMENTS.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese has nominated the Rev. T. Richardson, Rector of St. Paul's, to the chaplaincy of the Quebec gao; and the Rev. M. M. Fothergill, Rector of St. Peter's, to the chaplaincy of the Marine Hospital; both appointments were recently held by the late Rev. J. S. Sykes.

PENSION FUND.—A committee has been appointed by the Central Board of the Diocesan Church Society to frame a By-law for the management of the Pension Fund for aged and infirm clergymen. Any suggestions upon the subject will be gladly received by the secretary of the Society.

LENNOXVILLE.—The Grammar School of Bishop's College has re-opened with a large accession of pupils. The school is under very able management, and commands the confidence of the community.

ONTARIO.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

OTTAWA.—St. John's.—The annual thanksgiving services in connection with St. John's Church, took place Thursday evening Sept. 26th. The attendance was good, and a spirit of earnestness was manifested throughout. The decorations this year were arranged with great taste, and were confined to the chancel. There was a profusion of delicately tinted foliage, sweet-scented flowers, and delicious fruit weaved into many beautiful designs, the whole having a very pretty effect. The clergymen who took part in the service were the Ven. Archdeacon Launder, and Revs. Arthur Philipps, Hawkesbury; H. Pollard, F. R. Smith, H. Patton, Billings Bridge, and Dr. Clarke. The Rev. Arthur Philipps preached from Ps. 108: 22. The choir sang very effectively, under the direction of Mr. Steele, thanksgiving hymns 382, 381, 383 and 223, also a pretty anthem. A collection was taken up for the benefit of the poor, amounting to about \$30.

The Sunday School picnic, held the last day of August, was most successful. The children and their friends, to the number of about 500, went down the river in a steamer as far as Buckingham, and then feasted on the good things provided by the congregation. Afterwards various games occupied the time till the boat arrived to carry them home. The day was very beautiful, and such a thoroughly congregational gathering must conduce to increase the harmony that now prevails in this parish.

OXFORD.—Church of St. John the Evangelist.—This is one of the five church edifices which have been built (or are in course of erection) in the parish of Kemptville during the incumbency of the Rev. J. Stannage. The erection of a parsonage in connection with this church, and of two other small churches for outlying districts of the parish, will complete the undertaking. The first harvest festival in connection with St. John's Church was held on Tuesday, September 24th. Matins was said by the Rev. W. A. Read, curate, Hymn 382 (A. & M., last ed.) being sung as a processional and the proper psalms chanted to the Gregorians set to them in the P. S. C. K. Psalter. sermon was preached by the Rev. G. J. Low, incumbent of Merrickville. The hymn before the sermon was No. 383, and after the sermon Bishop Wordsworth's (Lincoln) Hymn for Almsgiving (No. 365) was sung during the Offertory, and the service closed with the Benediction and the Doxology as a Recessional. The organist and choir are in excellent training and did their part extremely well, the ever-varying harmonies performed on the organ during the chanting of the Psalter being a very striking and (in a rural congregation) an unexpected feature of the musical part of the service. The walls of the church were gracefully festooned with evergreens, and the sanctuary and altar tastefully decorated with flowers and specimens of fruits of the field and garden. After service a sumptuous repast was served up in the Town Hall close by to a large number of guests, after which the afternoon was spent in listening to addresses by the clergy present, interspersed with pieces of music. The only shade cast over the festivities (apart from the weather) was the absence of the Rector, the Rev. J. Stannage, through illness caught while on a visit to his old parish of North Augusta.

TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections, etc., received from August 26th, 1878, to October 1st, 1878:

MISSION FUND.—July Collection.—Enniskillen

(Bowmanville), 95 cents; Toronto, St. Peter's, \$5.36; Stanhope (Minden), additional, 62 cents; (West Mono) Salem, \$1.64, Mono Centre, 43 cents; Jackson's Station, \$1.00; St. Matthew's, 56 cents; Camilla, 37 cents. *Special Appeal.*—Charleston and Cataract, on account \$11.00; Toronto, collection by Mrs. John Carter, \$7.70.

The next quarterly meeting of the Rural Deanery of Durham and Victoria will (D.V.) be held at the Rectory, Millbrook, at noon, Tuesday, Oct. 8th. I. Timothy iv. 6, and following verses, will be considered; after which a scheme of missionary meetings for the ensuing fall and winter will be drawn up. A full attendance of the members of the deanery is particularly requested. RICHARD H. HARRIS, B.A., Secretary.

AURORA, OAK RIDGES AND KING.—A Harvest Home Festival was held in this parish on Thursday the 19th September. Divine Service was held at 11 a.m. in St. John's Church, Oak Ridges, which had been very tastefully and appropriately decorated for the occasion. A very large congregation was assembled, and numbers were unable to get seats. An eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. J. H. McCollum; and besides the Incumbent, the Rev. C. Paterson, the Revs. Rural Dean Osler, Shanklin, T. W. Paterson and Dundas, were present and took part in the services. There was a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, and in addition to the clergy there were upwards of forty communicants. The collection was devoted to the Mission Fund. After service there was an adjournment to "Bond's Lake," where a picnic was held, the party numbering nearly 400. The afternoon was pleasantly spent, and towards the close, addresses were delivered by the clergy present. Everybody went home delighted, and it was the unanimous opinion that this the first Harvest Home held in the parish was a decided success, and the hope very generally expressed that it would not be the last.

TORONTO.—Rev J. D. Cayley has returned from his trip to the Old Country, and resumed his duties in St. George's Church last Sunday.

CHARLESTON AND CATARACT.—After a pleasant Sunday I started on Monday to see the churchmen in Charleston congregation in order that I might ascertain the amount of interest that they felt in the bond of the Church, and the practical sympathy that they would manifest in connection with our missionary fund debt. The close of my canvass shewed that, while I had felt very much the kind and liberal response in places previously visited, I had met with yet, all things considered, Charleston excelled them all. In no one instance in the twelve calls that I made, did I meet with the least disposition to refuse; in only one instance did I receive an amount less than I desired, and in some instances I received more than I expected. Their cheerful kindness and liberality would shame many of their wealthier brethren, who make, oftentimes, sad and burdensome the work in which so much of time has been recently spent. Sad, for indeed it is a cause of grief to see those who have acquired wealth, to whom God has given "the power to get wealth," and whom he has prospered, clinging, in their declining years, to the things of this world so covetously that they can give little or nothing to the Church of Christ; and, can even, when aided perhaps for years, by our Mission Board, to secure the ordinances of religion, treat with cold hearted neglect, the appeal to enable the work of the Church to go forward without the embarrassment and the disgrace of debt.

Let me ask, do not such churchmen as our Charleston friends deserve the help of others, which indeed they need, that they may stately and continuously enjoy the services of the Church? May it never be, while the world stands, that they should suffer from a famine of hearing the words of the Lord! I was unable during the week to complete my canvass, but cannot help cherishing the thought that, had I completed it the favorable impression would not have been removed. Cataract received some alteration, but many persons whom I wished to see were absent from home; those whom I did see acted according to their ability.