

BUCKINGHAM—The services in this parish on the fourteenth Sunday after Trinity were of an especially interesting character, a confirmation and an ordination being held at the same service. After singing the popular hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" eighteen candidates were presented for confirmation by the incumbent, Rev. H. Hackenly, who were addressed by Rev. P. Chambers, after which Mr. L. B. Pearce was presented by the Rev. Percy Chambers for Deacons' orders. "A white stole was placed deaconwise upon the shoulder of the ordained and the Sanctuary thrown open to admit him into the precincts of the holy table." A celebration of the Holy Communion immediately followed for which all the newly confirmed together with a large number of the congregation remained.

MONTREAL—Rumours are afloat that Canon Norman will be asked to succeed the late Mr. Housman in the cathedral at Quebec. It would be now proper if the rumour be true, for the citizens of Montreal and more especially the pewholders of Christ Church Cathedral to prevent by all legitimate means the consummation of this change, for the removal of Dr. Norman would be a loss to this city and diocese and a misfortune to the parish in which his services are so acceptable. It is most likely that the cathedral and the diocese of Quebec will do much to induce the canon to cast his lot with them, but this diocese has prior claim, although one influential party in this diocese have not added to Canon Norman's peace of mind.

ONTARIO.

LOMBARDY AND PORT ELMSLEY MISSION—Owing to the ill health of the priest in charge, Rev. A. I. Fidler, M.A., this mission has become vacant. Mr. H. A. Bowden, of Trinity College, has been officiating for the last three months, he has worked energetically, services being largely attended. The bazaar was a success, the sum of \$180 being realized. The mission will miss Mr. Fidler very much indeed, as he was a very energetic parish priest, and it is hoped he will soon be restored to health.

TORONTO.

Toronto Sisterhood—The work of the Sisters of St. John the Divine, in Euclid avenue, has grown to such an extent that a larger building has become an absolute necessity. A fine site has been purchased in Major street and building operations are soon to be commenced on a Sisters' house and hospital more commensurate with the needs. The strength of this religious order is steadily increasing, and is destined to become a great power for good in the English Church.

Mission in Toronto parishes—The mission embracing the parishes of St. Stephen's, St. Phillip's, St. Matthias, St. Barnabas, and St. Mark's, Parkdale, begins on the 21st of October, and will last ten days. Two of the well-known Cowley Fathers, Revs. Messrs. Hall and Torbert will conduct the mission at St. Matthias, Bellwoods avenue. Rev. G. Morrison, of Chicago, will be the missionary at St. Stephen's. Rev. Prof. Roper at St. Barnabas, and Rev. E. P. Crawford, of Brockville, at St. Mark's, Parkdale. Canon Knox Little, of Manchester, and other noted men are being spoken of. Considerable interest is being manifested in all these parishes at the approaching event.

ALLISTON—*St. Andrew's Church*.—A complete new set of altar linen, which has been beautifully embroidered by Miss Madill, has quite recently been presented by two or three ladies of the congregation.

STAYNER AND SUNNIDALE—Sunday, September 11th, was a red letter day in this parish. The occasion was the celebration of the annual Harvest Festival, in the Church of the Messiah. A concert was held on Saturday night at Stayner, when Mr. James Morgan, of Barrie, and his cultivated, well-trained choir found the hall filled with a large and appreciative audience. It was both financially and otherwise a success. The Festival services began with a plain celebration at 8 a.m., followed by another at noon semi-choral. The following clergy took part in the service: Revs. C. E. S. Radcliffe, P. T. Mignot, and O. T. B. Croft. A large number of communicants gave proof of their love for their Saviour. At our afternoon service the Rev. P. T. Mignot addressed the Sunday School, whilst the remaining clergy and choir drove over to Sunnisdale where they found the beautifully decorated little church crowded to the doors. A very bright evening was rendered at Stayner, at 7.30 p.m., when an immense congregation filled the church, which was most tastefully decorated, Mr.

Morgan and his choir rendered the musical portion of the service in a superb manner. The Rev. Elwin Radcliffe was the preacher. The offertory at the different services was liberal and large. On Monday morning the Holy Communion was celebrated at Sunnisdale, when the Rev. Mr. Owens officiated as celebrant, the Rev. Mr. Mignot was the preacher. Evensong was said at 3.30, when another large congregation gathered and were addressed by the Rev. C. E. S. Radcliffe. Mr. Morgan and his choir fairly took all by storm, and their earnest, hearty rendering of the services show that they thoroughly understand the mind of the church by placing the offering of "praise and thanksgiving" on its legitimate footing. With such services preaching could easily be dispensed with, and people instead taught to live and loyally hold fast to the grand liturgy of our dear old Church.

NIAGARA.

NIAGARA—The Rev. James B. Mead has been appointed curate of St. Mark's Church, and entered upon his duties on the 1st of October.

BARTON—Only unfavorable weather prevented a jam at Holy Trinity Church, on Tuesday night, 4th October. As it was, a good congregation filled the church on the occasion of the harvest thanksgiving service, which had been in preparation for some weeks past, and which proved very interesting and successful in every way. The church was decorated with good taste, brilliantly lighted, and presented a very attractive appearance. At 8 o'clock the Bishop of the diocese, accompanied by the Ven. Archdeacon Dixon, the Rev. C. R. Lee (incumbent of the parish), Revs. W. Massey, I. Smith, C. E. Whitcombe, T. Geoghegan, F. E. Howitt, E. A. Irving and F. C. Piper, entered and took their places in the chancel. The service was generally of a musical character, and the music was well rendered by the organist and choir. Dr. Stainer's beautiful harvest anthem, "Thou Shalt Dwell in the Land," was sung after the third collect, the bass solo in it being rendered with good effect by Mr. H. Bryant. The sermon was preached by the Archdeacon from the text, "Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine (Deut. xvi. 13), and was an excellent discourse, well adapted to the occasion. After the sermon the grand hymn, "The Strain Upraise of Joy and Praise, Alleluia," was finely sung, and during the offertory Mr. E. Hodgkiss, tenor, sang Torrington's "Abide With Me" in a pleasing manner. The offerings will be applied to improvements on the Church property.

HURON.

MEAFORD—*Christ Church*.—The annual harvest thanksgiving services were held in this church on Sunday, 25th ult. The church, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion, was crowded at each service. The Rev. H. G. Moore, B.D., of Shelburne, preached eloquent sermons.

RIDGETOWN—On Sunday, 2nd October, the bishop administered the rite of confirmation to twenty-two persons, addressing them in his usual felicitous manner. The Holy Communion was administered to seventy persons. The Church still wore a part of the tasteful wreaths and texts with which it had been decorated for the harvest festival of the previous Sunday. The Rev. A. F. Burs, incumbent, was assisted in the service, which was largely attended, by Rev. W. B. Rally.

SOMBRA MISSION—On the 16th ult. a pleasing and profitable entertainment in aid of the organ fund of Trinity Church was held in the town hall, at which the sum of \$40 was realized. An amusing and very instructive picture-lecture by Rev. Jeffrey Hill, M.A., Chatham added much to the pleasure of the event. Revival of Church life has, under God's blessing, attended the labor of the Rev. William Stout in this hitherto much neglected field. The Sombra congregation has increased from a few to a crowded church, and Church interest and spiritual life become apparent from a general desire for the benefits of Christian ordinances. Twenty-one persons, several of whom being adults, have been baptized during the past month, and from a very small and much scattered church population a large class is now being prepared for confirmation.

EUPHRASIA—*St. James' Mission*.—The summer work of this mission has been attended with great success. At all the churches large and increasing congregations have been 'in order,' since Mr. F. A. Kirke went there to the work for the Church of the Great Master. Churchman's holiday was proclaimed

on Wednesday, the 21st September, for the congregations of St. Phillip's, Walter's Falls, and St. Matthew's, Bangor, for the purpose of holding the harvest festival in the former church, which looked extremely pretty on the occasion. There was a good congregation, and the Rev. C. H. Channer, of Meaford, preached an excellent sermon. The offertory amounted altogether to about \$50. A picnic was held in the afternoon which passed off very pleasantly indeed. On Wednesday, the 28th September, the congregations of St. James', St. Mark's, and Rocklyn Hall held their festival at the first named Church, which was splendidly decorated for the occasion. Mr. Kirke conducted the service throughout, and all were greatly pleased and felt it was good to be there on that occasion. The offertory amounted again to close on \$50, which, with the former one, was presented to the minister. The following address and presentation were made to Mr. Kirke:

SIR,—The members of the choir of St. James' Church gratefully appreciate your efforts for their improvement in sacred music. All the members think that were they under your instruction for some time longer there would be a decided improvement in the singing in our church. Since you came into this parish you have greatly exerted yourself for the general good of all the congregations in this mission, and they regret much your unavoidable departure, and hope that God in His Providence will enable you to complete your collegiate course with honors, and afterwards make you an instrument in bringing many souls to a saving knowledge of the Redeemer.

We are unwilling to let you leave us without presenting you with a small token of our regards. We hope you will please accept these gifts—a gold chain and seal, a gold pencil, and the inkstand—as a memento of our good wishes for your welfare, spiritually and temporally. Signed, Miss Wilson, Mr. Curry, Mr. Boyd.

Such a success must have been under the guidance and blessing of God, and reflects great credit on people and minister. Perhaps, too, some evil maligners of a struggling young English Churchman will now think it better to moderate their remarks and find time to "Speak not evil one of another, brethren."

ALGOMA.

Missionary Work in Algoma—*The Work of Our Bishop*.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, the Bishop of Algoma conducted Divine Service and preached at Algoma Mills, from thence on the following day His Lordship accompanied by Mrs. Sullivan, proceeded in the yacht Evangeline to Spanish River Mill. Here he was met by Rev. Mr. Frost, of Sheguinadah, Manitoulin Island, who had come here by steamer to conduct His Lordship, at the latter's request, to some distant parts of his mission. In the evening, service was held in the school-house at the Mill. Evening Prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Frost, the people responding heartily, they being furnished with the Mission Service Books, which contain the morning and evening services of Church of England arranged in consecutive order, so that places can be easily found even by those who are unfamiliar with the services of the Church. The Bishop preached a very suitable and impressive sermon upon the experience of St. Paul, with reference to the "thorn in the flesh," which was sent him by God. His Lordship spoke of the trying and mysterious dispensations of God's providence, which were all sent for the furtherance of our spiritual welfare. The sermon was listened to with profound attention by a numerous and appreciative audience. After service a collection was taken up for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the diocese, amounting to some \$6.70.

The next day we steamed up the Spanish River to the company's farm, Dr. Harrison kindly acting as pilot. We stayed at the farm taking advantage of a kind invitation to dinner, then, having given notice of a service in the evening, we pursued our way up the river to the Indian village, where a service was held in one of the Indian houses, and a very clean and respectable house it was. There four Indians were presented to the Bishop for confirmation by the Rev. Mr. Frost, who had been instructing them for some time previous, two of them had been baptized three years before, and now desired confirmation. The Bishop spoke to the candidates very kindly and simply on the duties and responsibilities of those who are confirmed, then administered the rite of confirmation, and again His Lordship addressed them, the Rev. Mr. Frost acting as interpreter as before. We returned to the farm in time for evening service. A very good congregation assembled, some coming a considerable distance from the back settlements, to whom the Bishop preached on the subject of spiritual sight, taking the account in St. John's Gospel, of Jesus healing the blind man, as the basis of his remarks. All were edified by the Bishop's sermon setting forth the blessings of spiritual sight, and the evidences whereby we may know that we possess it. Two