

on Tuesday next for New York city, where she purposes studying for a Deaconess of the Episcopal Church. She will be very much missed by a large number of friends, and especially by St. James' Church, of which she was a most faithful adherent.

PROSPER HILL.—*Trinity Church.*—This is one of the three churches forming the mission of Kirkton, under the charge of Rev. H. D. Steele. Since Mr. Steele's incumbency a twelvemonth ago, there has been a marked improvement in the general attendance on religious ordinances, and in the deeper interest shown in the welfare of the Church. There are but fifteen church families, properly speaking, in connection with this part of the mission—most of them are separated by a long distance from each other, and from the Church; yet the attendance numbers from sixty to ninety every Sunday. At the last Confirmation by the Bishop thirteen candidates received the Apostolic rite of "Laying on of Hands." And besides paying the clergyman's stipend, and contributing more or less to every diocesan object, this church has, through the ladies of the congregation, lately improved the interior of their place of worship by carpeting the chancel and the aisle at considerable expense, thus giving a comfortable and cosy appearance to the house of God. There is still remaining a debt of some \$300 on the Church edifice—but from recent indications, and offers made by three or four of the male heads of families, there is little doubt that with the improved condition of the farmers generally, and the hopeful prospect of this little congregation, the existing indebtedness will soon be removed.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

BRACEBRIDGE.—Mr. Boydell, incumbent of the Mission, acknowledges the receipt of a lot of very acceptable and useful clothes and toys, &c., for distribution in my Mission, from Mrs. H. Ritchie, Secretary of W. A. S., Point Lewis; also one barrel of clothing, in excellent order, from Mrs. J. Murray, President W. A. S., St. John's Church, Stewarttown, Diocese of Niagara. These gifts testify that from east to west the needs of Algoma are not forgotten.

BURK'S FALLS.—The Rev. A. W. H. Chowne begs to acknowledge the gift of a barrel and case of clothing for the Mission of Emsdale, from the parish of Milton, Ont., per the Rector, Rev. R. D. Mackenzie; also £5 note sent to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, England, by Miss Gordon, 23 Langdown Road, Tunbridge Wells, for parsonage of Emsdale.

The Bishop of Algoma acknowledges very gratefully the receipt of \$60 from A. F., New Brunswick, and begs to report that he has appropriated it to a Missionary, whose letter reached him by the same mail asking for assistance in replacing a horse broken down by hard continuous summer and winter work.

DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

S. P. C. K.—According to the fifth Canon of this Diocese the collections of all churches on All Saints' Day and the Sunday following were devoted to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. This Society has done much for the Diocese of New Westminster, and appeals to the gratitude of every Churchman.

NEW WESTMINSTER.—*Holy Trinity.*—The Harvest Thanksgiving service was held on Thursday, Nov. 6th, at 8 p.m., and continued on the following Sunday.

It is with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction we announce that an anonymous friend in England has given £50 more towards the proposed new church site in New Westminster. This will enable the Bishop to purchase a more eligible plot of land, and there seems now to be

nothing in the way of commencing a new work which might under God's blessing develop into a great power for good in this part of His Kingdom.

A Branch of the Women's Auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missions in aid of foreign missions has been formed in Holy Trinity parish, New Westminster, and amalgamated with the Parochial Working Party.

SAPPERTON.—The Archdeacon of Columbia had a special Choral celebration on Friday, 24th Oct., at St. Mary's, Sapperton, for those who were about to leave this Diocese for work in the Mission Fields of Central Africa and Corea. The service was attended by many others, and was very much appreciated.

DIOCESE OF BRITISH HONDURAS.

BELIZE.—*St. Mary's.*

A united meeting of the two Guilds of St. Stephen and St. Mary was held on Monday evening, when over 150 members were in attendance. The warden, assisted by the vice-presidents, occupied the chair. As this was the first united meeting after the summer's vacation, the Rev. F. R. Murray addressed the members upon the general work of the Guild, specifying only one or two points of importance in the work which needed to be attended to by the members. He dwelt upon the power and effect the work of the Guild had already effected, and then showed what a mighty agency for good the Guild might become in the aggressive work of the Church in our city. The duty of regular attendance at the Holy Eucharist was insisted upon, not only as a source of individual strength but of corporate unity. A more devoted attendance at this Holy Feast, the speaker said, would do away very much with bad feeling, malice and hatred which was sometimes displayed amongst, and which he regretted to say resulted at times in, communicants bringing each up before the courts of law. This ought not to be. The new efforts put forth by the Diocese through its Board of Missions and the distribution of the Missionary boxes was alluded to, showing that the need of every individual help in the Master's work was being realized every day.

The Rev. I. A. R. Swabey afterwards addressed the members upon the personal life of the members of the Guild, and showed that by only a personal realization of our duties as members could we advance the general good of the Guild and make them what they ought to be.

Mr. Hope and others then delivered short addresses, specially dwelling upon the increased activity that was being displayed by the Church in the care of the children of the Church outside of Belize, and rejoicing that two new Missions had been started. The warden afterwards read a very interesting and thrilling story entitled 'The Hill Club.' Thirteen candidates were proposed for admission into St. Mary's Guild and all elected; one of whom, being about to leave the city on the morrow, was immediately initiated. Four candidates were proposed and elected for St. Stephen's Guild. After the closing office had been said and the benediction pronounced this enthusiastic meeting of the united guilds was brought to a close.

ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.—The Bi-monthly meeting of this Guild was held on Monday with a fair attendance of about thirty members. Several matters of importance were discussed, especially with regard to the guild work for the winter. It was proposed and carried to have an entertainment on the 25th of November. The warden, the Rev. F. R. Murray, said that at next meeting he would bring forward the proposition to unite St. Stephen's Guild with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and that he would then be prepared to lay before the

members the principles and rules of that great and increasing body. Five candidates were initiated and six candidates for admission were proposed.

The Harvest Festival for St. John's and St. Mary's parishes were held last week, when the sermon was preached by the Bishop's Commissary. Both churches were most beautifully and tastefully decorated. The singing too was ably rendered by both choirs. St. John's choir showed the result of much good training. The offertories in both churches were as usual given to the S. P. C. K.: St. Mary's being about \$42, and St. John's \$43.

The Children's Flower Festival in connection with St. John's Sunday School was held on the evening of the Harvest Festival, but owing to heavy rains was not largely attended. An interesting address was delivered by the curate, the Rev. I. A. R. Swabey.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette:

The paper read by the Archbishop of Dublin at the Hull Church Congress on "Home Reunion" was a most valuable contribution to the discussion of this most difficult question. It will be quite apparent that the paper came from one who has thoroughly studied the subject in all its bearings, and who believes in the depth and reality of the movement in reuniting the broken portions of Christendom. The Archbishop does not write as one in a hurry. His Grace knows that great and permanent movements are essentially slow movements; that the seed must first be dropped into the earth and allowed to mature there before it can spring up and bear fruit. His whole paper was in this direction. In the meantime, on two points in particular, his Grace uttered wise words. First, on the subject of a possible reunion with the Roman Church, the Archbishop said—"Most sincerely do I long for such a change in the teaching and the attitude of the Church of Rome as might render negotiation possible. Nor do I despair of such a consummation in the future. But just because I have this longing, I feel deeply the importance of first rallying the scattered forces of Protestantism under the banner of a united National Church. Secondly, on the subject of rash and immature efforts after reunion, his Grace gave these profound words of warning:—"Premature and ill-considered strivings after fusion too often result, I fear, in confusion. Much as I should welcome some mutual arrangement among the Churches authorizing an interchange of pulpits, I cannot, in the absence of such authority, see the advantage of such a practice. Nor am I sure that, as a rule, united services habitually recurring at short intervals are free from danger. There is a risk—I speak from experience—lest those who frequently and steadily meet for such a purpose may become more enamoured of these services than of the regular ministrations in their respective communions. And thus a process of general disintegration ensues. The separated particles form a kind of nebula, which begins to rotate on its own axis and move in its own orbit, gathering consistency as it goes, and at least a new sect finds its place among the religious bodies of a divided Christendom."

Church Bells:

'Bishop MacLagan went into retreat last week with about sixty or seventy of his clergy. The Bishop of Lincoln has also been holding a retreat, at which some two hundred clergy were present.' This is a quotation from a contemporary in a recent issue. To-day we read it without the slightest shock, without any surprise—almost, indeed, or altogether, as a matter of course. But what would a past generation have said to it, or even ourselves not so many years ago? It is easy to remember the time when the word 'retreat' savoured