

Diocesan Notes.

PINCHER CREEK.—At last the long looked for has happened, and the addition to the Rectory accomplished, just in time to ward off the winter weather which at this time may fall upon us with little warning. The finishing of the inside has been left till funds are available, when it is hoped the balance of the work will be completed and all made snug and tight. For the present the Rector is grateful to the Parish for providing a suitable study and a spare bedroom, which both himself and Mrs. Smith hope will prove a resting place for friends who choose to take shelter for the night under the Rectory roof.

On Thursday, October 5th, as intimated in last month's magazine, there was held in the Parish of Saint John's, the first Harvest Home Festival, which passed off so successfully and smoothly that it is likely to become now an annual event in the Parochial Organizations, a time for the congregation to meet together, combining the social as well as the religious life of the Church.

Special service was held in the church at 2 p.m. The church was very prettily decorated for the occasion the day before, and as the hour of service approached there were seen wagons and rigs of many kinds making their way towards the church and when the service began some forty or fifty people were present; as the service progressed many others came in until the Church was quite full, about 80. There was noticed among the congregation some of our Methodist

brethren with their pastor, some Presbyterians, and a few Romans, all it is hoped intent in offering their thanksgivings and praises to the Great Lord of the Harvest. It was a pleasing sight to witness, and a guarantee of goodwill towards the Church, out of which they sprang, and her offices. The service which consisted of shortened Morning Prayer, with special Psalms and Lessons and the authorized form to be used on such occasions, and many of the beautiful Harvest Hymns in H. A. & M., was read by the Rector, the Lessons being taken by Canon Hilton, who also preached a very suitable Harvest Sermon, which was listened to with by an interested and attentive congregation, from the text, "Behold a Sower went forth to sow." Space will not permit to give an epitome of the discourse, save this, that 'while in the ordinary and natural order of things 'change and decay in all around I see,' sowing and reaping were things which will come and go, season by season, till the end of time, as they have come and gone from the time of God's first promise in Genesis. The preacher also dwelt upon that final scene when the Harvest of Souls would be gathered in by the Angel Reapers. Among the congregation were seen many of our Church flock who had ridden or driven 15 or 20 miles in order to keep the Feast of Harvest.

Immediately after the service the congregation adjourned to the Rectory and grounds, where tables had been prepared and laden with all kinds of good things in the new addition, whose building was so tardy and yet so timely, pro-