

The sums contributed to the Indian Famine Fund, through different channels, by members of our congregation, amounted, so far as ascertained, to \$70.

#### SANDY BEACH.

The Rev. G. T. Harding writes:—

I am thankful to observe and should like to record improvement here in the matter of the observance of Holy days, although, in my opinion, our Parish would always compare favourably in this respect with even those of the City. I have already called attention in the GAZETTE to an improvement during the Winter season, and the Ascensiontide Festival now furnishes another instance. On the Rogation Days we had prayers at 9 A.M., of a supplicatory character, and the attendance was much better than in former years. On Tuesday, especially, there was quite a large congregation. Some had walked two miles, and others, further away, had driven, simply to join with me in "asking" for God's blessing, for there was no Address. On Ascension Day, itself, the Service was at 11 o'clock with a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, and was in every way cheering. We had what is our usual Sunday congregation, of which the offertory collection (\$2.70) is an evidence, being more than the usual Sunday collection. Twenty-five received the Holy Communion—a very good number considering the fact that we have fortnightly Celebrations, and that on Whitsunday, ten days later, there were thirty-seven Communicants. On Monday and Tuesday in Whitsun-week the attendance was also good. I now earnestly hope that our congregation will continue to improve in this respect, for I am becoming more and more convinced every year, that a real advancement in the spiritual life depends, a great deal more than many people think, upon the careful observance of the whole system of Holy Seasons which the Church has provided for us.

I am glad to note, by the way, that the collection for Domestic Missions on the Sunday after Ascension Day (\$8.59) is larger than any obtained for many years towards the same object.

#### WATERVILLE.

The annual celebration of the Queen's Birthday (May 24th) took place as usual

at Waterville under the auspices of St. John's Church Guild, and consisted of a Fancy Sale from 3 o'clock onwards with refreshments, also of a good tea for all comers from 5 to 7, and a varied programme after 8 o'clock. A short play entitled, "Too Clever by Half," was well rendered. There was a large attendance. The proceeds amounted to sixty dollars, and the willing workers and entertainers were well pleased with the result of their efforts.

#### NORTH HATLEY.

The interior of the Church of St. Barnabas, North Hatley, has just had a plain but very pretty sheathing of ash put upon its walls and open rafters. Mouldings upon windows, a Chancel-arch, &c., have still to be executed. A large number of summer visitors is expected at this pretty resort upon Lake Massawippi.

#### EUSTIS.

The Services, the Sunday School and the meetings of the Guild connected with the congregation of Christ Church, Eustis, are being maintained with encouraging results. The new Church as it stands is practically free from debt, but the interior is quite unfinished, and so much remains yet to be done. It is however in regular use.

#### POSTSCRIPT.

The Editor begs to acknowledge the following additional subscriptions received for 1897.—

Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Raulin Amy, Quebec, Miss J. E. Andrews, Hereford, Miss M. Hart, Marbleton, Reverend G. G. Nicolls (5), Mrs. Buchanan, Lake Edward, Reverend G. H. Parker (12), Mr. R. T. Walker, Bishop's College, Lennoxville.

Also for 1898:—Mr. W. Gilkerson, Eustis.

Also for 1898-1900:—Mr. Raulin Amy.

All items of news, &c., intended for the August Number, should reach us on or before July 20th.