

little more than forty seven years ago, and is as follows:

'On the Sunday after Ascension day, being the 19th day of May, 1844, the new church of St. Paul's, Port Robinson, (of which Messrs. Dilly Coleman, George Jordan, J. H. Lacey and David Habershaw had been the building committee, and Mr. H. W. Tims their treasurer, and Mr. John Warner the builder) was opened for divine service. The day was most auspicious, and the congregation, which completely filled the church, appeared gratified and profited by the services of the day. On this interesting occasion the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ was administered for the first time in Port Robinson. Communicants: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lampman, Mr. Geo. Keefer, Mrs. Keefer, Mr. and Miss Bradley, Mrs. James Keefer of St. Peter's, Thorold, and Mrs. Lacey, Mrs. Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. Habershaw, Mr. and Mrs. Canniff, Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner, Mr. Comer, Mrs. Walter Biggar, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, Mrs. Todd and Mrs. Reavley.'

With reference to this extract, it is well to state that although the service thus described was the first held in the Port Robinson church, services had been previously held by Dr. Fuller during a period of three years in the old frame school house, which still stands in the village. Two or three members of the congregation can recollect attending those earlier services. It is also well to observe that the list of the communicants given above does not seemingly include the names of all who were present at the Holy Communion, as after the last name occurs a blank, which it was evidently the intention of the rev. recorder to supply after further thought and inquiry. This blank will explain the absence of the name of any person whose children now alive have been led to believe that a father or mother not mentioned was present at the first communion.

The first vestry meeting was held on the 25th May, 1844, at which were present beside the Rector of the parish (Rev. Mr. Fuller,) Messrs. Coleman, Havershaw, Gardiner, Jordan, Lacy, Davis, Brown, Canniff, Pierce and Shannon. Amongst other resolutions passed was one in the following terms:

'That those who will rent seats will always be glad to accommodate those who will wish to attend the church and have no seats therein, and that the sexton shall be instructed to show respectable persons into any seat in the church.' After a few years the free seat system was adopted and has been the unfailing rule since that time.

The church as at first constructed was a substantial frame building, painted white both inside and outside. Very little was done to alter its appearance until Canon Robarts, who succeeded the second Rector, Rev. Dr. Reed, took charge of the parish. Then the chancel was improved by the addition of a wooden reredos and the introduction of choir benches and other suitable chancel furniture.

Lately, under the supervision of the present Rector and his energetic assistant, Rev. W. J. Piggott, who have been assisted by a committee of earnest, progressive members of the congregation, the church has undergone such renovation and adornment as have made it look, so far as the interior is concerned, like some new building. While the general appearance has been greatly improved, special attention has been given to the windows. A beautifully executed stained glass window, containing as its subject St. Paul with the customary Roman or straight sword in his hand, suggestive of his martyrdom, occupies a place in the chancel wall. This has been presented by the members of the Coleman family in memory of their father and mother, Dilly and Sarah Coleman, who died respectively on Jan. 4th, 1888 and Jan. 16th, 1887. Other windows, beautiful but less elaborate, occupying places in the side

walls, commemorate persons with the dates of their decease, as follows:

Hugh Ross, Nov. 19th, 1878; Wm. B. Jackson, July 26th, 1882; Wm. Reavley, Feb. 7th, 1885; George Jordan, Dec. 27th, 1852. John B. Abbey, Dec. 12th, 1877; Mary A. Willson, April 8th, 1888. Catherine and her grandson, Cameron Heavely. The members of the Grisdale family purpose adding another window, which is to be placed above the front entrance.

The services of Sunday, Sept. 6th, were largely attended. Rev. W. J. Piggott preached in the morning. Rev. E. J. Fessenden in the afternoon, and Rev. W. J. Armitage in the evening. In the afternoon Rev. P. L. Spencer gave a brief sketch of the early history of the church and congregation and congratulated all concerned on the pleasing and tasteful result of the work of the past few months. The number of communicants at the morning service was 32, and the offerings given during the day amounted to \$34.88.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON.—A Memorial Service was held in St. Matthew's Church on Sunday evening, the 13th inst. Miss M. Seaborne, daughter of the Rev. Mr. Seaborne, died on the 9th. She was a member of the choir, a Sunday school teacher and a worker in the several parochial associations. She was dearly beloved by all who knew her, and the congregation feel they have lost a most zealous and faithful leader in every good work. Her place in the choir was draped, her books tied together in mourning, and the hymns all in keeping with the object of the service. By request Rev. Canon Davies preached an appropriate sermon, drawing many lessons from the sudden removal of one of their co workers. The whole service was solemn, and many tears were shed and sobs heard during the delivery of the sermon. The esteemed Rector and his family have the prayerful sympathy of the whole congregation.

The Lord Bishop of Huron has returned from his Maritime trip, and preached in St. Paul's Church Sunday night. There was a very large congregation. His Lordship appears greatly invigorated by his rest, and his discourse, based on the text, 'If the Son, therefore, shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.'—St. John, viii., 36—was one of the most vigorous and eloquent of the Bishop's very able efforts. He spoke of Jesus as the great liberator, whose message was sent alike to nations and individuals, and especially to those who were slaves of a besetting habit or sin. The gospel of Jesus contained the answer to all the great social and national questions of the day. The preacher was particularly impressive when he appealed personally to his hearers to accept the liberty offered by the Saviour; not to wait till they became fit. The idea was illustrated by the use of an hospital—it was not for convalescing patients, but for those who were sick; the hospital of Jesus Christ was never closed. To the Church the message came as an encouragement to labor on, and rejoice in all trials and circumstances for her freedom was bought with His precious blood. The musical service under Mr. George B. Sippi's direction was worthy of the highest praise. There was a strong choir and the selection and rendering the anthem, chants and hymns was beautiful and appropriate.—*Free Press*.

GLANWORTH.—This parish continues to progress. It is but a few years since they built a handsome brick Church, and now have a fine brick rectory almost completed. This is the result of a united effort of a little faithful congregation. May it stimulate many others in the Diocese to greater exertions.

BRANTFORD.—Grace Church is presently to have a chime of bells, costing about \$2,000. This will be a great boon to the whole town,

and the event is looked forward to with great interest.

PARLEY.—The Rev. A. Corbett of Dandak is about to take charge of this Mission. The congregation is most anxious to have him in their midst, and it is hoped that with two services each Sunday marked improvements will be seen.

KIRKTON.—St. Paul's.—The annual Thanksgiving Services in St. Paul's Church on Sunday evening, Sept 13th, were of a most interesting character. Through the praiseworthy efforts of the ladies of the congregation the interior of the Church was tastefully decorated with flowers, fruit and grain; and besides a large anchor suspended over the chancel, covered with moss and out flowers,—the special design of Mrs. R. H. Robinson—there were placed on the Communion Table several pots of flowers in full bloom. One noticeable feature was a large carnation at the foot of the lectern, measuring 38½ inches in circumference and weighing 8 pounds 10 ounces, grown in the garden of Capt. W. H. Paisay. The audience on Sunday numbered over 200 people, so that extra seats had to be improvised to accommodate all present. Much praise is due to the Church choir for their rendition of the hymns and chants, and also of a very appropriate Anthem during the taking up of the offertory. The sermon by the Incumbent was founded on 1 Chron. xxix, 14: 'All things come of Thee; and of thine own have we given Thee.'

On Monday evening a public entertainment was given in the Town Hall, which proved a gratifying success. After a sumptuous harvest dinner provided by the ladies, a programme was rendered consisting of anthems by the choir, a solo by Mr. Douglas Bryan, and excellent addresses by Rev. Mr. Hutton (Methodist), Rev. Mr. Fletcher (Presbyterian), and Rev. Mr. Brown-Serman, Church of England clergyman at Hensall. The proceeds netted \$24. Rev. Mr. Steele presided on the occasion.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

ASPEN.—Sunday, August 16th, was observed as the 5th anniversary of the Church.

The day opened with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m., the celebrant being the Rev. J. C. Roper, M.A., Rector of St. Thomas, Toronto.

At 11 o'clock the church was well filled, the congregation (which numbered 75) being the largest on record since the opening day.

The Rev. H. P. Lowe, the incumbent of the Mission, intoned Mattins and celebrated, the lessons being read by Mr. Davidson.

A very earnest and impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. J. C. Roper, from 1 Cor. xv. 35. The festival concluded with choral Evensong at 7:30.

The Rev. J. C. Roper also preached to large congregations at Lancelot and Allansville in the afternoon and evening respectively.

The annual picnics have been held at Aspen and Lancelot during the past month, and both were decided successes.

A meeting was held at Clifton Hall, on Aug. 25th, to vote for delegates to represent the Diocese at the Provincial Synod, in accordance with the Canon recently passed.

GRASSMERE.—On Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, the Bishop of Algoma, assisted by the Missionary at Huntsville, and the Catechist held service at Grassmere, and consecrated the cemetery of St. Paul's Grassmere, 'to Almighty God, for the burial of the dead, according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, that the bodies of the faithful may therein rest in peace and hope of the resurrection to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

The Bishop left by the 3:30 p.m. train going north, for the Sault Ste. Marie.