

## ONTARIO.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

OTTAWA.—The Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held in Christ Church. The members of the church and more especially the ladies connected therewith, enjoy an enviable notoriety for tasteful displays, and the character thus earned was fully sustained by the splendour and magnificence of the decorations. On entering the church the eye was at once struck with the text "I am the Vine" over the altar, formed entirely of soft maple leaves of every hue and tint, the work of Mr. W. Langton and Miss C. Wicksteed, while above were two vases of flowers and a beautiful cross formed entirely of ears of wheat. On the altar itself was a magnificent collection of fruit, with miniature sheaves of wheat mingled with evergreens and red berries on either side. At the foot of the altar was a display of berries, and in the centre a cross of geraniums, with bouquets of wheat, evergreens and berries at the corners. On either side of the text "I am the Vine" were two bannerettes, one with the words "Come ye Thankful People," and the other "Raise the song of Harvest Home." The letters were all formed of leaves of rare tints, while the bannerettes had a bordering of wheat and flowers, and suspended beneath were stars formed of wheat. Two immense pumpkins reposed, one on each side of the altar railing. The railing itself was decorated with loops of evergreens and flowers, passing both rows of seats in the front and terminating with a wreath and bouquets beneath. The lectern was richly decorated. From the chandeliers were suspended hanging baskets and bouquets of flowers, and placed between the four columns composing the pillars of the church were tasteful collections of vegetables, fruits, flowers, leaves, etc. The front of the gallery was decorated with loops of evergreens and flowers. The baptismal font near the entrance had been turned into an immense floral bouquet.

The whole decorations were exceedingly beautiful and beyond description. And now a word as to the decorators. The ladies taking a most active part in this regard were Mesdames Donaldson, J. B. Lewis, J. C. Stewart, C. J. Anderson, Remon, More, Duck, H. J. Cambee, and A. Lindsay, Miss Powell, the Misses Clemow, Petard, Misses C. Wicksteed, Davidson and Forrest.

The clergy present were Archdeacon Lauder, Canon Jones, Revs. Codd and Smith (Ottawa), Jemmett (Rochesterville), Leslie (Bell's Corners), and Appleby (Sault Ste. Marie). Semi-choral service commenced by Archdeacon Lauder reading the special prefatory sentences, followed by the ordinary and special prayers, the Rev. T. H. Appleby reading the first, and Rev. H. T. Leslie the second lesson. The musical portion was under the direction of Mr. J. C. Stewart, organist. The Rev. Canon Jones preached an admirable sermon on (Isa. ix. 3.) "The joy of Harvest." A good collection was made for the poor of the parish, to be disbursed by the Ladies' Benevolent Association.

FRANKVILLE, KITLEY.—The parsonage house and out-buildings of this mission were totally destroyed by fire on the morning of Thursday the 4th inst. When first discovered by the clergyman, the Rev. Mr. Forsythe, it was about 5 o'clock a. m., and both he and his wife were obliged to get instantly out of the house in order to save their lives—going out in their night clothing, everything in a few minutes more having been consumed in the flames.

It is not known how the fire originated; the building was insured for a small amount. A large number of valuable books, including prizes obtained in Trinity College, Dublin; important private papers, his watch, furniture and clothing. His wife's clothing and jewelry (the latter containing some family relics which money could not purchase) his horse, buggy, sleigh and robes, with other things too numerous to mention, were amongst the losses, which amount to about \$2000 for himself and wife.

A public meeting was held in Frankville on the 8th inst. to devise means on the part of friends and parishioners to express their sympathy in some practical way.

Mrs. Forsythe is ill in Carlton Place; but both

herself and her husband are thankful for the preservation of their lives in so great peril, and cheerful in the assurance that good loving kindness is present under the veil of affliction, that He who takes away can also give, and cause all things to work together for the good of His loving, trusting children.

## TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections &c., received during the week ending October 13th. 1877.

MISSION FUND.—July Collection.—Middleton 85 cents, Coulson's Corners \$1.80, Bradford \$3.35; Brampton \$3.00.

Parochial Collections.—Bolton and Sandhill \$63.00; Bradford, on account \$25.00.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—October Collection.—Weston, St. Philip's \$3.26; Credit, St. Peter's \$12.55, St. John's \$3.68, Trinity \$1.60; All Saints', Toronto \$70.00.

Annual Subscriptions.—Rev. Albert W. Spragge \$5.00; Rev. William Jupp \$5.00.

TORONTO.—We are sorry to announce that the Rev. Mr. Tilley still remains seriously ill. He was slightly better on Tuesday, with hopes of recovery.

TRINITY COLLEGE, TORONTO.—The following is the result of the recent Matriculation Examination at Trinity College:—Mr. W. M. Cruttenden, Trinity College School, Port Hope, the first scholarship of \$200; Mr. G. B. Sage, Brantford Collegiate Institute, the second scholarship of \$150; Mr. H. L. Ingles, Trinity College School, Port Hope, the third scholarship of \$100; Mr. L. Welwood, Private tuition; Mr. G. R. Caldwell, Trinity College School, Port Hope; Mr. R. J. Moore, Trinity College School, Port Hope; Mr. H. C. Cox, Trinity Coll. School, Port Hope; Mr. Kinney, Gananoque High School; Mr. F. W. Squire, Wentworth School, Hamilton; Mr. J. S. Howard, Trinity College School, Port Hope; Mr. A. F. Campbell, Trinity College School, Port Hope; Mr. G. W. Allan, Trinity College School, Port Hope; Mr. A. C. Watt, Bishops' College School, Lennoxville; Mr. R. Ritchie, Bishops' College, Lennoxville; Mr. E. F. Howitt, Private tuition.

We are pleased to observe that Trinity College School has again the honour of carrying off the First Scholarship, a distinction that her boys have won for a number of years in succession. It is satisfactory to notice that out of the fifteen candidates who passed the examination no less than eight were from this institution.

We are also glad to learn that the present year for the College begins under most auspicious circumstances. The new Convocation Hall is just being completed—the dining hall having already been used—and adds most materially to the appearance of the building both from within and without. The view as you approach the college from the west side through the new gate, just made, is very fine; and the effect on entering the main door in front, with the Convocation Hall directly before you, is really imposing, and shows the wisdom of placing the hall where it is.

ST. MATTHIAS.—Presentation of address to a Working-man.—It is not often that, in a mixed congregation, one of the humbler classes of society gains, in spite of his social position, a prominent place among his fellow-worshippers, by sheer force of unusual intelligence and other superior qualities. This, however, has recently been the case in the parish of St. Matthias, Toronto, where Mr. John Michael Gander, a master-mason, has been the recipient of a token of universal respect on the eve of his departure for England. Knowing the esteem in which Mr. Gander was held by the Parishioners, Rev. R. Harrison, the Incumbent, determined to afford an opportunity for its expression by issuing a general invitation to members of his congregation to be present at the Parsonage last Wednesday evening. Notwithstanding very inclement weather, there was a large turnout of both sexes, and after due attention to music, singing, conversation and refreshments, the proceedings were pleasantly interrupted by the Churchwarden, Mr. W. A. Fowler, reading to Mr. Gander an address wishing him "God Speed"

and reciting the good works in which he had engaged since the inception of the Parish. Mr. Gander replied in a few appropriate remarks, deprecating the honour thus flatteringly bestowed, and protesting that his efforts to be useful had their origin in a desire to serve the Divine Master faithfully. Mr. Harrison then referred in terms of high encomium to the effect of such an example of unostentatious, yet indefatigable, zeal in Church work, expressing a hope that their friend would soon return among them. The address which had been handsomely illuminated by Mrs. T. K. Morgan, contained, in a richly floriated border, exquisite sketches of the interior and exterior of the Church, in the latter case shewing the decorations of the recent Harvest Festival during the Octave of St. Michael and All Angels 1877, which Holy day was also Mr. Gander's birthday. On the following morning a large number of parishioners assembled at the Holy Eucharist, which would be Mr. Gander's last in Canada, and bid him farewell. Throughout the whole proceedings some of the most hearty participants were not only of the same or humbler ranks of society, but not a few of the higher classes were foremost to testify their deep interest. Mr. Gander is a nephew of the clergyman of that name who has so long and faithfully served the Church in this diocese.

BOLTON.—Christ Church.—The annual Harvest Festival was held on Sunday and Monday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1st. Great improvement had been made in the chancel preparatory to the festival. The chief objects of attraction were the new east window and the altar. The window is a very handsome one, the work of the Canada Stained Glass Works, Joseph McCausland, 8 King Street, Toronto. The centre light contains a representation of our Saviour in the act of blessing, and the lights on either side, the one St. John and the other St. Peter. It is placed there by Robert Johnston, Esq., to the glory of God, and in memory of a beloved son and daughter. Mr. Johnston, while raising one of the most beautiful monuments to the memory of his children, deserves the gratitude of his fellow churchmen—the magnificent tints, colouring God's light as it floods the sanctuary, add a glory to the church, raise the mind from common place things, and lift the thoughts upwards from the beauty of God's temple on earth to the grandeur of that which is to come.

The altar is a beautiful piece of workmanship and in some degree worthy of its sacred use. It is built of oak, and richly carved with appropriate emblems and texts. This has been bought by Mrs. Mondelet's class in the Sunday school. Teacher and scholars have by the work of their hands been able to make this costly gift. Besides these, the walls were richly papered and decorated, and also the inner part of the chancel covered with a handsome Brussels carpet, the gift of Mrs. Mondelet.

In addition to these permanent improvements the church was nicely decorated with grain and fruits, giving it a harvest-festival appearance.

On Sunday the congregations were very large, in the evening many being forced to turn away. On Monday there were large congregations morning and evening. In the afternoon a picnic was held in Mr. Shore's grove, and after evening song a social in the town hall. The evening was spent pleasantly and profitably with music, amusements and a most excellent address from the Rev. Mr. Swallow, of Mono Mills.

This brought to a close a happy and useful time. The large congregation, the beauty of the sanctuary, the decorations of the church, all combining to help and stir up a feeling of love and gratitude in every heart in which there were any such sentiments of piety and thoughtfulness to be stirred up. The ladies of the congregation were as usual active in making the festival a success, while the churchwardens, Messrs. John Switzer and George Johnston, were most zealous in co-operating with their clergyman, and in carrying out the arrangements. The members of this congregation are to be commended for their earnestness and zeal, and they may feel assured that their faithful loving endeavours for the glory of God and for the prosperity of His Holy Catholic Church are not lost, but will bring a rich reward both in this world and in the world that is to come.