

rupted priestly relations to this particular flock—and capping all, of a sexton of an equally lengthy tenure of office. The little volume is in itself an inspiration. One reads it with an interest akin to that of fiction. It deals, however, with solid realities; it is plain and unadorned history; it exemplifies the fruits of faith and pure devotion, and it lights an unsought halo around a venerable form, who himself is the first to disclaim. 'Not unto us, not unto us, but unto Thy Name be the praise.'

A glowing poetic tribute from a former member of St. Mark's Church closes the volume and ends:

"That it in all good, be increased,
God bless the paths in which have trod
The white-haired sexton, revered priest;
Of this vine-covered house of God."

Every fortunate reader will heartily add, Amen.

St. John's.—The vestry meeting of St. James' Church, St. John's, on Monday evening, August 3rd, to receive the resignation of the Rev. J. F. Renaud, was well attended. Mr. G. H. Wilkinson occupied the chair, and Mr. E. R. Smith acted as Secretary. The Secretary read the letter of resignation of Mr. Renaud, which was most sympathetic in tone, and conveyed to the vestry and congregation at large the assurances of his abiding love and consideration for them. On motion of Mr. L. G. Macdonald, seconded by Mr. J. B. Stewart, the resignation was accepted with regret and the kind sentiments of Mr. Renaud fully reciprocated. A large number of those present gave expression to their sincere regret at Mr. Renaud's withdrawal from a parish in which he has labored so earnestly and successfully for nine years past. The resignation will date from the 1st of September next. After some consultation a plan for the election of a successor to Mr. Renaud was adopted. This was that the vestry should resolve itself into a committee of the whole and receive the names of eligible candidates for the position; that a choice should ultimately be made from the names so submitted, and that the clergyman receiving the majority of votes should be declared the unanimous choice of the meeting. Names were then submitted, and the meeting was afterwards adjourned for two weeks.

Knowlton.—Rev. Dr. Norton, Rector of Montreal, kindly took Sunday services in St. Paul's and Bondville on the 2nd August, in order that the Rector's rest might be prolonged. Needless to say that the services were greatly appreciated.

Episcopal Appointments.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese will make his annual Visitation to the Rural Deanery of Clarendon in August, as follows:

Thursday, August 13, St. John's, Aylwin, Rev. L. B. Pearce.
Friday, August 14, St. James', Wright, Rev. L. B. Pearce.
Sunday, August 16, Holy Trinity, Alleyne.
Tuesday, August 18, St. James', Leslie.
Wednesday, August 19, Thorne Centre.
Thursday, August 20, St. Stephen's, Thorne West; St. Matthew's, North Clarendon.
Saturday, August 22, St. Luke's, Bristol, Rev. Rural Dean Naylor.
Sunday, August 23, Shawville, Rev. Rural Dean Naylor.
Monday, August 24, St. Thomas, Bristol, Rev. Rural Dean Naylor.
Tuesday, August 25, St. George, Portage du Fort, Rev. A. A. Allen.
Wednesday, August 26, St. James', Bryson, Rev. A. A. Allen.
Thursday, August 27, St. John's, Quio.
Friday, August 28, St. Matthew's, North Onslow; St. Luke's, Bardley, Rev. W. Raven.
Saturday, August 29, St. Augustine, Bardley, Rev. W. Raven.

Sunday, August 30, Christ Church, Aylmer, Rev. H. L. A. Almon.

The Lord Bishop may be addressed during the Visitation as follows:—From August 14th to 26th, care of Rev. W. H. Naylor, Shawville; August 26th to 30th, care of Rev. H. L. A. Almon, Aylmer.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

GUELPH.—The annual excursion of the St. George's Bible Association is always looked forward to with much interest by the members of the class and their friends, and the last one on the 23rd of July to Milton was as great a success as any of its predecessors. The party were accompanied by the Ven. Archdeacon Dixon and the Rev. R. Seaborn. Countless baskets of provisions were carefully stowed away in a car, and about 10 a.m. the train started with about 130 passengers.

St. George's Church Examinations.—The examinations took place on the 7th of May, the Rev. Canon Belt, of Burlington, being the examiner appointed by the London Board of Management for this Diocese. The answers were immediately sealed up and forwarded to the head office, where special examiners decide upon their merits. The results arrived here on Monday, the 27th, and must be regarded as very satisfactory. There were eight candidates, but one, unfortunately, was unable to be present on account of sickness. Of the seven, four had not been at any previous examination, and three were candidates for higher positions. In the A, or Junior Section, Miss Annie Colson and Miss May Keating each obtained a first class. In Scripture questions the former took ninety marks, and Miss Keating 85, out of a possible 100. They also took high positions in Catechism questions. Ruth Smith gained a second class in these subjects. In the B, or Intermediate Section, Miss Grace Kernighan took a 1st class, having passed an excellent examination in Scripture questions and the Prayer Book, her marks being 30 and 75. Annie Hutchinson took 2nd class honors. In the C, or Advanced Section, Miss Annie J. Kernighan and Miss Alice Hayward each took a 1st class, the former obtaining 80 marks and the latter 85 in the advanced Scripture questions, and doing very well also in the Prayer Book questions, and in writing out lessons on two of the Parables.

Altogether the result of the examinations reflects great credit on the candidates for the zeal and energy displayed by them in making an excellent use of the limited time they could devote to their studies. We trust that there will be a larger class of competitors for the next examination.

Eleven of the teachers now in school have obtained the S.S. Institute certificates, while several others who obtained them are lost to the school through marriage or removal.

St. George's School Picnic.—Through the kindness of Mr. Peterson the children of St. George's School on Saturday afternoon, July 4th, had a very pleasant outing on his beautiful grounds. There was a very large turnout of young folk and of their parents and friends. Ample provision was made for all at 'the tables that groaned with the weight of the feast,' Games of all kinds, swings, &c., fully occupied the time of the youngsters after the 'inner man' was refreshed, and the happy party broke up as darkness began to fall on the gay scene.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

Kirkton.—St. Paul's.—Under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid considerable improvements have been made of late in the interior of this church, which had been built some thirty years ago. A new bell made at Troy, N.Y., has been placed in the tower. The chancel has been covered with a new carpet and the aisle with matting, giving a bright appearance to the interior. Also the old pulpit and read-

ing desk have been renovated more in harmony with architectural taste. Including other repairs, such as repainting the outside of the church and putting up new chimneys, &c., the whole cost of improvement is a little short of some two hundred dollars. Special praise is due to the ladies who worked harmoniously; and also to Capt. W. H. Paisey, the veteran sexton of over 80 years of age, who has so long and faithfully served in that capacity as well as in the office of S. S. Superintendent, for his painstaking efforts in keeping the church in such good order. Farther improvements are contemplated in the near future. The Executive Committee of the Synod of Huron at their last meeting decided to reorganize this too extensive Mission, by uniting Prospect Hill with Granton and St. James' Church, Clandeboye; which arrangement is to take effect from and after the first of October. The incumbent, Rev. H. D. Steele, is doing a good work in this district of country and is to be congratulated on the unity and harmony that prevails throughout all three parishes.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

The Rev. E. F. Wilson has been appointed by the Ethnological Department of the coming 'World's Columbian Exposition,' which takes place in Chicago in 1893, to visit the Indians of treaties Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, in Manitoba and the Northwest, and make observations as to their physical characteristics, measure their persons, and collect specimens of their manufactures, etc. As all expenses are paid while travelling this gives Mr. Wilson an opportunity of extending his visits among the various Indian tribes. He expects to spend about two months at the work this Fall, and to go up again, if he can spare the time for it, next spring.

A little Chipewyan girl has been sent down by the Rev. J. Lofthouse of Fort Churchill, Hudson's Bay, to Mr. Wilson's Indian Home at Elkhorn. The child is brought down by some H. B. C. people and has been about three months on the way.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette:

As far as we can judge, the Church Association will take very little by the appeal from the Archbishop's judgment to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. Without forestalling the judgment, we think it is plain that the majority of the judges see through the vast amount of frivolous and vexatious opposition raised against Dr. King. The learned counsel for the Association has more than once been 'floored' by their lordships, and has had to meet a court bristling with difficult questions. It would have been better, in its own interests, for the Church Association to have accepted the Lambeth judgment, because, so far as we see, the critical acumen developed by such men as the Lord Chancellor and the Bishop of Lichfield, has strengthened rather than weakened the hands of those who are on the side of the impugned Bishop of Lincoln. We have been always of the opinion that in the interests of Protestantism these suits were unwise, and that such ritual questions should have been left to settle themselves, with the aid of the Bishops. As it is, the only thing that seems to gain from litigation is the very ritualism the Church Association professes a desire to suppress. The whole tendency of such litigation in open court is to direct attention to, and make people conversant with, an advanced ritual.

Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette:

The Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, passed by the House of Commons, has failed to reach the Upper House, and so our present marriage law gets a respite for another year. The 99th Canon of the English Church declares such marriages