

## LACHINE.

The annual Thanksgiving services for the blessings of harvest were held in this church on Sunday, 14th inst., and were attended by large and devout congregations. Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer and sermon at 11, and Evensong at 7 p.m. The morning congregation numbered about 200, and that in the evening 230; the latter being the largest recorded attendance in the church's books, the aisles being filled with chairs, all occupied. The edifice was beautifully decorated with vegetables, grains, fruits and flowers. The screen across the chancel arch, which was first used last Christmas, was again erected and trimmed with wheat, oats and hops—the summit of the screen being lighted by a row of candles. The sanctuary was all in festal white, the Holy Table being decked with flowers and wheat. Above the roredos was the text "Holy, Holy, Holy," in gilt letters, set in a canon's frame; the effect in the evening, when the church was lit being very fine. In every respect the congregation should give thanks and be encouraged by this anniversary.

The surpliced choir continues to improve since its establishment, both in numbers and practice; the singing being earnest and hearty.

There is great need of a new church in this parish, the present one being altogether too small for the growing congregations. A building able to accommodate say 400 people would not be at all too large; but at present the needs seem to outrun the ability (not the will) of the parish to cope with. The idea of using the parish hall for Sunday services, it being of much larger capacity than the church, has been mentioned and may have to be adopted, though there are some objections and some objectors to the abandonment of the church as a place of worship.

## DE RAMSAY.

Sunday, Oct. 14th, was a red letter day for the parish of de Ramsay, for on it the parishioners assembled in the new All Saints' church, and for the first time within its walls engaged in the worship of Almighty God.

At the request of the incumbent, Rev. Mr. Weaver, the congregation assembled together in the old school house and marched from there to the new church, headed by the incumbent, who was vested, singing "Onward Christian Soldiers, etc."

Owing to the indisposition of Bishop Bond, not being able to visit this mission, the incumbent used the special office of Benediction himself. On reaching the chancel, the incumbent said, "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. Peace be within these walls, and blessed be all they who shall enter in here, or go hence from this time forth, for evermore."

Then followed special Psalms and special Collects; the Lesson was Solomon's prayers at the dedication of the Temple.

Te Deum Laudamus was sung as a special thanksgiving. The incumbent's sermon, which was a special one, took his text from Rev. xxi. 22: "And I saw no temple therein." This new church is very pretty, the proportions have been studied carefully, and the effect is dignity, impressiveness and solemnity. Much praise is due Mr. George Read for this.

The Holy table and Prayer desk, together with their beautiful coverings are the gift of Mrs. Woodworth. The coverings are the work of her own hands.

The incumbent says, had it not been for Miss Julia Benny and Mrs. George Read, who have worked so hard and successfully, there would have been no church at de Ramsay.

The bulk of the money for the building of this church has been procured outside the mission from personal friends. The first subscription

for the building of this new church was received from the late Right Rev. Dr. Brooks, Bishop of Massachusetts.

Mr. Walter Benny and Mr. John Stevens are the churchwardens.

We sincerely hope His Lordship Bishop Bond may soon be able to come and consecrate this church.

## Diocese of Ontario.

## CARLETON PLACE.

A remarkably pretty wedding was solemnized in St. James' church here, on the 3rd instant, when Miss Clementine (Tina) Bell was married to Mr. Alfred Fripp, barrister, of Ottawa. The ceremony was performed by the Rector, Rev. A. Elliott, assisted by an old playmate of the bride, the Rev. Herbert Grout, M.A., of Newboro. Miss Bell was the second daughter of Mr. Andrew Bell of this town, who is well-known and universally beloved; it is meet that more than a passing notice be taken of the happy event. While joining with her many friends in wishing her 'much joy,' we deeply regret her departure from our midst, feeling that it will be hard to fill her place. Kind-hearted and unselfish to a degree she has been a friend to the clergy and laity, rich and poor alike; as many grateful hearts can testify. Called at an early age to preside over her widowed father's household, she filled the post with grace and dignity peculiar to herself, and more than a few have benefited by the kindly hospitality of the inhabitants of Acacia Villa. The people of St. James' church, especially owe much to the untiring zeal of the bride's mother (now in Paradise) who was one of the first and life long members of the noble Woman's Guild of St. James; of the Ministering Children's League and the training of Christ's little ones in the Church's truths; and ever ready to do her part in the work of the Master. The beautiful altar cloths and hangings were done by her dear hands, like Mary of old who broke her box of alabaster, she gave her 'precious things' in honor of her dear Lord for the beautifying of His Church and to further his work! It was not surprising then that so many friends from far and near crowded to the pretty church on the morning of the 3rd to see their favorite, their dear friend's daughter, married to the husband of her choice. The bridal robe of white moire antique well became the slight distingue figure of the fair young bride; the trimming of the corsage with orange blossoms and pearls was particularly admired. The bridesmaids, four in number, were Miss Jean Bell, sister of the bride; Miss M. Campbell, of Perth; Miss M. Heenan, of Pembroke, and Miss Findley, of Carleton. They looked simply charming in their unique costumes of mauve nile green daffodil and plush pink silk, trimmed with points de Venice lace; the effect of the various colors was to give the wedding its name of 'rainbow.' Mr. Gordon Henderson, barrister, of Ottawa, and Messrs. A. P. Campbell Graham Bell, of Ottawa, and Mr. A. G. Crane, of Carleton, were the ushers. After the ceremony a sumptuous dejeuner was partaken of at Acacia Villa: after which the newly married pair, Mr. and Mrs. Fripp, left by 11.55 train for Chicago and the Western States. We understand the bride and groom were the recipients of a large number of handsome presents; amongst them a jewelled watch by the bridegroom, and Knabe piano by Mr. Andrew Bell, a silver tea set by young gentlemen friends in the town; the other presents were too numerous to mention here, but went to prove the high esteem in which the bride was held. The congregation of Christ Church, Ottawa, are to be congratulated upon securing such earnest young people for their members, and we join

with hosts of others in praying that God's best blessings may be showered upon them through life and on into eternity.—Com.

## EGANVILLE.

There has been a considerable revival of Church life in this old parish during the past few months. The old and rickety outbuildings about the parsonage have been removed and new ones erected, while one church has been thoroughly renovated and another suitably fenced. Church debts to the extent of three hundred dollars and upwards have been completely wiped out and several parochial organizations brought into existence. The parish hall, a large and solidly constructed building, has been so much out of repair that it could scarcely be used in winter, owing to the impossibility of heating. This is now being thoroughly overhauled at considerable outlay, and will be divided into two compartments, one of which will be used as a church club room, open every night, comfortably furnished and supplied with reading matter, games, etc. It is hoped to thus make it serve a very good purpose, bringing within the influence of the Church some who might otherwise be hard to approach, besides supplying a comfortable inviting room for the guilds, with sacristary, Bible classes and missionary society. The more sanguine of the congregation look forward to the renovation of the church exterior next year, but as this will involve a not inconsiderable amount to do it thoroughly and complete spire, it is doubtful if it can be attempted so soon. In the midst of all this work, along comes the Rev. L. A. W. Hanington, a visit from whom is much to be dreaded if you have any money and don't want to part with it. It was not expected that he would raise more than a couple of hundred dollars in this parish for the Ottawa Episcopal endowment, but he has come and gone, and mingled with a sigh of relief at this latter fact there is a growing feeling of pleasure, of confidence and self-respect; that his earnest pleading, his manly presentation of the claims of the church's call on the attention of her people, has been so nobly responded to in a parish which has labored under considerable disadvantages, frequent and prolonged vacancies, etc. Mr. Hanington preached to their congregations, made about one hundred calls, and collected \$660 odd. In his kindly and thoughtful letter of acknowledgment, read to the people the following Sunday, Mr. Hanington greatly cheered and encouraged them by stating that he believed they had, with God's blessing, a great future before them. So mote it be. Eganville is one of the oldest parishes in the country, the church having begun services here as far back as 1854, though parochial organization did not come till some years later. In recent years it has been looked upon as a weak parish, and from one cause or another has been frequently and for long intervals without any services, while at other times it has had the services of most excellent clergymen, who all did good work, the drawback being, too brief pastorates. It is very encouraging to be able now to chronicle these signs of reviving Church life springing up from foundations laid in past years, and it is earnestly hoped that the parish may ere long be ranked amongst the strongest in the diocese and promoted to the higher degree of a self-supporting parish, no longer dependent on the nursing care of the Mission Board.

## Diocese of Niagara.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

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After lunch a highly instructive paper was read by Rev. G. H. Gaviller on "The Origin, Place and Aim of the Sunday School in Relation