

received is now transferred elsewhere. Fourteen new churches have been reported within a short period extending a little over three or four years. Eleven have been consecrated. Likewise, ten parsonages have been added, with small indebtedness. All this will testify to our activity, in things temporal, and I am correct in stating that the spiritual progress of all these parishes named by me, affords us increased delight in speaking of them. If figures are indicative in respect of spirituality, then we can gladly state our improvement in this respect. Candidates for Baptism and Confirmation are more numerous; celebrations of the Holy Communion more frequent, and are more largely and reverently observed. This feature affords us a heartfelt pleasure, and greatly encourages us to believe that the Holy Spirit is devoutly sought. Blessing, sanctification, and power are promised to them who diligently seek.

Again: I find that our mission borders are gradually widening, and new names of places appear on our list. The diocese of Niagara is small, but I trust that careful cultivation is apparent to your readers, enough to show that we are neither slothful nor careless. Besides, we have been enabled to fulfil our allotted share of aid in fostering that most interesting and hopeful missionary field—the diocese of Algoma. Last year, the Bishop of Algoma was pleased to remark to our Bishop, that no diocese in Canada had done better by his great missionary work than the diocese of Niagara, and attributed the fact to the adoption of the admirable system of parochial assessment which our Synod had recommended.

Believing that missionary intelligence is both very interesting and useful, I have again written for your columns. With thanks for your kind invitation to do so, I am

Very truly yours,

Barton, Oct. 1st, 1881. GEO. A. BULL, R.D.

HURON.

From Our Own Correspondent.

The Standing Committee of the Synod met at the Chapter House on Thursday, the 29th ult., the president, the Right Rev. the Bishop, in the chair. The meeting having been opened with prayer by the Very Rev. the Dean, the roll was called, and the following members were present:—*Clerical*: Archdeacons Nelles, Sandys, and Elwood; Rural-deans Hill, Cooper, Jamieson, Smith, Ballard, McKenzie, Davis, Patterson, Fletcher, Young, and Keys; Revs. A. C. Hill, E. Davis, J. B. Richardson, D. Deacon, F. Harding, Canon Innes, W. F. Campbell, J. Gemley, A. S. Falls, and N. N. Dillon. *Lay*: Messrs. Crotty, Eakins, Hamilton, Dr. Somerville, Hughes, Chief Smith, Complin, Golden, Dr. Holmes, Judge Davis, Currie, Rowland, Ashton, Bayly, Moyle, Cronyn, Reed, Imlach, Fox, Grey, Clarke, They, and Judge McMahon. Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, and the accounts of the year were duly passed.

The revision of the mission fund pay list, to take effect from April 1st, 1882, was referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rural-deans: the list as revised to be sent to the clergy and members of the Standing Committee, previous to the December meeting. A communication from the Rev. Canon Hincks, Rural-dean of Waterloo, was read, recommending that an afternoon service be held in Waterloo. The question of the grant was referred to the special committee.

Hensall.—This matter was laid over until next meeting, pending collections now being made.

Woodstock.—The committee to whom was referred the petition from Woodstock, reported having visited that place and met the parties interested, and heard both sides of the question, and they would recommend that steps be taken as soon as practicable, for reopening a service in old St. Paul's church, and coupling with their report their regret that the congregation cannot all unite in worship in St. Paul's new church. After discussion it was agreed to request the Bishop to revisit the place and ascertain the wishes of the people, with a view to reconcile the matters in dispute.

The Sec.-treasurer submitted a list of investments made by the committee since last meeting. The following members were reappointed an Investment Committee for the current year: Revs. Canon Innes and J. W. P. Smith; Messrs. J. Hamilton, C. F. Complin, V. Cronyn, and E. B. Read. The Rev. W. F. Campbell was reappointed deputation agent for the ensuing year. Several members spoke very favourably of the work performed by Mr. Campbell.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY.—The Bishop informed the Standing Committee of the success which had attended the work of establishing a University, and that the opening would take place on Thursday next; and requested that the Rev. Mr. Campbell be allowed to work in behalf of the University while engaged as missionary agent of the Synod, provided it would not

interfere with his legitimate work. A resolution to this effect was moved by the Rev. Canon Innes, and seconded by Mr. Cronyn, and passed unanimously.

A number of applications were received for grants, and were referred to the special committee of Rural-deans. Applications were received from the vestries of several parishes for permission to mortgage certain properties for Church purposes, all of which were agreed to by the committee.

SHELburne.—*St. Paul's*.—The annual Harvest Home festival was held in this parish on the 18th and 19th of September. Morning prayer was said in the church on Sunday, the 18th, at half-past ten, by the Rev. Mark Turnbull, the incumbent. The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. A. Rooney, incumbent of Christ Church, Whitfield, diocese of Toronto, and was a good practical address. The church was comfortably filled, every available seat being occupied. Evening Prayer was said at half-past two, by the Rev. Mark Turnbull, who also delivered the sermon. The church at this service was crowded, and great interest was manifested in the service by the whole of the congregation, many of whom had been unable to be present at the morning service. At half-past seven o'clock the church was again crowded for attendance at the second evensong. An appropriate sermon was delivered by Mr. R. T. W. Webb, catechist at Luther village, diocese of Niagara. At all the services the music was under the direction of Mrs. Riky, whose voluntaries called forth a thrill of joy from the hearts of those who can appreciate the inspired movements of the great masters. The other portions of the service were played by a pupil of Mrs. Riky, Miss Chisholm, who acquitted herself very creditably. The decorations were very chaste, and the texts appropriate, and reflected great credit upon the ladies who did that part of the work. The offertories on Sunday amounted to \$20.

On Monday evening a very interesting entertainment was held in the Rink. There was a goodly number present. The proceeds amounted to \$69.50, which will be applied to the purchase of a bell, and heightening the porch into a tower with a belfry.

The deacon in charge is happy in having so harmonious a congregation, and one so willing to further, as far as possible, the interests of the Church. There is a nice little church, free from debt, and very comfortable; but there is still need of a parsonage near the church, which want no doubt the congregation will ere long supply.

May the love of God knit the pastor and people together in a still stonger bond of union, to be severed only by death. "Thanks be to God."

SOUTHAMPTON.—The first annual Harvest-home festival in connection with St. Paul's church here, was held at the Town-hall, on Tuesday, the 27th. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion by the young members of our congregation, assisted by Mr. Cottetell, who kindly lent his piano for the occasion. The proceedings were opened by an address by the incumbent, music and recitations were given at intervals, and also an address by the Rev. Mr. Smythe, of Port Elgin. A bountiful supply of oysters, fruit, and other substantial edibles were disposed of during the evening. The large attendance at the hall seemed thoroughly to enjoy themselves. The proceedings were brought to a close at 11 o'clock p.m., by the singing of the National Anthem. The proceeds of the entertainment were \$95.22, which is available for Church purposes.

A Ladies' Aid Society has also just been organized, which will prove a valuable assistance to the Church funds. The Sunday school has largely increased in the number of teaches and scholars. Much praise is due to Messrs. Morgon and Connaway, churchwardens, for their zeal in all Church matters, and for the successful manner in which the harvest festival was arranged and carried out.

MEAFORD.—*Christ Church*.—This church held the annual harvest thanksgiving service on Sunday Sept. 25th. The interest in this yearly service, which has been established but a short time, is growing greatly. The large number of Church people from the neighbouring parishes present showed that the care bestowed on this special service by the hard-working incumbent, the Rev. C. H. Channer, has not gone without its reward. The church was tastefully decorated with fruits of the vine and field arranged in such a manner as to bring forcibly to the mind of the thoughtful beholder, the fact that God was the Lord of the harvest and had been mindful of the wants of His children. Three effective and eloquent sermons were preached by Dr. McCarroll, of Grace Church, Toronto, who, by his earnest manner and the attention with which he holds his audience, forecasts for himself a successful career in the Church of his choice. The eleven o'clock service began by the choir singing the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers."

The usual morning and ante-Communion service followed, with appropriate psalms, hymns, and lessons, the sermon being taken from the text Hosoa xiv. 5-7. The afternoon service at 3 o'clock consisted of the Litany with appropriate hymns, and sermon from St. Mark iv. 35. At 7 o'clock the usual evening service was followed by a sermon from Hebrews x. 12, 13. The collections at these annual services are devoted to paying the interest debt due on the new church, and Dr. McCarroll reminded those present that their pastor had abandoned the usual Monday night entertainment, considering that all money for Church purposes should be given voluntarily and direct, and he (Dr. McCarroll) called upon them to support this very proper view, and "give as unto the Lord."

The collections amounted to the handsome sum of \$95. The Rev. Mr. Channer said afterwards to his churchwardens in the vestry, that his heart was gladdened by the manner in which the people had responded to his appeal on behalf of the trustees of the Church.

DURHAM AND VICTORIA.—The next meeting of the Rural-decanal Chapter will be held (D. V.) at Millbrook on Tuesday, Oct. 11th. The meeting is to take place at the rectory at noon. Scripture subject for discussion, Galatians v. Arrangements will be made for the missionary meetings. There will be service in St. Thomas's church in the evening, the Rev. Dr. Hodgkin to be the preacher on the occasion. I remain yours, &c., J. W. FOSTER, Sec.

ALGOMA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

The Rev. W. Macaulay Tooke desires to acknowledge the following donations to this mission:—Parcel of papers from Mr. Draper; parcel of school papers, and box of Sunday school libraries (84 vols.), and \$1 from Theford Sunday school, per H. L. Murphy, Esq.; box of Bibles, Prayer Books, and Hymn books, new and second-hand, from the C. W. M. A. of Toronto; box of Prayer Books from the Bishop of Algoma; parcel of Sunday school papers from Miss McMaster; and a parcel of Sunday school papers from Mrs. Lett: both these ladies are of Collingwood.

GORE BAY.—The Bishop spent Sunday, the 25th of September, in this mission. Two services were held in the township of Gordon, and one in the village of Gore Bay. All the services were well attended, and heartily rendered. The Bishop's addresses were plain and practical, and his words made a deep impression on his hearers. Twelve persons were confirmed, of whom three were heads of families, and one of these a convert from the Disciples, who was baptized and confirmed at the same service.

The service at Gore Bay was held in the Presbyterian building, as our church is not sufficiently advanced towards completion to admit of service being held in it. What requires to be done before we can use it, is weather boarding and plastering, and \$150 is all that is needed for this. But as our means are entirely exhausted, unless Churchmen elsewhere will give us a helping hand, the building will have to stand as it is this winter. This is a great draw back to us, for in our present situation, the services of the Church have to be subordinated to those of some of the denominations. The village of Gore Bay is growing rapidly, and the country opening up very fast. I would like to mention the following openings which are offering at Gore Bay, in hopes that this may meet the eye of some of your readers who may be on the lookout for some thing of the kind: viz., a young doctor to open out a drug store, carding and tanning mill, shingle mill, sash and door factory, planing mill etc. Any Churchman wishing to communicate with the Rev. W. Macaulay Tooke respecting any of these, or respecting the purchase of land with a view to settlement, can do so, and he will gladly give all the information he can in the matter.

DIOCESE OF SASKATCHEWAN.

PRINCE ALBERT, N. W. T.—On the occasion of the recent visit of the Governor-General to Emmanuel College, Prince Albert, when His Excellency had finished his reply to the address presented to him by the Bishop of Saskatchewan in behalf of the warden and tutorial staff, the Honourable Lawrence Clarke, member of the North-West Council, stated that the people of Prince Albert had placed in his hands the sum of \$800 to be applied towards the formation of a scholarship in Emmanuel College, in memory of His Excellency's visit, and requested permission from His Excellency to name it the "Louise Scholarship" after Her Royal Highness, the Princess Louise. His Excellency, in a few kind and courteous words, granted the required permission.