

boys and girls, and men and women too, then scampored round the beautiful Park.

It is not often that one has the pleasure of seeing such a pretty sight as those children and a thousand or so others of more mature age presented. Skipping, jumping, bounding about from place to place now on the top of the bank, then down in the ravine, they formed a pretty contrast to the dozen or so of active little deer, which within a wire net enclosure, close by, kept frisking and bounding about to the great amusement of every one present.

About 7 o'clock it was evident that a move was being made by the various Superintendents to call their respective schools together prior to their departure. The bugle was sounded and the call quickly obeyed. Upon an elevated position on the south side of the Park, the children were mustered in the presence of a large number of spectators, including the Hon. G. W. Allan, and the clergy of the different churches, who took an interest and zeal in the carrying out of the arrangements, which could not be surpassed, and in which they succeeded most admirably. After all were collected the National Anthem was sung, led by Mr. Carter, and the effect produced was certainly most exciting, and to the looker-on at a distance, must have been grand in the extreme.

Three loud and lusty cheers from the juveniles were given for the Queen; three for His Lordship the Bishop, who, in the afternoon honored the grounds with his presence, and three for the gentleman to whom they were all indebted for his unbounded liberality, and for permitting them to enjoy so pleasant a day, and in such a manner that will not easily be forgotten. The children, with their teachers, then left the ground in the same excellent order in which they came, and without anything happening to mar the pleasures of the day, except the absence of the School of Trinity in the East, which, from the absurd caprice and narrow Sectarian views of its Pastor and managers, was not allowed to take part in the Festival.

AURORA.—The teachers of Sunday Schools of Trinity Church, Aurora, St. John Baptist Church, Oak Ridges, and All Saint's Church, King Station, united to give a fête to their Scholars on Tuesday last, (July 3rd.) The order of proceedings was the following:—At half-past two o'clock the children, numbering about 130, assembled in Trinity Church, where each class was examined, and two prizes awarded in each, one to the most regular attendant, and one to the best answerer. A procession was then formed, each teacher walking with his or her class, and the prize children bearing banners, which proceeded to the picnic grounds, marching to the music of an excellent brass band. Here tables had been beautifully arranged by members of the congregation, at which the happy little guests were soon seated. When they had discussed an abundant supply of tea, cakes, etc., they were addressed in appropriate terms by the Rev. S. Ramsay of Newmarket, John Carry of Pinegrove and E. M. Stewart of Guelph. The procession was then formed again, and the joyful company marched through the principal streets of the village accompanied by the enlivening music of the band. Although everything was under the direction of the incumbent (Rev. H. W. Stewart) and his wife, yet we are happy to be able to say that all the expense was willingly and liberally supplied by the congregation, to whom much credit is due for the excellent manner in which the celebration was got up.

We understand that the Rev. Dr. O'Meara has been appointed to the incumbency of Georgetown, in succession to the Rev. J. G. McKenzie, M.A.

The quarterly meeting of the Home District Association will be held at the Rev. H. C. Cooper's, Etobicoke, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. The Holy Communion will be administered at 8, a.m. The subjects for consideration are the "Book of Canticles, and Revivalism."

GREAT BRITAIN.

There is a continued agitation on the part of the Political Dissenters against the clause in the Census Bill, which compels every man to say to what religious body he belongs. A deputation of Churchmen has however waited on Lord Palmerston, and the Premier accepted their advice, and promised to retain the clause of the Bill. The Nonconformist is furious at this. "The country may rest assured that Lord Palmerston, Mr. Disraeli, and the supporters of Church-rates, have not entered into this compact for nothing. The purpose is now clear. It is nothing less than Church ascendancy, to be obtained by means of a barefaced fraud. We can only now once more express a hope that action to defeat this monstrous proposal will be prompt and general." Can it be thought for a moment that anything but a fear of their real number and position becoming known has led Dissenters to all this wrath and fury?

The Bishop of London has been encouraging, by his presence and counsel, the supporters of the "Home" in connection with All Saints Church, Margaret street. The Bishop, in an earnest address on charity, pointed out the peculiar duties of a Christian in his public and social relations, and considered it advantageous to the community for individuals to join a society of this nature, where the death of husband or parents has cut them off from the duties and privileges of a Christian home. The chapel was decorated with choice flowers, and a sumptuous luncheon laid for the Bishop and friends in the future dormitory. We learn that the poorer inmates (about seventy in number) were partakers of the feast, and that a large sum was collected at the offertory.—*Clerical Journal.*

The Church-rate abolition Bill was thrown out of the House of Lords by a vote of 31 to 123.

IRELAND.—The arrangements for commencing the restoration of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, have been nearly completed. The nave has been screened off from the choir by a timber planking which rises as far as the roof; and within the nave, at each side, scaffolding has been erected, from which supports will be raised to uphold the roof, while the southern wall with its flying buttresses, and the southern transept, both of which it is intended to take down, are being re-erected. It is announced that Mr. Guinness has, in his letter to the Dean and Chapter in which the munificent offer to restore the cathedral at his own expense was conveyed, insisted as a condition that he should have complete control over the work of restoration, and that the Chapter should not interfere with his arrangements, distinctly pledging himself at the same time that in no instance should there be the slightest deviation from the original design of the building, both as to its structure and ornamentation. The groined ceiling, in imitation of stone, which is over the choir, will be continued through the nave, and will replace the present unsightly open timber roof; it will spring from clustered columns, suiting the architecture of the cathedral, which is Early English.—*Clerical Journal.*

At a late meeting of the University Senate grades were proposed and passed constituting a new degree of Master in Engineering, to be given to candidates who have taken the B.A. degree, and have spent three years in the practice of the profession after having first taken the diploma of the School of Engineering in Trinity College. Grades were also passed making the diplomas in Engineering and in Surgery University licences to be granted by the Senate of the University.

The meeting of the Dublin branch of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa was held in the theatre of Trinity College, on the 7th ult. The Vice-Chancellor of the University occupied the chair. Speeches were made by Archdeacon Mackenzie, and the Rev. Mr. Lawrell, who, with the Rev. Mr. Smithett, constituted the deputation, also by the Rev. Professors Jellett and Butcher, the Rev. A. Pollock, and Serjeant Lawson, Q.C. On the whole, the meeting was very successful, and the Dublin donations already amount to £500, with annual subscriptions of nearly £200 a year. This must only be considered as a first beginning of the Irish branch, and circulars are being sent to all the graduates of the Dublin University resident through the country. It is most satisfactory to see the leading Dublin clergy of every party in the Established Church joining in the support of this most useful mission. Archdeacon Mackenzie on the following day proceeded to Belfast, where the meeting, it is said, was not so successful.

Archbishop Whately held his annual visitation in St. Patrick's Cathedral, on June 14th. The subject of the charge was the Liturgy of the Church. We shall give an account of it next week.

UNITED STATES.

We have been unable until now to find room for a notice of the consecration of the chapel of the Vermont Episcopal Institute, to which we alluded some weeks since: we glean the following from the *Church Journal*:—

On June 7th the Diocesan Convention met at Burlington, Vt., and almost immediately adjourned to the chapel. The procession, consisting of about thirty clergymen in surplices, headed by the Bishop of the Diocese, and the Bishop of Quebec, entered the crowded chapel, and moved up towards the chancel, reciting alternately the appointed Psalm. The Sentence of Consecration was read by the Rev. Mr. Buel, rector of St. Paul's, Burlington. After Morning Prayer the Ante-Communion Office was said by the Bishop, assisted by the Bishop of Quebec and the Rev. Dr. Hicks. The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. Andrew Oliver, of Bellows Falls, and was a clear, solid, and well argued statement concerning the Spiritual doctrine of the Church, as a visible kingdom upon earth, with authority from on high for the work which God had given it to do. This sermon was the subject of unqualified approbation on the part of all who heard it. The Holy Communion was then administered, the Bishop of Quebec consecrating, and the Bishop of Vermont and Dr. Hicks assisting in the distribution. A very large number received, the chapel being crowded to its utmost, and large groups clustering around the doors besides, unable to enter. The chapel is a peculiarly appropriate and tasteful one—large enough for all the purposes for which it will be required, and with all the conveniences and many of the adornments found in larger and more expensive churches. It is an "open" roof—the rafters supported by ornamental gothic arches. One end is occupied by the organ and choir, the other by the deep recessed chancel. The sides are divided into compartments intended to receive tablets with suitable inscriptions. Arched and groined windows of stained glass admit a "dim religious light." The woodwork is painted in shades of light brown, and the roof between the rafters is sky blue, giving a very pleasing effect. The most striking of the decorations are two paintings from the pencil of Bishop Hopkins. One occupies a circular panel over the organ, and is a figure of the sacred Palmist of Israel striking his golden harp; over it is the inscription "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." The other is a Madonna and Child, occupying a panel over the side door, with the inscription "Unto you is born, in the City of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."