

Bishop himself, a "Cathedral Completion Fund" having been originated with his entire approval in consequence of the strongly expressed wish for the establishment of such a fund during the late session of the Synod which took place just a year ago. As was the Bishop's life so also was his death—the last long illness, to which he has at length succumbed, having been apparently brought on through exposure during the long and unusually severe winter of 1874-5, while engaged in the performance of the duties, while absent in England, of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel missionary at Port de Grave, in Conception Bay—duties which the Bishop had voluntarily undertaken, although very unfit, by reason of age and previous sickness, for such a charge, and the hardship it involved. The result was that the Bishop, upon his return to St. John's, was seized with a very serious and painful illness, from which he had by no means entirely recovered when he left St. John's for Bermuda at the end of last October. Few, however, realized when he went away that they would never again see the much loved Bishop. All hoped the change would lead to at least sufficient recovery of strength to enable him to return once more to Newfoundland. This, however, was not to be. He seems to have declined slowly and surely from the time of his arrival in Bermuda till in the good providence of God he was finally released from all his painful sufferings, and, as we may well feel assured, permitted to enter into rest.—G. M. J.

NOVA SCOTIA.

THE Lord Bishop of the Diocese sailed for England on Tuesday, the 22nd, in the *Nova Scotian*. He will probably be absent about four months. He will be remembered, we hope, on Sunday next in our prayers for "all who travel by land or by water," and he will be followed with the best wishes of the faithful in this Diocese for his welfare whilst abroad, and for his safe return to this portion of the Lord's vineyard over which the Holy Ghost hath made him an overseer. The Venerable the Archdeacon has been appointed Ecclesiastical Commissary during the absence of the Bishop in England.

REV. ISAAC BROCK, M.A., of the Diocese of Quebec, preached on Sunday morning the 27th, at St. Luke's Cathedral.—*Halifax Church Chronicle*.

ONTARIO.

MADOC.—From Belleville to Madoc is as pretty a drive as one could desire to take on a summer day, plains and hills, fields of various crops, and woods, successfully come into view, and make the distance of 26 miles appear much shorter. Two or three miles from the village, a beautiful little lake comes into view, as you turn a corner of the road, which you cross by bridge where it contracts to a narrow neck. Here you see a number of men and horses at work on the line of the North Hastings Railway, and pass under the long bridge which crosses the lake. Wishing success to this enterprise, you travel on, and at last, upon ascending a hill, see the village before you. Upon the left hand, on an eminence at a distance, you see a stone church of rich design, which you learn is the Presbyterian kirk. Another stone church comes into view as you drive on, upon the brow of a steep hill right in front, which you are told is the English church. This edifice, not so pretentious as the Presbyterian, has a modest and rural air about it, which makes it more attractive than its prouder right neighbor. It is said to be of the early English style and has a correct ecclesiastical ap-

pearance. Having stabled our horse, we thought we should step up and take a closer look at this church. Finding the door of the south porch open, we entered, and as we advanced up the aisle were met by the Incumbent, the Rev. Mr. Echlin, a young gentleman who has been in orders not quite a year yet. He courteously pointed out to us the various attractions of the little edifice. The inside had a new appearance, which, he informed us, was due to the fact that it had been entirely renovated and refitted since his appointment to the parish. The temporary seats had been replaced with handsome pews. These as well as the open timber roof were stained and varnished. The wood-work of the east window was entirely new, and was filled with coloured glass. Appropriate texts adorned the door and window arches. We learned that the congregations, the singing, and responding were good, and that the people took a lively interest in Church work, and aided the Incumbent in his improvements most liberally. Mr. Echlin accompanied us outside and detailed to us his plans for furnishing the church-yard. He hoped shortly to have the slope to the gate terraced, and the whole surrounded by a low stone wall surmounted by a neat picket fence. We learned that Mr. Echlin's duties were not confined to Madoc, but embraced a large circuit of country north, south, east and west. He spoke of a tour he had lately taken many miles northward, holding service and administering the rite of baptism at several points of his journey. He said there was a great number of Church people settled in the country to the rear of Madoc, who earnestly longed for the ministration of the Church, and that he had felt constrained to write to the Bishop to pray him to send among them a travelling missionary, which he had great hopes his Lordship would do. We parted from the young Incumbent very favourably impressed with his earnestness. We cordially congratulated him upon his extraordinary success in so short a time in a seemingly discouraging field, and wished him every prosperity for the future. We shall ever turn with interest to the columns of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN for any news which it contains of the Church of St. John the Baptist, Madoc. VISITOR.

ORDINATION.—The Lord Bishop of Ontario will (D.V.) hold his next General Ordination in St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, on Friday, Sept. 29th (Festival of St. Michael and All Angels).

The examinations for Deacon's and Priest's Orders will commence in the Synod Hall, Kingston, on Monday, 25th of Sept., at 9 a.m.

Candidates are requested to notify the undersigned, without delay, of their intention to present themselves; and to transmit their *Si Quis* and *Ordination Testimonials* to the same as soon as may be.

WM. BLEASDELL, M.A.,
Examining Chaplain.

Trenton, Aug. 28th, 1876.

A VERY successful Sunday school festival was held in connection with St. John's Church, Smith's Falls, on Wednesday, August 23rd, when a large number of children, amounting to 123, were regaled with the usual fare of plum cake, etc. All sorts of games were entered into with that zest peculiar to children. Croquet, ball, swings, round-the-ring, and races for sweeties, formed the order of the day. All went to their homes about 7 p.m., pronouncing that they had greatly enjoyed themselves, looking forward to another gala day. It is proposed to have a grand Harvest Home Festival sometime during September, to which

the senior portion of the congregation will look forward with great expectations for a happy reunion of friends.

THE Rev. W. J. Muckleston, incumbent of Vankleek Hill, has completed arrangements for the building of a brick church at Fenaghvale, in the township of Caledonia.

THE Lord Bishop has returned from Lachine, with health much improved, and gone on a tour of duty in the eastern portion of his diocese, which will occupy three weeks.

NIAGARA.

[FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.]

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—As I said in my last letter, I shall now proceed to speak in a casual way, of the services of the different churches in the City of Hamilton. Last Sunday I visited the Church of the Ascension. The Rector is the Rev. Mr. Hebden, M.A., Canon of the Cathedral, who at present is in England on account of his health; in the meantime he leaves the Rev. Mr. Hoimes, who, as I understand, is filling the Rev. Canon's place well, working hard, and looking up all the people, which is a great thing for a pastor to do, to become thoroughly acquainted with his flock, and they with him. I do not think too much stress can be laid upon this very essential point, with regard to priest and people, for should not the former try to imitate the great High Priest, the blessed Master, and like Him go into the world as much as possible, but without being of the world? In this way he may become the friend and spiritual father of his people, may give them counsel in time of need, may heal the spiritually blind, halt, and lame, and cast out evil spirits; but, as our Saviour says, this kind cometh not out but by prayer and fasting. By these means we shall see clergy and people more united, the latter having more faith in those whom Christ through his servants, the Right Rev. Fathers in God, has put over them, not as a mere ruler, but as a tried friend, and such a friend, that when either joy or heaviness comes, will be welcome within the threshold of every house in the parish. God grant that this state of things may prevail in every Diocese in Canada and elsewhere, and then indeed may our Lord's words come doubly true. "Those which thou hast given me have I lost none." At 11 o'clock I was put into a seat in the Church of the Ascension by the sexton. The church outside looks very pretty, with its spire just put up, given by some kind friend in England. The inside also looks well, the painted windows all round the church are good, the organ is in a gallery on the north side of the church; the Beredos of, I believe, oak, looked very well, although the middle panel is filled in with an arrangement of a very queer shape, and which would look infinitely better with I.H.S. or some sort of cross; the Chancel is small, and the sanctuary part is quite long enough, but not broad enough; the Altar is of box shape, the panels filled in with scarlet cloth, which has a good effect; the Pulpit is handsome, the reading desk also is nice. Sharp at 11 o'clock the organ, under the control of Mr. Geddes, a young organist of promise in this city, struck up a voluntary, and Rev. Mr. Holmes entered from the vestry. The Rev. gentleman performed all the service himself; his sermon was an earnest well delivered discourse which could not fail to touch the hearts of its hearers. We cannot afford, however, to fling stones at other men's glass houses, but say like our blessed Lord:—"He that is not against us is on our part." Oh, may we be at unity in essentials. The singing was good, but not