

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

The Bishop of Ontario takes this means of thanking all those kind friends who expressed their sympathy with him by letter in his recent affliction, and hopes they will accept this acknowledgment, as it would be impossible to reply to them all.

OTTAWA, Aug. 16th, 1886.—*To the Clergy of the Diocese of Ontario:* My dear Brethren,—I am obliged on account of my health to take a sea voyage to England, and intend [D.V.] to sail on the 26th of August. I have appointed the Ven. Archdeacon Lauder as my commissary in my absence, to whom all letters on business should be addressed. I am in hopes that the Bishop of Niagara, to whom I have written, will be able to fill some of my engagements this fall. Those Clergy, therefore, whose parishes I intended to visit, will receive from my commissary due notice if the Bishop can comply. Praying that the blessing of God may rest upon you all and the people committed to your charge. I am yours faithfully, J. T. ONTARIO.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

CENTRETON.—*St. John's Church*, Parish of Grafton, has been recently presented with a very neat set of altar linen, through the kindness of Mrs. Glynn, Isle of Wight, who inserted an appeal from the Curate in charge in the well known "Little Paper." The set was prepared by the ladies of the "Scattered Working Party," and forwarded with other articles from the same source to Missions in this Diocese. Since the Church was opened in November last a handsome and substantial stone font has been procured, which had been collected for by the little girls of the parish.

COBourg.—*St. Peter's*.—This congregation knows how to do its duty to its clergy. The other day a committee was appointed to wait on the curate, Rev. James Roy, LL.D., to invite him to take a much needed holiday. They then presented him with a return ticket to Vancouver, British Columbia, together with a Pullman car ticket for the entire journey. This is a holiday one may almost envy—a trip across the continent. *St. Peter's* deserves to have the best men, and will find themselves amply repaid when Dr. Roy returns in renewed vigor.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

CLINTON.—*St. Paul's Church*.—On Sunday the fifth anniversary of Rev. W. Craig's ministry in *St. Paul's Church*, the usual sermon was omitted at morning prayer and an address was given, reviewing the work and results of the past five years. They were considered on the whole to be satisfactory. Debts had been paid, improvements had been made to the church and rectory property, a new school house had been built and nearly paid for. The communicants had increased nearly one-half, and the contribution to church work had on the whole been larger than during the previous history of the parish. The rector in making these statements did not wish to appear to claim credit for himself, he mentioned them as reasons for thanks and praise to be given to God, and for encouragement in the future. After speaking of (1) some advance in the matter of conducting the services, (2) of sermons, (3) of church going, the Rector thanked the congregation for all the consideration shown him. He could not hope to have quite satisfied them all, that was hardly to be expected. He had always been perfectly frank with them, and he thought he would be borne out in saying that he had not at any time worked for himself or his own advantage, but with greater or less ability and energy had sought the interests and spiritual advancement of the congregation. He said this while conscious

that many times he might have done more. While they had never heard him complain of hard work, a clergyman's work was much harder than some people imagined—there was a nervous exhaustion in carrying out services, in preaching in thinking and studying, in dealing with men, mentally, and in bearing, as any faithful sympathetic clergymen must bear on his heart, the trials, troubles, and difficulties of his congregation—that few realized, yet he thanked God for the past, and took courage for the future. The Rector stated that he had baptized 119 children and adults. There were 140 communicants, 140 heads of families. There has been 78 deaths, 38 marriages, and two confirmation services at which there was a total of 54 persons confirmed.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

MANITOWANING.—The visitation here of 1886, which we had been anticipating with so much interest for so long is of the past. Were we to write its record it would not involve the account of any of the dangers to which the Bishop is sometimes exposed, nor this time, we are happy to say, any of that excessive physical toil or privation which we have known him at times to undergo, and which, even if he does not court it, he seems never anxious to avoid; but as Atlas is said to have always carried the earth upon his shoulders throughout all his rounds so the Bishop always carries sunshine; and the sunshine came in party this time, in the form of Mrs. Sullivan, to whom, however, having no previous hint of the honor we were about to receive we were unable to accord the sort of reception we could have wished. All were delighted to see Mrs. Sullivan looking so well, after the arduous trip in the Nepigon Mission, the account of which we hope soon to peruse; while, as for his Lordship, he looks decidedly heartier and better than he did last year. The programme was morning service with celebration at *St. Paul's*; afternoon service at the Orange hall, Purple Hill, and in the evening a service intended specially for the Sunday-school, their parents and friends; the address on that occasion was of unwonted eloquence and profit. Mr. Harris, who has charge of the musical department at *St. James*, Montreal, and formerly of the Cathedral, very kindly presided at the organ having previously attended two practices with *St. Paul's* choir. On Monday a vestry was held at 9 a.m., where the ventilation of the Church was decided on, and the erection of a second chimney or flue, the present one being insufficient whenever two fires are needed as the building then becomes unbearable through smoke. The report informs us that the debt, owing to repairs, painting, &c., amounting at the last visitation to \$100 was almost wiped out, and encouraged by this the Bishop gave a most handsome subscription towards the contemplated improvements. A vote of thanks was then passed to Professor Schneider, of Ridley College, Cam., for the chancel rails presented by him shortly after the last visitation, and also to Mr. Goad, formerly a member of *St. George's*, Montreal, for carpet for the chancel, and for an elegant little font recently donated; Mr. Springer being requested to forward copies of these resolutions to those to whom the thanks were tendered. Moved by Mr. Phipps a vote of thanks was passed, expressive of rejoicing and thanksgiving, that the Bishop was once more present with us and in such health and vigor. The Bishop had placed the *Evangeline* at the disposal of the congregation for the afternoon, but the weather on Monday was cold and the water rough, so that only about a score of Sunday-school scholars went for a sail, but those who did so enjoyed themselves, while the opportunity of seeing something of the Bishop as it were in private life has resulted in attaching our young people more determinedly to him; for our chief pastor, go where he will, seems to take all hearts by storm. When God

gives the world a man of intellect it is much; when He gives us a large-hearted man it is more; when one who combines those qualities in the true sense, it is His highest gift. We are watching the water as anxiously to-day when the "*Evangeline*" is to sail from Little Current to Meldrum Bay, as we did on Saturday for her arrival. That God's blessing may continue as hitherto to attend our Bishop in his labors is our constant prayer.

NEPIGON NOTES.

(Continued.)

Monday afternoon was set apart for the sports and games which have now become a recognized and eagerly expected element in the Bishop's annual visit—old and young, braves and squaws alike took part in them, their zest quickened by the distribution of the little prizes specially provided for the occasion. The violence of the exercise, of course, involved another demand on the tea-chest, the pork and the flour barrel. The hungry wolf appeased, the Bishop gave them a parting address on sundry subjects, such as cleanliness in their houses and persons, forethought in providing fuel, &c., for the winter, the sin of wastefulness, their children's attendance at school, punctuality in Church going, and care of the Church building, faithful compliance with their missionary's instructions, and above all obedience to God's law,—to all of which they responded with the customary: "kayate, kayate," (good, good), and dispersed to their homes. Next morning at 7 o'clock the Indians assembled in the little Church to witness the marriage of Jimmy and Dora; the former had been a Roman Catholic, but influenced partly by his love for Dora and partly by his desire to share in the material improvements which he saw going on all round him, had decided to cast in his lot with the mission; he had already planted his garden and commenced a substantial log house for the reception of his bride. The Bishop officiated at Mr. Renison's request, reading the service in Ojibbewa, while Misquahbenoqua's guard ring performed a function by no means new or unfamiliar to it. By this time the canoe had received its complement of baggage, and the last farewells were exchanged, and we began our return journey, reaching Red Rock by 5 p.m. the next day, devoutly thankful to Almighty God for having kept us safely through all our journeyings.

One or two practical suggestions will fittingly close this letter. First, Mr. Renison is toiling on bravely and faithfully for these poor Indians, counting himself richly rewarded for all his pains, if he can only discover even the earliest tokens of the fruits of the Spirit in their daily lives; but his difficulties and discouragements are many. He is completely isolated, not merely from his brethren in the ministry, but from all Christian society and fellowship, outside his own family circle, not a friend or companion within reach, save on the occasion of the Bishop's annual visit, with whom to take counsel or talk over the little vexing perplexities that are continually cropping up. May we not confidently ask for him the prayers of his many friends, that the presence of the "Comforter" may be with him, sustaining his faith, inspiring him with new courage, giving him a right judgment in all things, and infusing into his heart in every season of doubt and discouragement the strength of that sure word of prophecy: "My word shall not return unto me void; but shall accomplish that which I please, and prosper in that whereto I have sent it." Secondly, Improvement is urgently needed in the material comforts enjoyed (!) by Mr. Renison and his family. The Mission house is all but a ruin; the roof affords every facility for the study of astronomy. Not a storm falls but passes through it, to be received in tubs, pails, dishes, &c., scattered over the floor. Plans for its repair and enlargement have been freely discussed. Such as raising the walls by the