

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

[From our own Correspondents.]

MR. ROBINSON, Lay Reader at Iron Hill, was recently presented with a purse and a large Illustrated Family Bible as a token of the appreciation in which he is held.

KNOWLTON.—The Rector has the church opened on two mornings of the week for services. So far they have been favorably attended. At one of the services, sometimes at both, a short address, exposition or reading is given. We are glad to see that there is a prospect of the Academy in this place having its connection with the Church made more prominent. The property had in public opinion ceased to be considered as connected with the Church at all, but enquiry has elicited that the property was given on the explicit and distinct understanding that it was to be a Church school, the donor expressing his belief that the day would come when it would be found to be a second Eton. If ever we are to have a Bishop of the Eastern Townships, Lennoxville will have its University; and such schools as this and that called the Missisquoi High School, as well also the Academy in St. Johns, must be looked after as prospective feeders to that University. We understand that on the last mentioned school the Church has some claim, but what it is the Church people are not well aware. Would it not be well to see that the claim does not lapse?

MONTREAL.—The "Wesley Congregational Church," Rev. J. Roy, pastor, has collapsed. This church was inaugurated not long ago as having in itself all the elements of success. It was to be a church abreast of the age, with a simple Creed, or one merely negative, a cultured minister in the pulpit, wealthy and liberal-minded people in the pews prepared to support their favourite and self-chosen preacher to the fullest extent; yet with all this it has had to succumb. True, it is said overwhelming debt is the cause, but the undertaking of building such a house of preaching was on the supposition that the congregation would certainly pay its way. But it has not. The house is now open and ready for some wealthy layman or erratic preacher to buy or rent. Not far from this same building is another place of worship where presides one who is striving to usher in another phase of Protestantism, which, we believe, will be found not long hence advertized and calling, as it were, "Who'll buy?"

DIOCESE OF HURON.

[From our own Correspondent.]

ANOTHER of the senior clergy of this Diocese has passed away in the person of Rev. Canon Caulfield. The whole of his ministry was fulfilled in the Western part of Ontario, in that portion now included in the Diocese of Huron, both before and after its separation from the Diocese of Toronto. He was ordained in Ireland, but shortly after left for Canada, and was immediately appointed by the Bishop of Toronto to the Mission of Benford, where he remained five years. He then was appointed Rector of Trinity Church, St. Thomas, which parish he held for 22 years. His next and last parish was that of All Saints', Windsor, which he filled from 1874 to a few months ago, when compelled by failing health to retire. Dr. Caulfield was repeatedly elected a member of the Standing and other Committees in this Diocese, and for many years was a member of the Provincial Synod. He was highly esteemed for his genial and social qualities, and will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends, as well as in the Synods of the Church, Diocesan and Provincial, in whose work he manifested a deep interest and took an active part.

WOODSTOCK.—St. Paul's Church, East Woodstock, was re-opened for service on Sunday last, after having been closed for some weeks for repairs. The interior of the church has been much improved and embellished. Among the improvements is a memorial window to the memory of the late Rector of Woodstock, the Rev. Canon Betteridge. Two immense congregations filled the church, when the Incumbent, Rev. Mr. Hastings, was assisted by

Rev. Canon Innes, of London, who preached on both occasions.

DELAWARE.—A new church will be commenced next spring; probable cost \$3,000—\$2,300 of which is already subscribed. The present church is one of the oldest in this Diocese.

SIMCOE.—The new Trinity Church is progressing rapidly. The church is built of red brick and sandstone, and will seat about 700. It is expected that the church will be open for Divine Service by the middle of October.

ST. THOMAS EAST.—This portion of the Parish of Trinity Church, of which Rev. G. G. Ballard is Rector, has been set apart for a separate mission. Rev. S. L. Smith has been appointed first Incumbent. As the population of St. Thomas is about 8,000, and is rapidly increasing, there is abundant room for a second parish.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

[From our own correspondent.]

WOLFE ISLAND.—The Bishop of the Diocese administered the rite of Confirmation at Trinity Church on Sunday morning, the 10th September. The Bishop was assisted by the Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, M.A., Rector of Saint James' Church, Kingston. The candidates were presented by the Rector, the Rev. J. Goffrey, B.A. There were twenty-eight candidates—ten males and eighteen females. The Bishop gave an excellent address to those who were confirmed, and made a few practical remarks on the duties which they had undertaken as members of the Church. The Holy Communion was partaken of by the candidates and by several of the congregation, after which the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

NAPANEE.—The congregation of the Church of Saint Mary Magdalene was placed in a very unpleasant predicament on the evening of Sunday, the 3rd September. On assembling at the church they were surprised to find the edifice in a state of total darkness, caused by some disarrangement of the machinery at the gas works. Coal oil lamps had to be improvised, but the light was very imperfect, the great mass of the congregation being in a state of semi-darkness, no provision having been made by the architect for any such contingency. The pulpit was pressed into the service as a lamp holder, and the venerable Archdeacon Jones had to preach the sermon from a lower level, the pulpit and lectern being rendered useless for the purpose intended. Bibles, Prayer-books and Hymn-books were a superfluity as far as the congregation was concerned, and were it not for the religious training of the Church of England in the services of the Church, the entire beautiful Evening Service would have been without a response.

OTTAWA.—The formal opening of the new organ at St. Alban's Church took place on Sunday, the 17th September. The event was looked forward to with considerable interest, and attracted many strangers in addition to the regular congregation. There were three services during the day. The Bishop of the Diocese was present and assisted at Morning Prayer, the Rev. E. P. Crawford, M.A., Rector of Trinity Church, Brockville, preaching a short but able sermon. The Rev. E. A. W. Hanington, of New Edinburgh, preached in the afternoon at the Litany Service, and the Rev. D. F. Bogart, B.A., of Selby, after Evening Prayer. Mr. J. W. F. Harrison, the talented organist of Christ Church, presided at the organ at Morning Prayer and during the Litany Service. At Evening Prayer the rendering of the musical portions of the Service was carefully watched over, as the organ was "ciphering" after so much playing during the day. Mr. J. C. Stewart, a member of Christ Church congregation, presided at the organ, and the service was bright, lively and devotional. Indeed, the music at all the services was well rendered, and showed evidence of careful practice. Much of the success of the opening is attributable to the excellent work of Mr. Stewart in his careful training of the men's and boys' voices, and certainly no more rapid advance could have been made in so short a time

than those now show. Some of the boys' voices were delightfully fresh, sympathetic, clear and ringing. The new organ has a beautiful tone, but is generally considered much too large for the little church. It is expected that the organist recently engaged in England will arrive in about three weeks. Strangers were heard to remark on the want of proper ventilation of the church and on its neglected appearance externally.

KINGSTON.—On Sunday, the 17th September, special thanksgiving services were held at Saint George's Cathedral for the splendid victory achieved by the British troops in Egypt. After Morning Prayer the Rev. Canon Fergie, B.D., of Queen's College, Canterbury, Vicar of Ince and Canon of Liverpool Cathedral, preached the sermon. On ascending the pulpit he stated that he had come at the invitation of the Dean to address them on the words of Revelations iii. 1: "I know thy works, that thou hast had a name, that thou livest and art dead"; but that, finding from the special thanksgiving which had been offered and the special praises which had been sung for the glorious victory recently achieved by our brave soldiers in Egypt, he had felt himself constrained, and trusted by Divine guidance, to deviate from his intention and to address them on a subject more in harmony with the glorious event which they were commemorating. He then proceeded to address the congregation, without the slightest premeditation or preparation, a sermon bearing upon the welfare of a Christian soldier, from 1 Timothy vi. 12, "Fight the good fight of faith," in which he made frequent allusions to the events of the Egyptian campaign. The sermon was a very able one. The reverend gentleman was the guest of Mr. William Burroughs, of Mozart Place. He left on the following day (Monday) for Niagara Falls, thence to Chicago, the White Mountains, Boston, etc., before returning to Liverpool, *via* Quebec.

TRENTON.—The Rev. H. G. Parker, assistant minister at St. George's Church, has been presented with an address and purse of money by members of the congregation as an expression of their appreciation of his kindness in undertaking the services at the church during the absence of the Rector, the Rev. Canon Bleasdel, D.C.L., and congratulating him upon his restoration to health.

NAPANEE.—The annual Harvest Thanksgiving Festival of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene was held on Thursday, the 14th September. It is regretted that, owing to a severe storm, it was not very successful. The result was disappointing.

HARROWSMITH.—The congregation of St. Paul's Church held its annual harvest picnic at Maco's Point, on the shore of Lake Sydenham. The day selected was beautifully fine, with an almost cloudless sky from dawn to dewy eve, and was most propitious for the event, which, thanks to the committee of management, was a great success. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all, both old and young.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

THE Treasurer of the Diocese of Algoma has much pleasure in acknowledging receipt of \$6.00 from "L," Halifax, towards the Steam Yacht Fund.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

WINNIPEG.—Rev. Mr. Parker, late of Trinity College, Toronto, has entered on his duties in connexion with the Boys' School. Ven. Archdeacon M'Donald, of the Diocese of Athabasca, is expected in Winnipeg with his family this fall. It will take him six months steady travelling to reach here from his distant Mission.

The quarterly meeting of the Council of the University of Manitoba was held in the Education Offices on Thursday, the 7th inst. The following members were present:—His Lordship the Bishop of Rupert's Land, Chancellor; Hon. James Royal, M. P., Vice Chancellor; Mr. T. A. Bernier, Registrar; His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface; Ven. Archdeacon Pinkham; Rev. Dr. Lavoie; Rev. Canon Matheson; Rev. Prof. Bryce; Rev. Prof. Cherrier, Rev. Prof. Clouthier; Rev. D. M. Gordon; Rev. C. B. Pitblado; Hon. A. C. Riviere.