

elder of these boys has been at the Home three or four years, and has learned there both to understand and speak English. This boy, in clear plaintive tones, with faultless pronunciation, sang the hymn "Rock of Ages." The younger boy, who has been in the Home but three or four months, sang a hymn in the Sioux language. The choir of St. John's Church sang the "Church's One Foundation," in which the large audience heartily joined. An anthem "Jerusalem my Happy Home," was very effectively rendered by the choir. Coffee and cake were handed round by the ladies in attendance. After the doxology was sung, and the minor benediction pronounced by the Rev. W. Lewin, who presided, the people took their departure, after having spent a very pleasant evening, bearing away in their memories distinct impressions of the noble self-sacrificing work of the Rev. Mr. Wilson among the Indian children, and of the intelligence evinced by the two little Indian boys whom he had brought with him. A charge of fifteen cents was made for admission to defray a debt incurred by the Woman's Auxiliary, of Prescott. There was a general wish expressed that many such profitable and pleasant meetings might be held by the ladies of the Auxiliary branch of Prescott.

MABERLY MISSION.—The Rev. Mr. Radcliffe preached farewell sermons to large congregations in this mission September 26th. Many were the sincere expressions of regret. During the day sixty-three communicants partook of the holy communion for the last time with their pastor. The following is the text of an ill-fated address signed by nine churchwardens.

To the Rev. C. E. S. Radcliffe, B.C.L., Mission Priest, Maberly.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—We, the undersigned churchwardens and others, members of the Church of England in the mission of Maberly, cannot let you depart from among us, without expressing our feelings of great regret at the loss the mission sustains by your leaving. On your arrival here nearly three years and a half since, you had assigned to your pastoral care a portion of a district, which from its size, your predecessors could not do justice to. Ill instructed as many of us were in the use of the Prayer Book—one of our forefathers—it was not to be wondered at, that you found the services such dead-a-live performances, cold and formal, and little suited to the impulsive and impressionable character of the congregations to whom you ministered—now, thanks to sound church teaching, zeal, and earnestness, all is changed. Hearty services are Sunday after Sunday rendered in the three churches in which you officiate in such a way, as most of us never dreamt of hearing, as also at the two outstations. By your unceasing efforts and self-sacrifice, all the church fabrics in the mission are more or less adapted for decent ritual.

Nor have you been negligent in ministering to our spiritual needs. The religious instruction of the young has ever been the object of your watchful care; and their progress to confirmation, and thence to their first trembling yet joyful communion, has been evidenced by the large and well instructed class presented by you to the Bishop, on his last visit to the mission.

By the Word and the sacraments, by public prayers and preaching, by constant and assiduous ministrations, by counsel, by help of all kinds, no matter at what cost of health and time, you have endeavored to build up the goodly fabric of the salvation of sinners, to comfort the Jerusalem of God, the Church amongst us, and to win our souls to Christ.

And now, Rev. and dear sir, we bid you farewell, and trust that God's blessings may rest on your labor of love for Christ's sake, in that portion of the Lord's vineyard in which you are called to minister.

TORONTO.

PERRYTOWN.—A very successful harvest home was held in connection with St. Paul's Church, on 12th and 13th ult., and also a social on the 20th, when a very neat sum was netted. The grounds round the church are being improved by the erection of a new wire fence.

NIAGARA.

PALMERSTON.—The annual harvest thanksgiving service in connection with St. Paul's church was held on Thursday, September 23rd, at three p.m. A large congregation assembled in the church, and the service throughout was hearty and enjoyable. An interesting and appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. C. G. Snepp, of Mount Forest. The prayers were read by Rev. H. Farthing, of Durham, and lessons by Rev. A. Bonny, of Moorefield. A practical expression of the people's feelings was shown in a liberal collection as a thank offering. The church was handsomely decorated with the various products of the soil, and presented a fine appearance.

ST. CATHARINES.—On Thursday of last week the little Church of St. Barnabas held its annual harvest festival. At 6.30 a.m., and 9.30 a.m., there were celebrations of the holy communion, many availing themselves of the high privilege, and at 8 p.m., there was a crowded church to take part in the special service. Such a bright, joyous service it was! The decorations unusually tasteful and artistic, responses hearty and congregational; sermon delivered by the very reverend Dean Trow, of San Gabriel, California; admirably adapted to the occasion; eloquent and impressive; and the text "In everything give thanks," 2 Thess. v. 18.

A number of clergy were present besides the incumbent, Rev. A. W. Macnab, who took the greater part of the service. We observed in the chancel Revs. Rural Dean Bull, E. M. Bland, A. Bousfield, F. E. Howitt, G. Harris (Ontario diocese), R. Gardner, and W. J. Armitage. As the procession of choristers and clergy entered at the western door, singing "Come ye thankful people, come," it was an imposing scene; the crowded church, the reverent demeanour of the choir, (a thing, alas! not always to be observed in our churches), the exquisitely decorated edifice, the white altar with its cross and brilliant flowers, the reredos framed in with a setting of wheat, gay flowers, and berries, tall plants grouped on either side, with miniature sheaves disposed at intervals in the chancel, and bound with grapes, all combined to form a rare picture. The rood screen was a marvel of beauty, surmounted by its floral cross, the introduction of snowberries in addition to the crimson, with abundance of clean white wheat, and small bouquets of scarlet flowers, interspersed with other hues, gave an excellent effect. A cluster of grapes, over fifty pounds, hung from the central arch, and bunches of fruit graced the smaller arches. The font was a special feature, its cross and pyramid of ferns and flowers, with a wealth of garden produce at its base, looked exceedingly well. Nothing was overdone, there was no discord to the eye or taste of the most fastidious. Banners of blue and white with ecclesiastical designs, were arranged in the chancel and elsewhere. The choir did their part bravely, perhaps the best rendered parts of the music were the canticles and the glorious hymn "We plough the fields and scatter." This latter came as from one full voice, a soul stirring, devotional strain. The offertory was larger than had ever been received before on a similar occasion. At the conclusion of the service, a solemn *Te Deum* was sung by all as a special act of praise.

DUNNVILLE.—The corner stone of the new St. Paul's Church, was laid on the 21st ult., and not on the 14th, by Canon Townley, D.D., of Paris, Ontario. After the completion of the impressive ceremony, addresses were delivered by the clergy present, in the old church, to a crowded congregation. The venerable Canon, who spoke first, alluded in feeling terms to the early history of the parish of Dunnville and Port Maitland, and referred to his labors in it as parish priest for many years. His earnest words touched the hearts of many present, among whom were some who were baptized by him thirty or forty years ago. The hope is universally expressed that God's providence will permit him to be at the opening of the new church for public worship. Dr. Townley was followed by the Reverends A. Brown, of Paris; R. Gardner, of Welland; and Rural Dean Mellish, of Caledonia; whose addresses were all characterized by careful thought, and eloquent delivery. The congregation of St. Paul's Church tender their thanks to Miss Weatherby for the lovely floral cross that adorned the altar, and to all the kind friends who provided flowers for the occasion.

The new church will be a handsome structure, seating nearly four hundred. The architects are Messrs. Rastrick & Son, Hamilton.

HAMILTON.—The Rev. R. L. Sloggett (Wycliffe College) has entered upon his duties as curate of the Church of the Ascension in this city.

The Bishop of Niagara is engaged in holding a series of confirmations in the Niagara district at present. He will leave for the diocese of Ontario on the 16th inst., and will be absent until the 20th of November, discharging episcopal duties for the Bishop of Ontario, who is at present in England, and in greatly impaired health.

Numerous harvest festivals have been held throughout the diocese during the past fortnight, with good attendance and much interest in the services in most instances. May the spirit of thankfulness awakened by them, bring forth abundant fruit to the glory of God during the ensuing year.

DUNDAS.—St. James' Church.—The first harvest festival held in this parish, took place on the festival

of St. Michael and All Angels, Sept. 29th, 1886. At 8 a.m., as is customary on Saints' days and other festivals, the holy communion was celebrated, by the assistant minister, the Rev. E. A. Irving. At 11 a.m., morning prayer was said, and an excellent sermon preached by the Ven. Archdeacon Dixon, of Guelph. At 3 p.m., the litany was said by the Rev. W. R. Clark, of Ancaster, and interesting addresses delivered by the Rev. Canon Curran, of Hamilton, and the Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, late assistant minister of St. Luke's, Toronto. At 7.30 p.m., evensong, followed with sermon by the Rev. H. Carmichael, of the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton. Besides those already mentioned, the following clergymen of the vicinity assisted in the services:—Rev. T. Geoghegan, West Flamboro; Rev. C. R. Lee, Rev. G. Forrester, Hamilton; and the Rev. F. Howitt, of Stony Creek. The offerings were in aid of foreign missions. Improvements in the church were noted with pleasure by the visitors on the occasion. An organ chamber is in course of construction, and the organ will soon be removed from the loft and properly placed. Gas has been introduced and the church is now well lighted, and the old pulpit, removed some years ago, restored in a modified form. Evidences of life and progress in the parish are quite apparent.

HURON.

DORCHESTER STATION.—A garden party was held by the members of St. Peter's Church, on September 14th, in the fair grounds close to the village. Notwithstanding the lateness of the season, there was a good attendance to partake of the provisions so well and bountifully provided by the lady members and other friends. Music was abundantly supplied by the village string and brass bands, and singing well rendered by the choir and other willing helpers. The proceeds were \$50, which will be applied to the much needed repairs on the church fabric. The willingness and harmony of all who took part in it, was a pleasing feature of the entertainment.

LONDON.—His lordship, Bishop of Huron, has arrived home, after his visit to England, and, on his way home from the Old Country, from the Synod in Montreal. He read the lessons at evensong in the Memorial Church, on Sunday, the thirteenth after Trinity. Rev. Canon Innus, Rev. G. C. Ballard, Rev. Evans Davis, and others of the Synod delegates have returned to their parishes.

ARVA.—Ven. Archdeacon Marsh, rector of St. John's Church, London township, has returned from his sojourn at the seashore. His health and strength are greatly recruited.

SARNIA.—At a recent meeting in St. George's, there was organized an Auxiliary Society of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada. The officers appointed were:—Rev. T. R. Davis, president; Mrs. Pardee and Mrs. Guard, vice-president; Mrs. Davis, treasurer; Miss Florence Robinson, secretary.

LONDON PULPITS.—The preacher at matins, on Sunday the thirteenth, was Rev. Dr. Kane, priest of the Church of Ireland, rector of Christ Church, Belfast. He preached a very forcible sermon, taking as his text the 11th and 12th verses of the 22nd chapter of Revelation, "And I saw a great white throne and Him that sat on it, from Whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books according to their works."

The reverend preacher first spoke of the responsibility of every man for his actions. The one idea embodied in religion is that man is a responsible being. He is not at liberty to do what he pleases, without having to account to any one for his actions hereafter. Many may repress the voice of conscience, but the time will come when it will loudly assert itself, and the bar before which they will have to appear, stands out a very prominent light. Wherever man is found, whether cultured or otherwise, he has religion. Of it there are different forms, but there is one point on which all are agreed, that man is an accountable being, and will hereafter have to account for his actions. How can any man, who calls himself a Christian, live without being influenced by the thought of a future judgment.

St. John, in the text, gives a very sublime picture of the future judgment. Every eye shall behold that august spectacle, even those who on earth scoffed at religion and the future judgment. Many have no eye but for the glories of earth, no hand but to clutch at the treasures of the world, but the day is coming