

but most earnest and impressive style. Short addresses followed by the Rev. Messrs. Nye and R. D. Mills, and the somewhat novel but deeply interesting service was brought to a close by the Episcopal Benediction.

**ADAMSVILLE.**—On Saturday, the 12th ult., the Metropolitan confirmed four persons (two males and two females) in S. George's Church, the very neat edifice erected by George Adams, Esq. The Rev. C. G. Kilner, the Missionary in charge, is to be congratulated on the success that has attended his labors in this mission.

**BOLTON.**—On Sunday, the 13th ult., the Bishop held a confirmation in S. Patrick's Church, Bolton Centre, when twenty-one persons received the "laying on of hands." S. Patrick's is a new church, and has been erected mainly through the self-denying efforts of the indefatigable Incumbent, Rev. F. H. Clayton. It is really a model of what a rural church should be. The only thing to be regretted about it, is that a considerable debt hangs over it, and hinders its consecration. We sincerely hope that this hindrance may soon be removed.

A pic-nic, in aid of the S. Patrick's Church Building Fund, was held at the famous Bolton Spring on the 23rd ult. A large number of persons took advantage of the opportunity to visit that romantic spot and to partake of the "feast of good things" provided by the ladies of Bolton Mission. Appropriate addresses, interspersed with music, were delivered by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Niles, Bishop of New Hampshire, the Revs. J. Carmichael and H. W. Nye, and W. W. Lynch, Esq., M.P.P.

**UPPER OTTAWA.**—His Lordship set out for a visitation of the parishes and missions on the Upper Ottawa on the 23rd of August.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Committee was held on the 9th ult. An application was submitted from the Vestry of Holy Trinity Church, Iron Hill, for an additional grant of \$100 to that mission, said application having been endorsed by the ruri-decanal meeting. The matter was referred to the Lay Committee on Missions.

A resolution expressing sympathy with the Rev. Mr. Garland on his severe family affliction, and making him a grant of \$100, to assist him in defraying the heavy expenditures thereby entailed, was carried.

An application from the Rev. J. Merriek for a grant of \$100, for a Lay Reader employed in his mission, was acceded to.

The Bishop announced the receipt of a letter from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, announcing a reduction in their grant to this Diocese for 1877 of £200 sterling—thus making the grant £1,400.

#### DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

The Synod of this Diocese met on the 20th of June. The Bishop, in his opening address, stated that he had "admitted four candidates to the holy order of Deacons, and promoted three deacons to the office of the Priesthood." His Lordship also reported that "he had consecrated two churches and a cemetery, and that he had held thirty-four Confirmations, at which 779 persons were confirmed, of whom more than 700 then received their First Communion."

#### DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

During the past Synodical year, the Bishop of Niagara confirmed 1,025 persons, and his Lordship expects that, ere another year has passed, fully 1,500 will have been confirmed—that is to say, about three times as many as the average in the same territory, before the division of the Diocese.

#### DIOCESE OF HURON.

The Bishop of Huron, in his late annual address, refers to the progress of the Church in Canada:—

"Within the memory of many there were, within what is now known as the Dominion of Canada, only four bishops with a few clergymen, and now there are fifteen bishops and nearly 800 clergymen—a great increase, doubtless, but far short of what is required for the field of labor. In Huron itself, of 144 townships, there are no fewer than twenty-nine without church or church-station, and besides, five townships, having nearly 3,000 Church members, which are now vacant.

"The census returns for 1871 showed a total Church population of 102,689, exclusive of the city of London. Since that time the population has greatly increased. Some of the towns exhibit a growth of from forty to seventy-eight per cent.; and we may safely estimate that there has been a proportionate increase in the membership of the Church. There are now residing within the Diocese not less than 60,000 souls belonging to the Church of England to whom her ministrations are not extended.

"It is very gratifying to see the progress of the Church in the Diocese since it was set apart. This is, more especially, brought before us the work of the last half decade. In 1871, when Dr. Hellmuth was appointed Bishop of Huron, there were seventy-nine parishes and missions supplied, and nine vacant; now there are ninety supplied and twelve vacant; an increase of fourteen parishes and missions in five years. While congratulating ourselves on this progress we cannot but admit that there is need of much greater progress in the future. At the same rate it would take eight years to establish one mission parish in each of the vacant townships. The increase in the number of clergy has been in like proportion to the number of parishes; in 1871 there were on active service eighty-four, now there are ninety-nine; in 1871 there were nine not on active service, in 1876 the number is eleven.

"The last year shows an increase of nearly \$2,200 over 1871, of contributions from the parishes of the Diocese for missionary and other church purposes, exclusive of contributions toward local parochial objects, for which also there has been considerable increase."  
—*Dominion Churchman.*

The Rev. Henry F. Darnell, formerly Rector of St. Johns, Que., and latterly Principal of the Hellmuth Ladies' College at London, Ont., recently received the honorary degree of D.D. from the University of Kenyon College, Ohio. The reverend doctor, whom we heartily congratulate on his new dignity, has since been appointed to the oversight of both the Hellmuth colleges.

#### DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

At the late meeting of the Diocesan Synod, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That this Synod is of opinion that the consent of the majority of the Bishops of the Province should be required previous to the consecration of the person elected by any diocese to that important office, provided that in case the consent of the required majority shall not be obtained, the dissentient Bishops shall severally, in writing, communicate to the Synod of the Diocese whose election has not been confirmed their reasons for their dissent within some specified time."

#### DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

The meetings of this Diocesan Church Society, and of the Synod of the Church of England, were held in S. Mark's School-house at St. John, recently. The clergy and laity present numbered about eighty. The meetings were presided over by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. A number of important questions were debated—among others, that of adopting King's College at Windsor, N.S., as the theological school for students of the Church of England in this Province. The subject was thoroughly discussed, and a resolution