

numerous, and really constituted the back-bone of the newly-organized mission. This element consisted chiefly of Irish colonists, farmers of a superior class, who cherished an intense love for the Church, and had always a welcome for any travelling missionary, who at intervals paid them a visit. For over thirty years church services were held in a small school-house on alternate Sundays, most of the people driving from four to six miles to attend the morning services at St. Thomas' church, Frankville. An interesting relic of the first regular services held there is an old harmonium, one of the first used in Canada, presented by the late Dr. McCaul to his friend, Dr. Bedford-Jones, in 1863. It was the instrument used in the chapel of King's College before its disestablishment and secularization into Toronto University. This ancient instrument of a by-gone pattern did good service at the Redan until quite recently. Here it may be stated that prominent among the twenty-five or thirty families of the settlement were three, who well deserve special mention—the Burnetts, the Staffords, and the Youngs. In one or other of their houses the clergyman always found a home and a warm welcome for himself and his horse. Mr. Geo. Burnett may be called the father of the settlement in the sixties, and having held offices in the Church in Ireland, it is said as parish clerk, he regarded himself as the guardian of the Church's interests, and the champion against all the adversaries of dissent. He had several daughters, who led the singing both in church and school-house, and when the services were over he took charge of the books and vestments. Mr. Samuel Cooper, a nephew, married one of the daughters, and has built a handsome residence on the site of the old homestead, which has become in turn the clergyman's home, and where both the old missionary rectors were entertained most hospitably on this occasion. Their son, Mr. Harry Cooper, following his grandfather's steps, is one of the churchwardens. Mr. John Young was a magistrate, and had a large family of ten or twelve children. Coming into Brockville, he had met Dr., now Archbishop Lewis, then rector of St. Peter's, who lent him "Kip's" Double Witness and Chapman's Sermons, which made him an intelligent and decided Churchman. Across the road was the large farm of the Widow Stafford, to-day the only survivor of the generation, and in her 95th year. This good woman, too, like her neighbours, was a staunch member of the Church and brought up all her children to follow her example. All three families, happily, still represented by successors who are liberal supporters of their fathers' faith, and who some five years ago, during the incumbency of the Rev. T. J. Stiles, resolved to erect a church for the settlement. This they found was an absolute necessity, if the members of the young generation were to be kept together in loyalty to the Church. To Mr. Stiles is due the credit of having put up one of the most correctly-built and neatest edifices in the country. Mr. Richard Stafford gave the site, and was a handsome contributor, and through the kind liberality of S.P.C.K., of friends in England and elsewhere the Redan Church of All Saints' was built, adorned, and furnished, so that literally nothing is now wanting for the most reverent ordering of Divine service. It would occupy too much space to attempt any description of the altar vessels and coverings, dossal, marble font, litany fald stool, the stained glass windows in the east end, to the memory of Mrs. Stafford's husband, in the west end to the memory of Sir John A. Macdonald, filled in with ten figures of Old and New Testament saints, having our Lord as the central object, and was subscribed for by the admirers of the late eminent Premier. The church being, happily, all free from debt, it was ready for consecration, and the present missionary, the Rev. R. James Harvey, L.S.T., having for some months been preparing a large class for confirmation, arranged through the Archbishop's commissary that the Lord Bishop of Ottawa should visit the Redan and discharge both episcopal functions. On as fine an autumn day as can be conceived the services began at 10 a.m. Besides the Bishop were present the Archdeacon and Canon Grout, the Revs. T. J. Stiles, W. Roberts, M.B.; C. J. Young, B.A.;

Jos. Elliott, and C. A. French, rectors of neighbouring missions. The procession was led by the incumbent, the male candidates next, the females, numbering in all 60, the young women being clad in white with becoming short veils, next the churchwardens, Messrs. Stafford and Cooper, and last, the eight clergymen, all of whom were met at the main entrance of the church by the Lord Bishop of Ottawa, wearing his mitre and scarlet robes, and carrying his most beautiful pastoral staff. Arrived at the church porch, the Bishop, the Archbishop's commissary, and the wardens, halted, and the consecration service began. The due formalities having been observed, the deed of consecration was read by the Archdeacon and signed in presence of the congregation, when his Lordship at the altar then began the Confirmation, and the Rural Dean, Canon Grout, read the preface. The Bishop then gave a most earnest and telling address of an hour's length, during which he held the attention of all present, and his loving and plain instruction will not fail to be remembered for many a day. The candidates were confirmed one by one. In the celebration, the Bishop requested the Archdeacon, as the first resident-pastor of the mission, and the Rev. T. J. Stiles, as the former incumbent and builder of the church, to act as Gospeller and Epistoler, respectively. His Lordship again addressed the candidates, giving them some very wholesome rules, referring to private prayers, family prayers, and public worship, Bible reading, Church work, and Holy Communion. There were seven adults confirmed, three of whom were baptized by the incumbent, and were converts—two Methodists and one Presbyterian. All communicated and seemed exceedingly devout and reverent in demeanor, which should tell for their pastor's careful training. It was not possible to estimate the number of communicants, being at least double the number of the sixty confirmed. The whole services occupied from 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. The organ was presided over by Mrs. T. J. Stiles, the choir, augmented from Easton's Corners, Miss F. Burrett being leader. The services concluded, were followed by refreshments in front of Mr. Young's residence, and a capital dinner was provided by the Churchwomen of the parish. The church bell rang again at 3 p.m. for evensong, which was attended by the good Bishop in his robes, the Archdeacon, who took the prayers, and the visiting clergy, with a congregation who filled the beautiful little church, thus closing one of the happiest days ever spent in Redan. The floral decorations, altar font and chancel were in the best of taste, the pendant banners, the rood screen effectively constructed, and likely to be replaced by a permanent one as a memorial at some future date, makes it imperative upon us to congratulate the pastor and people of Redan on the complete success of the services of Tuesday, the 14th of September, 1897, and an expression of devout thankfulness to God that in the back woods of Canada such a church and such a service are within the reach of every devout soul in the mission.

Bath.—Owing to failing health, the Rural Dean of Lennox and Addington has felt obliged in the interests of the deanery to resign his position. His retirement will be much regretted, and much felt by the clergy throughout the deanery. Rural Dean Baker was one of the first appointees of the Archbishop, when the office was revived in 1879. He was then missionary of Tyendinaga, and his rural deanery was the County of Hastings. When he was removed to the Bath Rectory, he became Rural Dean of Lennox and Addington, in which office he served the Church with zeal and efficiency, and greatly promoted missionary work in the deanery. The clergy ever found in their rural dean a sympathizing friend and ready helper. He always came at their call, and was rarely unsuccessful in his efforts in their behalf. The Archbishop is sensible of the loss which his retirement will be to the deanery and the Church at large in the diocese, and as a mark of his appreciation has conferred upon him the distinction of attaching him to the cathedral of his diocese at canon.

## TORONTO.

ARTHUR SWEATMAN, D.D., BISHOP, TORONTO.

The Rev. Professor and Mrs. Clark arrived home last Friday, after a three-months' tour in Europe. On Sunday evening the Professor delivered in St. Margaret's church a most interesting and instructive discourse, his impressions of what he had seen in England, to an exceedingly large and appreciative congregation, gathered from all parts of the city.

The Bishop of Toronto and Mrs. Sweatman arrived home on Monday. His Lordship will preach in St. Alban's cathedral on Sunday next.

Township of Tay.—St. John's.—The second Harvest Thanksgiving in this church, which has now been added to the churches of the diocese by the munificence and perseverance of Chas. Newton, Esq., of Riverside, was held in this lovely little sanctuary on Sunday, the 19th instant. The Rev. J. H. McCollum, rector of St. Thomas', Toronto, preached both at the morning and afternoon services. The choir from the parish church at Midland were present, under the able management of the choirmaster, Mr. Weston. The sacred building was well filled at matins, at which service the Holy Communion was administered. We noticed that the Communion services proceeded without the usual unseemly break and ugly pause, the congregation having remained throughout, exhibiting the greatest reverence and most wrapped attention as they followed the great central service of the Church throughout. At the 3 p.m. service the church was full from sanctuary to west door, and over fifty had to remain outside. The festal decorations were all that could be desired, for taste, neatness and arrangement. A new feature in these was the whole west end of the church gracefully decorated with rakes, scythes, sickles, and many of the farming implements which modern machinery has supplanted. We are glad to see beautiful photographs of the church scattered through the new parish, with an elaborate account of the church pasted on the back, from the Canadian Churchman. The contributions of grain, vegetables, fruit and flowers were poured in from the fields and gardens of all neighbouring religious bodies, while Mrs. Newton, Miss Thompson, and a band of faithful lady workers arranged them in such an attractive manner as only the gentle hand and artistic eye can do. A well-attended Sunday school has been commenced in connection with this church, and with the prudent care, caution, and harmony which exists between the rector, the Rev. John Hanna, and his people, a noble course of blessed usefulness is in store for the Church of St. John's, Tay. We wish it and its people and rector all success.

## NIAGARA.

JOHN PHILIP DUMOULIN, D.D., BISHOP OF NIAGARA.

Rev. J. H. Ross, L.T., is now acting as locum tenens for Rural Dean Fennell, of Georgetown, at the expiration of which time he takes charge of the parish of Norval.

Acton.—The annual Harvest Festival in connection with St. Alban's church took place on Friday evening, 10th inst. Earnest hearts and ready hands had undertaken the work of decorating the church, so that from Monday evening they laboured until Friday, when it presented a most beautiful and attractive appearance. A very pretty text of red letters on white ground, bordered with grain, adorned the walls, while the white frontals and altar cloth, used on all festal occasions, now renewed by new and more beautiful symbols; all these, together with fruits, vegetables, and flowers in abundance, artistically arranged; three arches up the centre aisle, and wreaths of grain neatly festooned on the walls. All these filled the little church with the air of harvest joy. Special music had been prepared by the choir, which they rendered in a manner worthy to themselves. The service was read by the incumbent, Rev. J. K.