

modesty well befits the Christian and the nobility of his birth is never with him a matter of boast, however it may be of gratitude and self-respect. One of the most pleasant incidents to the writer, of the journey along the Bay Quinte, was the being made a participant in the delightful excursion by steamer "Norfolk," to Picton, of the "Napanee Choral Union," upon the occasion of their happy rendering of "Belshazzar's Feast," at the Town Hall, Picton, under the direction of Rev. D. F. Bogart, and assisted by Professor Whish, of Belleville. The afternoon was bright and beautiful, and though warm, while running through the river, the broad bay soon afforded a refreshing breeze, while eye and ear were charmed with the beautiful expanse of water and the sweet sounds of the "choral" as with joyous "glee" they sang. The scenery through the Long Reach and Picton Bay is surpassingly beautiful, bringing forcibly to mind that of the North River of the States, so famed in the chronicles of travellers. It was a truly admirable prelude to an entertainment of rare excellence, the more gratifying to your correspondent as a happy surprise in this "far off country." A musical critique is far beyond the power of the writer, but he felt deeply, the "concord of sweet sounds." The national anthem of the Babylonian, "with high sounding paeans," was rendered with fine effect. The song in the second scene,—"Oh, that I had wings like a dove," as sung by the Queen, Mrs. D. F. Bogart, was exquisite in its sweetness, as was her "Rejoice! O daughter of Zion." The Recitative "Of a truth is it that God is a God of god's," was most impressive, and many another song and air was rendered to the delight of the large audience, which it would be a pleasure to make mention of. The double chorus, "Great Baal we cry to Thee," and "Jehovah, we worship Thee," with the grand chorus, in finale, "Magnify, Glorify," &c., illustrated the power and sweetness of the voices of the "Choral Union," and the "Feast of Belshazzar" proved a Feast indeed to all present. One of the happiest thoughts in connection with this most pleasant experience, was the perfect unanimity and thorough friendliness of this Association. There must have been, at least, a hundred souls going and returning on that boat, a party composed of people from all the walks of life and of variety of shades and opinions of belief,—Romanists, Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, Church of England, and others mayhap, yet never an unpleasant act or ribald word escaped this goodly company, for such by their conduct did they prove themselves to be. Harmony reigned, and minister and people alike sang their joyous songs in sweet accord. It does really seem as though the Spirit of Song had descended upon these people to keep their hearts fresh and attuned to praise and gladness. Happy indeed is the influence of song, and long may their voices be preserved to them of these amiable people of Napanee, or Appanea, as it may more properly be termed, that being more suggestive of happiness.

#### LANSDOWNE FRONT, June 29th, 1876.

This parish lying fallow for so long a time, is beginning to afford evidence of culture under the effort of its present Missionary, the Rev. R. L. M. Houston, M.A., who substitutes for a fortnightly divine service to its people, its rendering five times in two weeks, besides an occasional week day service. The result is apparent in the increased and increasing interests of those under his charge.

In the eastern portion of the mission, viz.: The township of Escott, a new church

edifice is in course of construction with every prospect of speedy completion; and a movement is on foot in the township of Lansdowne, having for its object the erection of a church to displace the old stone building, erected more than thirty years ago, by the late Rev. E. Morris, now so sadly out of repair as to involve cost beyond warrant for so old and so inconveniently situated a church edifice. The mission of Rev. Mr. Morris extended from Merrickville to Kingston, precluding the possibility of more frequent service at this point than once in two weeks, as was the case when Mr. Houston arrived to take charge.

The work of the Church would seem to have been neglected in the townships bordering on the St. Lawrence in days gone by, though doubtless the lack of men and means had much to do with it. The clergyman at Gananoque was, formerly, entrusted with the care of the whole of this tract of country, almost large enough, in itself, for a Diocese.

The new mission of Lansdowne Front, is now beginning to evince more of life in consequence of the presence of a Missionary on the spot, and in time, may become a flourishing parish, though, at present burdened with church-building. It occurs to the writer, in view of the feebleness of this parish as to means, its burden of church-building that it labors under and the earnest spirit which is manifested by its people for the establishing of the Church in its strength among them, that an addition to the present stipend of \$100, would be of essential aid and encouragement in their work, and it would seem not too much of an appropriation when contrasting its condition with these, who, receiving the same stipend, have had a standing of over thirty years. The addition of \$100 would go far towards strengthening the weak hands, and confirming the feeble knees, and it would be money well placed in furthering the progress of church interests in a section of country that, but needs a little aid pecuniarily, for reasonable development, as regards time and numbers.

#### LYN, ONT., June 30th, 1876.

There is evidence of growing strength in this parish, the curacy of which comprises with Lyn and its congregation of 60—Dublin, numbering over 100; and St. Luke, Young, over 70. To the mind of the writer, the very handsome church edifice of the early English gothic style, built upon an elevation commanding an extended view of the beautiful valley, with its surrounding hills and slopes of green, and stream of living water, is the chief ornament of the bright little town of Lyn. The edifice which will seat 200 worshippers, is one of the prettiest and most churchly in form, met with as yet in this Diocese; and possesses additional interest as being built upon the site whereon stood the earliest Methodist building of Upper Canada. Its pointing being done this spring, it now presents a more finished appearance. A handsome stone wall with iron railings will soon be constructed around it. The comfortable parsonage with its grounds of ample area, prettily laid out and adorned with a lawn of green, and flowers, is in close proximity to the church. A fence with iron gate in front of the rectory, is now in course of erection, and will be completed in the course of a fortnight. These evidences of interest and care of the pastor and of people, combined with taste and the exceptional beauty of the situation, is something refreshing to witness, and the wish of God speed in connection finds quick and earnest expression.—HAMILTON.

#### NIAGARA.

GEORGETOWN.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese came to this village on the afternoon of Thursday, the 29th ult., and in the evening His Lordship held a confirmation. The church occupies an elevated position, being pleasantly situated on a rising ground.

The service was begun at 7.45 p.m., with Evening Prayer to the end of the third collect, by the incumbent, Rev. A. Boulton. The special lessons for this service, which were Gen. xlviii. and Acts viii. 5-13, were read by Rev. J. C. Cox, from the neighbouring parish of Norval.

After the singing of a suitable confirmation hymn, eighteen persons were presented by the incumbent for the apostolic rite of laying on of hands. The preface to the confirmation service was read by Rev. J. C. Cox, and after the solemn question put by the Bishop to the candidates, and their brief, but comprehensive answer "I do," his Lordship proceeded to lay his hands on each kneeling candidate. His Lordship's address, which followed after the singing of another hymn, was of a most practical nature—very earnest, plain, and forcible. He dwelt chiefly on the duty of keeping the solemn vows of baptism; taking up in their order each of the promises made by the godparents; and dwelling on the great necessity that exists in the present degenerate times, for the better observance of the ten commandments, or the moral law. This part of His Lordship's address was particularly interesting and profitable. He spoke of those vices that are becoming so sadly prevalent in our country, and set forth as the most effectual remedy for them, the practising of the commandments of God, which we find in the Book of Exodus, in the Prayer Book, the Catechism, and which, in many churches, especially those of the mother country, are inscribed on tablets which are fastened to the chancel wall.

The congregation, which was large for a week-day evening, appeared much interested in the service; and listened to His Lordship's somewhat lengthy address with most evident attention. This very impressive service was brought to a close by the singing of a hymn by the choir, and with prayer, and the benediction by the Bishop. After the service a number of parishioners repaired to the parsonage, which is adjoining the church, where a pleasant interview was enjoyed with His Lordship, and with the family of the incumbent.

STEWARTTOWN AND NORVAL.—On Friday morning the Lord Bishop proceeded to the small village of Stewarttown, where a weak congregation is still struggling on through difficulties. After Morning Prayer and the Litany had been said, the former by the Rev. O. R. Lee, of the Acton mission, and the latter by the incumbent, Rev. J. C. Cox, His Lordship held a confirmation. Here seven candidates were presented, four of whom were young men. This small class, as well as those who were afterwards confirmed at Norval, have been preparing for this solemn ordinance since Christmas; and we trust the time has been well employed which has been thus spent with these few children of the church; and that the good impressions made upon their minds, will not be erased while life lasts.

His Lordship's address to the candidates was of a like character with that of Georgetown; which, on account of its plain, practical, and impressive nature, could not fail to elicit the highest approval of those who had the privilege of listening to it.

His Lordship, the clergymen present,