

Twelve miles away, at Ambatobaranana, a College has been established for training Natives for the ministry. It is in full work, under the Rev. F. A. Gregory. There, the only stone Church at present belonging to the Mission, is in course of building. This is the work in hand in the Central Province of Imerina.

On the Eastern Coast there are three Stations. At two of these, Andovoranto and at Tamatave, there are wooden Churches. Round Andovoranto are six small distinct congregations, but at present there is no ordained Missionary in charge. There is also a small wooden Church at Mahaso, two hours away from Tamatave, and numerous other congregations in the neighborhood, who assemble in small shed-like buildings. There is great need of a second Church at Tamatave. As soon as may be, these Stations are to be extended, the one north, the other south, and again they must stretch inland to meet the line extending from the interior. For all this money is wanted, not only to build and repair Churches, but to maintain the workers. The efficiency of the work, so far as we at home are taking part in it, is mainly dependent on a steady list of annual subscriptions.

## Diocesan Intelligence.

### NOVA SCOTIA.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

THE LORD BISHOP has returned from his tour following on the Provincial Synod. He arrived in Halifax on Michaelmas day, looking well and vigorous.

REV. MR. WINTERBURN has also returned to Halifax after his trip on board the Northampton.

REV. DR. ALSTON is recovering from his late very severe illness, we are happy to be able to state.

THE REV. J. W. NORWOOD has resigned Seaford, near Halifax, with a view of taking a charge in the United States, where his relatives reside.

### ONTARIO.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LEEDS AND LANSLOWNE.—Confirmation was held at Trinity Church, on Oct. 1st, at 3.30 p.m., when 86 candidates received the apostolic rite of Laying on of Hands by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. The same rite was conferred on 48 candidates, including many adults, at St. John's, on the morning of the 2nd inst. Here, there was a celebration of the Lord's Supper, when all the newly-confirmed and many old communicants, exceeding a hundred, received the Holy mysteries of the blessed Body and Blood of Christ.

A third confirmation was held at Seeley's Bay, in the afternoon of the same day, when 14 candidates were confirmed, making a total of 88 for this Mission. The number would have been larger, only that some, to the number of about ten, were prevented availing themselves of the grand opportunity. The congregation at Seeley's Bay has good reason to thank God and take courage for having been enabled to wipe off a large debt, besides furnishing the church; also, for the steady and increased attendance at church, during the incumbency of the Rev. John Osborne, who has done duty ever since the new church was opened. It was, we are thankful to inform our readers, consecrated by the Bishop when here at the time alluded to, under the name and title of St. Peter.

The Bishop's addresses at the several stations were, as usual, most able. Friends at a distance, who know this large and populous Mission, will be glad to know that our Diocesan found it sufficiently advanced and prosperous for an additional clergyman and publicly urged its division with all possible speed. *Laus Deo.*

WILLIAMSBURG.—The Lord Bishop of Ontario visited this parish on the 17th ult., and confirmed, at St. James' Church, Morrisburg, 17; at Trinity Church, Williamsburgh, 25. His Lordship preached in the evening at 7 o'clock.

### TORONTO.

SCARBOROUGH.—St. Jude's.—A new and beautiful stained glass window has recently been placed in the chancel of this church. In the centre lancet are the emblems of the Passion and Crucifixion, the sacred monogram, surrounded by a cross, and the crown of thorns and the nails. In the right lancet is a representation of St. Peter, and in the left of St. Jude. The

whole is wrought in vitrailline. Great praise is due Mr. Chapman Boyd, of Trinity College, for his zeal in collecting the necessary funds, and, indeed, for the carrying out of the whole work.

BOLTON.—The annual Harvest Festival was held at Christ Church, on the 29th ult. The church was very neatly and tastefully decorated, the services were hearty and were well attended. There was evensong on the 28th. The Rev. J. Fletcher on Ps. 108: 2, 3. Matins were sung at 10.30, on the 29th, with Holy Communion, the Rev. W. Grant preaching on Lev. 24: 14. Evensong was held at 4 p.m., when the Lord Bishop preached on Ps. 65: 11. In the evening, after tea had been served in the Town Hall, the Rev. Mr. Spencer, of Elora, exhibited his sciopicon, with views of the Holy Land, to a numerous and interested audience.

After the service at the church, the following address was presented to the Bishop:—

To the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Toronto:—

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—We, the clergy, men, churchwardens, lay delegates and members of the Church of Christ in the parish of Bolton and Sandhill, desire to take advantage of the present opportunity of expressing to your Lordship the deep respect which we entertain for your Lordship personally, and our reverence for the high and exalted office which you hold. The honor which your Lordship does us, by being present at our annual Harvest Festival, we affectionately appreciate, and, while we rejoice at the temporal benefits our benignant Father has bestowed upon us, your presence reminds us of the great spiritual benefits we have been partakers of. The presence of your Lordship as chief pastor of Christ's flock in this Diocese, brings before our minds the ancient lineage of our Church—the Church of England and Ireland—a true branch of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, which Christ founded upon earth. We pray that we may ever be found loyal members of that Church, and anxious, by our efforts and substance, to promote its welfare, to the good of souls and the honor of Christ.

We hope that your Lordship's short visit amongst us may be a pleasant one, and conclude with our earnest prayer that we may never be found wanting in that true loyalty which binds Bishop and people together, and that your Lordship may be abundantly blessed and long spared to administer the affairs of this important Diocese, to the glory of God and the promotion of true religion amongst us.

I should also, my Lord, desire myself, personally, before your Lordship, to acknowledge the kindness and good will of the people of this parish towards me, and their hearty co-operation in all Church work. Particularly do I wish to bear testimony to the loving zeal of the ladies of the congregation.

Also, I desire most cheerfully to recognize in your Lordship's presence the courtesy and kindness of the inhabitants of this village, to whatever religious body they may belong, many of whom, on occasions such as this, contribute their assistance.

The Bishop made an affectionate and hearty reply.

WHITEY.—All Saints' Church has recently received an addition to its many attractions. Mrs. Betts a most worthy and consistent parishioner has had erected therein a handsome and well executed window, from Mr. McCausland, Toronto. It consists of two distinct light and a circular above. Among many significant devices in the window, the central objects are: in the circular, the dove with outstretched wings; in one light the cross with our Lord's words, "Take up thy cross and follow me," on the other the Celestial Crown and Flowers, with the words, "I will give thee a Crown of Life."

The window is a memorial to her late husband, Daniel Betts, Esq., a faithful member of the church, who was taken to his rest a few years since, after much suffering, borne with resignation and a bright hope. Mrs. Betts has set a good example, not only in holding the faithful departed in loving remembrance, but also in beautifying the House of God, and thus benefitting the living.

### NIAGARA.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

ST. CATHARINES.—Those who were at St. Barnabas Church on Thursday evening, 30th ult., enjoyed a great treat in the Harvest Festival service. The decorations were extremely beautiful. At the western door was a pile of fruit of various kinds surmounted by a handsome cross. The fine stone font bore a graceful pyramid of ferns, flowers, and foliage plants, its base being wreathed with the same floral elegance. The rood screen was also most effectively treated—an excellent background for the wheat sheaves, berries, and fruit that literally covered the screen, was the

mass of creeping vines in which were mixed balsams of rare beauty. On the top of the screen was a handsome text in crayon letters on a blue ground bordered with ears of wheat, and from the central arch there hung a huge bunch of grapes that rivalled in size the famous grapes of Eschol. But exceeding in beauty all other parts of the church was the Altar, vested in white, and having on the retable a magnificent cross of flowers, besides four vases of choice cuttings. The reredos with its golden centre was beautifully decorated with a representation of lilies executed in water colors, the panels on either side of crimson, spanned by ivy tendrils and white berries. Grapes hung in clusters with wheat sheaves in miniature here and there forming a highly effective display of artistic taste. An oblation of wheat and grapes was presented at the Altar with the offertory. A number of the neighboring clergy were present.

The service began with a procession of the choir and clergy entering at the western door singing the Harvest Home Hymn, "Come ye thankful people, come." Throughout the music was remarkably good, and reflected much credit on the organist and choir, a very impressive feature being the rendering of the Apostle's Creed, which in its fine modulations, was a lesson itself. The first part of the service was sung by the Incumbent, Rev. A. W. McNab, the Rev. Henry Holland, of St. George, taking the second part; the Revs. Lee and Caswell read the lessons. Rev. E. J. Fessenden, of Chippawa, was the preacher, and gave an admirable and appropriate discourse. Immediately after the presentation of the offertory, a solemn Te Deum, or Song of Thanksgiving, was sung. Then followed the benediction by the Incumbent, and the Processional Hymn, "Brightly gleams our banner," brought to a close one of the brightest and heartiest services St. Barnabas Church has ever witnessed.

Among the many harvest offerings was some English Coconut Matting for the floor of the church—presented by a member of the congregation. A still larger number of people attended the repetition of the Festival Service on Sunday evening, when the Incumbent preached a stirring sermon from Gal. 6: 7, "Whosoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

HAMILTON.—Receipts at Synod Office during the month of September.

MISSION FUND.—On guarantee account West Flamboro, \$25; Marshville, \$50.

ALGOMA FUND.—Ancaster, \$21.79.

WELLAND.—At the close of the Wednesday evening service at the Feeder Junction School House, on Sept. 22nd, the Rev. R. C. Caswell was presented with a purse of \$27 by the attendants at the services held there, together with the following address, which was very well and clearly read by Miss Foster, one of the teachers in the Junction Sunday School:—

Rev. and Dear Sir,—

We, the members of the Church and other attendants at the evening services held at this place, desire to show our appreciation of your earnest efforts in the cause of Christ, as testified by your zeal in holding these week-night services, as well as in the very successful movement originated by you in establishing a Sunday School here, both of which we feel to be of the very greatest importance, as giving an opportunity to many to attend both these means of religious instruction, who otherwise would be unable to do so. We feel it is only proper that we should thus give expression to our feelings of gratitude, and in making this small presentation to you, we wish it understood that we have not the slightest thought of its being at all commensurate with the benefit received by us, but we make it that our hands may be strengthened with the remembrance that our pastor's work is fully appreciated by his people, in whose behalf he has so earnestly labored.

Signed on behalf of the congregation by E. McLaughlin, M. Topp, A. E. Foster, Jennie Foster, E. Wright, Mary Tuft, Mary A. Barrett, Emma Hannah.

### HURON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

PORT STANLEY.—The committee appointed to consider the petition of the Vestry of Christ Church, for leave to sell the old site for parsonage, and apply part of the proceeds towards improving the present parsonage grounds, and to invest the balance for the benefit of the Incumbent, reported in favor of the petition being granted.—Carried.

Permission was granted the Rector and Churchwardens of St. John's, London Township, to sell the old church, and also to apply to Parliament for permission to sell the present rectory and apply the proceeds towards a rectory house at or near the village of St. John's.