

To the Rev. Canon Morgan our beloved Pastor. An occasion has presented itself, (in the 50th anniversary of your wedding) to wait on you with congratulations to yourself and worthy lady. We cannot allow the occasion to pass, without expressing our heartfelt feelings of thanks to Almighty God for sparing so useful an instrument in His hands, as you have proven to be, to our spiritual welfare. We feel it but due to you to say that the pleasurable feelings every one evinced, in contributing to the accompanying small token of their esteem, is an indication of the affection and high esteem, in which you are held, not only by your parishioners, but by the community at large. Accompanying our congratulations we offer our prayers to the Supreme Being for a continuance of good health, happiness, and prosperity to yourself and your good lady. On behalf of Trinity Church Congregation. Joseph Rogers, L. S. Sanders, T. W. Georgen, C. H. Clark.

NIAGARA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ANCASTER.—*St. John's Church*—The most successful Harvest Home for several years held in this neighborhood took place here on Thursday, Sept. 18. A thanksgiving service was held in the church at 11 o'clock, at which the Rev. W. J. Mackenzie, of Milton, preached. The rev. gentleman, in an eloquent sermon from 1 Thess. v. 18: "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God concerning you," earnestly exhorted his hearers to render hearty thanks to the Giver of all good not only for the bounties of the harvest, but also for preserving them from the horrors of war and famine which He had seen fit to send upon other countries. Besides the Incumbent, the Rev. W. Belt, M. A., the following clergy also assisted in the service: The Revs. Dr. Armstrong, W. R. Clark, B. A., W. Green and J. Osborne; the Rev. C. R. Lee, B. A., was present in the body of the church: The church, trimmed with flowers, fruit, and grain, was, as everybody remarked, unsurpassable in beauty. The font, filled with beautiful water lilies, was surrounded at the top with handsome wreaths, and at the base with magnificent ferns. A screen beautifully decorated with fruit, grain and berries, was placed across the chancel, and the altar was fairly loaded with fruits of all kinds. On either side of the church were the texts, "He reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of harvest," and "They joy before Thee according to the joy in harvest," beautifully decorated with wreaths of berries, grain and fruit. Over the chancel window was the text, "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof," and over the entrance door of the church the word "Benedicite." After the service the congregation adjourned to the grove adjoining the village, where the ladies had already prepared a sumptuous repast. After this games of cricket and lacrosse were played, and various athletic competitions were engaged in and prizes given. A great deal of amusement was occasioned by a trial vote on the Dunkin Act, Capt. Nichol having kindly lent his ballot box, (in completing which he has spent eight years, and which is very ingeniously contrived) and when the box was opened a majority was shown for the anti-Dunkinites. During the evening the Rev. W. Belt, on behalf of the congregation, presented Mr. E. Clark with a handsome French marble clock in appreciation of his long and valued services in the choir, after which Dr. Orton, on behalf of Mrs. Olmsted, a lady member of the congregation, presented the Rev. Mr. Belt with a fine oil painting of himself, which does much credit to her as an accomplished artist. A magnificent display of fireworks was also exhibited during the evening by Prof. Hand, of Hamilton, after which the guests all dispersed, having spent a most enjoyable day. The gross proceeds amounted to about \$280.

HURON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

WILMOT.—The annual Sunday School picnic of this parish was held on Wednesday last, the 5th inst., in the grounds of Mr. John Laird, adjoining the village of Haysville. The children

assembled in Christ Church and marched in procession to the ground. A short address was given there by the Incumbent, the Rev. E. Softley, B.D., and after the good things so abundantly provided by the ladies had been duly discussed a variety of amusements followed. There was a large attendance both of children and the adult members of the parish. The afternoon was pleasantly spent, and it is hoped that the reunion was beneficial to the high end in view as well as enjoyed by those present.

PORT STANLEY.—The Rev. Mr. Zimmerman has resigned the incumbency of Christ Church and come to reside in the city, having received an appointment in the Hellmuth Ladies' College.

BRANTFORD.—The Harvest Home celebration in connection with Grace Church, Brantford, was a very successful and happy affair. The sermon preached on the occasion by the Very Rev. Dean Boomer, was very appropriate and forcible. Reverends Canon Nobles, A. C. Hill, A. Cooper, and C. D. Maston, with the Rector, Rev. R. H. Starr, read the service. Mr. Starr was very popular here when he first officiated as minister of the church, as curate of St. Paul's.

CHATHAM.—Rev. J. P. Lewis, lately a Methodist minister, has been appointed perpetual curate of Christ Church, Chatham, Ven. Archdeacon Sandys, who has been superannuated, retaining the Rectory.

British News.

ENGLAND.

A correspondent writes as follows:—"When in England a short time ago a Roman Catholic told me that if the Roman Catholics could get rid of the Church of England, they would find no difficulty in dealing with the Dissenters, for their system was too rotten to present an insuperable barrier. If I remember rightly, I once read a sermon or speech of Mr. Philpot, formerly Fellow of Worcester College, Oxford, after he had joined the Baptists, in which he stated that the Church of England was the only bulwark in England against Rome."

THE MANX FISHERMAN.—The Rev. Canon Rowley Hill, Bishop of Sodor and of Man, when addressing a meeting at Sheffield, remarked that those present knew that he was going to the Isle of Man. He had been struck with one thing that he heard at the town of Peel, which was on the coast of that island. The people there were great fishermen. Whenever they were going out to sea, and were putting off in their boats, the man at the helm stood and took off his hat, and said, "Pray." Thereupon he or another man would offer up prayer to God, and then they put off to sea. This he thought a grand way of doing things—good, sturdy men accustomed to the sea never putting off from the shore to engage in their work without looking up to Him, who ordered all things, for His blessing, His guidance, and direction. The speaker might as well have told his audience that this religious custom was started by the holy Bishop Wilson, who died A. D. 1755, after an episcopate of above half a century, and has been kept up by the Manx fishermen ever since.

The Lord Mayor has undertaken to preside over a fund for the aid of the sufferers by famine in Southern India; to which fund the Prince of Wales has sent 500 guineas.

Riots have taken place at a recent election in England. The calming virtues of vote by ballot are not so clear now as they were at its inception.

Professor Allen Thomson, in his inaugural address before the British Association, to the surprise of many, defended the doctrine of evolution.

TRAVELLER'S SKETCHES NO. 6.

I have heard Albani. I am not one of the intensely musical, but coming from Canada, I was particularly anxious to hear the singer who is

called in England 'the Canadian.' We may be proud of our representative. She sang at the last of the Floral concerts in Covent Garden Hall, Madame Patti was also singing and divided the plaudits with our Canadian. Undoubtedly Patti is the more perfectly accomplished singer; but Albani's manner is so entirely unaffected, she pleases more than the former. I shall never forget the exquisite pathos of her rendering of Sampson's

"Angles ever bright and fair
Take, O take me in your care."

On Sunday being in London, I paid a visit to one of the largest London schools. St. Michaels, Eaton Square—lately under the control of the Rev. Rowley Hill, now translated to the Bishopric of Sodor and Man—The Rev. Canon Fleming, is now Rector—under his care the Sunday Schools are in a very flourishing condition—The order kept within this school, of over 1100 children, is very good, partly due, I think to the presence of a very efficient superintendent. I was particularly struck with the school prayers of the infant class.

Let me recommend the system by which this desirable end appears to be accomplished—Simply the use of short prayers, and the Lord's prayer, in which the little ones are taught to join after the minister, in the same way as the general confession ought to be said, i. e., first the leader one clause and the children the same clause—In this way the children, seemed with one voice to join. It was a pretty sight to see nearly 100 little figures, all under seven years of age, kneeling, so reverently with faces all upturned and hands clasped in prayer, and each pair of lips speaking reverently in prayer to Him "who took little children up in his arms, laid His hands upon them and blessed them." I cannot say that as a rule the Sunday Schools are better conducted in England than are those which it has been my lot to visit in Canada; although of course there are many hints to be obtained from new fields.

Of course your correspondent, being within a few miles of the commons, could not neglect to visit the camp at Wimbledon—Here an eye ever ready to detect Canada, soon saw at the entrance of the main gate the Canadian quarters.

The Colorado Beetle being admitted into the columns of every paper in England, church or secular, perhaps I may allude to it in your columns. They are in great trepidation here, anticipating the arrival of this pest—Really I never thought him so formidable before—The other evening in the House of Commons a 'bill' was set aside in order to make way for a Colorado Beetle Act which should empower the government to take measures to stamp him out should he gain a foothold within the realm. A few days ago, on information received, that some live specimens had been detected on a vessel from York then going in the Mersey—a special entomologist was sent—I heard by special train—from London, to investigate his case. Of course the government is very wise to take every precaution to secure if possible immunity from this pest, but it is very amusing to see the importance to which this repulsive insect has attained in the eyes of sober England.

I am not sure that my credentials as a clergyman from Canada are more valuable in securing to me some 'lionizing'—than the introduction couched in the words "this gentleman has an intimate acquaintance with the Colorado Potato Beetle."

A visit to the city of colleges—Oxford formed a pleasant break in our westward journey from London to Gloucester—there in Christ Church meadows we sauntered pleasantly and uninterruptedly—it being vacation, until the train should take us to a pretty town in the hill country of Gloucestershire. Here we sleep in a vicarage, the dearest of old houses, built in the time of Charles II. From the window, through the great elm trees where rooks whose ancestors, I suppose came over with the conqueror that being the usual limit of pedigrees, divided their time with the adjacent church—we could see the venerable church with its tower in the centre—a portion of it of early Norman architecture. It is one of those country churches which will repay the expenditure of a day within its walls.—The manor, and