

ing the week to devote their time to Sunday-school work, yet taking into consideration the character of our public schools, the negligence of parents, &c., it seems to be the duty of those at all fitted for the work to take an active part in the Sunday-school.

III. (a). That whilst the ordinary competitive system of giving prizes is to be deprecated, yet rewards may be beneficially given. (b). That when books are given, they should be of real value on account of the ecclesiastically distinctive character of their teaching; but (c), that the Sunday School itself, by means of music, decorations, and so on, should be made the great attraction.

IV. That the clergy, teachers, and other officers of the Sunday-schools in these Rural Deaneries, do form themselves into an association to be called the Sunday-school Association of East and West Simcoe; and that the members thereof shall correspond and confer with each other on Sunday-school publications, &c.

V. That the music in our Sunday-schools should be plain, hearty, and devotional; and should be introduced into the exercises as often as convenient.

VI. That, wherever practicable it is most desirable to have children's services, consisting principally of singing children's Litanies, bright and cheerful hymns, and of short, plain sermons or catechisings.

VII. That Hymns Ancient and Modern are most suitable for our Sunday Schools.

(Communicated by Rev. W. W. Bates, Sec.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUSE BURNED.—A flourishing Sunday-School has been in operation for several years in "The Old Village," near Collingwood. In the School-Room there was also held a weekly service. On Sunday last the usual notice was published in All Saints' Church that 'the weekly service would be held in the Old Village School-Room,' but alas! the Clergyman was not aware that at two o'clock that very morning, the said School-House had been set on fire, and that all that remained was a heap of smouldering ashes. The School-House, with Melodeon, Scripture Illustrations, Library and Furniture—all were consumed. Will not kind Christians contribute to the immediate rebuilding of the Chapel School-House. Donations will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged by C. J. Campbell, Esq., (Cassels & Campbell,) King St. East Toronto; E. Pangman, Esq., Treasurer; or by the Rev. Dr. Lett, Collingwood.

British and Foreign News.

ENGLISH BISHOPS' PASTORAL.—A most important Pastoral has just been issued by the English Archbishops and Bishops. The Bishops of Durham and Salisbury have not signed it. The Pastoral treats of the following topics: 1st. "The interruption of the sympathy and mutual confidence which ought to exist between the Clergy and Laity." 2nd. 'Refusal to obey Legislative Authority—whether Episcopal or that of 'the highest judicial interpreters of the law.' 3rd. "The dissemination of doctrine and encouragement of practices repugnant to the teaching of Holy Scripture, and the principles of the Church as derived from Apostolic times, and as authoritatively set forth at the Reformation." 4th. "The multiplication and the assiduous circulation among the young and susceptible of manuals of doctrine and private devotion, of which, it is not too much to say that, many of the doctrines and practices they inculcate are wholly incompatible with the teaching and principles of our reformed Church." 5th. "The growing tendency to associate doctrinal significance with rites and ceremonies which do not necessarily involve it."

BISHOP OF OSSORY.—The choice of the new Bishop of Ossory, Leighlin, and Ferns having devolved on the Irish Episcopal Bench, Dean Gregg, son of the Bishop of Cork, was selected for the office by a majority of the Bishops.

BISHOP OF BALLARAT.—Rev. Samuel Thornton, M. A., Rector of St. George's, Birmingham, has been nominated Bishop of Ballarat.