

offertory, which was a liberal one, was devoted to the Superannuation Fund of the diocese. Special hymns were sung, Miss Pardoe presiding at the organ. At the close of the service all present adjourned to the hall, where a very substantial repast, which had been provided by members and friends of the church, was found in readiness and to which ample justice was done. After a few words of commendation the rural dean expressed the great pleasure it had given him to meet the people of Ravenscliffe for the first time, and also his great regret that his visit had to be so brief, on account of another appointment in a distant part of the mission on the same day.

Christ Church, Ilfracombe.—On Wednesday, Sept. 19 the weather was perfect, and this added very much to the spirit of thankfulness manifested by the dwellers at Ilfracombe on the occasion of the harvest festival, which was held there on the above date. Evensong was said at 3 p.m. by the incumbent, the preacher being the Rev. Rural Dean Burt, rector of Bracebridge. The display of grain, fruit, vegetables and flowers did much to mark the festive occasion. The offertory was given to the Superannuation Fund. Mrs. Charles Smith, one of the oldest and most valued workers at Ilfracombe, was prevented, unfortunately, by illness from attending the harvest festival. We trust she may have a speedy recovery. With her accustomed liberality, Mrs. Malkin, senr., at the close of the service hospitably entertained the rural dean, the incumbent, Messrs. H. and R. Whitlay and the Misses Pardoe.

The obsequies of the late Mr. R. A. Cooper took place on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 30. The cortege left his late home on the Town line, and while the church bell tolled it wended its way to Christ Church, Ilfracombe, where a large congregation awaited it. The Rev. J. Pardoe met the concourse at the church door and in the beautiful ritual of the Church led the pall bearers to the chancel, where, after Evensong had been said, the solemn thoughts of death and the passing out of this life were brought feelingly to the notice of all present. The Incumbent dwelt touchingly upon the last days of the departed, who, a short time before the end came, asked that the initial rite of the Christian Church, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, might be administered to him, which request after careful thought and due preparation was acceded to. After the hymn, "Days and Moments Quickly Flying," etc., had been sung, the funeral proceeded to Christ Church cemetery, where all that was mortal was deposited till the final roll-call shall be sounded.

St. Mary's church, Novar.—The harvest festival was held in the above place of worship on Tuesday, Sept. 18. The church had been previously decorated by the members of the "Women's Church Aid Society" and other willing helpers, and much taste had been shown in the

arrangement of grain, fruit, vegetables, flowers and autumn leaves. A large congregation assembled, and Evensong was said at 7.30 by the incumbent, followed by a very able discourse on some of the chief causes for thankfulness at the present time, the preacher being the Rev. W. A. J. Burt, Rural Dean of Muskoka. The offertory was devoted to the diocesan Superannuation Fund.

### Sturgeon Falls Mission.

REV. C. PIERCY, INCUMBENT.

If our little missions do what they can towards finding a stipend for a missionary there is no provision to give anything to the person who plays the little organ at the church's services, but "the organist," be it lady or gentleman, who comes to services and practises in all seasons, deserves—and generally gets—recognition at the hands of our people. With the exception of a break caused by absence from home, the young lady who played for more than a year at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Sturgeon Falls, was Miss Hatch. At length it was decided that she should go away from home to prosecute her musical studies, and, to our loss, she has gone. But we did not let her go without letting her know that her services were appreciated. By invitation Miss Hatch was asked to meet a few friends at the parsonage on her last evening but one at home. There song and supper—very light—were mingled with a presentation of books (three handsome volumes) to Miss Hatch. Appreciative speeches were made by the clergyman and by the churchwardens, L. E. Bolster, M.D., and Mr. H. W. Gill. Among those present was Mrs. C. Britton, who has consented to take Miss Hatch's place.

The services on Sunday, Sept. 23, were of a harvest thanksgiving character, and were participated in by two congregations as large as our little church will hold.

The parsonage has been improved by an open verandah in front and a closed porch to the rear entrance. One half of the cost has already been contributed locally, and an effort will be made to pay the balance and cost of painting. The cost was \$60 in all.

### S. P. G. Bi-Centenary.

Mr. G. A. King, Treasurer of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in England, contributes a descriptive summary of the great June inauguration, to the *St. Andrew's Cross*, from which is culled the following:

The venerable Archbishop of Armagh pointed out four great features of the English Church which showed its fitness for missionary work—its marvellous power of adaptation, its power of inspiring loyalty, its power of using the New Testament page, and its power of teaching to pray.

Concerning the much-talked-of and, let us thankfully add, the much-advertised speech of the English Premier, the writer says: "The speech of the afternoon, to English ears, was Lord Salisbury's. When he rose the whole audience stood up and cheered. He spoke quietly, solidly, convincingly; and though his speech seemed almost overweighted with caution, every one felt that his presence on the platform counted for much, and that a less earnest Christian man would easily have found his official position an excuse for silence."

Bishop Doane's (Albany, U.S.) description of the Church in America, as the daughter that had grown up into the dignity of sister, and his expression of gratitude, "not chilled or diluted by 3,000 miles of cold sea water," were both striking.

Mr. John Kennaway, president of the C.M.S., made happy allusion to the speech at the C.M.S. centenary of Lord Cranbourne (Lord Salisbury's son, now fighting in Africa), and re-echoing his words on that occasion asked the meeting again to pledge itself to the Christianization of the Empire. "Don't let's be too timid; because we respect the religion of others, don't let them think we are ashamed of our own."

The speech of the Bishop of Kentucky is referred to as the most telling speech of the meeting. He was not fettered by any political considerations, and he plumped for Anglo-American alliance, both in Church and State. He was aware that he must "beware of entangling alliances," he knew that he was standing on a very slippery place, but he would say it, "We must stand together." And while the chair of Augustine was filled by such men as Tait, as Benson and as Temple, he was quite content that the Archbishop of Canterbury should be his primate as well as ours. Nor was he less outspoken as to political matters. He considered that an Anglo-American alliance would be the longest step yet taken in the progress of universal civilization.

### The War in Africa—From a Bishop in Africa.

The Bishop of Mashonaland (Dr. Gaul) who has been in the midst of the war in South Africa, and had several narrow escapes under fire, writes to the diocesan quarterly paper, *Mashonaland*, (August) his usual letter, in which he refers to the war. He says:

For eight months South Africa has been plunged in war. To one, who like myself, has been a close observer of cause and effect in the affairs of this great colony for over twenty years, the war has been as inevitable as disease from dirt, or explosion from congested gas. When men neglect their properties, their interests go to ruin, and are only restored by drastic measures. A nation asleep, with watchful enemies all round, is sure to have a rude awakening. Neglected responsibilities involve loss of privileges.