

la Prairie is one of the oldest Missions in the Diocese.

PERSONAL.—The Ven. Archdeacon Pinkham visited the missions at Birtle and Rapid City on behalf of the Mission Board to inquire into the state of these places. At Rapid City a meeting of the Vestry was held. In Birtle the Archdeacon held service and preached.

PLYMPTON.—The first tea meeting ever known in this little settlement was recently held by the Church congregation. Nearly 200 sat down to supper. After tea there were music and addresses in the school house, and Mr. Tason the missionary was presented with an address and \$122.

WINNIPEG.—The Rev. O. Fortin, Rector of Holy Trinity and Rural Dean of Selkirk, has gone to Rat Portage to examine the prospects for the establishment of Church services there and at White-mouth.

DIocese OF ONTARIO.

(From our own correspondent.)

OTTAWA.—Sunday, the 6th August, was the hottest day of the season so far, the thermometer registering a *maximum* of 94 degrees in the shade. The intense heat had a very visibly thinning effect on the attendance at most of the city and suburban churches. In one of the latter the heat had such a bewildering effect on the officiating clergyman that he read the Psalms for the 9th day of the month. It was just the kind of weather to try peoples tempers.

Much regret is felt at the sudden and unexpected death of Mr. S. R. Warren, organ builder. During the offertory at Christ Church on Sunday Mr. J. C. Stewart (who is acting as organist in the temporary absence of Mr. Harrison) played the "Dead March in Saul" as an expression of the feeling of the congregation. The sad strains of the piece had a very marked effect on those present.

On Tuesday evening, the 9th instant, the new organ which has been placed in St. Alban's Church, at a cost of \$2,275, by Messrs. S. R. Warren & Son, of Toronto, was tested in the presence of several members of the congregation and others, and gave general satisfaction. It is worked by a Berry motor, and is built with a special pneumatic action on the pipes of a large scale, an improvement which results in a remarkably light touch. It is said the organ will not be formally opened till the autumn. The Churchwardens have received thirteen or fourteen applications for the situation of organist, some of them being from England and the United States. The salary is \$400 per annum.

In a letter received recently from Dr. Lauder, Archdeacon of Ottawa, dated from England, he states his intention of returning to Ottawa on or about the 1st of October next. The Archdeacon will then have been absent just eleven months.

The newly ordained Deacon, the Rev. A. W. Mackay, is at present taking temporary duty at the Church of St. John the Evangelist during the absence of the Rector, the Rev. H. Pollard, on vacation at Riviere Du Loup.

The Rev. Messrs. B. B. Smith, H. B. Patton and E. A. W. Hannington are camping out at Black Rapids.

The religious census of the City of Ottawa recently issued gives the relative strength of the following religious denominations thus:—Church of England, 4,825; Presbyterians, 3,059; Methodists, 2,173; and Roman Catholics (French Canadians and Irish), 15,901.

A batch of thirteen emigrant girls arrived in Ottawa in July, having been brought out in the steamship *Homecrarian* from Cork to Quebec. They obtained situations as domestic servants, at large wages, almost immediately on arriving, but remained only a few days in their places, being quite incompetent and useless to the ladies who had engaged them. These girls are a sad and yet practical illustration of the absence of teaching the elements of cooking and general housework in the Carmelite Convent at Tralee, Ireland, in which institution they were all brought up. It is quite time that, in

addition to the Catechism, something of the practical duties of their future station were taught in the Roman Catholic convents.

ARCHVILLE.—Owing to the oppressive heat the Sunday School of Trinity Church, Archville—Mr. W. Carter, Superintendent, *pro tem*—is closed till Sunday, 3rd September.

ROCHESTERVILLE.—The annual picnic of the St. Paul's Church Sunday School, Rochester, took place on Friday, the 4th inst., at Long Island, per steamer *Como*. About 150 persons availed themselves of the trip up the Canal, which was much enjoyed, the children especially appearing to enjoy to the utmost the novelty of their surroundings. Dinner, racing, games, fishing and other pleasurable occupations took up the day, the only drawback being the want of drinkable water—a very serious one however—and for the lack of which much suffering was experienced.

KITELY.—*Consecration of Church and Burial Ground.*—Monday the 15th July saw a work accomplished which has been going on for many years. St. Thomas' Church, at Frankville, about 18 miles north of Brockville, was then consecrated. I was disabled, from sickness, from being present; but I can well realize the feelings of the zealous Missionary who had succeeded in putting the copestone on the building, toiled at for so many years by those who had gone before him; and of the older, at any rate, of those who, as Churchmen, had settled in the forest there, and through much trial and temptation had continued Churchmen still. The Bishop was met at the station (Irish Creek, ten miles away) by several of his clergy, and after dinner they drove over to Frankville. Evensong was said by Revds. Rural Dean Grant and W. Wright. The Lessons were read by Revds. John Osborne and J. W. Weatherdon, B. A. There were 35 candidates for Confirmation, all of whom were accepted by the Bishop, and of them 15 were males. The congregation was large and attentive. After the Confirmation Service, in which the Bishop was assisted by Rev. A. C. Nesbitt, R. D., of Smith's Falls, his Lordship delivered an Address, which, like all his Confirmation Addresses which I have heard, was spoken with a view to the practical benefit of the congregation, old and young, as well as of the newly confirmed. The Confirmation having taken place in the afternoon, there was no celebration of the Holy Eucharist; but the people were reminded of what was *now* the blessed privilege of an increased number amongst them, viz., that their "eyes might see salvation," by the singing of *Nunc Dimittis* as a Recessional; "Soldiers of Christ arise" having been the Processional Hymn.

Easton's Corners, the other head-quarters of the Mission, is about distant from Frankville as is Irish Creek, and the Bishops and clergy were conveyed there in the evening. Tuesday morning, when the Church and churchyard were to be consecrated, turned out very wet, so that the outdoor ceremony had to be put off till the afternoon. A large congregation had however assembled and the Consecration of the Church was followed by the Confirmation and celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the Bishop being assisted by Rev. A. C. Nesbitt, R. D. The Church in this Diocese is indebted for the existence of St. Ann's, in a neighborhood formerly almost hopelessly given over to sectarianism, to the self-sacrifice and zeal of Rev. J. W. Forsythe, who came to us, if I mistake not, from the Diocese of Nova Scotia. He designed the building, which is a chaste early English structure, and gave largely of time and money towards its completion. The lot on which it is built was the gift of the widow of Mr. Roche, who for many years anxiously, but successfully, strove to establish a Church in the place. The ground consecrated as a burial ground was, I believe, given by the same lady. After the Consecration of the graveyard the Litany was sung by Rev. J. W. Weatherdon, and the Bishop made another address. This successful day for the parish was closed by Evensong, sung by Rev. W. A. Read, of Oxford Mills, and addresses from Rural Dean Nesbitt and Rev. W. Wright. Both addresses were equal to the occasion, and following

on those of the Bishop may be expected to have an excellent effect on the people, both in and out of the Church, who heard them. A good many dry bones must have been shaken; and I trust that the good work brought so far forward may increase year by year. The Altars, Prayer-desks and Lecterns in both Churches were beautifully vested, the vestments being the gifts of friends in England of the energetic Missionary, Rev. S. T. Leathley.

A STEAM YACHT FOR ALGOMA.

The Bishop of Algoma desires to call the earnest and immediate attention of Churchmen throughout the Ecclesiastical Province to the subject indicated in the above heading.

Having already had, in the course of a single missionary tour along the shores of Lake Huron and the Manitoulin Islands, abundant experience of the difficulties attending on the visitation of his widely scattered Diocese for lack of adequate facilities, the Bishop has no hesitation in informing the friends of Algoma that it is simply impossible for him to do the work with which the Church has entrusted him unless he is furnished with the means of purchasing a steam yacht. This impossibility will be self-evident from the following considerations:—

1. Hundreds of members of the Church of England are scattered along the shore line both of the mainland and the Islands, wholly destitute of the means of grace, and entirely inaccessible by means of the regular lines of steamers, which touch only at the principal points. These isolated dwellers in the wilderness can easily be reached by a steam yacht placed entirely at the Bishop's disposal. The same statement applies to hundreds of pagan Indians, who, equally with the whites, are under the care of our Missionary Diocese.

2. The Bishop is seriously hindered in his work by the necessity now imposed on him of accommodating his missionary tours and the requirements of the already organized mission stations to the movements of the steamers,—a necessity which leaves him sometimes too much time and sometimes too little for the duties to be performed. A steam yacht would enable him to map out his tours in harmony with the needs of the north-western portion of his Diocese.

3. With the existing arrangements for travel long and inexpressibly uncomfortable journeys in vehicles over roads indescribably bad are necessary in order to catch these steamers. With a steam yacht this needless waste of time and strength would be altogether obviated. Over and above these considerations may be added that—

4. A steam yacht, when not in use by the Bishop, would render great service in connexion with the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes, in taking people to and from their dwellings when necessary—as, for example, in cases of serious sickness or at the beginning and end of the summer vacation.

As to the expense of such a boat, the cost of purchase would probably be \$2500. Of the above, about \$350 has been already contributed. With regard to the running expenses, it is proposed to secure the services of an engineer, who could act as machinist in the Shingwauk Home during the winter and give instructions to the pupils in his own department. A boy would also be needed on board; this want the Home could easily supply. In this way the outlay after purchase would be reduced to a minimum.

With this brief statement of the case the Bishop leaves the matter in the hands of the well-wishers of the Church's Missionary Diocese, praying that He who holds the hearts of men in His hand, and can turn them whithersoever He will, may dispose them to devise liberal things for the solution of a problem which, if speedily and successfully solved, will enable us to carry "the old, old story" of Christ crucified to hundreds of professing Christians and pagan Indians now neglected and forgotten in the wilds of Algoma.

Contributions may be forwarded either to the Bishop himself or to his General Treasurer—

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