

venience when we descend to this Zwinglian stratum of religious misbelief, and we forbear to follow it. But late Communion, which ought to present difficulties to religious Evangelicals, must seem fatally inconsistent with the belief in that Presence which serious Churchmen seek and find at the Altar. And we unhesitatingly predict that when Churchmen are so unhappy as to yield to the present current of popular pressure, their higher, better, fuller, truer belief in the blessed Sacrament will be subjected to a rude shock, and probably abandoned.

BOOK NOTICE.

FRAGMENTS FROM THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Parts III., IV., V. London: Jas. Nesbitt & Co., 1882. Toronto: Rowell & Hutchinson. 8vo., price 80 cents each.

The favourable opinion we expressed of the earlier numbers is sustained by the recently published continuation of the Fragments of Early Church History, which are now before us.

These parts contain extracts from SS. Justin Martyr, Irenæus and Clement of Alexandria, with portions of the Gallican Liturgy, which will be found especially interesting.

In interesting the general reader, these translations must lead to a fuller study of the Fathers, and contribute towards the removal of the sarcastic reproach, that they are "much talked of but little read."

Diocesan Intelligence.

QUEBEC.

From our own Correspondent.

COOKSHIRE, EATON.—A very successful harvest festival was held in St. Peter's Church in this parish, on Thursday evening, Oct. 12th. The church was most tastefully decorated, the ladies of the congregation being most indefatigable in their efforts to make the pretty Gothic edifice as beautiful as possible. The decorations were fruits and flowers, while wreaths of evergreens, brightened by branches of white and red berries and rich coloured autumn leaves, added to the general effect. Especially tasteful were the decorations about the Altar. The service at seven o'clock was conducted by the incumbent, the Rev. Arthur H. Judge, assisted by the Rev. Frederick M. Webster, of the neighbouring parish of Bury. The sermon was preached by the incumbent to a large and attentive congregation, the heartiness and brightness of the whole service showing that there was real thanksgiving to God for His bounteous mercies.

ONTARIO.

From our own Correspondent.

STIRLING.—On Thursday, the 5th inst., a harvest festival was held here. The ladies and young men of St. John's Church assisting the incumbent made it a success in every respect. In the evening quite a large number of persons repaired to the village hall, to partake of a bounteous supper, which was followed by a concert prepared and led by Mrs. Jodden, assisted by local amateurs. The net proceeds of the festival, which was for rent of parsonage, amounted to little over \$60. But as a harvest festival would not be complete without a thanksgiving service in God's house, the following Sunday, as advertised, was chosen for that purpose, when the beautiful bell of St. John's poured forth its peal, "Come, for all things are now ready." Yet with all the labour of the week, the few, as is too often the case in all these instances everywhere, exerted themselves to the utmost to have God's house, by profuse decorations, bespeak the goodness of God. A full description of these, to do them justice, would be lengthy; but among the most noticeable was a plough, just in front of the lectern, decorated with the various kinds of grain twined round, and around the mould board lay a choice sample of the different vegetables. Suspended in front of the lectern, and touching the plough, was a scarlet banner, with a border of grain and evergreen intermixed, enclosing the sentence, "All to Thee, our God, we give." On either side of this, in front of the pulpit and reading desk, were the sentences respectively, the white plush bordered with grain, "The earth is the Lord's," "Then praise the Lord." The festooning of grain and evergreen intermixed, the vegetables and fruit laid on a bed of moss on the sills of the win-

dows, the pyramid of flowers on the font, and the chancel rail and altar by no means neglected—all made the interior of the handsome edifice to produce a desire in one to linger there, to admire and adore the goodness of God. Morning and evening the Rev. Mr. Hindes, of Campbellford, preached very appropriate sermons to large congregations, and the song of praise, though rendered by a small choir, led by the incumbent's wife, was all the occasion could hope for. In the absence of personal display, even inferior efforts lift the heart to render true honour, and make it feel an abiding sense of the worth of real praise.

"Childlike tho' the voice be,
And untuneable the parts,
God will own the melody,
If it flow from childlike hearts."

Being the first thanksgiving decoration the mission ever had, we hope the effect is that it may become an annual thing.

TORONTO.

TRINITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS.—The Trinity College Scholarships at matriculation have been awarded as follows: The Bishop Strachan scholarship of \$200, C. B. Beck, Upper Canada College; the first Dickson scholarship of \$140, E. C. Cayley, Trinity College School; the second Dickson scholarship of \$100, W. J. Rogers, Trinity College School.

THE CHURCHWOMEN'S MISSION AID.—The ladies of this Society beg to remind their friends that all contributions for Xmas trees, to be really of use this year, must be sent in at once, as many of them must be sent away from Toronto before navigation closes. Books are particularly required, and toys for little children. All parcels may be sent to the Mechanics' Institute, addressed to C. W. M. A.; money donations to Mrs. O'Reilly, 31 Bleeker St., Toronto. They also wish it to be understood that the Society is not in connection with any church, but works for the Church of England in the backwoods of Canada, to assist their Sunday-schools and clergy in every way within their power. The Society meets for work every Friday, at 2 p. m., in the Mechanics' Institute, and any ladies having time to spare will be gladly welcomed.

ST. LUKE'S.—On St. Luke's day, the accustomed harvest festival was held in the church. There was an early Celebration at 7 o'clock, Matins at 11, and Evensong at 7.30, at which service the Rev. C. H. Mockridge, of Hamilton, preached. Evensong was fully choral, and on the whole very fairly rendered. It may here be mentioned that a steady and decided improvement in the musical quality of the choir is manifesting itself, under the competent management of Mr. David Kemp, the choir master, and Miss Callaghan, the organist, whose efforts seem determinedly combined to raise the choir to a plane of unimpeachable excellence. It must be very gratifying to the rector, the Rev. John Langtry, to witness the large increase in his congregation since entering his new church. This, however, is but the natural result of Mr. Langtry's self-devotion and self consecration as a parish priest.

ST. STEPHEN'S.—Wednesday, 18th inst., being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of the rector, Rev. A. J. Broughall, to the office of the ministry of the Church of England, special services were held in this church in commemoration of that event. The services in the forenoon consisted of morning prayer at nine o'clock, followed by the celebration of the Holy Communion, with a short address by the rector. The following facts in connection with the induction and pastorate of the rector will be appropriate under the present circumstances:—The Rev. A. J. Broughall graduated from Trinity College, Toronto, in 1855, taking the first scholarship ever granted by that institution, Dr. Davies, of the Normal School, taking the second. But Mr. Broughall's connection with his alma mater did not cease with the taking of his degree, as almost immediately after that event he was engaged as lecturer on Classics in the College. Since then, until the closing of the past academic year he has been lecturing during the sessions on Divinity and Classics; but now his professional connection with Trinity College has ceased, and although still engaged in lecturing on Divinity, it is merely as the *locum tenens*, until the arrival of Prof. Schneider, recently appointed. In 1857 Mr. Broughall was ordained by Bishop Strachan, and immediately after that event he offered his services to the Rev. T. S. Kennedy, Secretary of the Church Society, who had just formed the nucleus of a congregation, the services being held in an apartment over old St. Andrew's Market. At this time there was no Church of England west of Brock Street and Spadina Avenue, and the remarkable progress made in the work of church extension during the intervening twenty-five years may be realized when it is considered that there are now St. John's, St. Stephen's, St. Anne's, St. Thomas', St. Matthias', St. Philip's, and St. Mark's, Parkdale,

where there was then no Church of England. In the summer of 1858 St. John's Church was opened, and Mr. Broughall was appointed pastor, and remained in connection with that congregation until April, 1861, when Bishop Strachan appointed him to the charge of St. Stephen's. At that time the church was known as St. Stephen's-in-the-Field, and Mr. Broughall states that he pastured a cow in a field south of the church, in a locality now covered with buildings. In October, 1865, St. Stephen's Church was burned, but within five months it was rebuilt and occupied free of debt. Since Mr. Broughall's pastoral connection with his church, a parsonage and school-house have been erected, and the church, while acting as a source of supply and a training school for the many churches established in that section of the city since, has not only contributed to the progressive movement of church extension westward, but bears every evidence of progress within the limits of the congregation proper. That the unanimity and Christian fellowship that have distinguished Mr. Broughall's pastoral relations with his congregation may continue will be the heartfelt wish of all who take interest in the spiritual elevation and enlightenment of the people. The attendance at the evening service in the church was large, the discourse on the occasion being delivered by Rev. Canon Dumoulin, rector of St. James' Cathedral. The sermon proper was an eloquent defence and corroboration of the theory held by many of the joint authorship by St. Paul and St. Luke of the Gospel bearing the name of the latter. In the concluding portion of the address, the reverend gentleman referred to the special occasion of the services which were being held. The Canon stated that after a quarter of a century's employment in the civil service, in banks, and many other occupations, a person would be secure of a pension and comfort and ease during the remaining years of life, but for the minister of Christ there was no hope of rest but the final rest remaining for the people of God. In conclusion he invoked the congregation to make their pastor's declining years as pleasant as possible by their unanimity and cordial support.

MINDEN AND STANHOPE.—On Tuesday last a Confirmation service and a missionary meeting were held in St. Paul's Church. The service commenced at 10 a.m. There were present the Rural Dean and Rev. H. J. Avant, J. E. Cooper and the incumbent, who all took part in the service. Seventeen candidates were confirmed. Confirmation being over, the Rev. Dr. Smithett delivered a most excellent sermon on mission work, after which a collection was made for the Mission Fund, which amounted to \$7.34. Holy Communion was afterwards administered to thirty-three communicants, fifteen of whom being the newly confirmed. Dr. Curry kindly entertained the Bishop and Rural Dean.

NIAGARA.

From our own Correspondent.

GUELPH.—Sunday, the 18th after Trinity, being the seventh anniversary of Canon Dixon's ministry in this place, he dwelt, in the morning sermon, on thoughts suggested by so impressive an epoch. In God's Word seven is a mystical number, at the end of which, in days or years, His finger has marked a sacred pause. And now, having completed a year of Sundays in preaching the word of life, it seemed a meet season to take a retrospective view of what we have done, or left undone, or tried to do. Many who were present when he first addressed them seven years before, had fallen asleep, and many others had removed to distant lands. During these seven years he had been signally blessed with health, so that though alone until very lately with the responsibilities and duties of the largest and most scattered parish in the diocese resting on him, yet he had never failed once in keeping the Sunday appointments, or the numerous week-day services. With respect to the parish there had been a steady advance. Through the munificence of two members and the influence of their example the debt on the Church was extinguished, and the rectory, second to none in the Province, had also been erected. The average offertories were nearly double what they had been, while through the zeal and energy of the Sunday-school superintendent, and a few others of the laity, the school had more than quadrupled. Six Confirmations had been held, when large classes were presented, while the great majority of those confirmed continued regular communicants. There was much to be thankful for, always remembering it is solely upon the preventing and assisting grace of the Holy Spirit that the advance of Christ's kingdom depends. Paul may plant, and Apollos may water, but it is God only that giveth the increase. The Canon then said, that while many professing Christians have been tossed about with various winds of doctrine, "whatever may have been my shortcomings, I have never dragged my anchors. Time has only deepened and intensified my love for the Church, believing her to be