

our most farsighted statesmen, that is, such problems as the amalgamation of the two races, English and French, &c.

St. Matthew's.—A happy event took place in this church, when Miss D'Ombain, of England, was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony to the Rev. Edgar B. Husband, incumbent at St. Sylvester. A large number of friends assembled in the sacred edifice to witness the ceremony. Miss Violet Montizambert acted as bridesmaid for Miss D'Ombain, who was given away by the Lord Bishop of Quebec, and the bridegroom was attended by the Rev. R. J. Fothergill, as best man. The bride was dressed in white and looked charming. The marriage service followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion, was celebrated by the Rev. Lennox Williams, assisted by the Rev. Canon Richardson; the musical portion of the service being efficiently rendered by the voluntary choir.

At the conclusion of the service a merry chime rang out from the bells of St. Matthew's. The happy couple left for St. Sylvester by the 1:30 train on the C.P.R. followed by the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

SHERBROOKE.—On Sunday morning, the 15th June, Bishop Williams will hold a Confirmation service in St. Peter's Church.

The Ladies' Guild of St. Peter's Church will hold a Strawberry Festival and sale of work in the church hall, Montreal street, on Thursday, the 19th June.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

A MISSIONARY JOURNEY.—On Saturday morning, May 31st, a minister and the writer of this account, started on a missionary journey in the Diocese of Montreal. Leaving the Mission about 10 a.m., a drive of six miles brought us to our first stopping place, a large village, where we dined with the Rural Dean and fed our horse. Then we started again; 24 miles had to be gone over before we stopped again. The day was very warm, and thick clouds of sand and dust accompanied us, much to our discomfort. The scenery was magnificent, high mountains, great woods with blackened pine stumps, rising among the delicate tints of trees coming into leaf; and now and then, lovely lakes reflecting the blue sky and woods around. We were tired from the hot sun and clouds of dust, and as evening came on we were glad to reach our destination, a large house on the edge of a lovely lake, which was dotted with islands. Here we met with a warm welcome, as the writer was well known, and every honor done to us. At an early hour on Trinity Sunday morning we started for the church, where my friend was to officiate. We had a long delay there, as the country people set their clocks by the sun, and were forty minutes behind time, making it late before service was finished, as Holy Communion was celebrated. We had dinner at a farm house about three miles away, and then drove eight miles to a school house, where we found the people waiting for us. Here two baptisms were performed and Holy Communion celebrated. We had tea in a house near the school house, and in the evening drove a couple of miles, and stayed the night with a good old church woman. Here we were almost devoured by mosquitos.

Next morning before we left a child was brought to be baptized. Then we started for the veritable back woods. Our way lay over rough roads and through thick bush. We soon came to a small house, and found an English woman, with two children to be baptized. She was very glad to see a minister, as no one visits in that wild place. After the baptism we went on our way again. The road now is a mere cow track; very rough, through gloomy woods, good hiding places for bears. On the top of a steep rock we find a house, and call, but find only children at home. We give them some papers, and are off again. A few miles

farther on we stop at another house, but finding only little children, give them some papers and move on. Soon there is no track for a buggy; so we tie the horse in the bush and go on foot to a small house almost hidden in the bush. Here we were gladly received by the man and his wife. There were nine small children, half naked, but healthy and happy looking. They gave us some dinner, and then the man asked, "Can you christen, Mr.?" My friend replied in the affirmative, and the man said he wanted two children baptized, one was four years old, the other eleven months. Accordingly they were baptized and the service explained to the parents. There is no school for any of these families to attend, and no church near enough to be reached. My friend is the only minister who visits these people, though they are not in his mission; this is *no man's land*. The people are very anxious to have a service that they could attend, but the way is not yet clear to see how it can be done. At all these places there are large families, most of them baptized by my friend, but having no way of hearing the Gospel or attending day school or Sunday school. Again we start, followed by eager entreaties to visit soon. Several miles bring us to another house, where we are gladly received. The Bible is read and prayer offered up. One boy here is old enough for Confirmation. Here we were given a bag of oats for our horse. At the next house we visit three children were baptized last year, and the mother wishes to be confirmed this year. After this visit we come to more open country, and five miles brings us to one of the churches where my friend officiates. Near by we have tea with a parishioner, and a five mile drive brings us to the spot we started from on Saturday, well tired with our 70 mile journey, but greatly pleased with the results from it. We earnestly hope and pray that a way may be made to attend to the spiritual wants of the places just described; that these children made members of Christ Church on earth may not drift away, and be lost for want of a missionary to see after them, for it is as necessary here as in the dark places of Africa. M. H. M.

LACHINE.—On Sunday, 25th May, the Rev. R. Hewton, M.A., was formally inducted as Rector of this Parish by the Ven. Archdeacon of Montreal acting as the Bishop's Commissary. At ten o'clock morning prayer was said by the Rector. At eleven the Archdeacon arrived, and at once proceeded to the Induction Services, reading the mandate of the Bishop ordering the Installation; the Rector elect then subscribed to the Canons of Provincial and Diocesan Synod, after which the Wardens handed him the keys, and the Archdeacon gave into his charge the Bible and office Books of the Church, and declared him duly installed as Rector of Lachine.

The Archdeacon then preached a practical sermon on the relative duties of Rector and people, after which, assisted by the Rector, he proceeded to the celebration of Holy Communion.

The Church looked very beautiful. Messrs. Spence & Son, of Montreal, had just completed the renovation and decoration of the interior, and are deserving of much credit for the very chaste and pleasing result of their task,—the chancel and sanctuary particularly being deserving of comment. The Holy Table bore four brass vases of beautiful flowers—lilies, carnations, &c., and the chancel rail was tastily decorated with a profusion of wild hyacinths procured from the Townships the day previous. Altogether the day's services were very successful and much enjoyed by the large congregation present.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

BRACKVILLE.—The fourth annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Domestic and

Foreign Missionary Society was held in this town on the 4th and 5th of June. The Session was opened with the Litany service and the administration of the Holy Communion at half past nine, on the 4th, followed by a meeting of the Board in the afternoon and evening.

At the afternoon meeting Mrs. Tilton, the President, delivered an address, the reports of Secretary and Treasurer were submitted, and an admirable paper was read on "Christian-giving." A large number of delegates were in attendance, and much interest was manifested in the work of the Association.

At eight in the evening a public missionary meeting was held in the school room under the presidency of the Archdeacon of Kingston, the school room being well filled notwithstanding a counter attraction in the shape of a large meeting at which prominent speakers were present, and held only a few doors distant, in connection with the elections then pending. It was expected that the Bishop of the Diocese and the Rev. Dr. Morrison, of Ogdensburg, would have been present, but both failed, probably for good reason, in keeping the appointment. The Venerable Archdeacon Jones, in opening the meeting, made excuses for the absence of the Bishop and Archdeacon, and also delivered a short address in the course of which he referred to the contributions raised in the Diocese for the D. and F. mission work, and which had largely increased, viz., by nearly \$1500 over the total of the previous year. This to a considerable extent had been the work of the W. A. M. A. The total contributions were understood to be about \$6,266 from all sources. Addresses were also delivered by Judge Macdonald and Judge Reynolds.

On Thursday morning, after prayers in St. Peter's church at nine, the Association met again in Trinity church, when reports from the several branches in the Diocese were submitted, and a paper on "Dorcas Work" was read. The Association met again in the afternoon at half-past two o'clock, and finally completed its Session in the evening.

The Diocesan branch of the Women's Auxiliary seems to be actively and earnestly at work, and its enthusiasm must exercise an important influence upon the missionary spirit of the Diocese.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

GRAFTON.—In your account of the Grafton Confirmation I fear your informant is likely to be understood as saying that there were only 14 confirmed in this parish. In addition to these nine were confirmed at the other church (nine miles from here) making in all 23, or one out of every eleven of the Church population. Of these nearly all have become communicants.

Yours, W. E. GRAFTON, S.T.B., Rector.

BISHOP STRACHAN SCHOOL.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese visited the school on Monday evening, June 2nd, for the purpose of holding a Confirmation. Eighteen candidates were presented to his Lordship.

The chapel was quite filled with the pupils and with those of the clergy and laity who took this opportunity of showing their sympathy in the good work which is being done by this school, which was never in a more flourishing condition. Among those present were: the Revd. Dr. Davies (who has succeeded the late lamented Secretary, Mr. Alexander Marling), Rev. Dr. Langtry, Revs. A. J. Bronghall, W. H. Clarke, J. L. Roper, C. B. Darling, H. J. Winterbourne, Dr. Mockridge, and Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Davidson, of Montreal.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

PETROLIA.—The Lord Bishop of Huron administered the Apostolic rite of Confirmation to 59 candidates in Christ Church here, on Sunday week. The candidates were presented by the Rector.