

the Church's work. A remarkable case in several ways has come to my knowledge from a parish in the country of Essex, Diocese of Huron. A few months ago a young Englishman—previously a minister in the Reformed Episcopal Church—was ordained a deacon by Bishop Hellmuth, who had met him in England. His parish is one of the ordinary country type, with two churches, twelve or thirteen miles apart, and plenty of rough, hard work, worth the regulation diocesan salary of \$800 per annum attached. Since his appointment, he has become extraordinarily popular as a preacher, and the little village church so densely crowded, that permission was obtained from the Bishop to hold Services in the churchyard, where a congregation of 800 assembles every Sunday, and where the full Service is performed. He preaches over an hour without manuscript or note, and has emptied every other church in the place. Soon his fame reached the ears of the vestry of a wealthy and "fashionable" vacant parish in Detroit, who requested him to preach a "trial" sermon with a view to receiving the appointment. This our Englishman, however, firmly declined, expressing his determination to remain at least two, if not four, years at his present post. Meanwhile, a splendid work is being done by the Rev. A., which, if consolidated, will lay broad and deep the foundations of the Church for all time, in this parish and neighbourhood.

#### DIocese OF ONTARIO.

SOME members of the congregation of Saint George's Cathedral, Kingston, have entered a protest with the Dean of Ontario, Rector of the parish, against the course taken by the Curate, the Rev. Dr. Wilson, in connection with the "Salvation Army." How any member of the Church can consistently associate himself with this, more than with any other sect, opposed as it is, to the essential doctrines of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, is something I cannot understand. I learn that no action has been taken by the Dean in the matter so far.

THE *Kingston News* is responsible for the following, to which I would add by way of elucidation, that the reverend gentleman referred to, was formerly an officer in the British Army:—"A Clerical Joke.—On Sunday last, the Very Rev. the Dean held Service at the Camp at Lemoine's Point. When he was ready to commence the Service he did not like the position of the men, and looked round for an officer to move them, but not seeing one, he himself issued the command in a stentorian voice, 'four paces to the front—march.' The men were amused, but marched. The Dean then went on with the Service.

BELL'S CORNERS.—This Parish was visited on the last Sunday in August by the Venerable Archdeacon of Ottawa for the purpose of inducting the Rev. Herbert B. Patton as Incumbent in succession to the Rev. S. McMorine (lately appointed to Archville), who has here carried on the Church's work during the past five years most faithfully and successfully. Bright services were held in the three principal churches, viz., Christ Church, Bell's Corners; St. Paul's, Hazeldeans; and St. Thomas', Goulbourn. The form of induction provided by the Provincial Synod in each case preceded the service for the day. A fourth service was also held at St. Margaret's Church, Stittsville, (a small Chapel-of-Ease midway between the Hazeldean and Goulbourn churches.) The Venerable Dr. Lauder in addressing each congregation asked for the new Incumbent their earnest prayers and hearty co-operation, pointing out in appropriate terms the respective duties of priest and people. It may be added, as a hopeful sign, that, although constituted (in its present form) a *Mission* but a few years since, it has now emerged from beneath the sheltering wing of the Diocesan Mission Fund, and attained (to its honour) the more dignified *status* of a self-sustaining *Parish*.

MR. R. T. BURNS, of the Post Office, Kingston,

lately appointed Lay Reader, now takes part in the services at St. George's Cathedral, and also assists the Rev. Dr. Wilson at Christ Church, Cataraqui, which is connected with the Cathedral.

ON the afternoon of Sunday the 27th of August, one of the most impressive ceremonies for some time, occurred at Christ Church, Cataraqui, being the burial of William Ward, who for sixteen years had served the congregation devotedly, without pay or reward in the capacity of sexton. There was a large congregation. The Rev. Dr. Wilson and Mr. Burns, Lay Reader officiated. Dr. Wilson in the course of his remarks said that in every relation of life he had found Mr. Ward one of the most faithful. Fidelity was his great characteristic. He also referred in his sermon to the uncertainty of life and warned his hearers to be always prepared. The Dean of Ontario officiated at this Church at Evening Prayer, being the fourth service in which he had taken part that day.

PEMBROKE.—It appears that the beautiful burial ground at Pembroke, has been made a rendezvous, especially on Sundays, by many persons who appear to think it their duty to damage the tombstones and graves. This has been carried on to such extent of late that many persons who have friends buried therein have abstained to erect tombstones or in any way beautify their lots. The Church Wardens, Messrs. W. P. Sweatman and W. A. Hunter, have in consequence issued a notice, that any persons found unlawfully meddling with, or destroying the tombstones, graves, flowers or trees in the Burial Ground, or any other thing belonging to the property, will be prosecuted as the law directs. It is sincerely hoped that those who frequent this delightful spot will conduct themselves properly.

PLEVNA.—It is proposed to build a new Church at Plevna, to be called the Church of Holy Trinity. Most of the money for its erection has already been collected by Mrs. Elkington, while another lady, belonging to the choir, proposes to present the church with an organ.

PERTH.—Workmen are now busily engaged on the improvements to St. James' Church, to which I referred in the CHURCH GUARDIAN of the 18th ultimo. The great demand for skilled artizans has prevented the building of the spire, much to the regret of the congregation. Perth is increasing in extent this summer, and many comfortable dwellings are now rapidly approaching completion particularly in the neighbourhood of the railway station. It is hoped that the want of workmen for the erection of the proposed spire will soon be overcome.

GANANOQUE.—The congregation of Christ Church has had an Old Folks Concert and Broom Drill at the Thousand Island Park. It was a great financial success. The steamer *Puritan* took down about two hundred persons from Gananoque, and there were at least one thousand others present. The Gananoque Brass Band enlivened the proceedings with music for which it was much complimented.

NORTH AUGUSTA.—Thursday, the 30th day of August was a big day with the Church people of North Augusta. A Harvest Home was held at Botham's Grove at which over five hundred persons were in attendance. Speeches were delivered by the Incumbent, the Rev. A. H. Coleman, B. A., who presided, and also by the Revs. G. W. G. Grout, M. A., of Lyn; W. Lewin, B. A., of Prescott; R. Lewis, M. A., of Maitland; R. L. M., Houston, B. A., of Merrickville, and Mr. Jones, of Farmersville. A handsome sum was realized for the benefit of the Building Fund of St. Peter's Church.

HAWKESBURY.—The congregation of Trinity Church, held its annual Harvest Thanksgiving service and picnic on the 31st of August. Morn-

ing Prayer was held at 10.30, the Incumbent, the Rev. A. Philips, and the Rev. Messrs. Bogert, Elliott, and Pick, officiating. After the service an excellent dinner was served in a grove on the farm of Major Higginson, to which ample justice was done by all. A most enjoyable day was afterwards spent at cricket, football, races and other sports. The band of the 18th Battalion was in attendance and discoursed sweet music during the day.

COBDEN.—The new church at this Mission, in the County of Renfrew, is progressing rapidly. The rafters are now up, and it will, it is expected, be roofed this week.

THE Methodists of the General Conference, now assembled at Belleville, are having a big breeze over the "Basis of Union" question. The particulars, it is not needful to mention here, only to record my surprise at the feeling and want of harmony displayed by some of the preachers.

#### DIocese OF TORONTO.

CARTWRIGHT.—A telegraphic despatch states that the handsome Rectory of St. John's Church in this Parish was burned to the ground about 3 o'clock a. m., on the 13th ult. The family barely escaped with their lives, the fire having made much progress before it was discovered. The Rev. J. Creighton loses all his valuable library, in addition to the other contents of the house. And worse than all, it is stated there was no insurance either on the Rectory or its contents. If this is true, we think the Churchwardens of such a valuable living deserve great censure for neglecting the precaution. Had it been a poor mission district they might have pleaded their inability to pay the premium, but in this case no such excuse can be advanced. Are there not some stringent rules obliging church officials to keep church property fully insured? Who is to be the loser in this case? Undoubtedly it will fall heaviest at first on the clergyman, as we question if the people will be ready to supply a house rent free.

MISCELLANEOUS.—The Rev. Canon Morgan of Barrie has been lecturing his congregation on the "Duty of responding." The same subject so far as the need of improvement is concerned, might be delivered in every church in the Diocese with very few exceptions, judging from the present state of affairs.—The Church at Oshawa is to be further beautified by being frescoed. The work is to be commenced immediately.—Mr. Carter, organist of St. Peter's Church, Cobourg, gave a pleasing organ recital in that town recently. Miss Williams of Toronto lent her valuable aid as vocalist.—The Rev. J. Middleton of Oshawa exchanged duties with the Rev. John Davidson of Uxbridge on Sunday last.—The expected excursion of the choir of Trinity Church, Barrie, was postponed owing to the sad death by drowning of Miss Holmes, a member of the choir.—The Rev. Dyson Hague of the Cathedral, Toronto, is at present in London, England.—The Rev. Mr. Anson passed through Toronto on his way to the North-West on Saturday week.—Mr. Hoyles of Toronto, visited Peterboro, recently in the interests of the Temperance Association formed there. The audience which gathered to hear his address was shamefully small.—St. Luke's choir Buffalo, visited Toronto on the 2nd of September. They joined with St. Matthias' Church choir, whose guests they were, in a Choral Evensong at St. Luke's Toronto, on the 2nd inst., at 3 p. m. The attendance was very large. In the evening both choirs sang at St. Matthias' Church.

PERSONAL.—We regret to learn that the energetic and hardworking Incumbent of Whitby, Rev. A. J. Fidler, is suffering greatly from defective vision, his eyes paining him so much at times that he can scarcely officiate. Such an affliction will surely call forth the active sympathy of all his friends. We sincerely trust he may shortly recover.