

Rev. G. W. White and his parishioners was in keeping with their churchmanship. In the Church and in their homes they gave of their best and they gave it heartily. The next meeting of the Union will be held at Ogdensburg, in November next.

**SEELEY'S BAY.**—On Thursday last, a harvest festival and picnic was held at Seeley's Bay, in the county of Leeds. The newly erected church was filled with an attentive congregation. The prayers were read by the Rev. F. Prime; the sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Law, from Deuteronomy vii., 8th and the following verses, which was very appropriate to the occasion, and the effect was forcibly increased by the beautiful and ample manner in which the Church was supplied and beautifully ornamented (under the superintendence of Mrs. Osborne, wife of the Incumbent) with specimens of the produce of agriculture and pomology. At the conclusion of Divine Service, an adjournment was made to a beautiful grove, where the company was liberally supplied with an excellent dinner, after which the chair was taken by the Incumbent (the Rev. John Osborne) who gave the opening address: he was followed by the Rev. (Mr. Richardson) and the Revs. Messrs. Lane & Price. The conclusion was enlivened by a recitation containing a domestic moral given by an elderly gentleman. The company separated well pleased with the entertainment they had received. The use of the ground was kindly given by Mr. Chas. Blackman. The church funds derived an increase of \$50 after the payment of expenses.

#### TORONTO.

**St. George's.**—An appeal having been made to this Church by the Church in Memphis, Tennessee, for aid in relieving suffering caused by the ravages of the yellow fever, notice was given last Sunday that special collections would be made next Sunday (15th) morning and evening, for this purpose. It is stated that the distress and destitution in Memphis are exceptionally severe.

**CHARLESTON.**—Saturday afternoon, 17th August, found me travelling on the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway, seeking the only parish or mission in the county or rural deanery of Peel that I had not visited, and in which I had not asked for aid to cancel the debt on our Mission Fund. So far, with only one parish excepted, which I pass over, the conduct of both clergy and laity has greatly lightened the arduous toil and secured the satisfactory result. The work in some parishes has not been completed. The large extent of ground and occasionally wet weather, have prevented; but the parts as yet uncanvassed shall not complain that they are left out and neglected. I reached Charleston about on time, at the station, and found my kind and attentive brother, the Rev. A. W. Spragg, B.A., who immediately started with me for the neighborhood of his morning service the following day—Campbell's Cross. We found hospitable shelter at the house of Mr. Robinson, and, on Sunday had service in the building temporarily fitted up for the purpose. It was gratifying to observe the exceedingly good music, and the interest taken in the worship of the Church; the Canticles being well chanted, and the organ well played. Even among the few families belonging to the Church here, there is sufficient wealth, if there is sufficient love, to make a successful attempt to build a house for God; and, far be it from me to reproach them with the thought that this will not be done. After dinner at Mr. Campbell's, we proceeded to Boston Mills, a pretty spot on the River Credit, where the hall over the driving shed of the mill, had been given by Mr. Spaulding, and comfortably arranged, as a temporary resting place for the Ark of God. Boston Mills, is a flag station on the Hamilton and Northwestern Railway. The village as yet is small, the Church has the only service there, and those who have done most for the beginning of the effort appear ready to act their part to carry it forward. We were soon on our way for the evening service at Charleston, a distance of nine or ten miles, and all up the mountain. The scenery was very beautiful; the

finely wooded, bold and lofty promontory, just below: the forks of the Credit forming a grand feature in the landscape. At Charleston there was a good and attentive congregation assembled in the Town Hall, and the musical parts of the service were rendered in a highly creditable manner. At each service I presented the work of the Mission Board, and its claim upon the sympathy, and the gifts of the Church; and the visits of the next few days shewed that the labor was not in vain. A regard for your space, leads me to defer the rest till next week.—T. S. HODGKIN.

#### NIAGARA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

The Bishop of the Diocese has been attracting more than ordinary attention during his visit to the Mother country. This is partly, no doubt, owing to the name of the Diocese being so well known, partly to the long and intimate acquaintance possessed by our Bishop on all topics connected with the history and needs of Canada.

The following letter, clipped from the correspondence of the *Guardian*, will I am sure, prove of real interest to the clerical and lay members of our Synod. To the Editor of the *Guardian*.—Sir, —A friend has called my attention to a passage in the letter of your correspondent at Quebec, dated June 22nd, 1878, on the subject of "Canadian Synods," in which he states a probability that is not likely to happen. Speaking of what may occur at the meeting of the next synod of our ecclesiastical province, he says: "The diocese of Montreal and Huron will appear in the provincial synod, with both clergy and laity exclusively of the Low Church school; the dioceses of Toronto, and probably Niagara, with lay delegates of the same school." In what he says regarding the diocese of Niagara, he is quite mistaken. In the choice of the lay as well as of the clerical delegates from our diocese, our laymen, and clergymen too, know no distinction of schools of thought. The men that are considered best fitted for the office are chosen, entirely irrespective of those party lines which are rending the Church asunder in too many places. In my opening address to our first synod, I expressed my earnest hope that there would be no parties formed in the diocese; that there was no need of them, that we had not time for them; that we had too much to do to fight against the enemies without to make enemies within our bounds; and that, as far as I was concerned, I should exert all my power to put them down, if I saw any signs of them rising. Thank God! in the three years since I have seen no such signs; but all, both clergy and laity, have worked most cordially together, so that I have not been compelled to exert any power that I may possess to put them down. The Rectory, Witney, Oxon, August 1st, 1878. T. B. NIAGARA.

Mr. I. F. Mitchell, late choir master of the Cathedral, was on the eve of his departure from England, made the recipient of an address accompanied by a purse of money.

The address was signed by the Very Rev. the dean, the Rev. J. G. Baylis, M.A., Mr. W. A. Murton, assistant superintendent of the Sunday School, and Mr. Piercy, librarian. Mr. Mitchell is succeeded in his conduct of the choir by Mr. Aldous, B.A., Trin. Coll. Cant., late organist of the Central Presbyterian in this city. The appointment is a good one.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 1st, full choral service was held in the Cathedral. There was a large congregation. The choir and the clergy of the church entered by the western door, singing as a procession "On our way rejoicing," to the tune *Hermas*. Prayers were said by the Very Rev. the Dean. The Psalms were sung to Anglican chants, and the Canticles to harmonized Gregorians. The service with the exception of the Anthem, was remarkably well rendered. The Rev. J. G. Baylis read the lessons and preached from the morning 1st lesson, the subject being *Elijah's appeal*. 1 Kings xviii. 21.

The sermon was an admirable one, and was listened to with marked attention.

It is hoped by many that ere long the Dean may see fit to introduce the choral service at least for evening prayer.

Several Vestry meetings have been held in *All Saints Church*, with the object of endeavoring to retain the services of the present incumbent, the Rev. C. E. Thompson, M.A. From the following paragraph extracted from the "*Evening Times*" of Sept. 5th, we are all glad to see that the Rev. gentleman has consented to continue in charge of the church in question. "We have it on undoubted authority that the congregation of the above church have advanced Rev. C. E. Thomson's salary some \$500 per annum. The Rev. gentleman had an opportunity of another church and All Saints' people took this way of retaining him in their midst. The congregation is a small one and their action in this matter indicates a more than ordinary liking and respect for Mr. Thomson, who has deservedly won the love and esteem of every member of the church.

The Sunday School picnic in connection with All Saints' church, took place of Sept. 5th, at Dundurn. The ladies in charge of the school as well as gentlemen used every effort to render the gathering a success. Games and other amusements were provided, and a happy afternoon was passed.

"To Mrs. Holgate, the efficient and energetic lady who takes so much interest in the welfare of the church, is due the credit of inaugurating and carrying out the entertainment, which was decidedly successful."

**WEST FLAMBORO.**—The annual harvest festival took place on Thursday, the 5th day of September, divine service being held at the parish church at the hour of one o'clock; the preacher for the day was the Venerable the Archdeacon of Niagara; the other clergy present were the Very Rev. the Dean of Niagara, Rural Dean Osler, Mr. Massey, Mr. Clarke and others, whose names I did not know, there being 10 in all. The church was very prettily decorated and reflected great credit on the ladies of the church. In the evening the concert in connection with the harvest festival was a very great success; it commenced at eight o'clock, the Rev. T. Geoghegan being the chairman. The programme presented to the vast audience (for the township hall, I may remark, was filled to the very doors) was a good one and well merited the applause it received. Below are the names of those who so kindly volunteered their services for the good of the church: It would be very unjust on our part to single out any particular individual or individuals for special commendation, so successful were they all, but we cannot repress our sentiments on the masterly manner Miss Peck of Dundas rendered, amidst almost irrepressible applause and smothered laughter, a piece entitled, "Michael Snyder's Party," and we feel sure that we are not exceeding the bounds of moderation when we say that the clergyman, churchwardens and congregation of Flamboro church feel greatly indebted to Miss Peck for her kindness in assisting the good cause so willingly and effectively; the proceeds, after all expenses paid, amounted to the handsome sum of \$150. The other performers on the occasion were Mrs. Rafter, Mrs. Browning, Mrs. Valance, the Misses Wishart, Hore, Humphrump, Kernighan, Bradley, J. Peck, Messrs. Fielding, Humphrey, Black, Gibson, Litter, Kernighan, Charles.

**HAMILTON.**—*All Saints Church.*—The annual Sunday School Festival in connection with this church was held the 8th inst. (Thursday) in the Dundurn Park. The pupils and their teachers met at the schoolhouse, and from there proceeded to the beautiful grounds lent for the occasion. The day being fine, and no efforts having been spared by the teachers to make the treat thoroughly enjoyable to the children, that they did enjoy it was apparent by the happy faces and merry shouts of the young people. Games of various kinds were provided, foot races particularly being in requisition, prizes being presented to the successful competitors. Later in the afternoon the children partook of the ample provision made for them, after which they were dismissed for an hour's enjoyment previous to returning home. A number of the parents of the children and other visitors were present, among whom was the Rev. Canon Townley, D.D., lately returned from England, and residing in this city. Great credit is due to Mr. Churchwarden Gillespy for the active