

gregation until your recent ordination to the holy ministry.

We bear our cordial and united testimony to the fact, that, in the performance of the sometimes difficult duties of these responsible and honorable offices you have uniformly acquitted yourself well, showing a good example of prudence and zeal.

For these favors we cannot sufficiently express our indebtedness to you. But we ask of you to accept of this tea service as a token and memorial of our esteem for both Mrs. Rixon and yourself.

We know that among other good qualities which you possess you are "given to hospitality," and you are not likely to forget old friends. We therefore entertain the pleasing conviction that where you and your family, and your new friends, in future years surround your hospitable board, and these memories of our gratitude and esteem are before you will think of the congregation of Grace Church, Milton, and breathe the prayer that they may grow in grace; that none of them may be found among the "vessels of wrath fitted to destruction," but that every one of them may be "a vessel of mercy prepared unto glory"—"a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work."

Our prayer for you is that you may be an able minister of the New Testament; that you may be abundantly honored in winning souls to Christ and in edifying the Church; and may you and we, and all who are dear to us meet at last in that blessed world where we shall "see Jesus as He is," and where in company with the holy angels and with the spirits of the just made perfect in holiness, regrets of separation are forever unknown.

Signed on behalf of the congregation:

Isaac Cartmer, John Rixon, Churchwardens;
W. L. P. Eager, H. Watson, E. S. Ruthven, Wm. Panton, Wm. Dempsey, J. Jackson, Sidesmen.

HURON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON.—*St. Paul's*.—The old church of St. Paul's has not been neglectful of her need of thanksgiving in the Harvest Festival. On Thursday October 3rd was held the special thanksgiving service for the ingathering of the fruits of the harvest. Rev. Dr. Stocking of Detroit, preached an excellent, appropriate sermon at Evening service. The church had been beautifully decorated for the festival. This church at all times beautiful, had when dressed in festival ornaments a surpassing beauty. Around the pillars were ivy wreaths gracefully twining up to the ceiling, with flowers and clusters of grapes, in like manner were the points of the galleries festooned with ivy, fruits, and flowers. The font and pulpit presented a beautiful appearance. In the font there was a large offering of flowers entirely covering it with its gorgeous bloom. On the communion table there was a pyramid of fruits and flowers, while around it were the richest and fairest evergreens, fruits and flowers that our gardens and fields had brought forth this abundant season. On last Sunday, the seventeenth after Trinity, there was the regular thanksgiving service as ordained by the House of Bishops. The morning service was read by the Rev. Canon Innes and Mr. Brown. Canon Innes preached the thanksgiving sermon taking as his text St. Luke 12:15. The sermon was very earnest and impressive even more than usually so, and very appropriate to the occasion. The offertory was for the missionary Bishopric of Algoma. So was it as directed, in all our churches.

BURIAL OF REV. W. HALPIN.—Yes, there is a life beyond the grave—a life everlasting. The vital spark of heaven that animated the earthy frame of our departed friend is immortal. We have within us a testimony to this peace giving truth, and the *Word* declareth it unto us. On Tuesday afternoon the remains of Rev. W. H. Halpin were committed to his resting place beneath the old pines in St. Paul's cemetery, earth to earth, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life. As calmly he slept in his coffin his last sleep, while the many who esteemed him in life, many who had been benefited by his instructions, pressed in to where he lay, to take one last fond look at the holy calm that rested on his features, seemed to depict the peace

of his departure. For thirty six hours he lay paralyzed, speechless, almost motionless, but not unconscious. The mind was conscious still, still vigorous, healthful, and they who watched by his bed-side could not but see that he held silent communication with his friends around him and we doubt not, with his unseen but ever present Heavenly Father. In the house surrounded by his friends and family the first part of the burial service the introductory portion of scripture and the Psalm *Dixi Custodiam* were read by Ven. Archdeacon Marsh, and the Psalm *Domine refugium* and the lesson from the former epistle to the Corinthians by Rev. Canon Innes. The remainder of the service at the grave was read by Ven. Archdeacon Sweatman. The great numbers of mourners at the funeral bore testimony to the esteem in which he was generally held. The clergy were present from all parts of the Diocese, and from Toronto we saw Very Rev. Dean Grasset, and Rev. W. Young. The students of the college were the pall bearers: of the students some had watched by him day and night during his illness.

BRANT.—A meeting of the clergy of this deanery was held at Rev. Canon Nelles on Thursday, Oct. 10th. Owing to other and unavoidable engagements, several of the clergy were unable to be present. Divine Service was held in the old Mohawk Church at 11 a.m. The prayers were said by Rev. I. Barr, of Kanyeagh. Rev. T. Watson, of Mount Pleasant, read the first lesson, and Rev. R. H. Starr, of Grace Church, Brantford, the second. The sermon was preached by Rev. Canon Salter, of St. Jude's, Brantford, from Is. xlv. 8, "Ye are my witnesses." After the sermon, the Holy Communion was administered, Rev. Canon Salter acting as celebrant, and Rev. Mr. Starr assisting. The service throughout was semi-choral. The Indian children attending the new England Company's Institute, under the leadership of Mr. Ashton, the efficient superintendent, manifested great efficiency in the musical rendering of the several parts of the service. Their devout and reverent behaviour was generally remarked, and all expressed pleasure at the delightful service which they had been instrumental in furnishing. After service the clergy, accompanied by Mr. Ashton and Rev. Mr. Lampman, who represented the DOMINION CHURCHMAN, adjourned to the deanery, where they enjoyed the now proverbial hospitality of the Rev. Canon Nelles and his excellent lady. Dinner over, a clerical meeting was convened, with the Rural Dean in the chair. Rev. Mr. Starr was re-appointed secretary, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Kanyeagh, early in January. A deputation, consisting of Revs. I. Barr and Dr. Armstrong, was appointed to attend the missionary meetings at Burford and Mount Pleasant, on the 5th and 6th of November. It was resolved in future to read and discuss some passage of Scripture at each meeting, and St. Paul's first epistle to Timothy was selected for the next. The meeting then adjourned, to meet again at the call of the Rural Dean.

Return home of the Dean of Huron.—A telegram from Ven. Dean Boomer, informs us that he has arrived at New York, on his way home to London. Meantime the College has remained closed since the death of Rev. Professor Halpin.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

We have gratifying intelligence of the Church's mission in this far distant land. The readers of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN, members of "one true catholic church" are interested in the progress of her Christian welfare in every country; besides, British Columbia is of our Dominion; one of the brightest jewels of the royal crown. The Rector, Rev. Mr. Jenuge, of St. John's, Victoria, V.I., is indefatigable in his labours in his Master's service. His field of work is a large mission parish, embracing the island, designed it has been said to be the great seat of commerce on the Pacific coast. In connection with St. John's Church the Sunday School is very prosperous, as is the whole parish work. The Bible class is under the immediate care of the Rector himself. On the 22nd

ult., Rev. Mr. Tomlinson, missionary to the Indians, preached in the Church of St. John's. His discourse was very impressive and practical. Same day he addressed the Sunday School, speaking of the advantages they, as teachers and scholars, enjoyed, compared with the poor Indians. One of the missionaries, (Mr. Tomlinson) it is said, has translated the Book of Common Prayer into the language of one of the tribes among whom he was labouring. In Victoria, they too have had their Harvest Festival. To the house of God his people brought their offerings, and with their first fruits, the choice flowers and fruits, and decked their church as English Churchmen do. Thus from the shores of the Atlantic to Vancouver's Island in the Pacific Ocean, the Church has kept her festal day.

Correspondence.

NOTICE.—We must remind our correspondents that all letters containing personal allusions, and especially those containing attacks on Diocesan Committees, must be accompanied with the names of the writers, expressly for the purpose of publication. We are not responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents.

THE DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

SIR.—If the clergy of this Dominion were to combine to do their portion towards helping Algoma Diocese, we should soon find that the sad complaints from that quarter would cease. The mission work of Algoma ought to be one succession of triumphs, aided by liberal contributions from every parish in the older dioceses. People cannot have much love for Christ, who neglect His work. A great deal can be done by simple organizations. In this parish of Smith's Falls, among other organizations we have our "Algoma Missionary Association," consisting of adults who pay quarterly subscriptions. Then we have our "Algoma Sunday School Missionary Deputations," consisting of Sunday School Scholars, sent two and two to every house in the parish, on the first Saturday of the month, to solicit two cents from each house. These two associations sent up \$48.00 last year to Algoma. Smith's Falls is self-supporting, and has the different claims of the diocese to meet, and among other expenses this year the people are procuring a new organ and a handsome communion service from England. I consider our efforts for Algoma among the most effectual means for stirring up my people to love Christ and take an interest in His work within the parish. On Sunday, 29th Sept., I read, from the altar, a letter I received during the preceding week, from Algoma setting forth the wants of that place; the next Sunday I found an envelope on the alms dish containing one dollar and a short note, of which I send you a copy, placed there by three little children.

"To the Rev. C. P. Emery:

Reverend and dear sir,—Enclosed we trust you will find \$1.00 which we would be much obliged if you would please add to your Sunday School children's contributions for the Algoma mission. That the Great Shepherd of Israel's flock may richly bless your efforts in behalf of poor Indian children, and long continue you in health and strength to distribute the Bread of Heavenly Life amongst your own congregation, is the earnest wish of your ever loving friends,"

VICTORIA E. FERGUSON,
MARY R. FERGUSON,
JOHN J. FERGUSON.

Another person handed in a dollar for the same purpose. If the more than 700 parishes of this Dominion only did as much, what a help some \$1,400 or more would be to poor Algoma, and that earnest, single minded bishop, who not only professes to believe in Christ and His work, but acts upon his belief. Yours,

C. P. EMERY.

"THE CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH."

SIR,—Will you allow me, in a few words, to correct the statement in a short article that appeared in your paper a few days ago, to the effect that the body that is known by the name of "the Catholic Apostolic Church," claim that title to the exclusion of all other Christians and Churches.