

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

SHERBROOKE C. E. T. S.—The first regular meeting of the Church of England Temperance Society, after the vacation, was held in the Church Hall on Monday evening the 7th inst., and was well attended. Addresses were given by the Vice-President, Mr. Elkins and the Rev. C. P. Reid, singing by the boys of Prof. Reid's class and a musical solo by the Prof. and Miss. Hollowell which was loudly encored and ably responded to. There were several additions to the ranks of the society.

PERSONAL.—R. W. Heneker, Esq., and family are back from England.

The position of Rector of this Parish has not yet been filled. We understand that several names have been submitted; but up to the present we have not learned of any choice having been made.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

The Rev. E. A. W. King, M.A., late rector of Levis, in the Diocese of Quebec, has entered upon the duties of Principal of the Cote St. Antoine Dissident School. We heartily welcome our esteemed brother to this diocese.

BEDFORD.—The ladies of St. James' Church gave a tea-party on the Fair Ground of the Missisquoi Agriculture Society on the 7th inst. There was a large gathering of people who spent a very pleasant evening. The enjoyment of the occasion was very much enhanced by the admirable performances of our local Brass Band, who, with their usual generosity, gave their services gratis.

CLARENCEVILLE.—St. Thomas.—A Harvest Home Festival was held here on the 2nd inst. Unfortunately, the weather was not at all propitious, and many were kept away who would otherwise have been present. Still, a goodly number assembled and a very pleasant afternoon was spent in innocent recreation. Some excellent music was discoursed by the Bedford Band.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

MATTAWA.—Mattawa has now increased from a population of nearly 700 in 1882 to 1,000 in 1885. Still the growth, so far, is chiefly among the French. Our congregation now numbers 61, and communicants 23. Railway people move about a good deal, and the personnel of the congregation has completely changed. They come and go, and we take our chance of losing or gaining, as the case may be. There is a large Roman Catholic church here, with seating accommodation for about 500 or 600, a clergy house built last year at a cost of about \$6,000, and this year a hospital and convent is being erected at a cost of \$10,000. There is a Methodist and a Presbyterian place of worship now, and a manse adjoining the latter, erected two years ago. There is also a large public school, erected last year, with a roll of some 70 scholars; this in addition to the Roman Catholic separate school, which has about one-third as many more pupils. Mattawa is, and probably always will be, the most important point on the Upper Ottawa. It is the headquarters of the Hudson Bay Company, and the central point for distribution of all the lumber supplies of the largest and most important concerns on the Temiscamingue and Kippewa lakes. The annual cut of timber from the limits embraced by the mission exceeds in value \$1,900,000. Settlements have within the past year sprung up in this neighborhood, a large quantity of the land being well adapted to agriculture. Government roads are being rapidly opened out to these settlers, and we have been already solicited to give the church services at several new points. This we purpose doing almost im-

mediately. Another sphere of work is shanty visiting in winter, for the purpose of holding services among the hundreds of men shut up in the woods from fall to spring, not a few being members of the Church of England. It has been impossible in previous years, notwithstanding the invitations received, to do any satisfactory work in this respect, but we purpose (D.V.) adopting a new plan this year.

The Rev. Forster Bliss, the indefatigable Missionary Priest of the Upper Ottawa Mission, writes:

The impression prevails in some quarters that the Upper Ottawa Mission work has received considerable financial aid from England. I desire to correct this erroneous impression. The help we have had has been in the way of furnishings—altar cloths, &c., of no inconsiderable value. I may add, however, that we are promised further help through the kindly interest of a lady friend who has undertaken to solicit Subscriptions in aid of our Building Funds. This help we most particularly need, whether from England or Canada, in connection with further payments due on St. Alban's property at Mattawa. I am most anxious to meet our obligations in this quarter for the reasons particularly specified in my general report just published, a copy of which may be had on application. These payments are to be made in three annual instalments, the first of which is overdue. I am averse to undertaking further building, except to the extent of Subscriptions made in the localities interested, until present obligations are discharged. This constant begging, a real necessity under our present improper manner of giving, is most wearying both to mind and body, and the anxiety involved is beyond description. It is not only degrading, but it is a bar to Spiritual progress in the parish, clogging the whole machinery of the Church. The Clergy, instead of being constantly among their people, discharging their divinely committed trust, feeding and nourishing their immortal souls in anticipation of that Great Day, must perchance hurry off at the call of another duty, to seek means whereby to house their houseless flocks.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. Bayley Jones, of the Diocese of Huron, took services at St. Philip's Church and at the Church of St. James, Toronto, on Sunday, Sept. 6th.

Rev. Canon Hill officiated on the same day at the Church of the Redeemer, Bloor street.

Rev. W. S. Darling, Rector of Holy Trinity, Toronto, has returned to England, where he expects again to plead for the S. P. G., as he has done for two former years.

Most of the clergy have now returned from their vacations, and will doubtless enter on their arduous duties with renewed energy and vigor.

CHURCH PROGRESS.—We have heard many a Jeremiad lately concerning the weakness of the Church, the inability she has shown in this country to keep pace with the population, her retrograde movements, &c., &c. All these and similar charges have been publicly proclaimed since the Synod meeting. We venture to suggest there is another and a much more golden and truthful side to this "vexed" question. We know several parishes which are giving tangible proofs of Church life and vigor. Throughout the Diocese there are not a few tokens of prosperity testifying to the progress the Church has made and is making wherever faithful services are rendered by the clergy. Let us mention a few of these marks of growth for the benefit of the croakers and dissatisfied. It will be readily admitted where there are churches being erected, parsonages built and school-rooms in progress, these are sure evidences that the Church is at least not standing

still. Now, in various parts of the Diocese, at the present moment, work of this kind is going on.

A new church, St. Barnabas, will shortly, we understand, be begun in the western part of the city. One gentleman, John Donaldson, Esq., Immigration Agent, has already collected \$500 for this purpose, and hopes to double the amount before the church is finished.

A new church is in process of erection at Lindsay, the corner stone having been laid on Dominion Day. Cost, \$12,000.

A new church, costing about \$2,500, will be built at once in the Mission of Seymour and Percy, at the latter place. The Church people have determined it will be opened free from any indebtedness.

At St. John's Church, Lakefield, a handsome stone tower has been erected, and many improvements have been made in the church itself.

The contract is let for the erection of a bell spire at Otonabee. A bell will shortly be procured.

A new parsonage has just been completed in the village of Norwood. We believe a large proportion of the cost has been met.

A new school-room will be built this fall in connection with St. Luke's Church, Ashburnham. It is proposed to extend and improve the chancel also, and the entire improvements will probably cost \$3,000.

A new church was opened not long since at Orono, and the parish, an out station of Perrytown, is doing remarkably well.

Do these things indicate lethargy or lack of prosperity?

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.—The examination of Sunday-school teachers, under the auspices of the Sunday-school Institute, London, England, was held at two centres in this Diocese last May, viz., in Toronto and at Ashburnham. Six teachers entered, three at each place. Of those who were candidates in Ashburnham, all belonged to St. Luke's Sunday-school. Two passed, one receiving a first class and the other a second. The third candidate failed by only 5 marks. The questions are sent out from England, and the answers returned at once. In this work there is admirable training for Sunday-school teachers. We should strongly recommend the clergy to take it up. The subjects for next year will be as follows:—

Scripture.—St. John, chapters xi. to the end of the Gospel.

Prayer Book.—Church Catechism: To the close of the answer, "I desire my Lord God, our heavenly Father," &c.; and Articles xix. to xxiv.

Lesson.—To be selected from St. John, chapters xi. to the end of the Gospel.

The examination will be held some time in May, 1886, so that there is ample time for study.

ST. MATTHIAS.—Rev. Chas. Darling, senior assistant at St. Matthias', has returned from Prince Edward Island, thoroughly restored in health. The Rector, Rev. R. Harrison, is spending September at Charlottetown. Rev. F. W. Squire, the second assistant at St. Matthias', is taking Sunday duty at Whitby. Rev. A. S. Fidler, of the latter place, is spending some months in Europe for the restoration of his health.

WEST MONO MISSION.—On the twelfth Sunday after Trinity the fine new brick church erected on Lot 25, Fourth Concession, Mono, was opened for public worship. The day was all that could be wished for, fine and pleasant. The first service, held at 8 a.m., was a celebration of the Holy Communion, the celebrant being the Missionary in charge; the Gospeler, Rev. T. W. Paterson, M.A., of Toronto; the Epistler, Rev. R. S. Radcliffe, of Mount Forest. Quite a number partook of this Holy Feast.