

make this one of the finest buildings in this part of the diocese. The committee who had control of the repairs, and especially Mr. F. Tripp, are to be congratulated on their efforts to secure the necessary funds for the work already done.

A fine new stone building is also being erected on the 9th Line of Fitzroy. It will be a credit to the energy of the faithful church people there. Though few in number they value the old historic church to which they belong, and are glad in this way to show their gratitude to God. It will be opened, it is expected, for divine service, in October.

Three confirmation classes are being prepared for that rite in this mission.

TORONTO.

PORT HOPE.—Trinity College School.—Mr. Spenser D. Hague, B.A., has been appointed to a mastership in Trinity College School, and enters upon his duties at the opening of next term. Mr. Hague has been acting as assistant to the Rev. C. Rutten, Norway, for some time past and will be much missed by the rector and congregations at Norway and York.

ENTERTAINMENT AT YORK.—On the 2nd September a concert, varied with tableaux vivants, was given in the hall, at York, owned by Mr. Morton and kindly lent by him for this occasion, indeed we might say "every occasion" when the hall can be used in the service of religion or benevolence. Such liberality cannot be too warmly commended. The music of the first part consisted of a violin solo by Miss Katie Archer, a promising young artist of some dozen or so years; piano solo by Miss Wright, and humorous songs and recitations by Messrs. Ramsay, Boddy and Woodruff. The chief features of the concert were the performances of Miss Elwell, Medalist of the Royal Academy of Music, London, Eng., who proved herself to be a pianiste of exceptionally high talent; her solos on the concertina were also most clever and artistic. Miss Elwell is a valuable acquisition to the musical world of Canada, as she displays a refinement and thoroughness of culture which is very rare amongst us. The piano was lent by Mr. Pickering. The tableaux was in two parts, the first consisted of a series illustrating the classic and immortal story of Cinderella, and the second a living picture, the long and short of it. The characters in the fairy story series were—Cinderella, Miss Agnes S. Hague; the fairy godmother, Miss Katie Archer; the jealous sisters, Miss Smith and Miss M. H. Hague; the queen, Miss Lucy Rae; prince, Mr. H. Rae; king, Mr. Collins. The dresses were rich and appropriate, the scenes artistically grouped and gave great delight to the audience as well as to the performers. Mr. Morton, jun., Mr. W. Rae and Master J. A. S. Hague were "the long and short of it" delineators, their violently contrasted lengths causing much hilarity. Mr. Morton, jun., Miss Smith, Mrs. Archer and other friends who spent much time in preparing this entertainment are to be congratulated on its success, from which the church funds will reap about \$40.

There can be no doubt that a large population will ere long be settled at this place. The scenery is unrivalled in Ontario and sites are very numerous and low-priced, commanding beautiful views of woodland and lake, where the air is as salubrious and bracing as in Muskoka or at watering places. Being within twenty minutes ride of Toronto there will be a great demand for villa sites as soon as the attractions of the district are realised.

ROLLING A SNOWBALL.—What may seem an incredible feat to some has been accomplished by the friends of the church at York, which is the rolling of a "snowball" during the spring and summer. This term is given to a method of collecting small sums for church purposes. Certain persons, children also, undertake to collect a trifling sum from, say ten friends, and induce these ten to collect the same sum from ten others, thus the "snowball" goes on rolling and enlarging at each revolution. Up to this week about \$100 has been collected in this way for the new church proposed to be built at York.

NIAGARA.

WELLAND CANAL.—The government has at once responded to the earnest desire expressed recently at a public meeting at St. Catharines by rescinding the permission to vessels proceeding on Sundays through the canal locks. Vessels will therefore lie over on Sundays, and only proceed on their journey at about midnight of those days. The numerous customs and lock employes doubtless will be greatly pleased that Sunday is now left to them a day of bodily rest, and for spiritual enjoyment.

HURON.

BLVTH.—Rev. J. F. Park, incumbent of Trinity Church, has given notice to the congregation that the relation between pastor and people would soon have to terminate. He finds as the winter approaches, the more he suffers from an affliction of the head which he was afraid would be the cause of his losing his voice, and acting on the advice of his physician he would remove to another climate, he having received from the bishop permission to leave for two years. He has received an appointment to a church in the diocese of Ohio for which he will leave about the first of October.

His Lordship the Bishop of Huron will be absent from his diocese for some time. Leaving Winnipeg after taking part in the consecration of the Bishop of Saskatchewan, he left with Mrs. Baldwin and friends for Vancouver for some weeks.

STRATHROY.—The rector of St. John's spent his vacation of three weeks at his native home, the diocese of Nova Scotia. Meantime the Ven. Archdeacon of Sandwich took charge of St. John's.

LONDON WEST.—Rev. Canon Newman has spent his vacation at Goderich. Well has he earned his rest and right glad are the parishoners of St. George's Church to welcome his return.

LONDON.—Chapter House.—It was greatly dreaded that what subscriptions had been collected for the new church, amounting to four thousand dollars, had been lost by the suspension of the London Bank. We have reason for hoping that it is safe.

The Lord Bishop on his Western Tour.—A Brandon journal is quite eulogistic in speaking of the Bishop of Huron. It says the bishop arrived in the city with Mrs. Baldwin on Saturday last. The Bishop occupied the pulpit of St. Matthews on Sunday morning and evening. Large congregations at both services were greatly edified and delighted with his eloquence. On Sunday afternoon he addressed the children of the school and also baptized two children of Mr. R. McKim, of Messrs Meredith & Co. It is only repeating the opinion of all present to say that the addresses by the bishop were the most instructive and eloquent ever delivered in this city. The bishop goes on to Victoria, B.C.

MUNCY TOWN.—Deanery of Middlesex.—In the several nations of the Red Men throughout this diocese the blessings, even temporal, conferred by missions are inestimable. Well laid out fields, good crops of golden grain and stock of improved breed have taken the place of unproductive forests. In the Indian mission of Muncy and Oneida there are three brick churches, having good congregations and schools. In this the late Rev. Reid Flood did excellent work, and, succeeding him, Rev. H. P. Chase, now superannuated, himself and an Indian chief of the Chippewas have labored successfully in civilizing the red men of the forest. The Indians of Muncy Town have, as well as the pale faces, their agricultural exhibitions. Last week they had a teaming, on the Reserve, to raise funds for their agricultural exhibition this fall. There was a large meeting, and among the speakers were W. W. Sheppard, of the Indian Reserve, J. B. Wampum, ex-chief, and John Henry, chief of the Chippewas.

SARNIA.—Rev. Thos. R. Davis, Rector of St. George's Church, has enjoyed his month's vacation and returns to his labors refreshed and invigorated. Though our clergy take, as far as they well can, some days or weeks midday holidays, it is not with them a time of idleness. Sometimes it is little more than a temporary change of the scene of labor, and here at least the sacred work is never left under. During Mr. Davis' vacation his place was supplied by the Rev. Mr. Skinner, of Huron, a superannuated clergyman of the adjoining diocese of Michigan, of the sister church of the United States. We learn with pleasure that the good work is very prosperous in Sarnia. St. George's church is one of the handsomest ecclesiastical buildings in the diocese, and the congregation the largest in the place.

CITY PULPITS.—Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.—Rev. Dr. Macbeth, a priest of the Church of Ireland, preached in St. Paul's Cathedral at matins, and in St. James' Church, L. S., at evensong. Both sermons were highly appreciated by large congregations.

The death of Lord Clermont removes a true Churchman and friend of the disestablished Church of Ireland.

ALGOMA.

ASPDIN.—The Rev. W. Crompton begs gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of five dollars from W. O'Brien, Esq., M.P., for St. George's Church, Lancelot. Sept. 1st, 1887.

FOREIGN.

The Dean of Chester (Dr. Darby) has presented a handsome gift to the cathedral in the form of two processional crosses.

The Victoria Jubilee Fund of the dioceses of Dublin, Glendalough, and Kildare now amounts to over £5,600.

For a population of 350,000, Melbourne, Australia, has church accommodation of 107,620. The attendance on public worship, on Sunday morning and evening, is 113,107.

It has been determined that the consecration of Canon Camidge as Bishop of Bathurst shall take place at Westminster Abbey, on St. Luke's Day, October 18, instead of at York Minster, as before announced.

It is proposed to restore the tower of Irthlingborough Church, Northamptonshire, which is one of the landmarks of the neighborhood, and which for years past has been in a bad and even dangerous condition.

It is intended to place in Sheffield parish church a memorial of the late Dr. Rowley Hill, Bishop of Sodor and Man, and previously vicar of Sheffield, and chaplain to the Marquis of Abergavenny. The proposed memorial will take the form of a Rowley Hill chapel and a stained glass window, the cost of which—about £350, will be defrayed by subscription.

So popular has the new Bishop of Manchester already become, and such a character has he received for fairness, prudence and common sense, that Col. Bridgeman, M.P. for Bolton, has written to the mayor suggesting the bishop as arbitrator in the engineers' strike, which unfortunately is now going on in that town.

At the recent annual meeting of the Church of England Workingmen's society Mr. Powell, the general secretary, stated that the society now numbers 10,800 communicant members, as against 9,800 last year, or a gain upon the year of 1,000. Special services in connection with this anniversary, were held in about 500 churches in town and country.

A scheme has been framed by the Educational Commissioners for the future government and management of the Educational Endowments of the Society for Promoting the Education of the Poor of Ireland, and for the Church of Ireland training college.

The Queen being in need of rest, owing to fatigue consequent upon the jubilee celebrations, deputed the Crown Princess of Germany to lay the first stone of the new parish church in Portsea, which is to cost \$150,000, and toward which an anonymous donor has given \$75,000.

The incorporated Church Building Society has already voted \$31,175 in grants during the present year. In appealing for more help toward the good work in which they are engaged, the committee mention that 7,664 places in England and Wales have received grants from the Society amounting to \$4,129,580, in addition to which 548 grants, amounting to \$76,615, have been made to the Special Mission Buildings Fund.

The 69th report of the Church Building Society shows an increase of funds. The legacies for 1886 were £8,265 5s. 4d. The committee consequently has been able to vote thirteen additional grants. Since the foundation of the Society 7,560 grants have been made by which 1,816,125 seats have been obtained, three-fourths of which are free. The Society holds in trust £38,000 for the repairing of 887 churches.

The committee of Scottish clergy appointed for the purpose have presented a memorial to the bishops, embodying a plan for the restoration of the office of Metropolitan, with the title of Archbishop. It proposes that the present primate shall hold the office of Metropolitan until his death or resignation, and that the title of Archbishop should be hereafter resumed and eventually connected with the See of St. Andrew's or Edinburgh, or St. Andrew's and Edinburgh conjoined.