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From our own Correspondents.

DOMINION.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—*Not to Attend the Cathedral.*—On last Saturday, a formal notice was received by the rector and churchwardens of Christ Church Cathedral, that the students of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College will, in future, attend morning service on Sunday in their college chapel. Hitherto they have attended the cathedral.

ONTARIO.

BELLEVILLE.—On Sunday morning, the 26th September, the 6th Fusiliers of Montreal, who paid a visit to this city, marched in full dress to St. Thomas' Church, where by special invitation of the rector, they attended morning prayer. The beautiful church was handsomely decorated with fruit, flowers, and grain for the harvest festival, and a full choral service was chanted by a very efficient choir. After the sermon, the rector took occasion to express on behalf of his congregation, their delight at the presence of the Fusiliers. He complimented the corps on the good impression it had made upon the people of Belleville, praised the uniform good conduct of the men, expressed the hope that the regiment would at some future time visit Belleville again, and enjoined the volunteers to carry out those principles of self-restraint and discipline they follow as soldiers of their Queen, into their daily avocations and the practice of their religion.

KINGSTON.—The members of St. Paul's choir waited on Miss N. Chamberlain, the organist, at her residence, and presented her with a beautiful toilet set. Mr. A. W. Moore, in making the presentation, said:—"As you are about to sever your connection with St. Paul's church choir, we take this opportunity of presenting you with this slight token of remembrance, which we hope will always be a link to the many meetings in which you have never failed to assist. In presenting you with this token, we also present our best wishes for a long, happy, and a prosperous wedded life. Among us you may always find friends." Mr. John Reynier replied in behalf of Miss Chamberlain.

The special service of harvest thanksgiving, Sunday, at the G.T.R. depot, notwithstanding the rain, was undoubtedly a great success. The hall was packed to its utmost capacity. The decorations were very much admired. The holy table was a mass of fruit and flowers, as well as other portions of the building. The choir of St. Paul's Church attended in a body, and the musical portion of the service was consequently very well rendered. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Mignot, who based his remarks on xxiii Leviticus, verse 39. The preacher showed, in a very clever manner, the distinction between the Jewish harvest and other festivals, and the Christian.

ROSLIN.—Church people in this parish have not been altogether idle. A very successful harvest festival was held in St. James' Church, Tweed, and notwithstanding heavy rains, the congregations were large and the services bright and hearty. The first service of the day was taken by S. Bennetts, incumbent, assisted by Archdeacon Daykin, Madoc, and Rev. A. Geen, Belleville, the choir ably leading in the musical parts. The sermon was preached from Deut. viii. 7, 9, by Dr. Smithett, of Toronto diocese. It was very instructive, and thoroughly practical. The evening service was also characterised by a large congregation, a devout service and an earnest sermon by Rev. P. T. Mignot, curate St. James' Church, Kingston. The church was beautifully decorated with grain and fruits of the season, the chancel furniture and pulpit being very tastefully done. Banners were hung upon the walls, and shields with harvest texts superscribed, and altogether the effect was brilliant without being tawdry. The offertories for the day were \$30. The congregation and Sunday school have also provided for the church, a bell of nearly nine hundred pounds weight. We expect to hear its imperative tones on Sunday next, bidding us "Come to prayer."

THOMASBURG.—Christ Church has undergone a happy reformation. The interior has been entirely refitted (chancel and nave) with modern church furniture. The altar cloth is exceedingly rich and beautiful, a gift of Mrs. Sutherland, of St. Mark's Church,

Hamilton. It is heavy green cloth, the frontal elegantly worked by hand, and "Holy, holy, holy" in gold letters on the gradine. Corresponding to it are the dossal and the curtain depending from brass rods, given by the congregation. Prayer desk, lectern, carpeting, etc., all new. A larger and more devout congregation is the manifest result of making as far as we are able the house of the Lord "exceedingly magnificent," 1 Chron. xxi. 5. The Rev. Reginald H. Starr, B.D., visited the parish on Sunday last, on behalf of Trinity College. Unfortunately it was a very rainy day, but the offertories were fair.

NORTH GOWER.—OSGOODE STATION.—This little village, on the line of the old St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway, was the scene of a very interesting ceremony which took place there on Saturday, Sept. 18th.

This parish being one of the largest in the diocese, and the congregations finding that the incumbent was unable to minister to the numerous church people under his charge, they very generously came forward and placed \$600 a year at his disposal to employ the services of a curate. A man was soon found, the Rev. J. F. Gorman, who came out from St. Augustine's in May, and who has proved himself a most energetic and willing worker. As an evidence of the wisdom of this step, we can point to increased services, for whereas there were only three services held on Sundays before, now there are six and sometimes seven, and wherever a service is opened, large numbers of people are found to attend. Still further, six months ago, the average Sunday attendance was 400, and now it has exactly doubled that number, while a stronger proof still that the spiritual life is being strengthened, is shown from the fact that one little church in the parish, viz., St. John's, Wellington, the average number of communicants has arisen to seventy out of a congregation of 200. The extra Sunday services which were commenced at the two extreme ends of the parish, viz., Pierce's Corners and Osgoode Station, have already taken definite steps, and the members themselves have determined to build a church in each of these places. Saturday, the 18th, was the day appointed for the laying of the corner stone of the first church in Osgoode Station. The day was beautifully fine. The early train from Ottawa conveyed the Hon. Thos. White, Minister of the Interior, and Senator Clemow, who were to take part in the several events of the day. Punctually at 10.30, a large number of people having assembled around the building site, the clergy proceeded from the school house near by, while the choir sang the ever inspiring hymn "The Church's One Foundation." The Rev. C. P. Emery took the office, and the foundation stone was laid in its place by the Hon. Mr. White, who then proceeded to give a very interesting address, remarking that the building of churches was a sure indication of the moral improvement of the people. The service used on the occasion was that authorised by the Provincial Synod. The ceremony over, an adjournment was at once made to one of the most lovely spots on the banks of the Rideau, viz., Russell's Grove, where an excellent dinner, liberally provided by the ladies of St. John's Church, was in waiting. The next event was one which was looked forward to with great pleasure—speeches from the honorable gentlemen present. The chair was taken by M. K. Dickinson, Esq., the member for the county, who in a few well chosen words introduced the several speakers to the audience. Mr. White spoke with more than his usual eloquence, and it is needless to say the audience went away charmed with him. The proceeds of the several events amounted to over \$300. I may here say that the success was mainly owing to the energy and activity which was displayed by several young men of the place, prominent amongst whom were Messrs. W. F. Ritchie and R. Keating.

MABERLY MISSION.—The ceremony of laying the corner stone of the new church of St. Alban the Martyr, Maberly village, took place on Sunday, Sept. 19th, at 2 p.m. Notwithstanding the rain poured down at the hour appointed, a large and reverent assemblage of people gathered together to take part in the service. The Rev. William Wright, rector of Newboro, who has taken a great interest in this mission, laid the corner stone, and delivered before doing so, a clear, forcible, and instructive address, basing his remarks on Ephesians ii. 19, 20. The Rev. W. H. Wadleigh, of Toronto, also made a few appropriate remarks. Miss Mary Cavanagh, organist of St. Stephen's Church, Bathurst, presided at the organ with her customary ability and skill, and the singing was heartily taken up by the congregation present. The corner stone, containing the name of the church handsomely carved on the face of it, was placed in position by Mr. John Acheson, of Maberly, the builder and contractor. The service was most appropriate, and closed with the benediction by the Rev. Mr. Radcliffe.

NEPEAN AND HUNTLEY.—*A Sunday's Work.*—This pleasant rural parish was favoured on the 12th ult., with a visit from Rev. E. W. Beaven, who assisted the rector, Rev. H. B. Patton, in the arduous duties which he usually discharges without help. As a visit from another priest is an unusual incident in country parts, except where clergy exchange, a short account of what the day's work consisted of, may not be without interest to your readers, especially as it affords no unfair sample of what has to be done by our clergy in the way of Sunday work in some of our most favoured country parishes.

There were four services held during the day, all of which the rector said the service and Mr. Beaven preached. At 10 a.m., at Christ Church, Bell's Corners, a very small number assembled, the morning being very wet. Matins and holy communion. Few though they were, that congregation will not soon forget the practical lessons which the preacher drew from the first lesson. From the instance of Jehoshaphat, was depicted the great danger arising from association with those of unsound religious principles, the subject being especially applied to the case of parents and guardians of the young.

Christ Church has lately been quite improved in the interior, and is a real credit to the diocese, and to its rector and congregation. A hasty dinner succeeded, and the rector and his co-adjutor (for the day) drove to the beautifully situated church of St. Paul's, Hazeldean, lately improved by external painting. Here a large congregation, mostly consisting of "young men and maidens," listened attentively to a sermon (written) addressed especially to young men. At 5 p.m., St. Thomas', Rathwell's Corners, was reached, where the preacher for the day delivered an exceedingly interesting historical missionary address. After which service, without loss of time, the rector and his companion drove off for the small church of St. Margaret's, Stittsville, erected in the time of the late Rev. Dr. Mulvaney, where service was held at 7.30. A comfortable supper at the house of a dearly beloved son of the Church followed this fourth service, and after some delay caused by the breaking of a spring, owing to the rough roads, the brethren reached Bell's Corners at midnight.

BELLEVILLE.—*Christ Church.*—The spire of this church is mounting steadily upwards, and will soon be completed.

St. John's Church.—This church is being renovated internally and many improvements are contemplated. The seats will be arranged on each side of a centre aisle, and a new vestry will be added, and other changes made for the better. Steady progress is being made by the incumbent, the Rev. D. L. Bogert. The church is now being tastefully adorned with floral and other decorations for the harvest festival on the 10th instant.

TYENDINGAGA.—The old parsonage which decay has rendered almost uninhabitable, is at last to be replaced by a new structure. Through the efforts of the Rev. G. Anderson, several hundred dollars are in hand for the work, and the Indian Council of this reserve, at its last meeting, voted the sum of \$400 towards the new parsonage.

ADOLPHUSTOWN.—On Sunday, the 3rd inst., the Rev. Reginald Starr, B.D., preached in this parish two excellent sermons, in behalf of the University of Trinity College, and Christian education in general. The Rev. E. F. Wilson, of the Sault, on Wednesday evening, the 6th, gave a very interesting address, and exhibited a number of graphic pictures, illustrating his missionary labours in connection with the Indian Homes. His two bright looking little Indian proteges, created a lively interest.

TORONTO.

To the Clergy, Superintendents, Teachers, and Friends of Sunday Schools.—The Committee of the Church of England Sunday School Institute, so far as it is within their province to do so, venture once again to invite the clergy, teachers, and friends of Sunday Schools to unite in observing Sunday, October 17th, and Monday, October 18th, as days for special intercession on behalf of Sunday Schools. This service has the approval of the Lord Bishop of this diocese, and some of the city clergy have already announced their intention to make Sunday, October 17th, a "Sunday School Sunday."

NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—*Christ Church Cathedral.*—At the morning service the Rev. Mr. Quartermain, a missionary from the backwoods on the Upper Ottawa, preached