

at the last meeting, so now, discussion will not be permitted in the Lower House, unless the Bishops request action, which they are not likely to do.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.—The regular quarterly meeting of Synod Committees, took place on the 9th and 10th instant. Owing to the absence of many of the Clergy and principal laity of the Church, on vacations, the attendance was much smaller than usual. We do not see the great necessity for holding these meetings in "the dog days," unless indeed the business is very pressing and urgent. For merely routine duties, it would be well to dispense with the August meetings altogether.

SHANTY BAY.—Another Mission vacant! The Rev. C. E. Sills, the late Missionary has removed to the Diocese of Michigan. We understand the position has offered to the Reverend Joseph Francis White, Curate of St. George's, Toronto, and that he has accepted. He will enter on his duties in October or November.

NEWMARKET.—The old Church, St. Paul's, is about to be pulled down to make way for the new building on the same site. The last service which was most interesting to many members of the congregation, took place on the 12th Sunday after Trinity.

PETERBORO', ST. JOHN'S.—A branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, has been formed in this Parish. The list of members numbers some sixteen or eighteen. The following are the officers: Rev. J. W. R. Beck, Rector, President (*ex-officio*), Mr. Isaac Robinson, Vice-President; Mr. Charles Meurisse, Secretary-Treasurer. A wide field of usefulness is before this Society, and we hope it will be productive of much good.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. C. E. Thomson, of Weston, with his family is spending a short vacation at the Sturgeon Point Hotel on Sturgeon Lake.—The Rev. Septimus Jones, has gone to Cacouna, as a guest for a month of the Rev. S. H. Blake.—The Rev. R. W. E. Greene, spent a couple of weeks recently in Port Hope.—The Rev. Dr. Mockridge, officiated at All Saint's, Toronto, in the absence of the Rector on Aug. 5th.

EPISCOPAL.—The Bishop of the Diocese, accompanied by Dr. Smithett, Rural Dean, is now paying his usual round of visits to the Deanery of Haliburton. The Bishop camped out for a portion of the time on the shores of Stony Rock, where the American Canoe Association met this year.

PICNICS and excursions still continue. Almost every city Sunday School has had its outing much to the delight of the youngsters. St. John's, Norway, had their annual excursion to Oakville on the 7th inst. The children enjoyed themselves very heartily, and were accompanied by the Rector and his amiable wife.

PRESENTATION.—Previous to her marriage to the Rev. J. W. McCleary, Miss Lillie Butterfield, of Norwood, received a handsome purse from the congregation of Christ Church, in token of appreciation for her services as Organist. The address was couched in very flattering terms, and expressed great regret at Miss Butterfield's departure. The young lady made a suitable reply, and spoke of the pleasure her work for the Church had afforded her.

DROWNED.—A great deal of sympathy is felt and expressed for the Hon. G. W. Allan, Chancellor of Trinity College, and his family, who have suffered a terrible bereavement in the loss of their son, Selby, a young man of great promise. It appears the young man, accompanied by Mr. Donald W. McInnes, of Hamilton, attempted to cross Big Bay Point, on Lake Simcoe, when the boat capsized and both young fellows were drowned. Mr.

Allan studied at Trinity College, and had just passed an excellent examination at the Royal Military College, Kingston. Mr. McInnes was a student of Trinity College, Toronto. They were both fast friends in life, and in death they were not divided. At present writing the bodies have not been discovered.

NORWOOD AND WESTWOOD.—Mr. C. B. Kenwick, B. A., is undertaking the duty here, until a successor to Mr. McCleary have been appointed. The Mission last year paid \$500, exclusive of the Mission Board grant of \$200, a very fair sum considering the field and its difficulties. A new tower is being erected to Christ Church, Norwood, the cost having been fully met by the parishioners. It is to be hoped that before Mr. Kenrick returns to college, the missionary be filled. It is most disastrous to country Parishes and Mission Stations generally, to allow any lengthened interregnum to take place. There has been a great deal of this recently in Toronto diocese, the Bishop having been short-handed for want of men. Whatever may be said as regards the permanent diocese under some conditions, in such cases as these, it could not but be productive of real and lasting good. A few old men, whether deacons or priests, to fill vacancies occurring suddenly, would greatly help the onward march of the Church here.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

LENNOXVILLE.—H. Fiennes-Clinton, Esq., B. A., Mathematical Honours, Keble College, Oxford, has been appointed by the Principal of Bishop's College to the post of Senior Resident Master in Bishop's College School, Lennoxville.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

There is but little ecclesiastical news to send you from this Diocese at present. Not a few of the clergy are away for their summer vacation, and congregations especially those in towns are small owing to the heat, and to the absence of parishioners at places of summer resort. Not much is said about the approaching episcopal election. It cannot take place before the end of October. The opinion prevails that it might have been held at the June session of the Synod just as well as not, but legal quibbles having been raised it has to be delayed. Few dioceses in the Colonial Church offer great opportunities for Church extension than does this. The population is 800,000 favorably disposed to the Church, and possessing the means to support her ministrations. The number of our affective clergy is 120 and the number could easily be very much mentioned. Bishop Sullivan will in all probability be the choice of the Synod, and should he accept will be acceptable to all parties, though some who think we have no right to take him from Algoma, will cast their votes for other names. So much does the choice of the Diocese seem to centre on the Bishop of Algoma that should he decline it is impossible to indicate at present with any accuracy who would be most likely to secure the largest measure of support. In the meanwhile Rev. Canon Innes is acting as Bishop's Commissary, and is efficiently and acceptably discharging the duties of his office.

The public schools for several reasons do not suit the wants of all classes. A great lack is the absence of the religious element. Necessarily almost no religious instruction can be given in schools made up of all denominations both as to teachers and scholars. We fear that any attempts to have this remedied by the State will, owing to the difficulties which surround it prove nugatory. For this reason we chronicle with pleasure the opening in London of a "Church of England School" for children from seven to fourteen years of age. It is begun under good auspices, and we hope will be successful. The prime mover is the Rev. T. O'Connell of the Chapter House, the congregation of which since he has taken charge has rapidly improved.

Rev. P. Owen Jones will act as *locum tenens* for

Rev. Mr. Holland of St. Catharines during his absence in England for the benefit of his health.

CLERICAL CHANGES.—Rev. A. Thomas of Parkhill to Wallaceburg. Rev. C. J. A. Balstone, to Alvinston. Rev. E. B. Hamilton to Eastwood. Rev. Rural Dean Hill to Listowell. Rev. R. McCosh to Wingham. Mr. Taylor late of Listowell, will it is believed be appointed to Bayfield in Mr. McCosh's place.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

SUTTON.—Merrier bells have not pealed for many a day than those which on Wednesday announced the joining of the houses of two of the most respectable townsmen of Sutton, Eugene A. Dyer, Esq., and Dr. F. A. Cutter, Jr. Grace Church was beautifully decorated for the occasion and could not contain all the people who from far and near came to witness the ceremony. The bridegroom, Mr. Leon E. Dyer grandson of Col. G. C. Dyer, of Sutton, had for groomsmen his brother Charlie; the ushers were W. Scott, of Scotmore; G. Holmes, of Richford, W. and F. Olmsted, Sutton, while among the children, who, dressed in white, strewed flowers in the path of the bride, in the process over a carpet spread for the occasion, from the rectory to the Church walked Elizabeth Whittier Pattons, of Amesbury, Mass., a niece of the poet, J. G. Whittier. The bride was attended by quite a galaxy of fair bridesmaids, viz., Misses Harrie E. Dyer, Minnie O'Regan, Stella French and Gertie Lawrence. The bride was attired in white satin trimmed with old lace, a spray of orange blossoms falling from her hair over the silk tulle veil, which swept to the bottom of the long flowing satin train. As it was what is termed a rainbow wedding, each bridesmaid wore a sick bodice of a separate and distinct color of the rainbow, over white muslin skirts elaborately trimmed, producing as they stood together at the altar a very fine effect. Very beautiful were the fair maidens, but not more so than the band of matrons behind them who,—

"Stood still to gaze and gazing blest the scene,
Whilst her blue eyes declining by his side
Knelt in her virgin veil the fair young bride."

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Smith, Rector of Grace Church, in a very solemn and impressive manner, after which a reception was held at the bride's grandfather's Dr. F. A. Cutter, senior. The presents were all costly and elegant, and quite numerous, among which was a splendid silver tea service presented by an uncle and cousins of the bridegroom, and an envelope containing a cheque for five hundred dollars, presented by Col. G. C. Dyer. The happy couple left by train in the evening *en route* for an extended tour, followed by the good wishes of a large circle of relatives and friends.—*St. John News.*

ST. ARMAND'S WEST.—After a hearty effort on the part of the people, sufficient funds have been raised or promised to ensure the building of a Rectory, and work is to be begun at once. This will be an important addition to the Parish property.

PHILIPSBURG.—The Ladies' Aid Society have provided the money to renew the inside of their Church, and the appearance has been greatly improved.

ST. JOHNS.—The Sunday Schools of St. Johns and Christeville with the Band of Hope had a grand picnic on Thursday last at Highgate Springs. A great number of the children and their friends were present, and a very enjoyable day was spent.

The Bishop has been absent from Montreal for some time past, making his annual visit to the Ottawa and Gatineau districts, while he expects to finish about the 18th. On Sunday the 5th, his Lordship visited the old Parish of Saint James, Hull, when he administered the rite of Confirmation. The Rector Canon Johnston, presented two boys and four girls to receive the Confirmation of