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the Dr. acquitted himself well and pleased the people. The choir sang very excellently a piece entitled "The feast of love." Dr. Oliver then gave an excellent oration, at the close of which he sang a piece entitled, "I will arise." Mrs. and Miss Woodcock again de-lighted the people with one of their choice pieces, after which two Indian speakers, Mr. John Sumner and Chief Joseph Wawanosh spoke in their own tongue. The choir again sang two pieces which were well re-ceived. Some of the people who attended the festival came from Algoma, Port Huron, Watford, Moore, Corunna, Toronto and London, Kettle Point Mission, and Walpole. On Sunday Sept. 30th, Thanksgiving services were continued, and were very largely attend-ed, and a large number partook of the Holy Commu-nion. The pastor, Rev. J. Jacobs, officiated. Thus ended a very happy Harvest Home Festival and Thanksgiving services which will not soon be for-gotten. The proceeds are to be applied to the repairs and repainting of the church.

**THE COMING ELECTION.**—The election of one upon whom shall fall the care of all the Churches in this large diocese has not, even now when the momentous question is on the eve of being decided, brought forth any anxious forebodings. They for whom it is ex-pected the names of clerical and lay electors will be given, are on the whole Churchmen moderate and catholic Churchmen, whether of the high or low school of thought. An anonymous pamphlet on the coming election has had a limited circulation, but it is of such an indefinite character that it will make little impression. "Presbyter" in a morning paper advocates the election of the Bishop of Algoma and opposes the election of Dr. Lobley, accusing him of being a High Churchman. He is in favour of the se-lection of two men by the Synod, and of electing one of the two by lot with prayer. "Presbyter" has in his favour the one argument of antiquity.

**WINDSOR.**—The Right Rev. Dr. Harris, Bishop of Michigan, has confined a class of candidates pre-sented for "the laying on of hands," in the church of All Saints, Windsor, by Rev. W. H. Ramsay, Rector of that parish.

**MORAVIANTOWN.**—A Feast of Tabernacles—a Har-vest Home Festival in the Indian Reserve Moravian-town, in connection with the Church of England! The morning service of the Thanksgiving for the in-gathering of the fruits of the earth, commenced at 11 a. m. on Wednesday, 19th inst. The congregation met at an early hour, some arriving at 7 a. m. At the hour of matins the church was filled beyond its seating capacity, many having to stand in the aisle. The service was intoned throughout by the incumbent and choir, and appropriate hymns were sung by the Bothwell church choir. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion with the products of garden, orchard, and farm. The altar was laden with choice fruit and flowers and on the walls were bunches of grain and Autumn tinted leaves, and over the chancel was the text, "The Earth is the Lord's; and the ful-ness thereof," in large letters. Rev. P. Chase, first addressed the audience. Eighteen summers ago he had assisted in the first Church service ever held on the Reserve and some of those to whom he had at that time pointed the way to Heaven have since been laid under the sod, and had, he hoped, received the reward of the just. Rev. A. Anthony then addressed the congregation in their native tongue. Rev. J. Jacobs of the Sarnia Reserve then addressed them in English. He also had visited this Reserve years ago, since then many of the young had grown up and many of the old had passed away and were, they might well believe, enjoying the grand Harvest Home in Heaven. In the chancel Rev. G. W. Racey also occupied a seat. All the pale faces as well as the red men of the forest evidently rejoiced in the Thanksgiving Festival of the Indians of Moraviantown. After the Church Service of Thanksgiving the congregation repaired to the re-freshment booth that had been erected for the festi-val, where an abundant feast had been provided and was now served by the Indian ladies. The long rows of tables were supplied repeatedly. No light supply would suffice for the numbers partaking of the feast. Col. O'Malley was called to the chair at 2 o'clock, and there were appropriate speeches from the friends of visiting them—from the chairman, — McCallum of Duart, Dr. Sampson of Blenheim, Solomon White, M.P.P. of Essex, Rev. H. P. Chase and A. Antony, Chief Johnston of Munceytown, Dr. Roome of New-berly and J. J. Hawkins—all brief, pithy and well re-ceived. The Indians worked admirably for the suc-cess of their Thanksgiving Festival and furnish an-other proof of the blessing of religious training. The visitors to Moraviantown are unanimous in awarding them the greatest credit. They gave their can-did support to the missionary in the building of the church, giving all they could, their labor; and this happy feast is the offering of gratitude to Him who has blessed them in their labours. Surely it might well encourage the friends of the Indians to see three

native Indian clergymen with their white brethren on the platform, and to hear the cheering addresses from the "pale face" and the red man of the forest, from the Indian Missionary and from the chief. We con-gratulate the incumbent of Bothwell on the early fruits of his labours in the Reserve.

**PORT BURWELL.**—The Sunday School at Port Bur-well, suspended for some time, has been re-opened under hopeful circumstances. Through the energy of Mr. Davey, Superintendent, who was energetically supported by Mr. Collins, churchwarden, Mr. J. Youell, and the ladies of the congregation, on Monday the 3rd inst. a most successful picnic was held. The ladies left nothing wanting in their department, and all wrought with the greatest zeal and unanimity. Amusements were ample and the day was fine. At the close a hymn was sung, and afterwards a short address was given by the Rev. Edward Softley B. D., clergyman in charge, who after prayer for the Divine blessing, pronounced the benediction.

**VIENNA.**—On Thursday the 31st ult. a very pleasant gathering took place at the grove near Vienna, where the Sunday School of St. Luke's Church assembled for their annual pic-nic. The day was fine and the attendance good, both of parents and children. There was an abundant supply of edibles, and full provision for the amusement of the children. All enjoyed them-selves, old and young, and it was near night-fall ere the grounds were entirely deserted. Mr. Thomas Jenkins is the worthy superintendent of St. Luke's school, and to his faithful efforts, with a little band of devoted teachers, the school is very much in-debted.

**KETTLE INDIAN MISSION.**—Mr. Arthur R. Denison, Architect, Toronto, has kindly presented a set of plans for the new St. John's Chapel at Kettle Point Indian Mission, in charge of the Rev. J. Jacobs. Mr. Adam Shawnoo, (lay delegate to the Synod) has given a site for the same. The chapel when finished will rejoice the hearts of the interesting and appreciative natives of that mission.

**ALVINSTON.**—Harvest Home services were conduct-ed in St. John's Church, Alvinston, at 11 a. m. and at 7 p. m. Sunday Sept. 30th., by the Rev. C. J. A. Bat-stone, who was lately appointed to this parish. The church was beautifully decorated with grains, fruits, flowers, and appropriate mottoes tastefully arranged. The attendance at both services was unusually large, and many who came for the evensong were unable to get standing room in the church. Mr. Batstone is be-ginning under fair auspices and with every appear-ance of uniform success.

**CHATHAM.**—Christ Church—Sunday 30th ult. was a day of special interest to the congregation of this church; being the Harvest Home Thanksgiving Ser-vices, the chancel was handsomely decorated with the choicest flowers of which our conservatories can boast and the effect harmonized well with the special object in view. In addition to the flowers were plants, vegetables, fruits, and grain, appropriately represent-ing the beautiful gifts of Providence. The musical selections carried out under Professor W. Callender, were very good. One feature in the services looked very bad viz: to see many of the congregation sitting down during the singing of the anthem, which is so un-church-like. It would be a good idea for the minister to tell the congregation to stand during the singing of the anthem; also to see that the choir does not sing anthems which are too long. The collections in aid of the chancel were far more liberal than last year, showing that Christ Church is in a very prosperous condition, under our worthy and much respected minister, Rev. N. H. Martin, Incumbent.

**WOODSTOCK.**—St. Paul's—Last week the second of the series of harvest festivals was given, and with marvellous success. The hands of the young ladies of the congregation, had decorated the church with floral and other bounties of Providence, while the emblematical devices that shone forth from the walls, told of cultivated taste and genuine refinement. The texts of scripture were singularly appropriate. The green-houses of Mr. Angus Rose and of Mr. Forsyth contributed largely to the pleasant effect, and noth-ing was wanting to bring into bold relief the many striking evidences of affectionate regard—the memori-al tablets that adorn the sacred edifice speaking through years that are passed, of the early settlers whose services had contributed letters of gold to the brilliant pages of Imperial and colonial history. The service of song, including some of the best composi-tions of the great masters. The willing services ren-dered by the Misses Moncur, McMullen and Brothie, and by Messrs Geo. McLeod, McGachie and Henderson, members of the choirs of the respective Presbyterian churches, made it plain that no sectional prejudice pre-vents, and that Mr. Hayden, the leader of St. Paul's

choir, has a hold on the good offices of our musical amateurs. Such services with the abilities of Misses Lewis, Pettit, Hart and Blow, and the very material assistance of Messrs Coventry, Berry, and Cuthbert, supplied an orchestra to which the masterpieces of Handel might with confidence be confided. The accom-paniments on the organ by Miss Beyer were effective. The large congregation present was addressed by Rev. Mr. Ashton, of Princeton, the Rev. Hindu. M. A., of Burford, the Rev. E. B. Hamilton, B. A., of East-wood, and the Rev. J. Gemley, rector of Simcoe, who opened by the bold assertion that no Christian com-munity could afford to permit the season of the in-gathering of God's mercies to pass unrecognized. Such occasions were as an incense, carried on the wings of the morning to the gates of the eternal city; and the echoes of the people's thankfulness and adoration swell-ing up from the temples of the Most High on earth would be taken up and repeated by the celestial orchestra, that cease not day and night in proclaiming the majesty and power of Omnipotence. Mr. Gemley expressed pleasure in addressing so large an audience in the dear old church, whose walls and sepulchres supplied so important a history of the past; and he closed a telling address by a deserved compliment to the ladies who had presented a repast so sumptuous, and to the fair ones of the congregation whose taste and handiwork adorned so exquisitely the walls of the church. According to announcement, the Rev. Mr. Gemley assisted by the rector, and in the evening by Mr. Hamilton, conducted the services, taking for his text in the morning the last clause of the 18th chap-ter of Matthew, from which he preached a very elo-quent sermon.

**STRATHROY.**—The Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held in St. John's Church, on the 30th ult. The Church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The first Harvest Home service held in the diocese was held in Strathroy, and it was to be expected that the time honoured religious rite should be duly ob-served. The Rev. N. M. Martin, of Chatham, officiated and preached appropriate sermons at matins and evensong. There were large and earnest congrega-tions. Rev. Canon Hill, Rector of St. John's Church, officiated at Christ's Church. On Monday afternoon and evening a Harvest Home dinner and supper was given by the ladies in the town hall. It was in every respect successful. The attendance was large, and all enjoyed the pleasures of the Festival, and it added two hundred dollars to the Church funds. The debt in-curred by the purchase of a very superior organ will soon be cancelled, the regular receipts now being more than sufficient to meet the expenditure. The con-gregation is not large, the majority of the people being dissenters, but the Church members are zealous in her behalf.

**WIARTON.**—The Church is still without a minister. Of the six denominations in the place, the English Church is the only one so neglected. Rev. W. F. Campbell officiated in it two Sundays lately and it having been made known that there would be a clergy-man in Trinity Church, the sacred edifice was crowded. Wiarton is in the Deanery of Bruce but the R.D. Cooper can do nothing to remedy the want. Mr. Hutchison in Lion's Head is twenty miles distant from Wiarton, and he is not yet in holy orders. Truly there is mis-sionary work to be done even in this favoured diocese.

**LONDON EAST.**—Rev. R. Fletcher, St. Matthew's Church, London East and Emmanuel Church, London Township, has been transferred to the mission parish of Christ Church, Berlin, and Rev. W. M. Seaborn, Professor in Hellmuth Ladies' College, and incumbent of Thamesford and Lakeside, has been appointed in-cumbent of London East. Mr. Fletcher has labour-ed in this diocese for twenty years, in the counties of Essex and Lambton and latterly in Middlesex. The old log school houses in which as a faithful Church-missionary he proclaimed the glad tidings, have given place to consecrated churches, now thronged by those who by him were made members of Christ by baptism. He has lately been instrumental in building a Church in London township and of establishing St. Mat-thew's in London East. A deputation from this Church waited on him at his residence, and presented him with a purse containing \$70, and the following address:—To the Rev. Robert Fletcher, Incumbent of St. Matthews's Church, London East. Rev. and Dear Sir,—Upon the eve of your departure to a new field of labour, we, as the representatives of the congregation of St. Matthew's, desire to take this opportunity of expressing our regret at your departure, and of asking your acceptance of a small token of our appreciation of your kindness in your labours amongst us. We de-sire first to express our appreciation of your untiring efforts in the very onerous duties of the parish, and to record our sense of your unflagging zeal and the kindly spirit in which you have carried on your minis-trations since first you took charge; and we cannot let this opportunity pass without tendering through you our most hearty thanks to Mrs. Fletcher for her