

HURON.

AMHERSTBURG.—The Rev. A. T. Falls, rector of Christ Church, with Revs. Paradis and Earle, ministers of the frontier town of Amherstburg, are contending against the promoters of Sunday baseball excursions on Sunday to Bois Blanc Island. The laws against the violation of the Decloque are not strict in the "Land of the Free," as they are in Canada, and Sunday is in too many places merely a day of amusement. There is no American law forbidding games on this Holy day, and the captain of a steamer has been running Sunday excursions to the island. The clergymen have submitted the case to the Canadian Minister of Customs.

BAYFIELD.—Rev. G. B. Taylor, who has been some time incumbent of the Bayfield mission, and is leaving Huron diocese for a tour to the home country, was robbed on an Erie train on Thursday morning at four o'clock, between Buffalo and Morrowsburg of a gold watch and \$185 in cash.

DELHI.—Rev. P. B. De Lom, missionary of Huron Diocese, is at present holding mission service at St. Alban's Church, Delhi.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNICS.—The teachers and scholars of St. George's Sunday School, London, W., had their annual gipsy-party on Wednesday, July 22, in Mr. Platt's grove. The day was, as usual, a very fine one; the little ones enjoyed it thoroughly. Among the ladies who were largely instrumental in promoting the pleasures of the day, Mrs. Newman, Misses Gower, Kingsmill, Meredith, Landor, Gibson, Wallace and Minton.

Memorial Sunday School held their pic-nic at Port Stanley. About 400 persons availed themselves of the opportunity of spending a very pleasant day at our watering place.

Chapter House Sunday School had a very pleasant gipsy-party in the Queen's Park. Mr. Imlach, the S. S., superintendent, is indefatigable in keeping up the school.

STRATHROY.—Some time ago Rev. Canon Hill, who for the past seven years has been rector of St. John's Church here, tendered his resignation, which took effect on Sunday last. The officers, teachers and scholars of the Sabbath School took advantage of the occasion, and at the close of the lesson last Sunday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Hill was called to the chancel, and the superintendent, Mr. J. S. Small, read the following address, and Mr. A. E. Kinker, presented Mr. Hill with a silver communion service, and Mr. R. Richardson Mrs. Hill with a set of pickle castors:—

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR.—The officers, teachers and scholars of the Sunday School of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, cannot permit the occasion of your removing from this parish to pass without testifying their regret at your having determined to sever the present connection. Since your arrival amongst them, (now more than seven years ago), they have witnessed the interest you have unvaryingly manifested in their spiritual welfare. The teachers' Bible class is especially indebted to you for unremitting attention, and the Bible class in the school has indeed been favored in receiving instructions at your hands whenever possible.

The officers, teachers and scholars would also respectfully express their admiration of the fact that in your teaching you unceasingly put forward that "name that is above every name," and feel that the Sunday School that next receives your attention is indeed fortunate.

They beg your acceptance of the accompanying communion service, and hope that it will from time to time serve to remind you of many friends in this Sabbath School, who, as fellow-workers and scholars, have learned to appreciate your worth. Nor can they permit the present opportunity to pass without expressing the loss that the school will sustain in the removal of Mrs. Hill. Ever at her post, she is indeed an example worthy of imitation. Her cheerful and kind manner are well calculated to refresh the spirit of any Sabbath School worker who may feel dispirited in a field of labour that has its own disappointments. She has proved herself a valuable helpmate, but while bearing testimony to the fact they are well aware that no commendation of theirs can enhance the appreciation you deservedly entertain of her many good qualities. They beg her acceptance of the accompanying pickle castors, and hope they will remind her of the esteem in which she is held by the school.

Her counsel and assistance will be missed, but they are not without cherishing the hope that on a future occasion they will have the pleasure of a visit from yourself and her.

In conclusion, they wish you both every success in the field of Sabbath School labour, where truly the work is great but the labourers are few, and fervently pray that though now bidding you both farewell, all will one day meet in that bright and happy place where partings are unknown.

Signed in behalf of the school.

J. S. SMALL, Supt.
A. E. KINDER, Secy.

Strathroy, July 26th, 1885.

Mr. Hill, was completely taken by surprise, but made a very feeling reply, thanking the school on behalf of himself and Mrs. Hill for their beautiful and useful presents. He referred in feeling terms to the many happy hours he had spent with them in the Sunday School.

The communion service was enclosed in a fine black case, satin lined, and consisting of four pieces, viz.:—Paten, flagon, chalice and casket, the latter bearing the inscription, "Presented to Rev. Canon Hill, M.A., by the officers, teachers and scholars of the Sabbath School of St. John the Evangelist, Strathroy, July 26th, 1885." Mrs. Hill's presents consisted of a fine pair of wine colored cut glass pickle castors, silver mounted. Mrs. Hill was also the recipient from the Sunday School class, of a silver spoon holder, gold lined.

In the evening the church was crowded to hear Rev. Mr. Hill deliver his farewell sermon. The text chosen was the last verse of the New Testament, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Amen;" from which the reverend gentleman preached an able, eloquent and feeling discourse.

The following letter of thanks for services as President of the Strathroy Branch Bible Society, for the past five years, has been presented to Mr. Hill:—

Strathroy, July 25th, 1885.

Rev. A. C. Hill,

REV. AND DEAR SIR.—In accordance with a resolution passed by the committee of the Strathroy Branch Bible Society, the undersigned, on behalf of said committee, hereby convey to you an expression of their high appreciation of your services as president of the society for nearly five years. We ask you to accept the thanks of the society for the interest you have taken in its welfare; and while regretting that your removal to St. Thomas will sever your connection with the cause here, we cordially wish you success in your new sphere of labor, not doubting that the Bible cause will in the future, as in the past, receive your cordial support and active aid and sympathy.

On behalf of the committee, W. H. Murray, Treas.,
H. McColl, Secy.

In the removal of Mr. Hill, St. John's Church, Strathroy, loses an able, earnest, efficient pastor, and it will be a difficult matter to fill his place. Since his arrival amongst us he has ever shown a willingness to take part in every good and laudable work, and his departure is a matter of general regret, and the best wishes of the congregation and the citizens in general go with him and Mrs. Hill to their new field of labor at St. Thomas.

PORT STANLEY.—The lawn party given by the ladies of Christ Church, was even more successful than the garden party of a month since. The programme on the present occasion was very attractive, and drew together a large concourse of people. Many of whom were from London and St. Thomas, neighbouring cities. The brass band of St. Thomas, and may-pole dance, added much to the interest of the entertainment and elicited many approving remarks. A great profusion of fruit and flowers, and an abundance of ice-cream, gave evidence of the pains taken by the ladies to make the party a success. It is hoped that much good may result from these gatherings, besides the chief object contemplated. The gross receipts were \$50.00 on the occasion.

ZORRA.—Christ Church, Huntingford, has for a few weeks past been undergoing repairs and formally re-opened for divine service, on Sunday last 2nd inst. Services were held and eloquent sermons were preached by the Venerable Dr. Sandys, Archdeacon of Huron. The Church was crowded on both occasions. The building has been replastered and painted internally, the pews remodelled, the windows restrained, the old organ gallery taken away, a platform raised for the use of the choir, on a level with the chancel, and a new entrance made into the Church. In fact the Church inside looks like a new building, and the ladies of Huntingford Guild, to whose untiring exertions the improvements are due as far as finances are concerned, must feel proud to know and encouraged to see the results of their unceasing energy. In

addition to the improvements mentioned above, we must not omit to mention the handsome new chandelier that hangs from the centre of the ceiling and which adds very much to the adornment of the Church.

A garden party was held at the residence of Mr. Adam Marshall, on Wednesday evening, 29th ult., which was in every way a complete success. The grounds were gaily illuminated, and music and singing enlivened the occasion. The committee of management exerted themselves to the utmost to make it a pleasant evening for all, and the results must have been very gratifying to them as \$22.00 net were added to the improvement fund of the church.

ALGOMA.

ST. JOSEPH'S ISLAND.—The Rev. H. Beer desires to acknowledge the receipt of a box of clothing from Mrs. Tilton, Ottawa. This clothing will prove a comfort to some of the poor of his mission.

SAULT STE. MARIE.—Prize giving at the Indian Homes.—On July 23rd, the Bishop of Algoma, (chairman); the Rev. E. T. Wilson, principal; the Rev. J. F. Sweeney, rector of St. Philip's Church, Toronto; Professor Schneider, Trinity College, Toronto; the Rev. Mr. French and others attended the annual prize giving at Shingwauk Home. The boys and girls of the Wawanosh Home, assembled in the schoolroom of the former institution, dressed in their peculiar uniform. After the proceedings commenced with the singing of the hymn "There is a happy land," and prayer, the Bishop called upon the principal to give some account of the homes and of the examinations just held.

Mr. Wilson alluded in touching terms to the past history: the first Indian home was opened at Garden River, in September, 1874. It was opened on a Monday, and the following Sunday the whole building was burnt to the ground. Friends in England, however, immediately brought aid, funds were collected and the present building erected. Mr. Wilson next explained the system of marking. Every child, whether he had advanced far in his studies, or had just begun the elements, had a fair chance of obtaining a first prize. Every boy or girl who obtained 100 marks for each of the years that he had been at the home, was called a "victor," and obtained a first prize, e.g., a boy who had been five years at the home would have to obtain 500 marks in order to reach the standing of a victor. Every child who obtained 80 marks for each of the years that he had been at the home, was ranked as an "aspirant," and received a smaller prize, while those who obtained less than 60 marks, received the unenviable title of "lags." He concluded by reading out the prize list, a copy of which is appended below. The Bishop said it was a matter to be much deplored that many questioned the use of these homes, considering that the Indian was not worthy of the civilizing influences brought to bear on him. The white man had distinct duties and obligations towards the Indian, and the function of these homes was not merely to impart to the children some knowledge of English, arithmetic, geography etc., but also to deal with their souls, and to lead them to the knowledge and love of the Saviour. The Bishop then related an amusing incident of his travels in England. One day when addressing a Sunday School, he repeated the Lord's prayer in Ojibway, and offered to sing a hymn in the same tongue. The words he had in print before him, and could not, therefore, make any mistake about them, but when he got to the end of the second line, he completely forgot the tune, and had to make up a tune of his own for the rest of the verse, happily he was not found out, and a lady present even expressed her regret that he had not sung the whole hymn.

Professor Schneider, of Trinity College, said the attainments of the boys were very creditable, and would compare favourably with those of white boys. The Rev. J. F. Sweeney regretted that his state of health did not allow him to make a speech. He would give a prize next year to the boy who had made most progress in the knowledge of English. This announcement when repeated by Mr. Wilson in Ojibway, was received with great enthusiasm. The Bishop then handed the prizes to the victors and aspirants.

Professor Schneider promised to send a book from England to the boy who had the best knowledge of Scripture; the Bishop offered an English prize for the girls; Mrs. Sullivan promised a divinity prize; Mrs. Freer, of Winnipeg, a prize for tidiness and order, and Mrs. A. H. Campbell a prize for plain sewing. The scholars, at the suggestion of the Bishop, gave three cheers for Princess Beatrice who had been married that day.

PRIZE LIST.—1st. Division.—Victors.—1. David Osahgee Wanabegesis; 2. John A. Maggrah.