

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

- August 16, Monday.—Fort Colouge.
- " 18, Wednesday.—Thorne and Leslie, Rev. A. J. Greer, M. A.
- " 21, Saturday.—Alleyne and Aylwin, Rev. W. P. Chambers, M. A.
- " 24, Tuesday.—River Desert, Rev. H. Plaisted, M. A.
- " 27, Friday.—North Wakefield, Churchwardens.
- " 29, Sunday.—Chelsea, Rev. G. Johnson. —Hull, Rev. F. R. Smith.

Communications addressed as follows:—

- From August 8th to August 11th—Care of Rev. A. B. Given, Quio.
- From August 12th to August 17th—Care of Rev. W. H. Naylor, Shawville.
- From August 18th to August 26th—Care of Rev. W. P. Chambers, Aylwin.
- From August 27th to August 28th—Care of Rev. G. Johnson, Chelsea.

GLEN SUTTON.—The Church in this parish has undergone some repairs in the interior and has been retinted, and now the whole interior looks clean and neat. The incumbent of this parish had to take a week's sojourn at Bolton Springs in behalf of his little daughter, who is in very poor health. His duties, while absent, were taken by the incumbent of Mansonville. Your correspondent was informed by one of the Churchwardens that the services, in point of attendance had considerably improved during the past year.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

BROCKVILLE.—A delightful excursion took place on Tuesday, the 10th inst., from this place to the Thousand Island Park, under the management of the Young Ladies of Trinity Parish, the object being to aid in reducing the debt upon the Church—a beautiful and thoroughly appointed one, and of which the Rev. E. P. Crawford, M. A., is the Rector. The large and commodious steamer "Armstrong" had been chartered for the occasion, and leaving Brockville at 2 p.m. she carried a large and happy "crowd." The Rector and his most valuable and ever ready and amiable helper in all parish work, Mrs. Crawford, joined the party at Hillcrest Park, one of the beautiful summer resorts of the St. Lawrence, situated about three miles above the town, and where they with a number of families from Brockville and elsewhere are spending the summer; some in beautiful cottages, (prominent among which is that of Mr. Sherwood, Esq., Barrister), some in hardly less attractive tents, and others in the capacious and well kept "Hillcrest Park hotel," (James Norris, proprietor). This particular resort seems to be growing in favour year by year, judging from the additions in cottages and tents. The ladies had made ample provision for satisfying the hunger of the several hundred passengers on board, and after leaving Hillcrest three long tables were quickly spread on the forepart of the boat covered with most tempting viands, and whilst the "Armstrong" ploughed her way up towards Alexandria Bay and the Park, her seemingly hungry passengers refreshed themselves by a thoroughly good repast, served by the young ladies of the congregation. About two hours and a-half were spent at the Thousand Island Park, affording ample time to the excursionists to visit its various points of interest. Leaving about 8 p.m. the trip up was further extended to "Round Island Park," where the illuminations were most extensive and beautiful, and then the return trip commenced; a continuous stretch of illuminations from the many beautiful cottages and summer hotels—parks which line the American shore. The large hotel at "Round Hill Park" and "Alexandria Bay" were covered with innum-

erable lights of various colours, presenting a grand appearance; but the smaller hotels and private cottages excelled them in the beauty of the designs, Central Park taking the palm. Hillcrest Park too was well illuminated, and the effect of the variously colored lights through the beautiful pine trees, which form one of the special features of this attractive point, was exceedingly pleasing. All seemed to thoroughly enjoy the trip, and the young ladies deserve the highest praise, as well for their energy and enterprise in designing, as for the successful carrying out of the day's pleasure. And the Rector is to be congratulated on having about him so willing and efficient a band of workers. He well deserves this, however, for he has not spared himself in working up what is now possibly the foremost and most active parish in this thriving town.

GANANOQUE.—Some difficulty has arisen in Christ Church in this parish owing to the recent introduction into the services of vesper lights on the altar or Lord's Table. These vesper lights consist of fourteen candles, which are lit at evening service, together with two larger candles used on the occasion of celebration of the Holy Eucharist. A memorial has been presented to the Rector, together with an open letter from the people's churchwarden complaining of the use of these ornaments as contrary to the principles and ritual of the Church of England, and requesting their removal. It is said the memorialists represent a large portion of the congregation.

It is certainly to be regretted that the harmony heretofore existing has been broken, and that the progress which was being made will be impeded. Whilst the principle that the Incumbent is responsible for, and has control of, the services is doubtless true, it would seem to be limited of necessity by the law of the church, and be another recognition to some extent of the will and wishes of the people. In this connection the words of Bishop Worthington are not without application:—

"Who is there," asks Thomas a Kempis, "who has all his own way?" Nevertheless most men wish for it, and many think it their duty to try and get it; but the *Clergy and laity* soon learn, if they are wise men, that in the service of the Church not only that they cannot always get it, but that they ought not always even to wish to get it. Individual preference in regard to order of service of ritual, or even more important matters, unless the Church by rubrics or Canon has clearly defined duty and obligation, should be disregarded in the desire for peace and harmony, and extension of the Kingdom of God. That spirit of self-will which we all deprecate in others, we are slow to discover in ourselves. It would promote the welfare of our parochial life if both *Clergy and laity* would have the Apostolic injunction ever in mind—"Let every man esteem others better than themselves." There is a failure to appreciate fully "the Church Idea" in certain Parishes and Missions. A spirit which is thoroughly congregational prevails. It is manifest in the neglect of the Diocesan claim for support, and of the Canonical offerings which are required; as well as the lack of association and fellowship in the general work which belongs to the Church of Christ to undertake and carry forward. I am not sure but the responsibility for this un-Churchly spirit rests quite as much with the Clergy as it does with the laity. We cannot hope for satisfactory growth anywhere, until we are animated more entirely by that spirit of the early Church which is expressed in these words, "They had all things common." Certainly we cannot expect that general institutions, either educational or eleemosynary, will be maintained, or to secure the proper support for those who are the servants of the Diocese, until the people understand the *unity of the Church and family of God*; and that the Parochial or Mis-

sion organization is an *accident*, and that their efficiency comes from association in Diocesan relations. "Those who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak and not please themselves." The Catholic Church has no boundaries; it is not more in one Parish or Mission, where a priest is ready to serve, than another; for "we are members one of another." —Bishop Worthington.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. Clarence Paget, M. A., of the Cathedral, Davenport, Iowa, is at present on a visit to Ontario. He officiated on the 8th inst., at Penetanguishene, and is now in the parish of Georgina rusticating.

The Rev. W. H. A. French, formerly of the Mission of Cobocok, has been appointed to the charge of the parish of Cookston. He has also been promoted to the rank of the Benedicts, on which event we offer congratulations.

The Rev. S. Macklem, curate of All Saints, Toronto, is now enjoying a holiday at the Georgian Bay. Mr. Macklem is the fortunate possessor of an island there, and has erected a cottage on it, where he enjoys life thoroughly.

The Holiday hegira still continues! Rev. Rural Dean Stewart and Miss Stewart are now at the sea side. The old cry of "they come," is changed to "and still they go."

Mr. J. A. McCleary is taking temporary duty as Lay Reader at St. Mark's Church, Otonabee. Mr. McCleary will enter Nashotah College, Wisconsin, U.S., on the 28th of September.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL FESTIVAL.—St. Mark's Sunday-school, Parkdale, held their annual picnic at the Humber recently. The children and friends numbered about two hundred. The usual games under the able management of the Rector, passed off successfully.

Grace Church Sunday-school, Toronto, held their annual excursion and picnic at High Park. The arrangements were complete and everything passed off well. The attendance was very large, and the crowd returned to the city at 8 p.m., well satisfied with their day's pleasure.

Carlton parish held their annual picnic on the grounds of Major Foster, Ecclescomb. The attendance numbered about 200. About twenty-eight prizes were presented by the Superintendent, Mr. Foster, for regular attendance and good conduct. Games were provided for the little ones, which greatly amused and delighted them.

WEST TORONTO.—A correspondent in the *Mail* thus writes of Church progress here: Just now there is quite a boom in building lots. Beautiful residences and stores are springing up in every direction. In May, the Rev. Mr. Thomson, incumbent of the Church of England, and lady left for a tour in Europe. The Rev. P. Tocque, of Toronto, has been appointed incumbent *pro tem*. The rev. gentleman, though far advanced in life, seems to have the old fire of his youth, and by his diligence in visiting and adopting a short, energetic, plain pointed and practical style of preaching, has attracted quite a congregation. The Guild of St. Mark in connection with the parish is doing a good work. There is also a Band of Hope and other organizations to promote the interest of the parish. Miss Charlotte Thomson, the incumbent's daughter, is a most indefatigable worker in the parish. Recently the guild held a strawberry festival, from which quite a sum was realized for church purposes. Last week the guild gave a free social, with refreshments, music, songs and games, and it was largely patronized.

THE ITINERANT SYSTEM.—At the recent meeting of Synod, the subject of the itinerancy was fully discussed, when Mr. Langtry's motion regarding the permutation of the clergy was being considered. Several speakers made the