

PETERBORO.—*St. John's.*—A test and sale of useful and fancy articles was held in Peterboro' on Wednesday, the 7th of October, in aid of the South Ward Sunday-school. The attendance was fair, although the weather was rather cold and dreary.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—*All Saints' Church.*—*Personal.*—On the morning of Tuesday, the 29th ult., the Rev. L. DesBrisay had the pleasant duty of officiating at the marriage of his sister-in-law, Miss Helen Scovil, of St. John, N.B. The bridegroom was Chas. A. Macdonald, barrister, of St. John. The bridesmaids were Miss Cordelia Scovil, sister of the bride, and Miss Ida, Mr. DesBrisay's little daughter. Mr. T. H. McMillan, barrister, of St. John, was best man. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. R. B. Scovil. Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald left in the afternoon for the east.

FORT ERIE.—On the evening of Wednesday, the 29th ult., the bell of St. Paul's Church once again pealed forth its joyous sound, announcing the marriage of Edgar Riselay, son of C. Riselay, Esq., Warden of the County, with Mrs. Bay, of this village. The church was crowded to the doors, and everything passed off very pleasantly. Rev. R. Arnold, Rector of the parish, officiated. The happy couple have the hearty good wishes of their many friends, both far and near.

COLBECK.—*Luther.*—On Sunday, Sept. 20th, His Lordship the Bishop of Niagara visited the Mission of Luther for the purpose of administering the rite of Confirmation. At St. Clement's Church, Colbeck, 40 candidates from the three stations forming the northern half of this Mission were presented for the rite. His Lordship gave a very instructive address, urging the candidates to continue through life regular attendants at the Holy Communion, to which their confirmation admitted them. The magnificent pastor's staff, lately presented to Bishop Hamilton by his former congregation in Quebec, was carried by Rev. Mr. Webb, priest of the Mission.

GEORGETOWN.—Sunday and Monday, 27th and 28th Sept., were days long to be remembered by the good people of the Anglo-Catholic Church in Georgetown and Stewarttown. As previously announced, the Lord Bishop of Niagara was expected to arrive in Georgetown at 6 o'clock on Saturday evening, for the purpose of administering the sacred and Apostolic rite of Confirmation to a number of candidates in each of the above churches on the following day. His Lordship was met at the station by the incumbent, Messrs. Beaumont and Wheeler, Wardens, and Mr. Watson, Manager of the Bank of Hamilton, from whom the Bishop received a hearty welcome on his first episcopal visitation.

On Sunday morning, prayers were said in St. George's Church at 9.30 o'clock, followed by Confirmation Service and Holy Eucharist. Twenty-eight candidates were presented, ranging in age from 16 to 60, and each one, separately kneeling beside the pastor, received the Apostolic blessing and gift. The Lord Bishop's addresses, both before and after the episcopal act, were characterized by the deep, earnest sympathy which always wins the hearts of his hearers. The truth was told clearly, energetically and uncompromisingly, and no doubt the seeds of life were that day sown in many a willing heart. All the candidates remained for Holy Communion, and also a number of the congregation. It was a blessed time to all.

In the afternoon, at Stewarttown, after a Litany service, eight candidates were admitted to the sacred rite of laying on of hands. At both services the churches were crowded to the doors.

At Evensong, His Lordship preached a very practical and instructive sermon from Jer. xxii. 21 to a good congregation. The Rev. Mr. Pigott, of Acton, acted as Bishop's chaplain for the day.

On Monday morning the Bishop and incumbent drove to Norval, and having first remained an hour with the Rev. Mr. Locke, proceeded to the church, where we enjoyed a morning service, and listened to an appropriate address from His Lordship on the all-interesting subject of the Holy Angels. This being concluded, His Lordship was then driven to Glen Williams, for the purpose of administering Confirmation to an old person who lay on his death-bed, and who received the Apostolic gift and the Holy Communion at the hands of the Bishop, with a devout heart.

In the evening, as previously announced, a garden party and reception was held at the Parsonage grounds, when fully 200 people presented themselves. The young ladies supplied coffee and cake during the evening, and the Georgetown band discoursed pleasing music. At 9.10 p.m. the church bell rang out, calling the people away from worldly things to engage in a delightful service, consisting of Evening Prayer and Baptism, and a very timely address from His Lordship on the Holy Eucharist, which was listened to with wrapt attention. So ended the labor of two glorious days—days of deep religious interest to our Church people here—days never to be forgotten, but those of hard toil and almost unceasing exercise to our beloved Bishop.

At 10 o'clock Tuesday morning his Lordship started for Hamilton, carrying with him the deepest love of the people here, who shall not soon forget these days of deep interest. Surely our Bishop has gained the highest esteem and affection of our people here by his kindness, sympathy and loving nature.

BARTON.—*Trinity Church.*—A very interesting Harvest Festival was held at this Church on the evening of Thursday, the 1st Oct. Christ Church Cathedral Choir were present, and managed the musical part of the programme very successfully. The clergy present were the Revs. Wm. Massey, Dr. Mockridge, Rural Dean Bull, incumbent, W. R. Clark and Dean Geddes. The sermon on the occasion was preached by Dean Geddes from the text, "While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease." Gen. viii. 22.

WEST FLAMBORO.—The services in this parish, have for three weeks past, been conducted by the Rev. Geo. Bull, in the absence of the incumbent. Rev. T. Geoghegan, has been conducting Mission Services in the parish of Fonthill.

HAMILTON.—*Christ Church Cathedral.*—Rev. Philip Tocque, A.M., of Toronto, assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion on Sunday, the 4th inst., and in the evening took part in the service at the Church of the Ascension.

C. C. C. LITERARY SOCIETY.—The first meeting of the second session of this society was held on Tuesday evening, 6th October, in the school-house, the president, Rev. Geo. A. Harvey, in the chair. The attendance was very good. The meeting was opened with prayer, after which the chairman addressed the members on the past work and prospects of the society. Several resolutions were then presented and discussed, one of which was that an open meeting should be held by the society every month, with the exception of the first two months. This resolution was adopted, and an interesting programme was arranged for the following week.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH LITERARY SOCIETY.—The first meeting of the St. Thomas' Church Literary Society for the season was held on the evening of Monday, 5th October, in the church school-house, Rev. W. B. Curran, the president, in the chair. There was a large attendance. The principal business of the evening was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Rev. W. B. Curran, president; H. A. Mackelcan, 1st vice-president; Fred. A. Powis, 2nd vice-president; Thos. W. Robbins, secretary; Dr. Reynolds, treasurer. H. N. Kittson, T. Baker, H. Beckett, C. Powis and J. Eldon Bull, committee of management. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring officers for the thoroughly efficient manner in which they performed their duties during the past year. Two new members were elected. A general discussion on the work of the society ensued. The first open meeting of the society will be held on Nov. 2nd, and it is proposed to continue them on the first Monday of every month. The regular meetings will be held at 8 o'clock every Monday evening in the school-room of the church. All men are eligible for election, no matter what their denomination may be.

The subject chosen for the next debate was: Would commercial union with the United States be beneficial to Canada? If so, could it be secured without severing our connection with Great Britain; and if it were necessary so to sever our connection in order to obtain the benefits of commercial union, would we necessarily drift into annexation with the United States?

Mr. J. Eldon Bull, the retiring secretary, brought with him to the meeting an old minute book, showing that the society was first instituted in 1871. Since then it has grown and prospered, and now has a large membership. The president urged upon all present the necessity for taking an active interest in the welfare of the society, if they desired it to continue flourishing, and pointed out the advisability of attending the weekly meetings as regularly as possible.

PERSONAL.—We regret to find that the item in reference to the Rev. Mr. Caswall which appeared in last week's GUARDIAN is incorrect. Mr. Caswall requests us to contradict the statement therein contained, and this we now do.

We are obliged to hold over several items from Niagara.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

FLOWER MISSIONS.—On the 28th Sept., an interesting meeting was held at the residence of the Bishop of Huron. Mrs. Baldwin had given an invitation to the members of the Ladies Diocesan Missionary Society, including especially the Bible Flower Mission Branch, to meet Miss Macpherson, the founder of the Bible Flower Mission in England, and Miss Stork who has had a great deal to do with the carrying out of the Bible Flower Mission in old London. A large number of ladies attended; the Bishop was present and opened the meeting with prayer. After the minutes of the last meeting of the L. D. M. S. had been read by the Secretary, Miss Stock, gave an account of the Flower Mission in old London; which from a very small beginning had grown to be an enormous work, thousands of bouquets with texts attached being distributed every week to the Patients in Hospitals and Infirmaries, also to the Inmates of Workhouses.

Miss Stock enlarged on the good results that had followed not merely from giving the flowers to those who are completely shut out from country scenes, but also from the illuminated text cards, "a verse may find him who a sermon flies," has in many instances been verified.

After Miss Stock had ended her account, the Secretary of the Flower Mission in London the less read a short account of the Flower Mission established there this summer.