

was not going rain after all. In this they were right, for though the clouds hung over the city the greater part of the day, they passed off without a shower. The *Dagmar* on its 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. trips brought two more full loads, making in all close upon 2,800 persons who must have been present. The sports and games were very interesting and well contested. The Guards' band, whose excellent playing had been highly appreciated all day, returned home on the *Dagmar* and played some choice selection on the way. A fine display of fireworks was made from the boats and from various camps along the shore, on the return trip.

The following composed the executive committee in charge of the affairs of the picnic:—R. J. Wickstead, chairman; B. Bell, A. Frupp, C. D. Frupp, J. S. Heinrichs, W. H. Morgan, George Morgan, Darcy Morgan, E. A. Nash, S. S. Slinn, G. W. Steacy, F. E. Stuart, C. Stuart, R. Surtees, F. H. Thomas, J. E. McClenaghan, secretary; Rev. Thos. Garrett, treasurer, and the clergy ex officio. These are very heartily to be congratulated on the success of the affair. The Ottawa River Navigation Co., are also deserving of credit for the boat service they rendered and Capt. Bowie yesterday earned not a little additional popularity for himself and the fine new steamer he commands.

TORONTO.

TORONTO ISLAND.—*St. Andrew's Church*.—A few mornings ago, at an early hour, the ceremony of holy matrimony was, for the first time in this church, performed by the Bishop of Toronto, assisted by the Rev. C. B. Darling. At the conclusion of the marriage, the Bishop, in accordance with the suggestion of the rubric, proceeded to celebrate the holy communion, and the newly married pair and their immediate attendants, duly received after the officiating clergy. Before the usual entry in the register, the Bishop, with some very felicitous remarks, gave to the bridegroom and bride a large and costly family Bible, a beautiful Oxford illustrated edition, with helps to the study of the Bible, concordance, maps, etc. At the beginning of the volume the Bishop has written with his own hand the following words:—"Presented to Mr. and Mrs. John Wedd, the first couple married in the Church of St. Andrew, Toronto Island, on their marriage, August 16th, 1886, with sincerest good wishes, by their faithful friend and Bishop, Arthur Toronto." This is only one among the many instances of the generosity and devotion of our good Bishop in connection with this church, which is particularly interesting, as we pointed out in our last issue, from the fact that in it so many Christians of different denominations are accustomed to meet for harmonious worship.

TORONTO.—The following resolution was passed at a meeting of the Church of England Workingmen's Association of Canada, on Monday evening, August 23rd, 1886.

"That whereas the *Evangelical Churchman* of Toronto, of the date of 19th August, 1886, publishes an extract from the *English Churchman*, accusing Mr. C. Powell, of the so-called 'Church of England Workingmen's Society,' of being 'an advanced Romaniser,' and the society, of 'promoting Auricular confession, the popish wars, and a host of other popish and superstitious follies,' and at the end of such extract makes the extraordinary, gratuitous, and unwarranted statement, that 'Toronto is, so far as we are aware, the only Canadian city in which a branch of this notorious league exists,' therefore, we, 'the Church of England Workingmen's Association of Canada,' being, 'so far as we are aware,' the only similar *Church of England* Association in the city of Toronto, cannot let the foregoing statement pass without contradiction, and, therefore, at this our earliest and first meeting since the statement was so made, do declare that we are, as our name sets forth, a primitive association, independent of any other organization; that we are not connected in any way with the said 'Society,' and are not in any way responsible for its doings; and, that while we do not know anything of the truth of the above charges against the said society, or otherwise, we do not hesitate to deprecate, and denounce unsparingly, any course of action that would tend to introduce into our beloved Church the Romanish errors in the above extract mentioned, or other popish corruption which might tend to detract from the fullest faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; that we regret the officials of the *Evangelical Churchman* did not attend some of our meetings, which are open to all well behaved persons, and make full inquiry before making an unfounded statement, and trust they will publish this resolution, as evidence that they did not intentionally fabricate the statement made to our injury.

The Church Woman's Mission Aid Society is now prepared to receive applications from country par-

ishes for assistance during the coming winter, either in the way of clothing or Christmas trees. Orders for surplices, stoles, &c., solicited. Also donations either of money or clothes.

Extract from new rules adopted by the C. W. M. A., in April, 1886. "The work of this society is especially intended for the Toronto and Algoma dioceses, but applications from other dioceses in the North West, may be attended to by raising of special subscriptions or by vote of the board." All applications must be sent directly to the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. W. T. O'Reilly, 37 Bleeker St., Toronto.

Parcels may be sent to the rooms of the society, No. 1 Elm St., Toronto.

NIAGARA.

MOOREFIELD.—Rev. A. Bonny has been absent for the last three Sundays, enjoying a much needed rest. The services at Rothsay and Moorefield have been taken during his absence, by the Rev. G. B. Cooke, of Palmerston, and Mr. Jamieson, lay reader. The church in Drayton has been closed during the incumbent's absence, as owing to change of hour, it was found impossible to have service there and superintend Sunday Schools at Rothsay and Moorefield.

HURON.

TILSONBURG.—*St. John's*.—On Wednesday, 18th ult., the inhabitants of the above parish were much shocked on hearing the news of the somewhat sudden death of the only son of Rev. R. F. Dixon, aged one year and four months. The funeral was very largely attended, and the floral offerings most beautiful and numerous. The obsequies were conducted by the Rev. A. J. W. Finlay, which was of a very impressive character, owing more particularly to the death occurring during the absence of the reverend parent, who is now enjoying a visit to his paternal home, in Carlisle, England. The remains were interred in the cemetery of St. Charles Church, Doreham. Rev. Mr. Dixon and Mrs. Dixon, have the heartfelt sympathy of the whole community at large in the sad loss of their only and dear infant son.

"May we go where he has gone,
Rest and reign with Him in Heaven."

Alleluia.

LONDON TOWNSHIP.—Soon will the week day silence of the youngest of our suburban churches be broken by the cheerful sound of the busy workmen. Tenders are invited for alterations and additions to St. Matthew's Church, London East. We have ere now had the pleasure of telling the readers of the *DOMINION CHURCHMAN* of the growth of the church in London township. Half a century ago, this township was little more than an unbroken forest. Then was heard the ringing sound of the woodman's axe, and soon, very soon, was seen arising among the clearings the log church of the colonists. When this western diocese was set apart less than thirty years ago, from the overgrown diocese of Toronto, there were only three churches in the township of London, with two beneficed clergymen, Revs. C. Brough and E. Sullivan, afterwards the Archdeacon of Huron and the Bishop of Algoma, and now, instead of three, there are eight churches, and some of them have been enlarged to meet the demands of the increasing church population. Here in Huron there is no "decadence of the church," and of the other dioceses good news is continuously borne to us by the organ of the church, the *DOMINION CHURCHMAN*.

INGERSOLL.—The Sunday Schools of St. James' Church, Ingersoll, and of East St. Pauls', Woodstock, have united to hold their annual summer picnic on Burlington Beach. Why have we not more of these union festivals of our church Sunday schools! Surely it would be more pleasant for the scholars, and far more pleasant for the teachers to spend a happy day together at least once a year, than going in separate bands. But there is, we must confess, too much among us of the spirit of congregationalism, saying as even in the days of the apostles, "I am of Paul and am of Apollos."

DELAWARE.—A successful and very happy garden party was held on the 11th ult., on the rectory grounds, in aid of the funds of Christ Church. The weather seemed for a while as if about to dampen the festivities of the day, but the lowering clouds disappeared and in the evening it was delightful. The very handsome grounds seemed to have acquired new charm when lighted by the Chinese lamps and torches, while the good ladies who presided over the entertainment, and provided for it, seemed sylphlike fairies in the scene, and the music under the direction of the worthy hostess, Mrs. Asbury, proved that music, as in the days of old, hath charms. The recitation of Sir Peter Teasle and Lady Teasle, was thor-

oughly enjoyed, the gypsy countess carried out her part to perfection. The art gallery was very much admired. The Delaware band with their charming music, added no little to the pleasure of the evening, and though unwilling to separate, there was a hearty union of voices in the old and much loved anthem, "God Save the Queen." We most heartily congratulate the rector, Rev. R. Asbury, that their lot has fallen in so pleasant a place as Christ Church, Delaware.

WARDSVILLE.—The annual garden party of the guild of Christ Church, Wardsville, was held in the parsonage grounds there, on Tuesday evening of last week. There were visitors from Glencoe and Newbury, and the garden party was the largest ever held in Wardsville. The handsome grounds were beautifully illuminated and in excellent order. The Wardsville orchestra furnished instrumental music. The rector, Rev. J. W. Taylor, and family, by their hospitable manner, succeeded in making all feel welcome, and seemed amply repaid for their trouble by the pleasure manifested by their visitors. The receipts were in advance of those of any previous year.

STRATHROY.—We rejoice in the well doing of St. John's Church, Strathroy. The congregation and Sunday school are alike prosperous. A young ladies' society has been organized at the rectory in connection with St. John's Church. All the young ladies of the congregation are cordially invited to be present at the meetings.

LONDON.—*St. Paul's*.—Rev. R. Hicks, assistant minister of St. Paul's, was unable to officiate on Sunday, the ninth after Trinity. His illness, though sudden, will, we hope, be of brief duration. His physician, however, has absolutely forbidden his preaching or at all officiating in the church services for a time, though he hopes the attack may not be very serious. The rector of St. Paul's, Rev. Canon Innes, was not home from his holiday trip of a few days to the Muskoka lakes, though returning. Provisionally an unforgotten friend, Rev. J. G. Low, now of the diocese of Ontario, was in our city on a visit, and he took the whole duty at both matins and evensong. At matins, taking as his text the words of our Lord, "Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit, so shall ye be my disciples." Mr. Low preached a very impressive sermon, confuting the contentions of Agnostics and other enemies of the revealed truth, and proved that the Christian religion is one of love and good will to all, and impressed on his hearers their duty as disciples bearing much fruit.

SHELburne.—*St. Paul's* Sunday school held its annual picnic this year on Wednesday, August 11th. The children and their friends turned out in large numbers, and drove off in democrats, kindly provided by members of the congregation, to Horning's Mills, a pleasantly situated village about six miles from Shelburne, well known as a favorite fishing resort. Having spent a long day in varied amusements, football, swings, boating, &c., the party returned home in good time well pleased with their day's outing.

Shelburne and Dundalk mission has now, since the visit of the Bishop's commissioner, Rev. Mr. Young, been practically divided, and there are now six congregations, where two years ago there were only two congregations. And whereas two years ago, the whole mission only raised \$400, now the people are raising \$1,100 for the support of the ministry, and Shelburne hopes in a year or two to be able to do without any help from the mission fund.

The congregation at Horning's Mills, hope to build a new church next year, and, owing to the successful work of Mr. A. Murphy, lay reader under Rev. H. G. Moore, B.D., the congregation in Dundalk is at present engaged in enlarging and improving St. James' Church.

SASKATCHEWAN.

MEETING OF THE SYNOD.—The Synod of the Diocese of Saskatchewan met at Prince Albert on Wednesday, the 4th August. The proceedings began by full Service and Holy Communion in St. Mary's church. At the close of the service the whole of the clergy and lay delegates were entertained at luncheon at Bishop's Court by His Lordship and Mrs. McLean. The Synod met for business in St. Mary's church. The proceedings were opened by the following address from the Bishop:

My Reverend Brethren and Brethren of the Laity.—We were prevented meeting in Synod last year by the disorder into which the country had been thrown by the rebellion. We cannot be too thankful that in the good Providence of God we are now able to meet in the midst of public peace and returning prosperity. We have eighteen lay delegates present. I am glad to see among them three Indian chiefs, "Star Blanket," "John Smith" and "James Smith," who, with the