

tial dinner was served, consisting of every variety of eatables, to which between two and three hundred people sat down. A collection was taken at the table amounting to about \$50.00, which goes towards the parsonage; speeches were then delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Caswall, Cordner, and Tcoke, and by W. E. Walker, Esq., the intervals being enlivened by music and singing. A considerable number afterwards adjourned to the parsonage to dispose of the fragments, and engaged in much merriment, till about ten o'clock, when they dispersed, all well pleased with the day's proceedings.

WOODBURN.—On the 26th inst. a Harvest Home Thanksgiving service and festival were held at Woodburn. The church was suitably decorated with prints and serials, and looked remarkably well. The Clergy present were the Rev. Rural Dean G. A. Bull of Barton; the Rev. W. S. Speirs, assistant of Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton; and the incumbent, the Rev. C. E. Whitcomb. The Church was filled to its utmost capacity by an intelligent and attentive congregation. The service was largely choral, the Psalms being chanted as well as the responses to the Litany and the Commandments. The singing of the Hymns was congregational and hearty. The organ was presided over by Miss Hayden, and ably so. The choir did their part well indeed. The Rev. the Rural Dean opened the service and read to the Litany, also the ante-communion, with the exception of the Epistle, which was read by the Rev. Mr. Whitcomb. It was decided to read the Litany although it was not Litany day, and that portion of the service was read by the Rev. W. S. Speirs, who also preached the sermon, which was appropriate to the occasion, and was listened to attentively by an interested congregation. An offertory was taken up, and after the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. the Rural Dean, the congregation dispersed to meet again in a grove adjoining, where the ladies, after Church, had provided a substantial dinner, which was a free offering, no charge being made to the grounds or for the dinner. A band was also in attendance, and what, with games and other amusements, the day was spent most happily by all. The Rev. Mr. Whitcomb is doing a good work here, and is deservedly popular: so also is his help mate Mrs. Whitcomb: all seemed peace and happiness. Long may it so remain.

TORONTO.

PETERBOROUGH.—**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.**—At a vestry meeting on Monday evening, the 25th ult., the Rev. W. C. Allen mentioned his resignation as Curate of this Parish, having accepted the second mastership of Trinity College School, Port Hope, in the place of the Rev. F. A. Bethune, who has been obliged to resign on account of ill-health. Regret at his departure was expressed by the meeting.

ORANGEVILLE.—**A SPLENDID STEEPLE.**—The new steeple on the English Church here is about completed. It is certainly a very fine one, and would be a credit to metropolitan churches. The steeple, counting brick, frame and iron work, is about 132 feet in height. The contractors for the frame work were Messrs. Wallace and McNab, and for the brick work, Mr. Robert Hewett, all of whom have fulfilled the original agreements with the committee to the letter. The congregation of St. Mark's have exhibited praiseworthy religious zeal in making their church second to none in Orangeville in appearance, neatness and comfort.—*Sun.*

THE next regular quarterly meeting of the Ruri-decanal chapter of the Northumberland Rural-Deanery, will (D.V.), be held in the town of Cobourg, on Tuesday, 17th day of October, 1876. Morning prayer with the Holy Communion in the Parish Church at 10.30 a.m. Preacher, the Rev. C. W. Allen, B.A., Curate of Peterboro'.—Essayist, the Rev. T. W. R. Beck, M.A. Subject—"Preaching." The clergy of the Deanery are requested to notify the Rev. Walter Stennett, M.A., Cobourg, of their intention to be present, and also to bring with them their Surplices and Stoles, &c.—H. D. COOPER, B.D., Sec. Treas. N. R. D. Colborne, Sept. 27th, 1876.

NORTHUMBERLAND RURAL DEANERY.—The following missionary meetings will (D.V.), be held during the latter part of October, 1876:—

Oct. 18th—Wednesday—Grafton—7 p. m.
" 19th—Thursday—Colborne— " "
" 20th—Friday—Brighton— " "
" 23rd—Monday—Seymour— " "
" 24th—Tuesday—Percy— " "
" 25th—Wednesday—Hastings— " "
" 26th—Thursday—Alnwick— " "
" 27th—Friday—Gore's Landing— " "
" 30th—Monday—Peterboro'— " "
" 31st—Tuesday—Otonabee 11 a. m.
" " " Ashburnham 7 p. m.

Nov. 1st—Wednesday—Lakefield " "
The clergymen are respectfully requested to procure the assistance of the neighbouring clergy for their respective meetings, and also to give due notice as to the time and place of meeting to their several congregations on the two Sundays preceeding their meetings.

TULLAMORE.—The new brick church of St. Mary's, which has lately been built on a plot of ground immediately contiguous to the old church, was formally opened, and with the burying ground was consecrated on Thursday, the 28th, by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. His Lordship was assisted on the occasion by the Rev. W. F. Swallow, Incumbent of Mono Mills; the Rev. W. H. Clark, B.A., Incumbent of Bolton; and the Rev. W. Grant, M.A., Incumbent of the Parish. The morning was propitious, and the church was well attended by a devout congregation, who appeared fully to appreciate the impressiveness of a service which most of them had never joined in or seen before. Many of them remarked afterwards that they could not have imagined the consecration of a church and churchyard would have been so solemn and so imposing. Morning prayer was said as usual, Gregorian chants being exclusively used for the canticles. The Bishop preached an admirable sermon from Acts xvi. 30, which made a deep impression on the congregation; and it is hoped the effect will not soon pass away. The contrast between the old church and the new one is so great that his Lordship could not refrain from pointing out how much more suitable is the present structure as a Temple of God, whether considered as an offering to the Divine Majesty, or a building in which His worship is conducted. The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop, the clergy present assisting. This parish has been considerably depressed for some time, in consequence of the numerous changes that have taken place—more than forty families belonging to the three congregations having removed from the neighbourhood within a comparatively short period. The building of a new church, which is very nicely finished, bids fair, however, to give fresh stimulus to the congregation of St. Mary's.

BOBCAYGEON.—Christ Church Sunday

School. The teachers, children, and friends of the above Sunday school held their yearly picnic on Thursday, the 21st, being the festival of St. Matthew. There was a short service held in the church at twelve o'clock, to return thanks to Almighty God for mercies received; during the past year, and to ask God's blessing on the coming year. Hymns 229, and 385 were sung. The incumbent, the Rev. George Horlock, gave a short address to the children, urging them always to try to do something for Jesus, who delights in the prayers, praises and good works of His dear little ones. He hoped there would be no child there who would think he, or she, was too young to work for Jesus, or for Him to take notice of: and the reason that we have a service of prayer and praise at the commencement of our picnic is that we may give our first thoughts to God, for we must not think that by going out for pleasure we are to forget all about our religion. Our religion must sanctify our pleasure.

After the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," had been very heartily sung, and the blessing given, a procession was formed, and all marched as soldiers of the cross. The steamer "Ontario" being reached, all went on board for Sandy Point. During the passage across the lake, hymns 229 and 325 A. and M. were sung, and the effect on the water was delightful. After reaching the place for the picnic, games were commenced at once, while some of the ladies prepared tea. All thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and when the steamer called in the evening, all were quite ready to return home. On the way home, all joined together on deck, and evensong was sung together with the hymns, 229, 325, and 17; the last one, especially was very effective, and all seemed to feel every word of it. "Great Saviour bless us ere we go," seemed to bring us all so near to Him whom we all love and strive to serve.

Among those present we noticed Rev. Geo. Horlock the incumbent, Miss White representing her sister, Mrs. Horlock, who was detained at home by a sick baby. Mrs. M. Boyd, Miss Boyd, Mrs. Bonnell, Mrs. W. B. Read, Mrs. McCam, Mrs. Carter, Col. Blackall, Mr. Hall, the superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. G. O. Read, who very ably presided at the Melodion, and several others.

THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—The Committee for the management to this Fund, in making their annual appeal to the Members of the Church preliminary to the general October collection, desire to draw particular attention to the present condition and requirements of the Fund. The payment of the quarter's pensions on the 1st July last, left an overdrawn balance of \$1080. Six widows and one family of orphans having been placed upon the Fund of the Diocese of Niagara, there still remain upon this Diocese fourteen widows and five families of orphans, for whose pensions and other charges, and the re-payment of the above debt of \$1080, a sum of \$4750 will be required during the twelve months from the 30th September of this year, to the 30th September, 1877; and as the ordinary income of the same period cannot be estimated at more than about \$1450, a sum of \$3300 is left to be raised by the October collection. The quota required from the several parishes is based upon the Synod assessment of the year 1875, on which all other assessments for special purposes are framed; and the Committee find that the general collection of this year requires an increase of one-fourth upon last year's assessment of the parishes in the present Diocese of Toronto. In the above assessment of \$3300, the annual subscriptions of