

in a prosperous condition—with communicants literally multiplied—earnest and faithful, and a cheering advance in those "good works which God has fore-ordained that we should walk in," especially the mission work of our Church. That you may abound more and more, and amongst the parishes of this diocese become conspicuous for devotion to Christ and His Church, will be the earnest prayer of your very unworthy, but grateful and affectionate servant in Christ Jesus, JOHN CARRY.

Brampton, 6th May, 1876.

CIRCULAR.—REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN,—After careful and anxious consideration of the means for meeting the obligations of this diocese to the diocese of Algoma, it has been decided that our speediest and simplest method would be to meet the amount of our quota for the current year, which will extend to 1st May, 1877, by a general collection throughout our parishes and missions on Whitsunday next, being the *fourth day of June*. The quota our diocese has to supply, since the separation from us of the diocese of Niagara, is \$1400 per annum; and to assure this sum, the amount required from the several parishes is apportioned as equitably as possible, and is stated below. Trusting that, on the great Festival and anniversary of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, there may be an abundant measure of it vouchsafed to this diocese,—provoking amongst other duties, to a quickened zeal in advancing the spread of true religion, I remain, Reverend and dear Brethren, Very faithfully yours, A. N. TORONTO.

Toronto, May, 16th, 1876.

It has been announced that the Synod of the diocese of Toronto will meet on Tuesday, the 20th of June.

NIAGARA.

STONE CREEK.—We are pleased to note that a commencement has been made in the erection of a new Church at the village of Stoney Creek. The Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, Missionary in charge of Saltfleet and Binbrook, now holds services in the Common School House. The erection of the proposed Church, to be completed according to contract on or before the first of November, will provide a suitable House of God, in which Divine service will be celebrated.

It is proposed to add to the original contract a belfry, and to provide a bell. For this a special collection will have to be made, over and above the subscriptions already made towards the Church. The congregation is neither large nor wealthy, and any contributions in aid of bell and belfry will be thankfully received by the Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, Stoney Creek P. O., and will be duly acknowledged by him in our columns.

HURON.

THE regular quarterly meeting of the diocese of Huron was held in Seaford on the 10th inst. Divine service was held in the parish church at 11 a.m. As the morning was very wet the congregation was not large. The morning prayer and Lessons were read by the Rev. Dr. Wall, the Litany by the Rev. B. H. Channer, the ante-communion by the Rev. Dr. Tibbets, the Gospel and Epistle by the Rev. T. Watson. An able and faithful sermon was preached by rural Dean Davis from Exodus iii. 1-12. The Holy Communion was then administered by the rural Dean. The clergy dined with the Rector, the Rev. Wm. Craig.

The private meeting of the clergy was held in the rectory in the afternoon. Present—The Rural Dean, Revs. Dr. Wall, Dr. Tibbets, T. Watson, Wm. Craig, C. H. Channer. The portion of Scripture read and commented on was 2 Tim. iii. 1-12. Afterwards, several subjects of local and diocesan importance were brought forward. It was resolved that the next meeting be held in Dunganon on the 2nd Wednesday in August, and that the Rev. Wm. Craig prepare a paper on Church Membership. Having spent a very pleasant and profitable time together, the clergy separated for home.

ST. JOHN'S, LONDON TOWNSHIP.—This parish gives good promise of being what might be expected from the very favorable circumstances attending its early days. St. John's parish is one of the oldest in the Diocese. Before London had an existence, or the parish of St. Paul was known, there was the parish of St. John, and the late Bishop of Huron was its Rector before the formation of a parish, where London has now its six churches, city and suburban. The old frame Church of St. John's has but lately given place to a very handsome one, built of brick, in true ecclesiastical style. In the chancel are two handsome memorial windows, one in memory of the late Rector, Ven. Archdeacon Brough, the other in memory of his predecessor in the parish, afterwards rector of St. Paul's, London, and then first Bishop of the newly formed See of Huron. Another memorial window commemorates the death of Col. Burke, sometime member of that Church. The parish was too large and the number of church members were too great for the care of any one shepherd; and, even when divided, the southern one, St. John's, involved too much labour and care for Archdeacon Brough, then approaching the limits assigned to our days by the Psalmist. The new church, and better still the increasing interest manifested in the partaking of the services of the Church and in the Sunday School, give fair promise of brighter days in the future for the Church of St. John.

CHRIST CHURCH, EXETER, ST. PATRICK'S, BIDDULF.—We have had the pleasure of hearing of the welfare and well-doing of the Church in this parish. Exeter is one of the most important towns on the line of the lately constructed L. U. & B. Railway, and the great increase of the population makes it a very important position for the occupancy of the Church. The Incumbent is well accustomed to hard work in the ministry. When in Parkhill Mission before his appointment to Exeter, he had six places of worship to officiate in, and his delight has at all times been in active, earnest labour in the good cause to which he has been sent. In Christ Church where there are morning and evening service, the congregation is always good and increasing, and numbers are added every week to the Sunday School. It is expected that there will be before many weeks, not less than one hundred scholars—not bad when the members of the church and school come a distance, some of them from three to five miles. The Church of St. Patrick's is steadily holding its own. It is altogether a country congregation.

A HURON clergyman, the Rev. Mr. Reary, Assistant Minister of Woodstock, has been appointed Asst. Minister to Trinity Church, Toronto.

We are glad to announce that his Lordship, the Bishop of Huron, may now be pronounced convalescent.

ALGOMA.

We reprint the following letter from the Bishop of Moosonee, which appears in the annual report of the Shingwauk Home: "THE SHINGWAUK.—Two years ago I visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilson at Garden River: they were then building a Home and industrial school for Indian children. A few months afterwards the Home was completed and occupied; but a week had not elapsed before all was in ruins; fire, sparing the lives of the numerous inmates, destroying almost everything else; the children were dispersed, and the Missionary, his wife and family, were obliged to seek a home elsewhere.

News of the disaster, after many months, reached me at my distant and secluded home at Moose Factory, but what had been done subsequently I knew not; the circumstances in which I am placed prevent my hearing, except at long intervals, of what is taking place in the outer world. How great, then, was my astonishment when, on Friday last, I found myself under the roof of a new Industrial Home, and that not a slight or hastily constructed one, but one of a most substantial character, of imposing appearance, and of solid stone; and then, later in the evening, to find myself conducting service in a spacious school-room, having on my right hand the Missionary's devoted wife, and charming little family and servants; on my left the matron; and facing me, upwards of forty Indian children, boys and girls, looking well, contented, and happy; and then to hear them all—led by the schoolmaster on a good harmonium, just arrived from England, the gift of a good English sister—sing a song of praise to their Redeemer: all this was almost overpowering, and I could not but thank God that for a day or two I was to be the guest of the brother and sister so entirely devoted to their Master's work, who were caring for the red man's children with a father and mother's care, and training them up for Christ and for the enjoyment of His kingdom. After prayers, the children, bidding us good night, retired to their respective bed-rooms with the same order and regularity as if they had been inmates of one of our best regulated English institutions.

I should mention that Mr. Wilson was not with us at prayers; business connected with the Home called him away for the night, so that I found myself, as of necessity, occupying the position of chaplain; happily, Indians, whether adults or children, are not strangers to me, neither ought they to be, seeing that among them I have now spent twenty-four years. In the morning after prayers, I made myself master of the details of management, and inspected every part of the extensive establishment. I first went to the dormitories of the boys, which I found large, well kept, and scrupulously clean. I peeped into the closet where the Sunday clothes are kept; all were lying arranged on shelves ready for use. I looked into the sick ward in which were two neat iron bedsteads, happily unoccupied: I inspected the lavatory where all was sweet and nice. I next went through the girls' apartments, where everything was in as good order as on the other side of the house.

In the laundry I found some girls ironing, under the superintendence of an experienced laundress; in an adjoining room a number of girls were engaged in darning stockings, a monitor directing the proceedings; and then again I came upon two or three others engaged in scrubbing: all was life, activity and order.

In the carpenter's shop I found all the tools necessary for the trade, and a carpenter busily at work; there were no boys