

preached by the Rev. Mr. Sutherland, and was an able discourse. After the sermon, the Offertory was taken up and brought up to the Sanctuary, decently and in order, the Alms Dish being used to receive the offerings. I must not forget to mention that the pews are so arranged that you can kneel without discomfort, which you are not able to do in either Christ Church Cathedral, the Church of Ascension, or St. John's. In the latter you are obliged to kneel with your back to the altar. There is also something else which shocks a stranger. If the service begins with a Hymn, why does it not end with one? There was a confirmation service at the Church of Ascension yesterday, when His Lordship, the Bishop, confirmed about fifty. The address to the candidates was of the usual practical and impressive order, for which Bishop Fuller is so well known. The Rev. G. A. Bull, M.A., assisted in the service. His Lordship spoke about the necessity of such singing that all can join in it.

TORONTO.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto will hold (D. V.) his Annual Ordination in St. John's Church, Peterboro', on Sunday, October 15. The examination of candidates for both Priest's and Deacon's Orders, will take place in St. Peter's School-house, Cobourg, beginning on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 9.30 a.m.

Candidates are requested to notify without delay the undersigned, of their intention to present themselves; and to come provided with the usual *Si Quis* and *Testamur*.
WALTER STENNETT, M.A.,
Examining Chaplain.
Cobourg, July 26, 1876.

ST. MATTHIAS' CHURCH SOCIAL MEETING.
—The return of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison from England in good health, after a year's absence, and a serious illness in both cases, has been made the occasion of a pleasant re-union of parishioners and friends at the Parsonage, which was crowded on Thursday evening, to what might be termed a good congregation. The Parsonage was illuminated with Chinese lanterns, etc., and its spacious rooms converted into concert hall, conversation rooms, refreshment room, etc. The company having assembled about 8 p.m., Mr. Harrison took the chair at 9 o'clock, and opened a capital programme of speeches and music. There were piano solos by Miss Florence Beatty of Etobicoke, Miss S. Robinson of New York, and Miss Beasley; several glees by the "West Toronto Choral Society," under the direction of Messrs. Cameron and Timins: solo songs by Mrs. McConnel, Miss Flower, Mrs. Ambrey, and Miss Leslie of Puslinch; and speeches by Mr. D. B. Read, and the chairman. After the chairman had opened the proceedings with a few words of greeting and explanation, Mr. Read adverted pleasantly and feelingly to his past connection with the parish, and his confidence in the success of its principles, foremost amongst which he mentioned "Free Seats," and "Hearty Congregational worship." He congratulated the chairman and parishioners on the return of the former, and this large and very enthusiastic gathering of his relations and friends, and parochial "family." The chairman in closing the proceedings alluded to the double loss which they experienced on the present occasion, in consequence of the departure of Rev. R. P. Ford, for whose beneficial care of the parish during his absence, he would ever feel grateful; and also the death of Mr. McQueen, an old resident and much respected parishioner. Apropos of the "West Toronto Choral Society," Mr. Har-

ison made some wholesome remarks, on the similar methods of uttering musical and social harmony—namely, *practice with each other*. The order of proceedings was happily varied at 10 p.m. by an interval for refreshments and conversation; after which the programme was brought speedily to a close.

TECUMSETH SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVAL—A HARVEST HOME.—This event, which is now quite an institution in the above parish, came off on Wednesday last, the 18th. The day's proceedings commenced with Divine service in Trinity Church, which was crowded, not only with children of the several Sunday Schools in the Parish, but with a number of the substantial farmers, their wives and daughters, who, in holiday attire, seemed to participate in the day's festivities as much as the youngest Sunday School scholar. An admirable sermon, in plain Saxon language, was preached by the Rev. W. R. Forster, Incumbent of a neighbouring parish; the service was partly choral, and was well responded to by the congregation. Service ended, a procession was formed, headed by the Middletown Band, and they marched to Bond Head, where an ample repast was prepared for the children and the guests. Six long tables were twice filled. The viands were in the greatest abundance, so that after the repast and a subsequent tea, a good supply remained, which is to supply another entertainment next week. The liberal manner in which the eatables were sent in, and the numbers that attended evinced the fact not only that the Rector, Rev. Thomas Ball, has worked well and successfully, but also that his work is appreciated by his people, and that his popularity is justly great. After the lunch the company adjourned to a field contiguous to a grove. Several hymns were sung by the children, and joined in by the more advanced in years. Mrs. Ball presided at the melodeon. Addresses were then delivered by the Revs. W. M. C. Clarke, S. O. Baker, and the Rural Dean, Dr. Lett. The distribution of the rewards was the next interesting incident, then followed games, base ball, football, etc., etc., and running races; to the successful competitors prizes were given. The band meanwhile discoursing sweet music. Altogether it was a most enjoyable day. Several old people who could not take an active part were present, and by their smiles and kindly words, added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

RURAL DECANAL MEETING. A Meeting of the Rural Deanery of Durham and Victoria, was held at the Rectory, Millbrook, on Thursday, 14th instant. At 4 p.m., the meeting was called to order, by the Rural Dean; the following members present:—Revs. Rural Dean Allen, Dr. Smithett, R. H. Harris, J. Creighton, J. Rooney, H. Burges, J. W. Davis, J. Hanna, and W. C. Allen, from Northumberland Deanery. After the usual Devotional Exercises, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The following scheme of Missionary meetings was agreed upon:—
Sept. 24th, Cameron.....10 a.m.
Do. Rosedale..... 2.30 p.m.
Do. Cobocok..... 5 "
Deputation—Rev. Dr. Smithett.

FIRST SERIES.

Oct. 15th, St. Paul's, Lindsay..... 7 p.m.
" " Christ's Ch., Omeme..... "
" 16th, St. John's, Emily..... 8 "
" " St. James, "..... 7 "
" 17th, St. John's, Dunsford..... "
" 18th, Christ's Ch., Bobcaygeon..... "
" 19th, St. James, Fenelon Falls..... "
" 20th, St. Peter's, Verulam..... "

Deputation—Rev. Dr. Smithett, Rev. Dr. O'Meara, and Rev. R. H. Harris.

SECOND SERIES—FIRST WEEK.

Oct. 23rd, St. John's, Cartwright. 7 p.m.
" 24th, " Enniskillen. "
" 25th, St. John's, Bowmanville. "
" 26th, St. George's, Newcastle. "
" 27th, St. Paul's, Perrytown... "
" 29th, St. John's, Cavan.....11 a.m.
" " St. Thomas's, Millbrook. 7 p.m.
Deputation—Revs. C. W. Paterson, J. W. Davis, and J. Hanna.

SECOND SERIES—SECOND WEEK.

Oct. 30th, St. John's, Port Hope 7 p.m.
" 31st, St. Mark's " " "
Nov. 1st, St. Mary's, Manvers... "
" 2nd, Christ's Ch., Bloomfield. "
" 3rd, St. John's, Elizabethv'l. "

Deputation—Revs. R. H. Harris, J. Creighton, and H. Burges.

The first six verses of the 3rd chapter of Hebrews were read and discussed. At 7.30 p.m., the members assembled in St. Thomas Church for Evensong. Prayers were said by Rev. J. Creighton; Reader, Rev. Dr. Smithett; Preacher, Rev. R. H. Harris. Subject—2nd Thes. iii. i.—"Finally, brethren, pray for us; that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified."—HENRY BURGESS, Sec.

HURON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON; CHRIST CHURCH—THANKSGIVING SERVICES.—First sermon from his Lordship, the Bishop of Huron, after his return from England.—In Christ Church the Harvest Home Festival has been religiously observed for some years. On last Sunday, the 10th inst, the morning services were very largely attended. It was the day of Thanksgiving, "the feast of weeks," and the unusually large attendance showed that the members of the church appreciated the solemn service. Morning prayers were read by Rev. Benjamin Bayley and Rev. J. P. Smyth. The Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese preached, taking for his text the words of St. Paul:—"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. iv. 16. "It is," said the preacher, "a good thing to give thanks to God at all times, but there are occasions and times when we ought more especially to approach Him with praise and thanksgiving. Such occasions are these when we are surrounded by manifest signs of God's love and mercy." Having contrasted the present state of the Old World with ours, he impressed upon his hearers that, while acknowledging these temporal blessings, we should not lose sight of God's inestimable love in the gift of his Son. Praise and thanksgiving at all times, praise amid the blessings of prosperity, and praise in times of trouble and trial, is the attitude most befitting a Christian. Finally the preacher charged his hearers to express their gratitude by manifesting a filial reverence for our Heavenly Father, and by increased zeal as members of His Church.

The service was altogether one to beget in the mind emotions of Christian love and gratitude suitable to the joyful and solemn occasion. The light mellowed by the stained and frosted windows, delineated the thanksgiving fruits and wreaths and mottoes in chaste and pleasing colors. The thanksgiving strains from the choir added much to the pleasures of the service. At evening service Rev. W. H. Tilly preached the Thanksgiving sermon to a very large congregation.

HARVEST HOME FESTIVAL.

On the day after, the day of special thanksgiving in Christ Church, was held