

CALENDAR.

Aug. 6th.—*Eighth Sunday after Trinity.*
Transfiguration.
1 Chron. xxix. 9-29; Rom. vi.
2 Chron. i; St. Matt. xiv. 27;
xx. 17.
1 Kings iii; St. Matt. xix.
27-xx. 17.
" 7th Name of Jesus.
Eccles. ix; Rom. vii.
" xi; St. Matt. xx. 17.
" 8th " xii; Rom. vii. 1-18.
Jer. i; St. Matt. xxi. 1-23.
" 9th " ii. 1-14; Rom. viii. 18.
" v. 1-19; St. Matt. xxi.
28.
" 10th St. Lawrence.
Jer. v. 19; Rom. ix. 1-19.
" vi. 1-22; St. Matt. xxii.
1-15.
" 11th " vii. 1-17; Rom. ix. 19.
" viii. 4; St. Matt. xxii.
15-41.
" 12th " ix. 1-17; Rom. x.
" xii. 8-24; St. Matt.
xxii. 41-xxiii. 13.

ORDINATION.

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.

ONTARIO.

KINGSTON.—The annual picnic excursion, in connection with the Sunday School of St. George's cathedral, was held Wednesday, 19th July. The place selected was Knapp's grove, Wolfe Island. There was a large attendance, as a matter of course, and the time was very pleasantly spent.

The same week St. James' Church had an excursion among the Thousand Islands, on the fine steamer *Maud*, for the benefit of the organ fund.

The Sunday School picnic excursion of St. Paul's Church took place on Monday, 24th July. It was destined for Channel Grove, Simcoe Island. They had a band on board, and enjoyed themselves very much, returning home about 9 o'clock in the evening.

St. James' Sunday School picnic excursion was on the 25th, St. James' Day, at Wolfe Island. They, also, had a very pleasant time, enjoying themselves very much.

ALL SAINTS' Sunday School picnic was held on the same day in Bryant's Grove, Township of Kingston. A smart shower coming on early in the afternoon, the party adjourned to Mr. Nason's commodious stone barn, which he very kindly placed at their disposal. After the weather cleared up, games and races were merrily indulged in until seven or eight o'clock.

St. Mark's Church, Barriefield, picnic, was held in Barker's Point, Pittsburg, and was numerously attended. Here also, as at the other pic-nics, sports of various kinds were the order of the day.

NIAGARA.

GUELPH.—The Sunday School in connection with St. George's church has been considerably strengthened during the past year, especially in the increase of pupils; a fact which is attributable to the earnest efforts which have been made in that direction by the superintendent, Mr. E. Morris, and the teachers. The annual picnic for the pupils of the school was held on Friday, when the children assembled at the church at 1 p.m., and marched in procession, accompanied by their teachers, to Rosehurst, the residence of the Rev. Canon Dixon, the beautiful grounds of which had been tastefully decorated with flags. Ample seating accommodation was provided under the magnificent shade trees, and several tents were erected. During the afternoon various games were indulged in, followed by the children's sports, for which prizes were awarded.

At 5 o'clock refreshments were served to the children and guests, after which the Guelph Town Band added considerably to the enjoyment by a well selected musical programme. By 9 o'clock the children and guests had all departed, after having spent a most enjoyable time. Too much credit cannot be given to Messrs. George Elliot, E. Morris, C. F. Leonard, and George Murtion, sr., who superintended the arrangements, and also to Rev. Canon Dixon and his estimable family, who heartily assisted in making the picnic the most successful yet held in connection with the school, fully 500 being present at it. The Rev. Rural Dean Thomson and children were among the guests.

NANTICOKE.—The congregation of Christ Church, Nanticoke, has presented the Incumbent, Rev. P. W. Smith, with a valuable horse. As a token of the kindness of a people among whom he has labored only a little over two months, the gift, independent of its usefulness, is deeply appreciated by the missionary.

TORONTO.

RURAL DEANERY OF WEST SIMCOE.—The last clerical meeting of this Rural Deanery was held at Ivy parsonage, on Monday and Tuesday, 17th and 18th ult. Some of the clergy, owing to unavoidable circumstances, could not be present, but there was a fair attendance. In the absence of Dr. Lett through illness (which was very much regretted by all present, for he is a universal favorite with the clergy and laity of his deanery) the chair was occupied by Canon Morgan of Barrie, who had kindly accepted an invitation to come out to Ivy to meet with his clerical brethren of West Simcoe. On Monday, at 6.30, Evensong was said at Christ's Church, where Mr. Clarke, of Alliston, took the place of Dr. Lett, who was to have been the preacher. He delivered an excellent discourse on the "union of Christ and His members, the Vine and the branches"; showing where the union was commenced and how it should be maintained. The sermon was a fair exposition of the Church's sacramental system.

The following morning there was an early celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Clarke being respectively Celebrant and Deacon. The service was semi-choral, and, being the highest act of the Church's worship, was very impressive. After breakfast, business was commenced at 10 a.m., when arrangements (as below) were made for next winter's missionary meetings. Afterwards a very interesting discussion took place upon a portion of the Ordinal in which the office and duties of the Diaconate, and the nature of the Priesthood, were carefully, and somewhat

critically considered, frequent reference being made to Wordsworth's Greek testament and other standard text-books. Evensong was held at 6.30 p.m., preaching *ad clerum*, gave no uncertain sound, but in true and vigorous Anglo-Saxon declared and showed forth the distinctive character and teaching of the Anglican branch of the Catholic Church.

The following is the scheme of missionary meetings:—

West side.		East side.	
Monday, January 8th, 1876.	Honeywood.....Ivy.	Tuesday, " 9th, " Whitfield.....Thornton.	
Tuesday, " 10th, " Rossmont.....Bradford.		Wednesday, " 11th, " Mono.....Coulson's.	
Thursday, " 12th, " Adjala.....Middletown.		Friday, " 13th, " Alliston.....Bond Head.	
Monday, " 15th, " WestEssa.....Tecumseth		Tuesday, " 16th, " (St. John's).	
Wednesday, " 17th, " Fisher's.....Clarksville		Thursday, " 18th, " Mono Mills.....Tecumseth	
Friday, " 19th, " Mono(Old St. John)Cooks-			
Monday, " 22nd, " Collingwood.....Braden's		Tuesday, " 23rd, " Batteaus.....Pinkerton's.	
Wednesday, " 24th, " Singhampton.....Churchill		Thursday, " 25th, " Duntroon.....Innisfil.	
Friday, " 26th, " Stayner.....Allandale.		Sunday, " 29th, " Creemore.....	
Tuesday, " 30th, " Banda.....			

Deputation for west side—First week, Rev. Messrs. Lett, Ledingham, Nesbitt, and Kirkby. Second week, Rev. Messrs. Baker, Morgan, Lett, and Swallow. Third week, Rev. Messrs. Baker, Bates, Forster, and Ledingham. Fourth week, Rev. Messrs. Lett, Nesbitt, and Kirkby. Deputation for east side—First week, Rev. Messrs. Clarke, Baker, Morgan, and Frank Wood, Esq. Second week, Rev. Messrs. Baker, Bates, Murphy, and Frank Wood, Esq. Third week, Rev. Messrs. Ball, Clarke, Morgan, and Nesbitt.

Meetings to be held invariably in the evening, at any hour appointed by the incumbent of each parish or mission, who is also at liberty to assign to his stations the evenings given to his parish, in any order he pleases. In appointing the deputations for each week it was understood that no clergyman should be expected to attend any meetings outside his own parish during the week when his own meetings were going on. It is also expected that the members of the deputations will, with the above limitation, perform the work assigned them, so as to avoid disappointment. It was unanimously recommended that the clergy make arrangements for an exchange of duty on the Sundays preceeding the days appointed for meetings to be held in their parishes. It was resolved that the Provost of Trinity College be invited to attend as many of the meetings as he may be able to make convenient.

W. W. BATES, Sec.

S. Mary Magdalene's Day, 1876.

THE LATE COLONEL HIRAM SMITH.

The Editor of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN.

DEAR SIR.—Will you kindly give space to a little record of the loss we have lately experienced, in the removal of a dear and valued neighbor?—a serious loss to his many friends, but great gain, we doubt not, to himself.

On Thursday, July 13th, passed away from amongst us Colonel Hiram Smith, an old and highly respected inhabitant of this place.

His illness, although of some months standing, was not until very recently, thought likely to prove fatal, except by some few. The sufferings with which it set in soon abated, leaving, however, great prostration of strength, which I believe our friend understood himself as a warning of approaching death, although he complied with all the desires of his family and physicians as to medical treatment.

Naturally reserved, he spoke little of his own condition until the last week or ten