

Home & Foreign Church News.

From our own Correspondents.

DOMINION.

ONTARIO.

CARLETON PLACE.—The annual Harvest Thanksgiving service was held here on Thursday evening, Nov. 3rd. The church was beautifully decorated with the emblems of harvest rejoicing. The service was semi-choral, the singing being very creditable to the members of St. James' Church choir, and was heartily joined in by a large and devout congregation, which filled the church and must have numbered between four and five hundred people. The Rev. Rural Dean Grout, formerly rector of this place and now at Lyn, had been announced to preach the sermon, and many old friends were much disappointed that he was unable to come. The pulpit was occupied by Rev. Mr. Forsythe, who has for some time past been supplying the place of our rector, Rev. A. Jarvis, absent on leave, and an appropriate sermon, earnest, eloquent and practical, was listened to with great pleasure by the large audience, and we trust made a deep impression for good. The offertory amounted to forty dollars. We are pleased to hear that Rev. A. Jarvis' health is improving and that he hopes to be able to resume his duties in the parish before long. We shall all be sorry to part with the clergyman who has filled his place so ably, and we wish him God speed wherever his lot may be cast.

KEMPTVILLE.—The Day of general Thanksgiving was duly observed in this parish, the services being well attended. The Holy Eucharist was offered by the rector who also preached, and catechized the children after the second lesson. In the evening the rector said the office and catechized the children. Mr. Charles Anderson, a theological student, holding a lay reader's license from the Bishop, delivered an admirable address; he speaks well, has a good voice, and is about to present himself to the Bishop for deacons' orders at the next ordination. The offertory during the day amounted to \$10 65 and was sent to "Church Convalescent Home," lately established in Ottawa. The Ladies' Aid Association have inaugurated a series of quiet evening amusements for the winter, in the parish hall, from 8 to 10.30 in the evening.

AULTSVILLE.—The basement of the new church (St. Paul's), was opened on Thanksgiving Day with divine service morning and evening. The clergyman of the parish, the Rev. Montague G. Poole, officiating in the morning and administering the Holy Eucharist to forty communicants. In the evening the above rev. gentleman read the service, and his brother, the Rev. S. Gower Poole, of Woodlands, delivered a very earnest and forcible discourse, which was listened to attentively and highly appreciated. In the morning the clergyman acknowledged in a graceful manner some very handsome presents for use in the new edifice, viz.:—Silver offertory plates from Mr. and Mrs. Zenus Hickey, a large Bible from Mr. Biglow, and a chair from Mr. Millar. The offertories for the day amounted to close on \$20, which goes for lamps for the building.

FITZROY.—The beautiful new church of St. Paul's, 9th Line, Fitzroy, was opened for divine worship by the Bishop of Ontario on Tuesday, Nov. 15th. Ever since the present incumbent was appointed, two years ago, earnest efforts have been made to provide a more suitable building for the worship of God in this part. The old church was the first building erected in the Township as a "house of prayer," and was in much need of repair. Two years ago an active committee took the matter in hand and the result is the new building. The church is built of dark limestones, on ground deeded by B. Hodgins to the Synod. I Greene having at the same time deeded sufficient ground for a shed to be erected shortly. The chancel is 18x18 ft., nave, 40x25 ft., with vestry and porch, which is surmounted by a neat belfry for which a bell is ordered. The interior is quite in keeping with the exterior. It is Gothic throughout. A very artistically moulded arch divides the chancel from the nave. The seating is ash. The roof is done in white pine showing the rafters and braces. A stone font, the gift of Mrs. Hodgins, of Huntly, stands at the entrance. The chancel is raised above the nave, and carpets throughout. The carpet and matting was the gift of the Misses Minnie and Birdie Hodgins, of Fitzroy. Other gifts were a handsome chandelier from Miss Greene, embroidery on altar cloth, the work of Mrs. Billing, Billing's Bridge, the linen for the altar, pre-

sented and embroidered by Miss C. Sharpe, of Perth, pair of alms dishes from Rev. C. Scudamore, Carp. The building was designed by the incumbent, Rev. J. F. Snowdon. The contractor was Mr. I. Bennett, of Richmond. The total cost will be nearly \$3 000—only a few hundred of which is unprovided for. All has been done by voluntary subscription. The 15th of November, 1887, will long be a red letter day in the history of the Church in Fitzroy. Though the day was stormy and roads bad, by 11 a.m., when the first service began, every corner was crowded, many not being able to get in. The following dignitaries and clergy were present and assisted in the services:—The Right Rev. I. T. Lewis, Lord Bishop of Ontario, the Archdeacon of Ottawa, Revs. S. Macmorine, M.A., Pakenham, C. Scudamore, Carp, I. M. Snowdon, B.A., Billing's Bridge, and the incumbent. The service began with hymn No. 215, "The Church's one Foundation," as a processional. The incumbent then presented fifty-four candidates by the bishop, although seventy were confirmed in this mission last year. After all had received the Apostolic rite, the Holy Communion was celebrated, when all the newly confirmed made their first communion. The bishop expressed his great pleasure at being present, and at the evidence of good work being done in the parish, and said there was no better way of opening a new church than by a confirmation, wherein so many consecrated members are living temples of the Holy Ghost. It shows spiritual as well as material progress. He said this was another evidence of the new activity and zeal which was pervading the whole diocese and Church at the present time. The next service was at 3 p.m., when an able and thoughtful sermon was delivered by the Rev. S. Macmorine, M.A., from Gen. xii. 8. The rev. gentleman was listened to with great pleasure by the congregation. The last service was at 6.30, when full evensong was said, the Ven. Archdeacon of Ottawa being the preacher. At each service the building was crowded to overflowing. The offertory amounted to nearly \$80. The singing was hearty and congregational. Dinner was provided for the clergy and those from a distance by the hospitable Church people in the vicinity.

AMHERST ISLAND.—Christ Church.—A presentation of a handsome gold watch and chain took place in the above named church on Thursday, the 24th November, in the afternoon. The recipient on the occasion was Miss Annie McDonald, the organist. There was first a short form of evening prayer, after which the Rev. Mr. Roberts slipped forward and made a few remarks setting forth his appreciation of Miss McDonald's services for the past four years, who had been most attentive, allowing no weather however severe to prevent her attending, not only to the weekly practices, but also to the Sunday services. The gift was obtained by voluntary subscriptions from members of the Church on Amherst Island, as a slight token of their gratitude and warmest thanks to Miss McDonald for her assiduous attention and valuable services.

St. James' Church.—On the 23rd October there was a Thanksgiving service held in this church, it having been previously decorated with appropriate emblems, such as wheat, &c., flowers and fruit, of which wreaths were hung around the cornices and altar rails and east window. A table laden with fruit, vegetables, &c., and otherwise decked off, was placed in the middle of the aisle; on the lid of the organ also there was a miniature boat with fruit and grains artistically arranged. The thanks of the congregation are due to Mrs. Cousins and the young ladies for their valuable assistance in carrying out the various designs. The Rev. Mr. Roberts, the incumbent, officiated. At the close of the morning service the Rev. Mr. Roberts gave a very interesting extempore address suitable to the occasion, having taken as his text the latter part of the 39th verse of the 13th chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel.

TORONTO.

COOKSTOWN.—The congregations of St. John's, Cookstown, and St. Luke's, Pinkerton, have been in a state of considerable excitement over the proposed removal of the Rev. W. H. A. French to the incumbency of the new parish at West Toronto Junction. Since the rev. gentleman took charge, fifteen months ago, the parish has gone ahead at a wondrous rate. Over forty new members have been admitted, and which has not been the case for years, all have worked unitedly together for the good of the Church. After due consideration of the matter our respected clergyman decided to remain with us. Although it would have been in many respects greatly to the advantage of the rev. gentleman to have taken a parish so near the city; still on the other hand our church would have received a fatal blow. The new members would likely have dropped back, the young men would have wandered, and many old members would have ceased to support the Church. In fact the congregations were disposed not to put any confidence in

any future clergyman. We heartily appreciate our clergyman's course in remaining with us, and his lordship the bishop has highly commended the same.

St. Luke's.—The Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Canada.—On the evening of Nov. 30 a meeting of the young men of this parish was held to organize a Brotherhood on similar lines to the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the United States, which started in Chicago a little more than two years ago, and of which there are now nearly 150 Chapters spread throughout the States of the Union. The rector, Rev. John Langtry, when on a visit to Chicago was much struck with the working of the Brotherhood, and brought the matter before the young men of his congregation on his return. It was recommended by the United States Brotherhood to form a distinct Canadian Order with a possibility in the future, if wished, of forming an International Brotherhood. The objects of the Brotherhood are very simple, being confined to direct church work among young men, or in other words, the spread of Christ's Kingdom among young men. A more extended notice will be given at an early date. Intending Chapters may obtain full particulars from Mr. C. J. Catto, Secretary, 48 Broadbalt Street, Toronto.

Fallen from the Faith.—Mr. N. W. Hoyles' in his zeal for Prohibitionism has forgotten his Protestantism. He has written to the daily press flourishing certain interpretations of Scripture by Cardinal Manning. Fie, fie, for shame! How can so intense an evangelical as Mr. Hoyles, who is one of the ultras, the extremists, the out and outers of this school, pin his faith upon a Roman Catholic interpretation of the Bible? Verily this is indeed a lamentable fall from the faith. It seems that Cardinal Manning imagines that the Apostles were teetotalers, hence Mr. Hoyles' enthusiasm for him. But, if so, which is a mere guess, they never said one word directing others to follow their example. What makes this fall from grace so sad is that Mr. Hoyles actually thinks "tradition"—only realize it—"tradition," as quoted by a Cardinal too, of equal authority to Scripture! Surely a man full of new wine could not do worse in playing fast and loose with Protestant principles. We regard Cardinal Manning's history as unreliable as prohibition facts.

NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—St. Matthew's (new) Parish.—Since the opening of this church progress and strength are evident. The Sunday and week day attendance of attentive men and women is deeply gratifying. With the rector—Rev. Thor. Geoghegan, are associated in the work, Rev. C. E. Whitcombe and Rev. L. Smith, deacon. The large choir of men and boys under the direction of Mr. Smith are giving forth results from grand their diligence and regularity. Week day lectures on Church history and Prayer Book by the Rev. C. E. Whitcombe have been most interesting and profitable. These subjects have hitherto been too much neglected, and the sad result is that too few Church people are intelligent in them. Very many people are unable to tell the difference between the Continental and English Reformation, or whether the Church of England began in the reign of Henry VIII., or before, or since; and likewise are unable to give an account of the Prayer Book, its origin, its necessity, order, Scriptural character and beauty. Such is the eager interest felt in the services at St. Matthew's that many extra seats are often required. The rector is greatly encouraged by kind words in his round of parochial visits.

WEST FLAMBORO.—Obituary.—On Monday, the 7th November, the funeral of Hector Wisbart, aged 12 years, took place at Christ church. His death was the result of an accident. He was the youngest of ten, and greatly endeared at home and among all who knew him, for his manly and Christian character. The early deaths of Christian children we would deplore, but the Great Shepherd calls them as He deems best, and He doeth all things well. Let this help to assuage grief, and let the blessed hope set before us comfort all our hearts in this and other instances of present affliction.

WELLANDPORT.—A very profitable series of mission services were concluded here on the 25th November, by the Rev. F. E. Howitt. The incumbent, Rev. F. C. Piper, is greatly encouraged in this new portion of his field of labor. Wellandport has been too long neglected. It is now full of promise.

HURON.

COURTSHIPTON.—Nov. 13th his lordship Bishop Baldwin preached an eloquent and effecting sermon from