

were renewed—new carpet for the chancel, new matting throughout, new kneeling stools, new trimmings for altar, pulpit and desk. A much needed ventilating apparatus was provided. But the most striking change was in the grounds, which had remained in the original inequalities of the forest. They were leveled with great labor and sown down in grass. A sloping side of the church was handsomely terraced, and the whole was surrounded by a thoroughly good and neat picket fence. The best of all is, that all this has been done without incurring any debt. The repairs to the edifice were defrayed by monthly collections made by a little company of lady workers, from the poorest as the richer members of a congregation neither numerous nor wealthy; while the outside work was done by voluntary labor, with the exception of two carpenters for one day;—tradesmen, clerks, foundrymen giving, some whole days, others the evenings of successive days after the day's work was done, with the greatest zeal and cheerfulness. The materials were paid for at once by the free will offerings of the congregation, not one of whom refused to do his share. The happy success gratified all, and has encouraged them to look for a bright future, without debt, or dulness, or decay. It was an additional reward to find that their Bishop was pleased.

ASHBURNHAM.—On Sunday, 27th ult., the Rev. Vincent Clementi preached a sermon in St. Luke's Church, on the Sunday School Centenary, selecting for his text, Proverbs xxii, 6.

He took occasion to animadvert on the system of "Godless" education in vogue in Canada, and contrasted it with the national system of education in England. He said that when a scheme for the universal education of the people in England was first propounded, a course, born of a spurious liberality, similar to that now pursued in Canada, was suggested, viz.: the elimination of religious instruction altogether. The Bishops of the Church, however, came to the rescue, and refused to sanction the adoption of so very questionable a system; the result of their opposition being a provision that the children of the poor, at all events, should have religious truths imparted to them in conjunction with such secular knowledge as is suited to their circumstances.

He concluded by a tribute to the good and wise man who, one hundred years ago, organized Sunday Schools; and enlarged on the inestimable benefits likely to accrue from the intelligent conduct of such schools, especially in this Dominion.

Dr. Snelling Registrar of the Diocese, and our esteemed friend, Mr. Catto, are on their way to England.

NIAGARA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

WEST FLAMBORO.—*Christ Church*.—On Sunday, the 18th June, the Rev. T. Geoghegan, incumbent of this parish, revived the very good old custom at evensong, in accordance with the rubric which is to be found at the end of the Catechism in the following words, "The curate of every parish shall diligently upon Sundays and Holydays, after the second lesson at Evening Prayer, openly in the Church instruct and examine so many children of his parish sent unto him, as he shall think convenient, in some part of this Catechism," by catechizing the children of the Sunday school; about 50 or 60 in number were present. The younger and smaller children were seated in the front pews, the elder and stronger behind, and thus they were placed with a due regard to their comfort and the comfort and the convenience of the clergyman catechizing them, the regular pew holders having consented to give up their seats for the purpose of aiding this admirable arrangement; considering this was the first trial of this rubrical order it worked excellently, exceeding I believe, Mr. Geoghegan's most sanguine expectations. The little children on being questioned answered and spoke out boldly and distinctly before the well-filled Church; in the Commandments the elder children were well up, and the incumbent whilst explaining the meaning of each one to them did so in a manner alike profitable to parents and children. The hymns were especially selected to suit the service, which was an impressive and hearty one, and could not but be productive of the best results. If possible, services of this kind will be held at regular intervals in this Church. We can not but wish Mr. Geoghegan and his parishioners success in the energetic and industrious manner they are advancing the glorious cause of the Church in this township as far as in their power lies.

On Tuesday, the 18th, the Rev. Canon Carmichael, of Hamilton, delivered an address on Total Abstinence. A large number of people were present. The Rev. Mr. Cook, also of Hamilton, and the Rev. Mr. Geoghegan, the indefatigable incumbent of the parish also gave stirring addresses on the same subject.

STONY CREEK AND BARTONVILLE MISSION.—The little village of Bartonville, about three miles and a half from Hamilton, was the scene of a very interesting ceremony, that of laying the corner stone of a new Episcopal Church, to be known as St. Mary's, the station forming part of the mission now in charge of Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, Stony Creek.

Among the clergymen present were: Rev. Canon Reid, of Grimsby; Canon Carmichael, Ascension Church; Canon Givins, D.C.L., All Saints'; W. B. Curran, M.A., St. Thomas'; R. G. Sutherland, St. Mark's, Hamilton; Rural Dean Bull, of Barton; Thos. Geoghegan, of Flamboro; W. R. Clarke, Ancaster; C. E. Whitcombe, Stony Creek.

At about three o'clock the clergy formed in procession and proceeded to a point in rear of the Church where the choir was stationed. The choir, with Mrs. Whitcombe presiding at the organ, sang "Rejoice, ye pure in Heart," after which the opening services were read by Rev. Mr. Geoghegan. Appropriate Psalms—xlvi., lxxiv., cxii.—were sung, and then the lessons were read by Rev. Canon Reid, of Grimsby, and Rev. W. B. Curran, of St. Thomas' Church. Prayers were said by Rev. R. G. Sutherland, of St. Mark's, and the choir sang the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation."

Rev. Canon Carmichael delivered a thoroughly appropriate and at the same time eminently practical discourse.

At the conclusion of the sermon the offertory was taken up and the assemblage formed in procession and marched to the foundation.

Rev. C. E. Whitcombe said prayers, and after the choir had sung the hymn, "O Lord of Hosts whose Glory Fills," he read a document which had been prepared to place beneath the stone.

In the jar containing the document referred to, copies of the *DOMINION CHURCHMAN*, *Hamilton Daily Spectator* and *Times*, the *Church Times* and the *Guardian* (English publications), the *American Churchman*, Sunday School lesson papers now in use in the mission, *Dawn of Day* (a Sunday School paper), and form of service used at the laying of the corner stone. There was also a statement of the list of communicants in the congregation. Rev. Canon Givins read prayers, and then Mr. Adam Brown laid the corner stone, the choir singing the hymn, "Laying the Corner Stone."

The Rev. Messrs. Whitcombe, Curran, and Bull, and Mr. Adam Brown gave interesting addresses. In the course of his speech Mr. Brown said:—"The people of the neighborhood were to be congratulated on having so faithful a man over them as Mr. Whitcombe, and he hoped he and his people might long be spared to mingle with each other. All should be proud of the Church of England. Some had said she was not working as she should. He did not believe a word of it. To his vision the Church of England was to-day possessed of all her ancient vigor. Striking out in every direction in her glorious mission, her people, with a grand benevolence, are preaching truth over all the earth."

The assembly then dispersed.

GUELPH.—The services on Sunday, the 20th ult., in St. George's Church were of a peculiarly interesting character, being those appointed to commemorate the Queen's accession. The beautiful hymn, No. 275, S. P. C. K., was admirably sung to the tune of "Old Hundred." The first verse runs:—

"Praise to our God, whose bounteous hand
Prepared of old our glorious land;
A garden fenced with silvery sea,
A people prosperous, strong and free."

The sermon by Canon Dixon was taken from 2nd Chronicles, i. 11, 12. He first gave an account of the accession of Solomon to the throne, dwelling on the early promise of his reign and the melancholy sequel to that bright promise. He then dwelt on the accession of Victoria to the throne of England, forty-three years since, and the deep and touching sense of responsibility to God she then cherished. This he illustrated by various quotations from her early addresses, and here she differed from Solomon, for the guiding principle of her life has never been forsaken. She truly "has lived the rest of her life according to this beginning." He then pointed out that God had stamped inequality upon all creation; that in heaven there were thrones and dominions among the angels, and that those angels who fell from their first estate established something of the same kind among themselves. He showed that a recognized headship was necessary in families and communities, and that a nation also wants some one to look up to in its corporate character, as the fountain head of honor and respect; as well as a common object of national sympathy and affection. He dwelt on this sympathy evinced for the Queen by the nation in all the joys and sorrows of her life, and pointed out how great a shield an hereditary monarchy was, from the ever recurring convulsions of party strife, the jobbery and treachery, the debasing

and immoral political strategy that degraded a Government, where the head was elected.

Happily we are not so situated. We in this distant land are as true subjects of our sovereign as if we lived in her capital. We may cherish the grand idea that we belong to an empire, to think in the words of the great American orator, "Rome in the highest of her glory is not to be compared,—a power which has dotted over the surface of the whole globe with her possessions and military posts,—whose morning drum beat following the sun, and keeping company with the hours, circles the earth with one continuous and unbroken strain of the martial airs of England." He concluded with the fervent prayer that the red cross flag—the only great national flag that tells of a higher trust than in mere human power and bravery, may long float over us, and the countless millions of subjects who owe it allegiance. In the evening the 1st and 3rd verses of "God Save the Queen," were sung.

There was a special thanksgiving, also, for the escape of the Bishop of the Diocese, and Mrs. Fuller, from the imminent danger to which they were exposed at sea.

HAMILTON.—*Church of the Ascension.*—This church being filled every Sunday to its full capacity, additional accommodation is being provided by the erection of a new gallery in the south transept. An addition is also being made to the School House. On Sunday, 27th inst., the Rev. W. J. Mackenzie, of Milton, preached in this church to the order of Ancient Free and Accepted Mason. His diction is remarkably clear and distinct.

FREE AND OPEN.—Out of the five churches in the city, only one is free seated, viz., St. Mark's, of which Rev. R. G. Sutherland, M.A., is Rector, and the maintenance of which is accomplished by the free will offerings of the worshippers.

ERRATUM.—In report of Sunday School Centenary Celebration in Hamilton, in last week's issue, for "on Thursday evening.....celebration, &c." line 31, in 1st column on page 317, read "on Thursday morning.....celebration."

The Lord Bishop of Saskatchewan has left Hamilton, having been there engaged in securing offerings for Emmanuel College, the training college for native helpers in this our distant diocese. Total subscribed in Hamilton, \$316.55.

We believe the Rev. W. B. Curran, of St. Thomas' Church, is his Lordship's Commissary in Hamilton.

At the late Sunday School Convention it was stated that Dr. Givins, now Incumbent of All Saints', Hamilton, Canon Nelles, of Mohawk, in the Diocese of Huron, and Archdeacon McMurray, were the three clergymen of longest standing in holy orders in the ecclesiastical Province of Canada.

LUTHER.—Subscriptions and donations towards St. Alban's Church:—

John A. Radcliffe, Esq., London, Eng., £5; Charles Radcliffe, Esq., Salisbury, Eng., £5; F. E. H., Guelph, \$1; Henry McLaren, Hamilton, \$15; Rev. C. L. Ingles, \$1; Miss, Everett, England, 2.50; Miss Radcliffe, an additional 2.50; Rev. T. Geoghegan, a pulpit.

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HURON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

GLENCoe.—A garden party in aid of the fund for repairing St. John's Church, was held in the grounds of A. C. McDonald, Esq., on Monday last. Owing to the excellent arrangements of the Ladies Aid Society a most enjoyable evening was spent, and considering the unsettled state of the weather, the financial results were encouraging, \$45 being netted. The Glencoe band kindly gave its services, and the evening was further enlightened by the singing of Mr. Blackburn, Mrs. Taylor (the wife of the incumbent), and Miss Smith; Miss Marmion presided at the piano and played some instrumental pieces. The grounds were lighted with Chinese lanterns.

MEETING OF SYNOD (continued).—After the presenting of several memorials and the giving of notices, the balloting for clerical and lay delegates to the Provincial Synod and for the election of the Standing Committee was proceeded with. Unfinished business was next proceeded with, when the canon stipulating that no member entering the diocese over fifty years of age shall be entitled to receive the benefits of the superannuation and other funds unless he shall have served ten years in the diocese.