

A large number of Chinese lanterns had been procured, but in the absence of the band the 'lighting up' was not deemed necessary. The numerous company gradually dispersed about eight o'clock.

The Refreshment Tent, for the sale of fruit, confectionery, &c., was well patronized under the management of Misses Broughton, G. W. R., Mr. Broughton, Junr., and Master Godfrey Patterson.

The amount realized by the Festival is about \$125. This, together with a balance of some \$25 to be provided for, will leave the Church and Parsonage free from debt, a consummation devoutly wished for and reached at last. The chief praise and credit is due to a lady, who ever since the advent of the present Incumbent, has been the leading spirit in all enterprises affecting the good of the Church in this parish. The lady referred to is Mrs. T. C. Patteson, Vansittart House. We have now a beautiful restored Church and Parsonage free from debt. In view of our improved position and prospects we thank God and take courage.

LONDON.—*Chapter House.*—The last picnic of our Church Sunday School was held at Woodland on Thursday. The members of the Chapter House bivouacked on this favourite picnic ground accompanied by many friends, and spent a very pleasant day. The sail on the Thames, by the good steamboat "Princess Louise" the gipsy feast in the woods, and the athletic sports for the scholars were heartily enjoyed by all. Not less, it is said, than three hundred people, young and old, took part in the excursion. Rev. Mr. De Lom, assistant minister of the Chapter House, accompanied the happy party, and in all the pleasures of the day he took an active part.

Our city and suburban Sunday Schools.—From one Sunday School to seven, from 200 to 1600 scholars. This has been our progress within a period of less than twenty years. St. Paul's, the oldest Sunday School from which six others have gone forth, has now 500 scholars in the morning and afternoon. Rev. Canon Innes, Rector Superintendent; Lay-Superintendent, Mr. G. F. Jewell. Christ Church has nearly 300 scholars. Rev. Mr. Smith, Rector-Superintendent.

Memorial Church.—Over three hundred scholars, Rev. J. B. Richardson, Superintendent; Chapter-house, Rev. B. C. DeLom, Superintendent, two hundred and fifty scholars—of these one hundred are in the infant class, with an average attendance of half that number; St. James' Rev. E. Davis, Superintendent; Mr. J. Pope, Lay Superintendent, two hundred scholars. St. George's, Mr. J. Dyas, Superintendent, one hundred scholars, attendance eighty. St. Luke's Mission Church, and S. S., in connection with Memorial Church, about fifty scholars. It has been suggested that there be annual assemblage of all our City Church-Sunday Schools. It has been very successfully carried out in other places and with very beneficial results.

WESTMINSTER.—*St. James'.*—The Rector and Congregation are indefatigable in their endeavours to pay off the debt that rests as a heavy incubus on the Church. At the late garden and lawn party, on the grounds of Mrs. Birrell, the sum of \$185 was realized for that purpose. The new Church, that was said by many to be large for the congregation for years to come is found none too large. The Churchwardens find it difficult to accommodate the applicants with pews. Some who had been connected with some outside denominations have become regular attendants, and some members of the Church.

HELLMUTH LADIES' COLLEGE.—We are glad to learn from his Lordship the Bishop that the Managers of this flourishing Institute have made arrangements to establish a special school for domestic economy on the plan of that of South Kensington. We think something of the kind is very much needed in this country, and regard it as a step in the right direction.

ALGOMA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

THE WAWANOSH HOME.—On the afternoon of Tuesday the 19th August, (a red letter day for

Algoma) might be seen a good assemblage of ladies, gentlemen and children, who had come from the Sault Ste Marie, a distance of a mile and a half to witness the opening of the Indian girl home.

At 4 o'clock the harmonium was wheeled into our spacious hall, and Miss Simpson, our talented organist kindly presided at it. Hymn 385 "Onward Christian Soldiers" was then given out, and a procession formed which fell in a line of two and two in the following order, missionary and assistant, Indian girls, part of the choir of St. Lukes, and the rest of the red and white people assembled, we filed through the south door and made a circuit on the outside of the building. All the voices seemed to blend most melodiously on the air, in strains upraised of joy and praise to Him who has so blessed our work among the aborigines in the past, and seemed to echo in sweet accents an earnest of far greater success in the future. We returned through the south door, and assembled in our large school and class rooms, when the first part of our beautiful evening prayer was impressively read by the assistant missionary, and the concluding portion with three special collects were said by the Bishop's chaplain, upon whom, in the absence of the Bishop, devolved the duty of opening the home. At the conclusion of Evening Prayer, the chaplain said, I now declare this home entitled the Wawanosh Home, for the training of Indian girls, opened, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and most earnestly pray that the children instructed therein may be honoured instruments in God's hands of adorning the doctrine of God their Saviour in all things, and thereby be wholesome examples to their own tribes, and all with whom they may afterwards come in contact. He then went on to say that he regretted most sincerely the unavoidable absence of the Bishop, who was then engaged in a self-denying missionary visitation of the Indians in the Nepigon district, and also of the noble founder of the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes, who is at present in England engaged in the good work of commending both these institutions to the favorable notice and liberality of the friends of the red man in the dear old country. The chaplain then turning to the Indian girls, who presented a very neat and orderly appearance, and more pleasing still, bright and happy faces said I can assure you dear children that you have much, very much to be thankful to Mrs. Fauquier for, who I regret, on account of rather more severe indisposition than usual, is unable to be present at the opening. Mrs. Fauquier has been most unwearied in her labour of love for you all, and it is chiefly owing to her activity of mind and wise supervision, that this institution is opened at this early date, and presents such an elegant, and above all, thoroughly home like appearance, and the only way you can shew your gratitude to her, the founder, and those who take such a deep interest in your temporal and eternal welfare, is by profiting to the fullest extent by the religious, secular, and useful instruction which will here be imparted to you. Pay great attention to everything that is told you, be earnest in your prayers, and diligent in your studies. Be kind to the lady superintendent, Miss Carry, in every way, for there are many little acts of kindness which can often be shewn by the pupil in a quiet way, which shew appreciation, and are always grateful to a teacher's heart. He then thanked most cordially those of his parishioners who had kindly honoured the opening by their presence, and asked them to shew their interest in the same by frequently visiting the Home, and above all, to pray earnestly and constantly for an abundant blessing to be poured out upon it from above. He impressed upon them that the lady superintendent's position was necessarily an isolated one, and that their visits would cheer and encourage her in her self denying work of labour and love. The ascription was then given, and everyone left the substantial, bright and happy Home of the Indian girls for their own.

ILFRACOMBE MUSKOKA HISTORY OF THE CHURCH AT THIS PLACE.

At the head of the Muskoka river, 170 odd miles from Toronto, upon the borders of Muskoka and

the Parry Sound district, and partly in the township and partly in McMurrich, is situated Buck lake, one of the most picturesque of the many charming little sheets of water with which this part of the country is so richly begemmed. Here, until lately, the deer stalked, and the bear prowled as monarchs of all they surveyed; and looked up with astonishment rather than alarm, when the unwonted vision, which betokened the presence of man, broke upon their gaze. But things are changed. Every lot of land in the vicinity of Buck lake has been taken up, from innumerable little clearings the smoke may be seen curling upwards from the chimney of the settler's shanty, and above all, crowning an eminence overlooking the lake, the form of a little log church with its neat little spire or belfrey pointing towards the sky, is plainly visible through the trees. The history of this little church is both interesting and instructive. In the winter of 1877-8 two gentlemen from Toronto Mr. C. G. Harston late of H. M. Royal Marine Light Infantry and Mr. E. Baldwin, son of Wm. Baldwin Esq., of Mashquah, appeared upon the scene, and having secured excellent lots of land bordering upon the lake, proceeded, axe in hand, to clear the forest. But what should they do on Sunday? for no church bell was heard calling them to worship. Sunday was marked by many of the settlers only by the substitution of hunting for their ordinary week day work. The new settlers determined it should not be so with them, and accordingly Sunday by Sunday, wet or fine, Mr. Harston read the Church of England service and a sermon in a little shanty, in size only 12 x 15 feet, and with a congregation which rarely exceeded four or five. In March, the Bishop of Algoma paid them a visit and cheered them on in their good work, making arrangements at the same time with the travelling Missionary, Mr. Crompton, to furnish them with a monthly service. About this time, also they were joined by several young friends from Toronto and England, who obtained land in the vicinity, and so, during the remainder of the year the congregation varied from 6 to 19. Thus encouraged, the little colony determined that, if it were possible, they would have a church. Mr. Harston wrote to the S. P. C. K. and to his friends in England, who interested themselves in their behalf; and Miss Barber, of the Missionary paper "The Nel," hearing the case, published some of his letters in her excellent little journal. The happy result of these exertions was that money came from England which sufficed, together with \$100 received from a kind friend in Toronto, and a few smaller sums from the same place, to build the church and to purchase lumber for a parsonage. In addition to this the Government gave them five acres of land, to which two more were subsequently added by one of the settlers, while one person in England sent the price of a cabinet organ, and another, a clergyman, had a collection made in his church, which brought in \$75 for the purchase of a bell. In the autumn the work of building was commenced. The settlers turned out and cleared two acres of the glebe, and erected the body of the church, 32 x 20 feet, thus contributing themselves about \$120 worth of work free. And so, when in February of this year, the Bishop paid them his second visit, he was naturally much delighted with the progress which had been made, while the settlers were equally encouraged and refreshed by the presence of their kind and good Bishop amongst them. At the service, which the Bishop held on this occasion, the communicants numbered fourteen, and the offerings amounted to \$10.55, while Mr. Smith's little 12 x 15 shanty was found too small for the congregation, which accordingly assembled in a room in Mr. Harston's house, where the service has ever since been held, as many as fifty-five persons at times being present. After the Bishop's visit work was pushed on with renewed vigor, and at Easter a Vestry meeting was held, when Mr. Fauquier, a son of the Bishop of Algoma, and Mr. Fair, formerly of St. James' Parish, Toronto, were appointed Churchwardens. And a resolution was passed expressing the deep and heartfelt thanks of the congregation to these kind and generous friends who have so lovingly assisted them in their great work.

And at length the day appointed for the opening of the Church arrived. It was Sunday, the 10th August, and a great day for the little colony. The