

and Angels now" was then sung, at the close of which the Bishop rose and informed the prisoners that the Dean of Montreal would address them before the service.

The Dean in a most impressive and earnest manner spoke to them of the solemn obligations they were about to take upon themselves, speaking kindly yet firmly, and deeply affecting the men, some of them even to tears.

As soon as the Dean had finished his address, the Bishop began the Confirmation Service, when, after the prescribed versicles, responses, and prayers, Mr. Mercer brought the candidates, five in number, one by one up to the altar rails, for the laying on of hands. At the close of the service the hymn "Soldiers of Christ, Arise" was sung.

The Bishop then began his sermon. He expressed his great gratification at seeing them not ashamed to come forward to renew their baptismal vows, and spoke to them affectionately and earnestly of the causes of their incarceration. He hoped that they would always love to come to the house of God, as indeed he believed they did from the manner in which they had that day decorated it. He besought them when they went forth from the prison to become good and useful members of society and ever to remember the vows they had that day taken on themselves, reminding them of the powerful arm of God always outstretched to aid and assist them. The beautiful hymn:

O Jesus I have promised
To serve Thee to the end
Be thou for ever near me
My Saviour and my friend.

was then sung, after which the Rev. Geo. Allan gave notice that the Sacrament of the Lord's supper would be celebrated on the next Thursday, whereupon the Bishop rose and requested the newly confirmed in especial to avail themselves of the opportunity thus offered. The organ then played a voluntary and the convicts dispersed to their respective duties.

The warden, who was present in the chapel and also lunched with the clergy at the chaplain's house, was congratulated by both the Bishop and Dean upon the cleanliness, good discipline, and order of the prison and also upon the conduct of the prisoners detained under his charge. By his unremitting attention to his duties, his urbanity, the politeness of his manner towards both officers and prisoners, he has gained their confidence, and the improvements now being made both in the prison and its surroundings reflect the greatest credit on his management. Much regret was felt that the Bishop and Dean were obliged to leave early, as their presence was required at a meeting in town, since this prevented their having any but a cursory view of the prison.

J. H. Pangman Esq the seigneur of Mascouche, who had driven over with the Bishop, was afterwards conducted by the warden through the different works and over the farm, where a large barn and root-house are being erected by the prisoners themselves. The farm and kitchen garden are under the management of Mr. Kenny who by his large experience in England and Canada is well qualified for the post he holds, as the crops raised and the fine condition of the live stock show. The brickyard where many of the convicts are employed was also visited. Thus ended a day memorable in the annals of the prison, and, it is hoped, never to be forgotten by those concerned.

ONTARIO.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

OTTAWA CLERICAL UNION.—The quarterly meeting of this Union, comprising most of the clergy whose parishes lie in the Ottawa valley, was held at Smith's Falls on the 7th inst. There was not a large attendance, only one clergyman of the Diocese of Montreal, Dr. Clarke, being present; besides whom there were Canon Bedford Jones, Revds. C. P. Emery, E. W. Beaven, A. W. Cooke, and Herbert Patton. Letters of apology were read from fifteen other members, some of whom were absent from home, and others had special engagements just at the time. Nevertheless, this meeting was for those who attended pleasant and profitable. On the evenings of the 7th and 8th

August the congregation of St. John's, Smith's Falls, were invited to hear addresses on special subjects from the visiting clergymen.

On Wednesday there was an early celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and the business of the meeting began at 10. Rev. Messrs. A. W. Cooke, H. E. Ples, and Herbert Patton were elected members of the Union.

An interesting discussion took place on the second subject on the Agenda paper, (the first, referring to the Disestablishment of the Church of England, having been voted unprofitable,) viz.: "In the present condition of the Church in Canada, is it advisable to establish Churches on the Free Offertory System?" The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

I. "1st. That in the opinion of this meeting pews or seats in all Churches should be free and unappropriated. 2nd. That, in regard to the offertory system, we think that congregations in this country are not yet in a condition in which the Church can depend financially on the weekly free will offerings only; and, as the best expedient under the circumstances, we recommend the adoption of the envelope system, with annual subscription in cases of necessity; but we feel that these are merely expedients to be got rid of as soon as possible. We also are of opinion that the Church will never be in a healthy financial position until (1st) Churchmen are taught to believe, and to act on the belief, that at least one-tenth of their incomes is due to God, and belongs to the Church for its support; and (2ndly) until clergymen are altogether removed from any direct pecuniary dealings with the people by the clerical stipend being paid from a central fund, sustained by the Diocese at large."

II. It was further resolved, "That a Committee of this Union be appointed to procure or prepare leaflets on the subject of Free Churches, Open Offertory, and the Divinely appointed system of devoting the tenth of income to the support of the Church, and report at the next meeting of this Union."

Rev. Messrs. Beaven, Cooke, and Ples to be the committee.

III. It was also resolved, "That a Memorial be presented to the Provincial Synod at its ensuing meeting asking the Synod to recommend by resolution or otherwise the support of the Church in this Province by the offertory of the tenth, as being the proportion of income due to God and as being the law of the Church, sanctioned by the Word of God and the canons and practise of the primitive Church." The Revs. Canon Jones and C. P. Emery to be a committee to draw up the Memorial.

IV. The following resolution was also unanimously passed.

"That hereafter no clergyman shall be a member of the O. C. U. unless he be engaged in the active discharge of pastoral work, and whenever any member gives up such work he ceases ipso facto to be a member of the O. C. U. provided always that the O. C. U. may elect any clergyman in good standing as an honorary member."

The rest of the day was occupied with very interesting discussions on the following passage of Scripture:—1. Cor. iii. 10-15; Gen. xxii. 14; St. John xvii. 17. St. Pet. iii. 15.

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held in Christ Church Parish, City of Ottawa, when the following subjects are proposed for discussion:

1. How best to retain our newly confirmed—the confirmed as regular communicants.
 2. The dissemination of church literature.
1. Cor. xv. 29; Rom. viii. 13-25; 1. Sam. xv. 20, cf. chap. xxvii. 8; Heb. ix. 15-17.

NORTH MARYSBURG.—The corner stone of St. John's Church, North Marysburg, was laid on Thursday last, August 2nd., by the Rev. E. A. W. Hanington, the clergyman in charge. at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. There were present, the Revs. R. Harding, E. H. M. Baker, J. J. Bogert, E. Loucks, J. W. Burke and E. Sills, besides a large number of people from Picton and the neighbouring places. The compiled service was used, each person present being provided with a copy.

Speeches were made by Reverends E. H. M. Baker, and J. W. Burke. Mr Baker congratulated the people on the prospect of a new church, he

said it was what they long needed, and what he had upon more than one occasion told them they needed. He was glad and thankful to learn that they had made such a spirited commencement and trusted that before many months he might have the pleasure of rejoicing with them in the completion of the new work now begun. He trusted that this would be to them none other than the House of God, the Gate of Heaven, and that here they might love to bring the offerings of their souls and bodies, and to receive the spiritual helps, we all so constantly need. Mr. Baker said he could not cease without saying a word of welcome to their Pastor. Mr. Hanington was a comparative stranger to them all, yet from his short acquaintance with the Reverend gentleman, he believed him worthy of every confidence and one whom we may naturally expect to take an honourable position in the diocese.

Mr. Burke also made an able and stirring address. He did not know much about the financial state of the parish, but he trusted that in making their offerings toward the erection of this church, every one would remember they were made not to men but to Almighty God, from whose hand we receive our every blessing. He had come to-day prepared to offer what he was able toward the good work, as had all his reverend brethren, and though their united offerings would indeed be a small part of the money required for the construction of this church, yet he trusted that their presence would be a token of their sympathy and goodwill. He had seen the "elevation" of the church, and thought that when the building was completed it would be a creditable offering to make to Almighty God. Mr. Burke also spoke many words of welcome to Mr. Hanington. He said that though Mr. Hanington had come into the Diocese a stranger to most of them, yet the good and faithful work done by that gentleman in a distant part of the Dominion was not unknown. His good report had followed him, and we both heartily welcome him into this part of the Lord's vineyard and wish every success may attend his pastoral labour in our Province.

Rev. Mr. Hanington, in rising to thank his reverend brethren and other friends for their presence and sympathy, said that he was sorry that the Lord Bishop was unable to be present and lay the cornerstone for us. He had also hoped to have had the Venerable Archdeacon Parnell with us to-day, but trusted that in a few months when the church is completed and paid for, His Lordship and the Venerable Archdeacon may both cheer and gladden our hearts by their presence. He said the words of welcome from his brother clergymen were most refreshing, and he offered them and all the reverend brethren present his warmest thanks for their kind sympathy and support. Although a stranger, he could not long feel like a stranger when such friendly hands and hearts were ready to welcome and assist him. The many friends from Picton and other places, he also (in the name of the building committee) thanked most heartily for the proof of their sympathy given by their presence here to-day.

As to the financial state of the parish, Mr. Hanington would like every one to know that the parish was deeply indebted. It had been in debt for ten or fifteen years; but we intend to liquidate this debt. To complete the Church and pay off our debts we will require \$3,000, and this sum, I believe, we will raise, with God's blessing. To-day we duly ask you for \$500. We require this amount to meet our engagements to the builders. \$500 is not a large sum, and I will make you a promise that if you give \$500 to-day we will (with the blessing of God) have our Church completed and paid for, and ready for consecration by our good Bishop during this coming autumn. He believed that he saw friends in the congregation who would largely assist in raising the amount required, and he had no doubt that the Church would be completed in the time named. Mr. Hanington then read the document to be placed beneath the corner stone, and some newspapers of the day and coinage of the period being also placed in the receptacle, the service proceeded. I may also add the same gentleman read letters from Sir John A. Macdonald and Lady Macdonald, expressing their deep regret at not being able to be present at the services on account of their absence at the sea side with an invalid child. The