

ceded by the Clergy, the Reverend I. N. Kerr, Incumbent of Shigawake, and the Rector, proceeded to the west door during the singing of Hymn 336. The Petition from the congregation having been read and presented, the Bishop offered up prayer, after which, accompanied by the Clergy and preceded by the Church-Wardens, he passed up the Church while Psalm xxiv was sung.

After the Consecration had taken place, the Service of Holy Communion was commenced. A most practical sermon was preached by the Bishop from the words: "My House shall be called the House of Prayer." The musical portion of the Service was very efficiently rendered by the choir, who, with the organist, deserve great praise. There were sixty-two Communicants.

As to the Church itself, seven years ago it was commenced by the Reverend F. M. Webster, the former Rector. Gradually year by year one part after another has been completed till to-day this congregation possesses one of the finest country Churches in the Diocese.

To the S. P. C. K., England, we owe especially a deep debt of gratitude for their extended grant of £60, without which the Church would have for a long time remained unfinished. Also to the Church Society, Robert Hamilton, Esq., Hon. E. J. Price and Miss E. Murison, who has been indefatigable in collecting for the new Church, and to the Church Helpers for working our new Altar Cloth. The Church seats over 300 people, is 92 feet long, by 33 feet wide, with a spire 96 feet high.

In the afternoon a social gathering of the congregation was held in the field adjoining the Church, kindly lent by W. M. Shepard, Esq., at which tea and cake were handed round to all by the young ladies, and about 5 p.m. all returned home delighted, and glad that they had been permitted to be present on such a joyful occasion as the Consecration of their noble Church.

#### MAGOG.

The Reverend R. C. Tamba writes:—

We regret to have to begin our Parish news with a strain of sadness. On August 23rd, Mrs. Henry Stuart Hamilton died at the age of twenty-three years, a few days after the birth of her second child. Prior

to her marriage she was active in Church Work, and was familiarly and affectionately known amongst us as Flo. Young. She was a Communicant, and her life was characterised by great kindness and a uniform cheerfulness of disposition, not that her career, though brief, was exempt from trials, but those she kept to herself and to her God, and bore up under them with Christian fortitude. Her funeral was largely attended and was a very affecting occasion. The sombre draping of the Chancel was relieved by white flowers tastefully arranged by loving hands.

On Sunday evening, August 29th, we were privileged to hear an excellent Sermon from the Reverend H. Gomery, agent of the Bible Society.

On August 31st came off our Annual Sunday School Excursion on the stately "Lady of the Lake." The passengers numbered in all about four hundred. The Bullard Military Brass Band kindly volunteered their services and added much to the enthusiasm of the occasion. The weather was all that could be desired and all enjoyed immensely the day's outing, and not least that part of it which was spent in the attractive little American town of Newport, Vermont. Special pains are taken on these occasions to make the rates as encouraging as possible for the young, and especially for those who could not otherwise enjoy such a treat. A gratifying incident in this connection was the slipping into the hand of the Incumbent a two dollar bill by a genial gentleman at one of the wharves at which we touched.

On the night of September 6th, fourteen buildings in the business part of our town were destroyed by fire, including the fine Dolloff block just built. The loss is estimated at \$40,000, but it has resulted in no cases of destitution.

We are glad to welcome back our Lay Reader, Mr. Ben. Verity, after his vacation in England, and to be able at the same time to announce that the Bishop of the Diocese has been pleased to license to the same Office in our Church, Mr. Frank Day, of whom appreciative mention was made in last month's GAZETTE.

On Thursday afternoon, September 16th, a most pleasant event took place in S. Luke's Church, which had been looked forward to by the community with the liveliest interest, namely, the marriage of Miss Frances Agnes Louisa, of Sliema