

Sunday, when the Incumbent delivered an appropriate sermon to those present, and a collection was taken up in aid of the poor of the Parish. The attendance was large.

OTTAWA.—*Holidays*.—A large number of families belonging to the congregation of Christ Church, being absent from the city for the summer months, the Sunday School in connection with the Church was closed on the 5th July, to re-open on the 2nd September. It having been found that those children remaining in the city during the "heated term," were irregular in their attendance, it was deemed advisable to close the school for six weeks for the above reasons, as well as to give the superintendent, teachers, and librarians a "rest." The other Church Sunday Schools in the city and suburbs so far as I have heard, continue open throughout the summer, as it has been ascertained that when they are closed the children are induced by their dissenting companions to go with them to the dissenting Sunday Schools. Evidence of this was had not long since, on the occasion of the closing for the summer of one of the suburban Sunday Schools, when the children went to the Presbyterian Sunday School.

OBITUARY.—On Tuesday, the 24th of July, the Rev. T. P. Hodge, died very suddenly at Collingwood from heart disease. Mr. Hodge was 62 years of age, and was very active for his years. He was formerly Incumbent of York Mills, where he worked assiduously for the Church. Subsequently he was Missionary at Bradford. Then he retired to Collingwood, but here even he found work to do for the Master. The adjoining Mission of Batteau, becoming vacant through the resignation of the Rev. J. Farncomb, and Mr. Hodge stepped in to fill the breach temporarily, and did all in his power to keep the people together. He gives another illustration of a faithful, self-denying priest, content to die in harness, and ever looking beyond this world for a reward. He was on the Commutation List for the sum of \$400 per annum.

NORWOOD AND WESTWOOD.—This mission is vacant by the resignation of the Rev. J. W. McCleary. Prof. Schneider, of Trinity College, took the services on the 22nd of July, having journeyed all the way from Toronto for this purpose. A student will we believe keep up the Sunday Services until an appointment is made.

LAKEFIELD.—A garden party and concert in aid of the Parsonage Fund of St. John's Church, was held at Mr. R. C. Strickland's grounds on the 4th of Aug. The grounds were nicely decorated with lanterns, and on the spacious lawn a tennis tournament took place from 4 to 7 p. m. This was followed by a concert, in which the charming cantatrice, Miss Evelina DeBeaumont, a rival to Albani, took part. Miss DeBeaumont has sung before the King and Queen of Italy and the Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise, by all of whom she has been honored with many souvenirs. The entertainment proved successful in every way.

CAMPBELLFORD.—The work so long contemplated of erecting a chancel and tower to the church here has been undertaken at last. These improvements will add greatly to the appearance of the building, and will be carried out under the management of Mr. John Hall, who has received the contract.

PICNICS are now the order of the day. On Tuesday last St. Matthias' Sunday School, Toronto, held their annual festival at the Humber. Prizes were offered to the successful competitors in races, &c. St. Matthew's Sunday School, Leslieville, held their picnic at the residence of Mr. Howard McLean. The attendance was large. St. John's Sunday School, Peterboro', took an excursion to Hastings on the 31st of July.

TORONTO.—An effort is being made to secure a site for the erection of a church on the Island, Toronto. Application has been made to the City

Council for a central plot of ground for this purpose, and the Commissioner has been instructed to report upon it. A church here would be a great boon, as the number of summer residents is very large and is steadily increasing.

St. Thomas' Church.—A surpliced choir now aid in the services of this little church, known at Osgoode Hall as "the moveable feast" and the "church on wheels." These titles have been sarcastically applied because the Rector, in the interests of the Church, had the building moved just previous to the death of Dean Grassett. His enemies say it was to secure the right to a share in the distribution of the Rectory funds. We are glad to know Mr. McCollum, who is an able and eloquent preacher, is gathering about him an increasing congregation, and we believe this new departure will help the Church in its onward march.

WOODBIDGE.—In the extensive Mission which is under the care of the Rev. O. P. Ford, a brotherhood has been established recently. It consists of the Missionary-in-charge, and the Revs. C. H. Shortt, R. T. Nichol, and R. L. Meade, formerly of the Diocese of Niagara. Notice, here are four priests in a little country village, where daily services and frequent celebrations can readily be had, while there are several vacant Missions in the Diocese with closed churches, and people belonging to us, flocking to dissenting services. Were the Clergy plentiful and the Church fully alive to her real interests everywhere, such an institution might be productive of much good, but at present it supplies an illustration of hobby riding which ought not to be largely copied in this practical and utilitarian age.

Province of Rupert's Land.

INCLUDING THE DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND, SASKATCHEWAN, MOOSONEE & ATHABASCA.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

QU'APPELLE.—The Rev. W. H. Cooper, S. P. G. Missionary, arrived at Fort Qu'Appelle, on Sunday last, and held service in the Town Hall. There was a large and attentive congregation. On Tuesday evening a Choral Service was held which was admirably rendered by the excellent choir of the Church. Mrs. Dixie Watson presided at the organ. A short and stirring address was given by Mr. Cooper, after which a meeting to appoint a church committee was held. Ten gentlemen were elected members of the committee. Captain G. French was appointed chairman; Mrs. Dixie Watson, Secretary; and Mr. Caruthers, Treasurer. The following resolutions were unanimously passed at the meeting. (1) That immediate steps be taken to secure two additional lots of ground for church building purpose. The Secretary was requested to communicate with the Lord Bishop on the subject. (2) That the erection of a parsonage be at once proceeded with. (3) That the district be canvassed for subscriptions. A list was opened on the spot and upwards of \$400 promised by those present at the meeting. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed at the meeting, and the members of the Church of England seem to have woken up through the whole of the Northwest to greater activity and renewed action to secure the ministrations of the Church of their fathers. A cordial vote of thanks was passed at the close of the meeting to the Rev. W. H. Cooper to whose untiring exertions this improved state of things is to be mainly attributed.

MENACDOSA.—Rev. Mark Jukes, Missionary at Menacdosa, has been visiting the "Beautiful Plains" district. He found over 80 homesteads occupied by members of the Church of England on the Plains.

WINNIPEG.—The members of Courts Robin Hood and Winnipeg, Independent Order of For-

esters, inaugurated a new custom among the mutual aid societies of this city, by marching in regular procession preceded by their brass band to attend a Church service in a body. The officers and members assembled in Victoria Hall shortly after six o'clock, and clothed themselves with their appropriate badges and regalia. The procession then formed under the direction of Capt. Scoones, Chief Ranger of Court of Robin Hood, and marched to the music of the band to Christ Church in the following order: The Foresters' Band, the officers of the High Court of Manitoba, officers and members of the subordinate Courts Robin Hood and Winnipeg. Among the High Court officers noted were Bro. Jameson, H. C. R.; Bro. H. S. Crotty, P. H. C. R.; Bro. Attwood, P. H. C. R.; Bro. Leavens, H. V. C. R.; Bro. Kerr, H. S.; Bro. Jackson, H. C.; Bro. Wham, H. S. B.; Bro. Middleton, H. J. B.; Bro. Little, H. S. W.; Bro. McCormick, H. J. W.; Bro. Scoones, C. R. of Court Robin Hood; Bro. Jackson, C. R. of Court Winnipeg. About seventy-five Foresters were estimated to have been in attendance; and their imposing regalia, together with the stirring music of their excellent band attracted the attention of many citizens. On arriving at the west door, they were met by the Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, Rector, (the High Chaplain of the Order), the Ven. J. H. Mackay, Archdeacon of Saskatchewan, Rev. J. B. Seaman, and Mr. W. Nichols, and the procession marched up the aisle, singing "Forward go in glad accord." The Service was full choral, and the congregation filled the aisles, hundreds being unable to gain admission. The singing was wonderfully hearty and inspiring. The sermon was preached by the Rector. During the singing of the Reccessional, the procession reformed and retired.

DIOCESE OF SASKATCHEWAN.

THE following extract from a letter from Rev. C. Quinney, Missionary among the Indians at Fort Pitt, gives an interesting account of his work. The Diocese contains the largest Indian population of any Diocese in Canada:—"Our work among the Indians (since we were with you last year) has not been without some signs of blessing. Several families for whom we entertained the least hopes have become regular attendants at our Church Services, and have expressed their decision to belong to the same. Several have asked for Holy Baptism, and I am instructing them to that end, but it is slow work; and often when one thinks them earnest and sincere about holy things, something in their conduct turns out to prove the contrary. It seems hard to get them to understand the necessity of wholly giving up their old heathenish practices; and many cannot see why God should ask them not to work nor hunt on Sunday, so long as they attend the Services of His house once or twice. One very old man, who I believed to be very sincere and truly penitent and changed, more than once asked me when I would baptize him? And when I thought him sufficiently instructed, I even named the day, and thought he would hail it with pleasure, but instead, to my astonishment, he said—'But I will not be baptized unless you put money in the water.' And he seemed to think he ought to be paid for such a submission. Of course, I saw that the proper time had not yet come. These are some of the disappointments in connection with our work; but then we have much to be thankful for, and many causes for encouragement, when we see so many of their old heathenish practices abandoned and civilized pursuits embraced—their tidy little cottages and nice large farms, and a steady increase in their attendance at the Services of the Church, and to hear them continually asking questions about the good and the right way. You would have been pleased the other day to have seen how bright their dark faces were made by a bale of clothing and gifts, sent by 'Missionary Leaves Association,' which were distributed among seventy-five of the most regular attendants at Church and my day school. These gifts are made up by Christian ladies in England,