

water colors, statuettes, &c. Mrs. Sweatman, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Broughall and Mrs. Kent had also charge of tables on which were displayed useful articles of ladies' work. Miss Grier had care of the flower booth. The proceeds amounted to a considerable sum.

TORONTO.—*Church of the Ascension.*—The annual strawberry festival in connection with this church took place a short time ago in the Adelaide Street rink. The festival was under the patronage of Lady Howland, Lady MacPherson and Mrs. Goldwin Smith. The interior of the rink was very attractively fitted up, and besides refreshments of all kinds a sale of fancy goods was also held for the benefit of Algoma. There was a large attendance. The band of the Royal Grenadiers supplied excellent music.

PETERBORO.—The Woman's Missionary Association of St. John's Church held a garden party recently at Inglewood, the residence of W. E. Sherwood, Esq. The evening was pleasant and it being clear moonlight no artificial illumination of the grounds was necessary. The Fire Brigade Band attended and discoursed delightful music during the evening. The attendance was fairly large and the proceeds for the object of the Society amounted to \$50.

LINDSAY.—The foundation stone of St. Paul's Church here was laid with masonic honors on the 1st of July. We will give fuller particulars in a future issue.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

ORANGEVILLE.—The Lord Bishop of the diocese visited this parish on Saturday, July 4th, and consecrated the Church at 11 o'clock. A large congregation attended, and ten of the neighbouring Clergymen were also present, and assisted in the service which was very hearty.

In the evening a reception was given to his Lordship at the rectory, where a large portion of the Congregation met him. Our Bishop is much beloved by all who have had the pleasure of meeting or hearing him here, though amongst us but for the first time.

On Sunday morning 36 Candidates for Confirmation were presented to the Bishop to whom he delivered an excellent and impressive address. All felt his words to be most earnest and soul-stirring.

In the evening an excellent sermon was preached by Rev. E. A. Irving of Guelph, appropriate to the Consecration of the Church.

The hearty and touching services on these occasions will be long remembered by the members of the Church in Orangeville.

NIAGARA.—*Christ Church Cathedral.*—The Bible Class of this Church, now numbering 42 members, last evening held their first semi-annual meeting at the Vestry of the Church for the purpose of electing officers and a standing committee of management for the ensuing six months. For the last six months this class has progressed wonderfully under the able management of the Rev. Mr. Harvey, Curate of the Cathedral, and its future prospects are exceedingly encouraging; everything is carried on in a thoroughly systematic manner, which contributes greatly to its success. The attendance at the meeting last night was very large, and the great interest of the members continues unabated.

ANCASTER.—The Bishop of Niagara arrived in this parish on Saturday afternoon 13th ult. and at 7 o'clock at the request of the Stockholders laid the corner stone of a new Carriage Factory (the old one having been destroyed by fire a few weeks previously). The Bishop and the Rector of the Parish robed in the chancel and were met at the door by the Stockholders

of the Company where a procession was formed. Upon reaching the site of the factory, his Lordship delivered an excellent address to the large congregation there waiting, impressing upon all the duty of mingling religion in their every day lifework, and of beginning, continuing and ending all things in God's name.

Prayers suitable to the occasion were then said, after which the Bishop taking the trowel in his hand, said:—In the faith of Jesus Christ, and in the hope of God's blessing on this enterprise we lay this foundation stone in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

* E. Kenrick, Esq., Barrister, who is the secretary-Treasurer of the Company then stepped forward and thanked His Lordship for his kind service, and for his excellent advice which he trusted would not soon be forgotten.

At the Rectory on the same evening a reception was given to the Bishop and Mrs. Hamilton and was largely attended.

On Sunday the Bishop visited and addressed the Sunday School, and at 11 o'clock held a confirmation service when 15 persons (3 of whom were over 50) resumed the vows made for them in their baptism. The whole service was highly hearty and impressive. A celebration of the Holy Communion followed and was largely attended including the newly confirmed. This is the fourth Confirmation held in this parish during the past six years. The Revs. T. Geoghegan, and W. R. Clark, the Rector, assisted in the service. It may also be said to the credit of this parish that although neither large, nor rich, it has met all its liabilities (both Diocesan and Parish) for some years past. The large stone church and rectory here, are amongst the handsomest in the Diocese.

NIAGARA FALLS SOUTH.—On the evening of 18th June His Lordship the Bishop of Niagara, held a Confirmation service at All Saints' Church, Rev. C. L. Ingles, Rector. The service was a very impressive one and was largely attended. Rev. Mr. Rowe of Sault St. Marie, Diocese of Mich., U.S., bore the Pastoral Staff. Rev. Mr. Ingles was assisted by the Rev. G. A. Harvey, Curate of C. C. Cathedral, Hamilton, and Rev. W. Freeman of the adjacent Parish Chippewa. The church was on this occasion newly carpeted and tastefully decorated. After the service the large congregation adjourned to the Rectory, where a reception was given his Lordship and to whom an address of hearty welcome was then presented.

STAMFORD.—*St. John's Church.*—At a parish gathering, which took the shape of a "picnic tea," at Mrs. Perram's, most heartily entered into by the whole congregation and their friends, including many of the various denominations, as a reception for the Bishop, an address of welcome was presented to His Lordship. Thanks to Mrs. Perram and the rest of the ladies, the affair went off with much *eclat*, and seemed to be enjoyed by all. The congregation also decorated the church most beautifully.

GRANTHAM.—On the following morning His Lordship proceeded to the church at Grant-ham, where he held a Confirmation service, and soon after found himself in the interesting and historic town of

NIAGARA, where he arrived early in the evening. His Lordship was welcomed by the joyous pealing from the beautiful bells of old St. Marks, the surroundings of which, and itself the centre, are truly interesting in the annals of the Canadian Church. While here, the Bishop was the guest of the Ven. Archdeacon McMurray.

At a reception at the rectory in the evening, which was largely attended, the Archdeacon presented the following address, which, containing so much of historical and general in-

terest, will be appreciated by the readers of the *GUARDIAN* everywhere:—

To the Right Reverend Father in God, Charles, Lord Bishop of Niagara.

The undersigned, the Rector and Churchwardens of Niagara, in behalf of themselves and the parish, beg leave to offer to your Lordship their sincere congratulations upon the choice of the Synod of this diocese, by which, under the providence of the Great Head of the Church, you have been called to the high and holy office of our chief pastor, as the successor of our late lamented and beloved Diocesan and first Bishop.

It seems very fitting that we should tender you, as we now do, a most cordial Christian welcome, on your first official visit to this parish, which gives its name to your diocese. Here, after the division of the Province of Quebec into Upper and Lower Canada, the first mission of the Church was established by the learned and zealous Robert Addison, in 1792, under the auspices of the venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the faithful nursing mother of missions on this continent.

That venerable society, after nearly two centuries, during which she has sent the glad tidings of salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth, still flourishes in ever-increasing vigour, with abundant blessing crowning her manifold labors of love and faith.

Upon the site of this church was erected the first building dedicated to God's service in this part of Canada.

Mr. Addison's mission embraced an extensive district west of Lake Ontario, then a wilderness sheltering the scattered pioneer settlers who had remained true to the Empire during the revolution, and the loyal red men, led by Brant, himself a devoted son of the Church, to the fertile lands on the Grand River, granted to them by the Crown, upon which their peaceful descendants now reside.

The first Parliament of Canada was convened in 1792, within the limits of this town, by Governor Simcoe.

Mr. Addison officiated as its chaplain, an office which he held for nearly thirty years, and it is noteworthy that for the long period of ninety-three years since this parish was founded its ministrations have been filled by three incumbents only, by the Rev. Robert Addison from 1792 to 1829, by the Rev. Thomas Green from 1829 to 1856, and by the present rector, the Venerable Archdeacon McMurray, since 1856.

The vast changes during this period in the growth and progress of the Church are an earnest of the future.

That all her members may strive together in promoting the cause of Christ in love and harmony and peace, and that your work among us may be long continued and richly blessed, is the fervent prayer of ourselves and of our fellow-churchmen.

Dated at Niagara, the 20th day of June, A.D., 1885.

W. McMURRAY, D.D., D.C.L.,
JOHN W. BALL,
J. GEALE DICKSON,

Churchwardens.

To which His Lordship replied as follows:
To the Venerable Archdeacon McMurray, Rector of Niagara, and to his Churchwardens and Parishioners:

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—Your hearty welcome, conveyed in terms so attractive and so full of interest, is most acceptable to me.

I will place your beautiful address among my treasures, and I do not doubt that the many points of interest to which it alludes, in connection with this province and its first Parliament, this parish and its church, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel and its successes in planting the Church far and near in England's colonies, will attract the eager attention of not a few under whose eye it may come in future years.