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In the evening a concert was given in the township hall, and the day of harvest thanksgiving was suitably closed by a short office in the church.

FORT ERIE.—His lordship the Bishop held a confirmation in the beautiful new church at this place, September 4th, when a large number were confirmed. Too much credit cannot be given to the worthy rector of this parish, who with a brave band of parish workers have succeeded in erecting this fine building, churchly in detail and beautiful to look upon, costing several thousands of dollars; almost free of debt, only a few dollars remaining that could be wiped out at any desired moment with very little exertion.

CHURCH PROGRESS.—I confess I am not much impressed with the flow of Church intelligence in your columns from the diocese of Niagara. Where the fault of omission lies, I know not. But lest any of your readers should for a moment suppose that we are behind the age, and have only a scanty report of progress at best to make, I propose to append a few items of intelligence, which I am sure you will readily accept from me, for publication in your columns. These items I may state, are by no means belonging to months and days long passed, but all are included within the past twelve months, and are gleaned chiefly from personal observation. "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

FORT ERIE.—Beginning at the south-east portion of our diocese, we are gratified at the sight of a new church very recently opened in the old village of Fort Erie. This is an excellent and substantial stone building. I need not here discuss its architectural proportions within or without, or say one word *pro* or *contra*. The cost, I believe, is a little more than \$6,000. The building presents a fine appearance, its east elevation faces the Niagara river, and stands prominently to the view of our good neighbours in Buffalo city. A handsome rose window of stained glass adorns the uppermost section, whilst the chancel window is also of stained glass, and is placed in memory of the late Rev. John Anderson, nineteen years rector of the parish. The other windows are of much simpler construction but very appropriate. The seats are modern and open; of oak, and capped with black walnut. The floor of the chancel, aisles, and of the pews, is laid with best Brussels carpet of appropriate colour and pattern, much handsomer than that in St. James' cathedral, Toronto. I know comparisons, Mr. Editor, are not necessary, except in an effort to describe. The bishop's chair is, likewise, strikingly handsome and costly. To the congregation much credit is due for their great zeal and most laudable attention during the progress of building and completing. The members do not seem wealthy, but evidently they are heartily united, and hence their success. If any one, three years ago, had predicted such a church, without and within, at so great a cost and with so trifling a debt upon it, at Fort Erie, I should have replied, perhaps too hastily, "Impossible!"

ST. CATHARINES.—This young city contains a population of 10,000 and possesses four churches, as we find in this year's statistics of the diocese. Two years ago, the congregation of Christ Church completed another church which is called St. Thoma's church, very large, commodious, and as some say, handsome; with a debt of \$19,000 on it. Many persons within and without our communion predicted that so large a debt could not be paid, that the mortgage on the church would assuredly be soon foreclosed. This year, (although a very hard one at St. Catharines) the incumbent, the Rev. O. I. Booth notified the wardens of St. Thoma's church, that unless the congregation soon paid of \$8,000 of the debt he would not remain. Anxious to retain his valuable services, they have not only paid that amount, but have raised their contributions to the regular income of the church, so much so, that they have secured the services of an assistant minister—both being young, vigorous, and efficient men. It is said that with two or three exceptions this congregation is composed of people without wealth.

All the parishes between Fort Erie and St. Catharines are well established and vigorous, and shew to the visitor gratifying proofs of the Church's growth and strength. I will name them here:—Chippewa, Drummondville and Stamford, Niagara Falls and Queenston, Niagara, Merriton and Grantham, and Thorold. I must also refer to St. George's and St. Barnabas' churches, in St. Catharines, one is the mother church of St. Catharines and the other a daughter church, whose zealous industry is well known. The same is to be said of the parishes of Port Dalhousie and Grimsby. A visit to anyone of all these parishes would not only be enjoyable for the lovely scenery surrounding, but especially for many

good works of faith and love, which are invisible and which in the sight of God are of great price and are convincing proofs of truest adornment.

CALEDONIA.—I will now, Mr. Editor, take in view the south portion of our small diocese, and turn my thoughts to the old village of Caledonia. I would like to linger here and along the Grand River and write of the Rev. Bold C. Hill, and his labours of blessed memory, but my task is to describe progress within our diocese during the last twelve months only. At Caledonia the incumbent is the Rev. H. F. Meelish. Here we find a new parsonage with 3½ acres acquired to the church this month. Debt only \$400. A new organ at about \$325 has been bought and paid for. These are achievements, not by means of concerts, festivals, etc., but by hearty unity, co-operation and zeal. The results surprised both pastor and people, they are a surprise to themselves and to our bishop, they are not wealthy indeed. The village has suffered very much of late from fires, which destroyed woollen factories, flour mills, and other industries, and so reduced the population. But unity is strength. Willing hearts and ready hands have here accomplished great results. The humblest cottager of this parish has given, at least, his one day's wages, but usually, much more. The clerical salary, and payments to the Synod's funds are monthly remitted. Seldom do we see or hear of so great zeal.

JARVIS AND HAGARVILLE.—Rev. G. Johnstone. Here the clerical income is largely raised. The parish is now self-sustaining.

NANTICOKE.—This is a mission on the north shore of Lake Erie. Besides the large brick parsonage house built only a few years ago, we now have to mention the erection of outbuildings, fences, and improvement of grounds. The Rev. J. Seaman is the faithful labourer in this section of the Lord's vineyard.

BARTON AND GLANFORD.—Here are four churches, one of which has been placed under the charge of the Rev. Thomas Smith, of Binbrook. The only debt is upon the last built church (Holy Trinity) in this parish, and is reckoned at \$100.

STONE CREEK AND BARTONVILLE.—I wish to write here of this comparatively new church ground, on account of a very fine church building at Bartonville. I will not describe its design and beauty, but wish to give notice in your columns, on behalf of that most excellent worker, the Rev. Charles E. Whitcombe, of the opening and simultaneous consecration within a very few weeks from this. Further notice will be given shortly. One peculiar feature which the Rev. C. E. Whitcombe has adopted in the building of churches is worthy of special mention,—is in this,—the day of opening will also witness the consecration of the church as the Lord's house. This act implies no debt. This church is larger than that of the Redeemer at Stoney Creek. Soon we expect to hear of a third church building, on the beach.

With your permission, Mr. Editor, I will continue such items as the foregoing, of our church progress, for publication in your columns. I am, very truly yours, Geo. A. Bull, Rural-dean, "The Cliff," Barton, September 24th, 1881.

[We shall be glad to receive further communications of a similar interesting character, from our esteemed friend. ED.]

HURON.

From Our Own Correspondent.

KETTLE POINT: St. John's.—The Rev. J. Jacobs, of the Indian mission of St. Peter, Sarnia Reserve, and St. John's, Kettle Point, paid his last visit to this place on Sept. 4th, prior to his leaving for England, where he will remain for some months in the interest of the Western University. There was more than usual interest manifested by the members of St. John's on that day. Before the bell had ceased calling the worshippers to morning prayers the little church was crowded. There was sung the good old morning hymn so familiar to Church members: "Awake my soul and with the sun." After morning prayer Mr. Jacobs preached from the text "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen." The rapt attention and the falling tears bore testimony to the sympathy of the congregation with the earnest words of the preacher. There was an administration of "the most comfortable sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ," of which many partook "in remembrance of his meritorious Cross and Passion." Truly has it been said that the Red men who are sincere members of Christ's body

are more devout, more richly endowed with a reverential spirit than many of their white brethren.

Monday was set apart by Mr. Jacobs for paying farewell visits to the families of his *cure*. The following day there was a farewell dinner, when about one hundred people sat down at the well-spread board. Dinner being over, a hymn was sung by all present, and there were brief addresses: one from Chief Isaac Shawnoo, and one, a farewell address, by the Rev. J. Jacobs.

MOORETOWN.—On the 11th inst. the Rev. Dr. Armstrong preached anniversary sermons, when the work of the parish was reviewed. From statistics given we select the following:—It appears that there are now six mission stations or places where Sunday services are held: Moorevey, Mooretown, Froomefield, Cornuna, Courtright, Colville, Brigiden; and that during the year 231 services were held, and the Holy Communion administered thirty-three times; that these were fifty-three baptisms, four marriages, and twenty-one funerals. At present there are four Sunday schools all in a prosperous condition, and conducted by a large staff of devoted and earnest teachers. Cottage services are about to be commenced so as, if possible, to reach a class of people found almost every where, who do not attend the Sunday services of the Church. Two of the places where Sunday services are held were only opened last year, and one of these viz., Brigiden, gives promise of being in a short time, the largest congregation in the parish. As the village is an enterprising and growing one, and although in the centre of what was only a few years ago a very hot-bed of Presbyterianism, its features are being changed very fast, and now the Church population is large and growing. A fortnightly service is all the incumbent can give them at present, but he hopes soon to try and do better for them. No doubt after a little this parish will require to be divided, as it is quite evident that Dr. Armstrong's strength cannot hold out to carry on all the work he is now doing; difficulties, however, of a formidable nature are at present in the way.

ALGOMA.

From Our own Correspondent.

HILTON.—The Rev. H. Beer, missionary on St. Joseph's Island, begs thankfully to acknowledge the receipt of two dollars towards a communion service, from Mrs. A. W. Bell, Carleton Place. Other contributions for the same purpose will be thankfully acknowledged. Mr. Beer also wishes to thank his people for the practical manner in which they have shown their esteem and regard for him by presenting him with a capital buckboard. He hopes to repay them by increased earnestness in their spiritual welfare.

Correspondence.

All Letters will appear with the names of the writers in full and we do not hold ourselves responsible for their opinions.

DR. BRAY'S ASSOCIATES.

SIR.—You have readers among the clergy in every part of the Dominion, not all of whom perchance know who Dr. Bray's Associates are. In such cases you may do no small good by publishing this letter. By some tradition the Bishop of London had and still has charge of the "Colonies" where there is no bishop; and in the early days of the American "Colonies," now the United States, he managed ecclesiastical affairs by a "Commissary." Dr. Bray, a very devoted English clergyman, acted at one time in this character; and being aware, from actual observation, of the poverty of the colonial clergy, and the difficulty of their obtaining suitable theological books, he at once took measures, on his return to England, to meet this want. Many of the rural clergy at home, and particularly in Wales, were in the same plight as their colonial brethren, and so the good Doctor included them in his scheme of relief. A society, "Dr. Bray's Associates," provided money and books, whereby a small collection of standard works was given to a Rural-deanery at home, or a mission district abroad. A few necessary conditions have to be observed in applying for and using the books. Owing to the great multiplication and cheapening of books the good work of the Associates is not so much needed as it was, but it is far from being supererogatory yet. I have myself been the means of obtaining five such libraries in neighbourhoods where the clergy had never heard of Dr. Bray's charity. The Rural-dean of East York is the librarian in charge of a very valuable gift obtained from this quarter in the beginning of the