

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—Mrs. Boomer, of London, Ont., has received from Mrs. Williams, the sum of \$433.26, being the amount gathered for the Jubilee Thank offering to the Widows and Orphans fund of Algoma, from the various branches of the Woman's Mission Auxiliary of that Diocese. This makes the total to date \$1,108.24.

COOKSHIRE.—A Strawberry festival and concert, was held here in the last week in June, under the direction of Mrs. J. H. Pope, and some of the ladies of the Church of England congregation. Miss Caswell acted as Pianist and songs were given by Mrs. Grenville, Miss Lloyd, Miss M. French, and several gentlemen. The concert room was crowded, and the entertainment appeared to be thoroughly enjoyed by the unusually large audience.

During the same week the Sunday-school of the Church of England held its picnic, which was well attended.

Rev. A. Judge, left on Thursday, June 30th, for two month's rest and change which he greatly needed.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

OTTAWA.—For some time past the Church of England Sunday School pic-nic has been looked forward to by the little ones with increasing pleasure as the day of enjoyment drew nearer and nearer. On Tuesday the fifth July, their hopes were fully realized, as also were those of the executive committee, who have spared no pains to make the pic-nic what it most assuredly was, the greatest success of any former pic-nic ever held. The programme, an elaborate and well got up one, was carried through from beginning to end with the greatest punctuality and to the satisfaction of all. About 6.30 yesterday morning, the scholars of the Christ Church Sunday School and those of St. Paul's, Rochester, assembled at Christ Church, and headed by the Guard's band, marched by way of Sparks street to Sussex, where they were joined by the St. John's and St. Alban's contingents, continuing in their line of march to the Queen's Wharf, where awaited them the St. George's and St. Bartholomew's Sunday Schools. The children then embarked on the steamers *Empress* and *Dagmar*, which carried them to their destination, Bosserer's Grove, a beautifully situated little spot some nine miles down the Ottawa River, on the Ontario bank. A thick clump of pine trees extend along the river front, backed by hard brush, with meadows both sides, forming an ideal pic-nic resort. Landed at the wharf, the little ones collected each to its own Sunday School and headed by their banner bearers, ascended the steep incline to the grove. The children wore badges, imprinted on which was the name of the Sunday School to which they belonged; many of them also wore medals. Having entered the grove the several schools separated, each choosing a spot sheltered from the rays of the sun, where refreshments were given to the little ones whose appetites had already a keen tinge from the effects of the exuberating air. It was necessary to postpone the commencement of the races until afternoon, when 30 races of different kinds were well contested, all with one exception confined to pupils of the Sunday Schools alone.

Football and lacrosse matches were also played during the evening. A canoe and sailing race were on the programme of events, but owing to lack of the required number of entries, these were struck off.

At special request, Professor Workman gave a repetition of the Jubilee songs, in which several hundred voices took part, the effect being magnificent, and very highly appreciated. It is estimated that there were some three thousand people at the grove. Mr. Alexander Besserer certainly deserves the most cordial thanks

of these who organized and participated in the pic-nic, not only for his liberality in extending to them the use of his grounds but also for his personal endeavors to see that so far as lay within his province, they were comfortably accommodated.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S.—A large meeting of prominent members of Rev. Mr. Taylor's parish, St. Bartholemew's, was lately held at Dr. White's to take final action towards the erection of a substantial and handsome Church on the corner of Parliament and Spruce streets. For some time a committee of gentlemen interested in providing a suitable place of worship for the western portion of this large parish has been engaged in securing the necessary funds and selecting a convenient site to build on, and succeeded in securing the above mentioned corner. It was decided to erect a handsome Church in Gothic style, of brown stone and white brick, with sitting accommodation for 600, the cost not to exceed, with the Sunday School, \$20,000. The plans are in the hands of Mr. Windoyer, architect, and tenders will be called for immediately and the construction proceeded with without delay. The name unanimously decided upon was "St. Augustine's."

TRINITY COLLEGE.—The Hon. G. W. Allan, the Chancellor of the University, in his Convocation address, stated that the total number of degrees conferred during the year was 117; 63 in medicine, 17 in arts, 3 in divinity, 8 in law and 25 in music. *The total number of undergraduates was 358.* It had been decided that Greek should no longer be a compulsory study in the Arts course, though it would still continue an essential branch for Divinity classes. Owing to the lack of adequate lecture rooms in the College it was proposed to add another storey to the building, preserving however, the present appearance; the probable cost would be \$40,000, which he hoped would be forthcoming. Referring to the question of Federation of Colleges (which has been much pressed in Ontario), the Chancellor said that the College Corporation had decided to adhere to their former decision since the Government was unwilling to recoup them for the outlay consequent upon removal of the building. They intended to rely upon the *friends of the Church* to support old Trinity and make it a *thoroughly equipped English University*. The sentiment was received with much applause, but it is to be hoped that the applause may be followed by energetic action in the direction indicated.

BISHOP STRACHAN SCHOOL.—At the nineteenth annual concert and distribution of prizes a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen, the friends of the school and of the pupils, were assembled. Of the clergy there were present the Right Rev. the Bishop of Toronto, President of the School Corporation; the Very Rev. Dean Geddes, the Ven. Archdeacon Lauder, the Rev. Dr. Wilson, of New York, the Rev. Messrs. Broughall, Davies, Cayley, Pearson, Williams, C. E. Thompson, Ford, Sweeny, Lewis, Hobson, Taylor, Nattress and others. Although several rooms were thrown into one by the removal of the folding doors and partitions, it was with difficulty that the guests were seated. The school possesses a very fine property on the College avenue, while its continued success and the good-will which it has secured under the able management of the Lady Principal and her assistants, should induce the proprietary to increase their accommodation. During the last term there were on the school rolls 112 pupils. The prizes were presented to the fortunate ones by the Bishop of Toronto and several of the clergy and laity who were called upon to assist him in the pleasant task, and the opportunity was used not only of congratulating the recipients, but also of bearing strong testimony

to the valuable and thorough work that is being done. The examiners who decided the results are University men, and with few exceptions were not members of the school staff. Several of the young ladies are now about to pass the University and other examinations for which they have been undergoing training, and in which their predecessors have been so successful, as shown by the honor lists.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

SYNOD MEETING.—Continued.

From the Report of the Executive Committee presented at the Evening Session it appeared that the work of reorganising and assessing the parishes in accordance with the provisions of Canons 14 and 29 has been steadily carried on, and with a few exceptions all the Missionary Parishes have now been visited and inspected. The information and statistics now in possession of the Executive Committee place the members in a better position than they have ever before been to deal practically and advisedly with the mission wants of the Diocese.

The results of the Rev. Mr. Young's (the Bishop's commissioner's) work have been most gratifying.

Since last Synod some 107 Parishes and Stations have been visited, inspected and reported and in the *twenty* months that Mr. Young had acted as Commissioner 212 stations had been visited, 24 new stations opened, 11 new missions actually constituted and several others in contemplated formation at an early period, while 16 Parishes that formerly received aid from the Mission Fund are now self-supporting. The expenditure to date on account of this much needed work has been:—Salary of Commissioner, from Nov. 1st, 1885, \$2,325; traveling expenses, \$28,969; total \$26,144.

The accounts show that \$10,227.44 have been received from the Parishes, and paid out to the respective clergymen.

While the total contributions of the Diocese are slightly in excess of last year, the Committee have to report that there has been a falling off in the amounts available for Diocesan work. The decrease in this sum amounts to \$1,010.99, accounted for largely by the fluctuation in special donations extraneous to the ordinary income of the Diocese. The quarterly collections to the Mission Fund show an increase this year of \$388.71. The overdraft of the Mission Fund has been slightly increased this year. It is confidently expected that the results of the reorganization and assessment, the full effect of which will only be realized this year, will almost, if not altogether, extinguish this debt. The Committee considered that there was a most cheering outlook for the future work and progress of Church extension in the Diocese.

The Committee called attention to the neglect and carelessness still shown in regard to the collections called for under the direction of the Bishop, and complained that a practice which caused serious inconvenience in the management of the finances, viz, the retaining by Churchwardens of collections for the funds and failure to remit them to the Synod office until the close of the year. There can be no defence (adds the Report) for such a course of dealing with funds contributed through the offertory for specific purposes, and it is the bounden duty of the Wardens to transmit the collections without delay.

The Report then dealt with the various Funds in detail, and set forth the action of the Committee relatively thereto and showed the receipt and expenditures on account of each fund.

The Report was taken up clause by clause, and some discussion followed specially as to the expenses of administration, which some members claimed to be excessive, but the majority were clearly of a contrary opinion, and the objections fell through, and the Report was adopted in full.

The Special Accounts showed that the receipts