

served. Many of us who had the pleasure of your acquaintance and the benefit of your spiritual care in this, your first charge, have ever since cherished a deep and lively interest in watching the unfolding and fulfilment of the promise of those early days—and we have been neither surprised nor disappointed. Not all, however, have the power to distinguish sterling worth, nor the honesty to acknowledge it. manifold and perplexing influences are ever at work in the minds of men—misleading their feet from the paths of justice and truth, and blinding their eyes to the perception of goodness and beauty. But God who orders all things by the counsel of His will, frequently interposes and proves to men that His ways are not their ways, and that His will is stronger than theirs. We believe that we can discern the hand of God in the guidance of your destinies. We believe that he has raised you to the position you now occupy for great and noble work, for the good of the church, for the best interests of the workers in the church, and we heartily congratulate you on an advancement that we hope may be a blessing to yourself and to the Diocese over which you are to preside. We cordially welcome you once more to Port Dover—to the church on whom the first fruits of your love and usefulness were bestowed—feeling confident that in the time that has elapsed since first we met, you have not forgotten us, as we have not nor shall ever forget you.

Port Dover, Jan. 21st, 1884.

The Bishop replied in most feeling terms.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

NEW CARLISLE.—I thought you might like a few items of interest from this place, which is so little known. The winter is passing away quietly as usual, and diptheria which has been so prevalent has almost entirely disappeared. The Rev. S. Blaylock, Incumbent of this mission, has unfortunately lost two of his children, but I am pleased to say that the family are now much improved in health and able to go out again. Services have been discontinued on that account for over six weeks, with the exception of one which through the kindness of the Rev. C. D. Brown, officiating clergyman of Shigawake, was held in both Carlisle and Paspebiac Churches last Sunday week, and large congregations attended. Mr. Brown drove twenty-six miles for that purpose and the Church people fully appreciated his kindness in coming so far. We hope in a Sunday or two that Mr. Blaylock will be well enough to give us our usual Sunday services. Both Churches in this mission were nicely decorated for Christmas, especially in Paspebiac, which the book keeper and clerks of Charles Robinson & Co., also the clerks of Messrs. Le Boutillier & Co., took a great deal of interest, and they certainly deserve a great deal of credit for the taste displayed. Our wharf which is expected to be finished next summer reflects great credit on its able contractor, Mr. Oswald Day, and we are in hopes that many visitors who now pass in consequence of the inconvenience in landing, will be induced to spend their summer holidays, where much benefit is derived from the sea-bathing and salubrious air. Fair board can also be had at reasonable rates.

ISLAND BROOK.—The Church here has lost a faithful son in James Weston, whose death, on the morning of Friday, Feb. 5th, after a very short but painful illness, it is our painful duty to chronicle. The deceased was born in Hereford in 1823, and though his life was a most busy one, his occupation being that of a contractor and builder, he devoted much time, substance and labor to the work of the Holy Church. The greater part of the thriving villages of Marbleton and Island Brook was built by him, and the latter village, where he resided the last eighteen years of his life, owes to him its important saw-mill interests. In this village, Mr. Weston was most anxious to see an English Church built, and although the Church population was small, his unbounded energy and perseverance carried the undertaking through. When the building funds

ran short, Mr. Weston visited Quebec, Montreal, Sherbrooke, Waterloo, and many other towns, and by personal effort raised a sufficient sum to complete free from debt, the pretty Church known as Christ Church. In all Sunday School work, in the work of circulating and promoting the reading of the Holy Scriptures, and in temperance work he was most interested; of the latter cause he was specially a staunch champion. On Thursday, the 7th inst., the day of the funeral, Christ Church was filled to its utmost capacity, by a congregation of sorrowing friends and relations. The Service was read by the Incumbent of the Parish, the Rev. Arthur H. Judge, and when the last words of the Church's noble Service were uttered, there was but one feeling among the assembled people, that a kind and faithful friend and neighbour was indeed gone from them, but surely to enter into the peace of Paradise.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The Diocesan Missionary Agent is working very energetically. The success attending his labours is another illustration of the fact that any one department of Church work is done much more efficiently by a specialist who devotes himself to it entirely than it can be by others who attend to it only accidentally and occasionally. Though his appointment was not made unanimously, yet those members of the Mission Board who felt called on to oppose it will soon see that it has been made in the best interests of the Church's Missions, Home, Domestic and Foreign.

WHITBY.—This parish never prospered before as it is prospering now under the wise and faithful oversight of Rev. A. J. Fidler. What with guilds, Bible classes, C. E. T. S., Communicants' classes, &c., the Rector finds every moment occupied. His unceasing labours all but ruined his health in his last parish; and he is pursuing the same course again. But some people will never learn to spare themselves. Yet it is better to *work* out than to *rust* out. Judging from the covers of the Parish Magazine, the amount of work done by Mr. Fidler and his noble band of lay helpers is simply Herculean; and it certainly would never be attempted by any who did not love the Church truly and devotedly.

COOKSTOWN.—This was a former cure of Mr. Fidler's, and although it has been divided since his time, the labor it involves has laid the present incumbent up with congestion of the lungs. It is hoped the crisis is past; all the same, however, it will be some weeks ere Mr. Fletcher can expect to be at work again in his usual earnest and unflagging manner. In the meantime the Sunday duty is taken by Divinity Students from Toronto.

TECUMSEH.—The Rector takes four services each Sunday, involving a drive of about thirty miles. He has succeeded in erecting two of the finest rural churches in the whole diocese; in fact they compare favorably with many of our city buildings. The Rectory itself, however, is in a somewhat dilapidated condition, and the initiatory steps have been taken, either to erect a new one or to have the old one entirely renovated.

AURORA AND NEW MARKET.—The Aurora Amateur Theatrical Company (including amongst its members a son of the present Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario), recently gave a series of entertainments for the benefit of Trinity Church; and they have repeated them in the interests of the new church and rectory, now in process of erection in New Market. The entertainments were of a very *recherche* character, and were well attended, and thoroughly appreciated by all the *elite* of both places.

THORNHILL.—For some time past the Church people of this place have been looked upon by those outside our communion, (and who therefore were not well qualified to judge), as being very

apathetic and altogether behind the age in Church entertainments. These fault finders were undeceived, however, by a grand *soiree*, given a few evenings ago in Victoria Hall by the congregation of Trinity Church. The building was densely packed, over four hundred being seated at the tea tables and oyster tables. The company were entertained with tableaux, songs, duets, trios, instrumental solos, piano and violin duets, &c., by ladies and gentlemen from Toronto, Aurora and Thornhill. Without making any invidious distinction, it may be mentioned that amongst those from Toronto was Master Sparling, barely nine years old, who, with his marvellous playing on the violin, accompanied by his mother on the piano, delighted the audience. The whole affair was a great success; and was due in great part to the unremitting exertions of Messrs. Ellstone and Langstaff, Church Wardens, and of course to the ladies of the congregation, without whom the affair could never have taken place. For the assistance of Messrs. Bird and Sykes, with their party from Toronto, including Mrs. Lewis Bird, the pianist of the evening, and a most accomplished performer, the Rector is indebted to Mr. D. H. Porter, a young Englishman, who thinks no work too much for him to undertake in the interests of the Church he loves so well, and of which he is a devout communicant. His father is Vicar of Ladywood, Birmingham, England, and his grandfather was Rector of one of the most romantic and picturesque counties in Ireland. Your correspondent well remembers hearing him preach "charity sermons" of the most thrilling eloquence in aid of the Protestant Orphan's Home, Dublin.

Province of Rupert's Land.

INCLUDING THE DIOCESES OF RUPERT'S LAND, SASKATCHEWAN, MOOSONEE, ATHABASCA, ASSINIBOIA, & SOUTHERN ATHABASCA

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

MOOSE JAW, N. W. T.—*St. John Baptist*.—It was a great disappointment to the congregation when the irregularity of the train service on account of the late strike on the C. P. R. prevented the Rev. A. L. Parker, of St. John's College, Winnipeg, carrying out his kind intention of spending a portion of his vacation with them, including the last Sunday in Advent and a part of the Christmas octave. The Rev. J. P. Sargent, whose western limit is Moose Jaw, was also by the strike prevented from visiting Moose Jaw during Advent, as he had arranged, and it was not until Jan. 20 that he was again able to give a Sunday to this congregation. Many were the expressions of thankfulness at having again the full services of the Church. There was in the forenoon Litany and celebration of Holy Communion. Congregation 30; communicants 14. In the afternoon, immediately after Sunday School, which was held from 2 p. m. to 3.30 p. m., there was evening prayer, baptism and sermon. Congregation 70; baptisms 2, infants. In addition to the general offertory, which amounted to \$8.50, there was placed on the alms basin at evening prayer an envelope containing \$18, with the following address:—"To the Rev. J. P. Sargent, with best wishes, from a few members of the Church of St. John Baptist." Thus, though there was no service on Christmas Day, the rule of the diocese for a special offertory for the minister, he was not forgotten. Doubtless with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

BRANDON.—A Church of England Temperance Association has been formed in this Parish. St. Matthew's choir gave a concert in the Masonic Hall on the 13th February.

CLANWILLIAM.—Mr. John Cudhie has been presented with a handsome edition of Hymns Ancient & Modern as a slight acknowledgment of his services as organist.