

Reading.—Miss Grace Williams, Gold medal, presented by Mrs. C. A. Morrison; Miss Margaret Ince, special prize, presented by the Rev. Septimus Jones; Miss Sarah Nation, class prize.

French.—First class, Miss A. J. Ponton; second class, Miss Zaidee Sutherland; third-class, Miss Harriet Patton; fourth-class, Miss Dora Farncomb; fifth-class, Miss Laura Ireland; Honourable mention, Miss Adelaide Sullivan.

German.—First class—first, Miss A. J. Ponton; second in first class, Miss Sarah Nation; second-class, Miss Minnie Wilson.

Latin.—Miss Minnie Gamsby, presented by the Rev. Algernon Boys.

Music.—Vocal, Miss Anna Howden; Instrumental, senior classes: Miss Anna Howden, Miss Annie Langstaff, Miss May Howland. Junior classes: Misses Mary Hillary, Maud Beck, Edith Marling, Lizzie Hagerman. Special prize, presented by Miss Cosens, Miss Adelaide Sullivan. Honourable mention: Miss Charlotte Leslie, Miss Lucy Howard, Miss Margaret Baldwin, and Miss Julia Lough.

Drawing.—First class, Casts, Miss Mary Hynes; Flat copies, Misses Edith Power and May Howland. Second class, Flat copies, Miss Ella Jones. Painting, special prize, presented by Miss Hynes, Miss Ella Jones.

Gymnastics.—Second class, Miss Sarah Nation; Junior class, Miss Lucy Howard.

HASTINGS.—Mrs. Crozier and Mrs. Hughes, both of the village of Hastings, prompted by feelings of benevolence, collected from a few kind friends a sum of money sufficient to purchase a handsome milch cow, and presented it together with a purse to Mrs. McCleary, who is in want of a change of air in accordance with medical advice. This present was a testimonial of sympathy on account of the severe and protracted sickness with which it pleased Almighty God in his inscrutable wisdom to afflict her and family.

On Tuesday last there was a successful picnic on in the grove and a boat excursion on the river. It was a union picnic comprising Sunday schools from the mission of Gore's Landing, Harwood, Norwood, and Westwood, as well as from St. George's church, Hastings. The incumbents from the various missions were also present and with the exception of a panic, caused by a shower of rain, all parties seemed to enjoy the sports and the scenery very much.

NIAGARA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAMILTON.—Receipts at Synod Office during the month of June, 1881.

MISSION FUND.—*Offering Collections.*—Caledonia \$13.11; York \$10.62; South Cayuga \$4.15; Barton \$2.00; Ancaster \$13.40. Synod missionary meeting \$48.78. *Parochial Collections.*—Walpole South \$2.00. *On Guarantee Account.*—Harriston \$50.00; Rothsay \$27.00; West Flamboro' \$40.00; Port Colborne \$100; Marshville \$50.00.

ALGOMA FUND.—Synod opening service \$12.52. *Intercessory Collections.*—Orangeville \$1.25; Queenston \$2.00; Hamilton, St. Mark's \$4.85; St. Catharine's, St. Barnabas' \$2.61.

NANTICOKE.—On Friday the 8th inst at 7 p.m. a very interesting Baptismal service was held in Christ church. At which twelve adults and two children were received into the Church by Holy Baptism. Eleven of these were males and three females. The twelve adults are part of a class that the Rev. J. Seaman has been instructing for the past three months at one of his week evening services at an out station.

HURON.

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The Revised New Testament does not seem to meet with great favour in this Diocese. Some "Evangelical" clergymen are great advocates for it. One clergyman, on the first Sunday after its issue here, preached in its favour, and gave as one of his reasons for his approval, that it was the result of the labor of eminent men of various Christian denominations, and not merely of one. At the late session of the diocesan Synod, the Rev. Dr. Beaumont moved, pursuant to notice, seconded by the Rev. J. Gemley: "That this Synod welcomes with devout thankfulness the publication of the revised New Testament. The Synod,

while expressing its recognition of the immense amount of labour, extending over ten years, the depth of learning and the vast amount of critical research brought into practical operation for the completion of the new version, trusts that it may, with the Divine blessing, be the means of promoting a more enlightened understanding of the precious Word of God, and an extended interest in the saving truth which it reveals."

Warm dissent was manifested against the resolution as it was read. "Yea" and "nay" were freely called out.

His Lordship the Bishop asked that the resolution be withdrawn, because of the fact that many had not seen it. It has yet to be examined, and he would request that in the meantime the authorised version only be used. It would not, in fact, be lawful to use the other. The Bishop's remarks were received with applause and the motion was withdrawn.

The Rev. Rural Dean Smith moved, seconded by Mr. H. J. Eberts, "That an annual subscription be collected from each congregation, for the purpose of creating a fund to be known as a children's fund. Every clergyman whose annual income from all sources does not exceed \$900, shall be entitled to receive from this fund an allowance of \$30 per annum for each child eighteen years of age." The motion was strongly opposed by the Rev. Messrs. Baldwin, Chance, Wright, Townley, and Cooper. At the suggestion of the Bishop the motion was withdrawn.

The Rev. W. J. Taylor moved, seconded by the Rev. P. B. De Lom, "That a special sermon on Temperance be preached on a Sunday set apart for that purpose each year. After some discussion the Bishop said: "I would be very sorry if such a resolution were lost. At the same time I agree with the idea expressed, that our clergymen are usually faithful to their trust in this respect; and I would urge on my brethren to bring this matter constantly and earnestly before their congregations. I shall use my influence at all times to the furtherance of temperance within and without the Church; but I would not care to hamper my clergymen with any fixed rule such as the resolution would impose."

INGERSOLL.—The Rev. Mr. Hill, chaplain of the Helmutth Ladies' College, London, officiates during this month as incumbent of St. James' church. He commenced the duties on the first Sunday of the month. The Rector's absence extends for two months, June and July.

LONDON.—The Rev. Mr. Fletcher, for some years incumbent of the large mission parish of Glamworth, Byron, and London East, has in addition been holding Church service at Hyde Park, a hamlet five miles from this city. As a result of his labours a new church has been organized there and churchwardens appointed.

EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS.—The Rev. Rural Dean Davis having resigned his cure as rector of Wingham, has been appointed to the mission of Bothwell and the Moravian settlement.—The Rev. D. Deacon, late incumbent of Bothwell, has been appointed to the incumbency of Thamesville and adjoining parts.—The Rev. A. C. Taylor, late of Newbury, has been appointed incumbent of Wallaceburg.—The Rev. Mr. Taylor, lately from Ireland, and recently ordained deacon, has been appointed to the cure of Listowell.

LONDON SOUTH.—The teachers of St. George's Sunday school have erected a handsome marble tablet in the church to the memory of Thomas Wallace, who was drowned in the wreck of the Victoria on the river Thames, on the 24th of May. The tablet will an imperishable memorial of one who had for some years, since the opening of the school, been a diligent earnest pupil in his school; and a testimony of the kind affection of the teachers of St. George's. Only two weeks before his death he was confirmed, being fifteen years of age,—one of the many instances of the blessings of a Church Sunday school.

On Sunday, the third after Trinity, seventy carefully selected books were presented as premiums to the scholars of St. George's. A number of them being handsome Bibles with references, were presented to the teachers. The other books were from the S. P. C. K.

LISTOWELL.—North America is the birthplace and the home, above all other countries, for schism. As an instance of the extent to which schism begets schism, we will take the census of one of our northern parishes, having a population of less than 2,500 people. Listowell has nineteen religious denominations, dissenters from the church. The denominations and numbers of adherents are as follows:—Presbyterians

542, Canada Methodists 540, Congregationalists 207, Lutheran 197, Episcopal Methodists 128, Primitive Methodists 112, Roman Catholics 44, German Methodists 38, Brethren 37, Baptists 33, Christadelphians 17, Children of Zion 9, Adventists 8, New Jerusalemites 7, Campbellites 5, Tinkers 5, Menites 2, Disciples 2, Universalists 2, and a number of others that have no classification.

ANNIVERSARY.—On Dominion day the congregations of St. Paul's church, Kirkton, Trinity church, Prospect Hill, and St. Patrick's church, Biddulph, held a most successful anniversary picnic in Mr. Wm. Gunning's woods, 12th Con., Blanshard. The weather was delightful, and the attendance very large. A most eloquent lecture on a "Tour in England, Ireland, Scotland, and France," was delivered by the talented speaker, Rev. J. Gemley, rector of Simcoe. The Rev. T. W. Magahy, rector of Lucan, gave a very interesting address; and the Rev. P. B. DeLom, rector of Mitchell, contributed two most laughable Irish readings. The Granton choir kindly rendered a choice selection of music. On Sunday, 3rd inst., the anniversary service was held on the same grounds, and an exceedingly impressive sermon was preached by Rev. P. B. DeLom, on the text Nehemiah viii. 10.

JAPAN.

The following extract from a letter from the Rev. A. C. Shaw, son of Major Shaw, Toronto, who studied at Trinity college, and is now a missionary in Japan, will interest our readers.

Tokio, Japan, May 12th, 1881.

We left Tokio by a Japanese steamer, on board of which one of our Christians is an officer; he was proud and pleased to have us with him, and did all he could to make us comfortable. After twenty-four hours' sail we landed at a place called Yokkurichi, and from thence went by road to Ise, for millions the most sacred place in Japan.

There are here two temples (founded, according to the Japanese chronology, in the year 4 B.C.) to the Shinto, or original religion. The first is called Gekko, or outer palace, and is dedicated to the goddess of food; the other is called Naiku, or inner palace, and is dedicated to the sun goddess. The temples are small, thatched, unpainted buildings, without ornament of any kind, and contrast very unfavourably with the wealth, carving, and splendor of Buddhist architecture. Every twenty years the temples are entirely removed; the old wood is used for making little boxes containing strips of paper with prayers written on them, which are sold to the pilgrims, who come in thousands all the year through to this Mecca of Japan. When we went the roads were crowded with them, from old men and women to quite young children of both sexes. It is quite a common thing for the latter of both sexes to run away from home and beg their way to the shrines and back. Some little boys whom I questioned told me they came from a place some hundreds of miles away.

The pilgrims go to the temples and stand in front of the entrance, before which a large white curtain is hung, and beyond which nothing can be seen. They face towards the invisible shrine containing the emblems of the Deity, and placing their hands together make a low reverence, repeating at the same time a short form of prayer. This concludes their worship. Then they purchase from an attendant priest the small box mentioned before, which is securely fastened up in oil papers, and carried safely home to act as a charm against all misfortune.

Just beyond the temples there is a famous mountain called Asamaz Ma, from the summit of which there is one of the finest views in Japan. To the right on one side is the ocean, stretching far away toward America; and on the other in a grand line are all the finest mountains in Japan from peerless, Fuji, 150 miles away, to Ha Kasan, the next highest to Fuji, close at hand.

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

THE COMING ARCHDEACON.

SIR,—I am much surprised at two statements made by Geo. Martin Rae on this subject in your last issue. And first in regard to your "laudations" of Provost Whitaker. I believe I have read everything you have had to say in reference to that gentleman, and I have never found that you have had one word to say in