

church at one of the outstations in this large parish. Munster is a central point, with many church families and a Methodist meeting house. Church services have for many years been held in two orange halls, but Mr. Jemmett with commendable energy has determined to concentrate his work and to form one congregation. He has had several years of hard work and long drives, and he is now seeing some practical results from his steady labours. We hope are long to chronicle the opening of this new church.

BELL'S CORNERS.—The Rev. H. B. Patton has recently moved into his substantial and pretty parsonage which immediately adjoins the church, and which reflects credit, not only on himself—for many previous efforts have been made to secure a parsonage to this parish—but also on the parishioners, sturdy farmers, who have come to the front and liberally contributed to its erection. Their only regret now is that it is but half occupied, the parson still clinging to single blessedness. They think it a pity to see a fine house wasted. Mr. Patton is what we call a worker; he is now preparing to erect a very neat stone church at Fallowfield. Everywhere one goes in this Diocese you hear of churches or parsonages going up. The clergy appear everywhere to be active leaders of willing people.

NEW EDINBURGH.—The Rev. Mr. Hanington has within a year or two opened up a Mission station in one of the suburban villages and is now beginning the erection of a church. It is purely voluntary work similar to that undertaken by the same priest seven or eight years ago, which resulted in a neat brick church several miles from the city, Green's Creek, and which of late years has been attached to an adjoining mission. Mr. Hanington is ever on the lookout for work.

OTTAWA.—Christ Church congregation are making extensive improvements in the interior of this handsome church, large and beautiful enough for a cathedral. In the event of a division of the Diocese this will doubtless be the cathedral. The congregation seems to have imbibed new life and vigour within the past year or two. They have two very energetic wardens, admirable financiers, and the archdeacon is personally a power. Genial, hearty and dignified he makes warm friends everywhere, and has a most zealous fellow-worker in his curate.

MOULINETTE.—Rev. F. Prime, for many years missionary priest of Moulinette and Hewington, has removed to Kingston where he is appointed to All Saints. The people here seem to feel very deeply their loss in his removal. Full of zeal and never weary of doing his master's work he was in and among them at all seasons, and as a natural result won his way right into their breasts. Young and old looked to him as a true friend. The tearful eye and tremulous voice as they related his goodness to your correspondent showed how deeply they felt his departure. He has lifted the parish, in a church sense, and many now realize what they never knew before about the church. Many prayers and good wishes follow him to his new field of labor, and may he succeed in building up a strong congregation at All-Saints where the glory and beauty of our church's services may be fully recognized.

PRESCOTT.—Mr. W. Lewin, B. A., is spending his vacation at the Rectory, returning home with high honors and his Trinity degree. We hope similar success may attend him in his further studies, and that ere long he may be called to the high office he has chosen for life. Would that more young men were offering for the sacred ministry. The cry is now more for men than means.

LEQUOIS.—In most every parish we hear of Trinity, either college or school. A son of our esteemed rector, Canon White, is home for vacation, bringing with him valuable prizes as an evidence of the honorable rank he has attained at Port Hope. There is here and there encouragement for the future in seeing the sons of the clergy going forth to our seats of learning, wrestling from many competitors high distinction, and then in course of time, undeterred by what they know to be a hard and laborious life, offering all the gifts with which they are endowed to be sanctified in a lifelong preaching of those holy truths which from childhood's days they have imbibed in the humble home of a Canadian Missionary.

OSNABRUCK.—This is one of the finest parishes along the river front, having a very large Church population, and in charge of a very earnest young priest—Rev. S. Gower Poole. At a recent confirmation there was probably the largest proportion of converts from other religious bodies ever present in this

Diocese at one confirmation. A re-arrangement of parishes is about being effected, by which two new parishes will be formed and much new country to the north taken up by a resident missionary in what is now but outstations. Two parishes here are still without a clergyman. The Bishop has several vacant parishes, we believe, but will appoint only active, earnest men. His Lordship prefers to keep a parish open some time, rather than make a hasty appointment; but good men find ready employment, and there is not a Diocese in the whole province that excels Ontario in parochial or missionary work, or in which there is a higher tone of churchmanship. From one end of the Diocese to the other we see every indication of abundant life and growth. Your canvasser, Rev. W. H. Wadleigh, is spoken of all through this section in very high terms of praise; he has been most successful. The DOMINION CHURCHMAN is seen in most every house—and they like it.

KINGSTON.—Kindly acknowledge the following subscriptions received in aid of the Porter Fund:—Rev. A. Spencer, \$10; Rev. B. B. Smith, \$5; The Archdeacon of Kingston, \$6; per Mrs. Deacon, \$4 75; Rev. J. J. Bogert, \$2; Rev. A. L. Geen, \$5; Mrs. McKenzie, \$2; Rev. L. H. Kirkby, \$1; Rev. A. Williams, \$1; Rev. G. L. Colingham, \$1; Rev. U. T. Smithett, D.D., \$1; J. D. C., \$1; J. R. C., \$1; Rev. W. G. Poole, \$2. J. K. McMorine, Treasurer.

NIAGARA.

PALMERSTON.—On Saturday, the 17th, the Rev. G. B. Cook arrived home from his trip through England and Scotland. Many of the parishioners were at the station to meet their respected clergyman, and bid him a hearty welcome home.

A garden party and festival in connection with St. Paul's Church, was held in the parsonage grounds, on Thursday, 22nd July, when a large number of people were present. The evening was bright and pleasant, and the grounds were handsomely illuminated with lanterns and coloured lights, while the band rendered many of the choice selections. The proceeds amounted to over \$80.

HARRISTON.—The Rev. W. Bevan, having resigned the incumbency of the church in this very pleasant looking and bustling little town, the Rev. A. J. Belt, M. A., was appointed as his successor by the Bishop of Niagara. On the evening of the 4th July, there was a large congregation in the church to witness the induction of their new minister by the Ven. Archdeacon Dixon, acting for the Bishop of the diocese. The services, hymns, &c., were rendered in a very impressive manner. The Archdeacon preached, taking his text from one of the special psalms, the 122nd, 1st verse, "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord." The preacher showed in touching language, the way in which the Prayer Book services are interwoven with our hopes, and joys, and sorrows, through the whole course of our lives. In commencing, he dwelt on the gratification he felt on being present on so auspicious an occasion, and especially because the father of their incumbent had been a dear friend through nearly the whole of his clerical life, and the son also had excited a deep interest in his mind, from the very high stand he had taken in the examinations both for deacons and priests orders, and to which he could testify from his position as examining chaplain for the diocese. The crowded congregation were deeply impressed with the solemnity of the service, and so were the clergy who were present. The Rev. P. L. Spencer, and the Rev. A. Bonny assisted in the services.

QUELPH.—Sunday School Institute Examination.—On the 24th May, the Rev. Canon Belt examined in the vestry of St. George's Church, a class of seven, in the subjects appointed. The results have just come to hand. All were successful, and two took first classes in the advanced section, and two more took like honours in the lower division.

HURON.

MITCHELL.—It is likely that Rev. Mr. Kerr, of Quebec, will be appointed to the parish of Trinity, Mitchell, now vacant by the recent appointment of Rev. G. Ridley to be rector of Trinity Church. There are at all times parishes and missions in the diocese; though we occasionally receive aid from other dioceses, our supply is not equal to our need. At the last ordination here in St. George's Church, only three were ordained deacons, and of these three, only one was educated in Huron College. Account for the paradox as we may, there is an incessant efflux of clergyman from Huron to other dioceses. There are at present, four Huron clergymen in the diocese of

Michigan, and this is but one instance of the steady migration.

WINGHAM.—Rev. Robert McCosh, rector of St. Paul's Church, has returned from California, where he had been for two months. His visit to the south was caused by the severe illness of a friend. Mr. McCosh, the readers of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN will remember, had by his study of the church history, embraced the old church, though brought up a Presbyterian. Would that all of the church members and ministers were as zealous for the truth as some who have been led by the force of convictions to enter her fold.

BRANT.—The laying of the foundation for the Brant monument is progressing favourably. The work will probably be finished this week. The date for unveiling the statue, has not yet been decided. The Grand Master of Masons of Canada is to lay the corner stone. It is to be hoped that the Church authorities will, by taking a prominent part in the ceremonies, show that they hold dear the memory of the noble chief who built for his people the first of our mission churches; and to his life's latest day, by every means within his power, evinced his loyalty to his sovereign and love for the old, old Church.

THE INDIANS OF HURON DIOCESE.—There is in Canada, no subject of greater importance than the present and future of the Indians. They may be a source of strength to the Dominion. This has been proved by the records of the past. The Indians proved their loyalty to England at the time that the States separated from the Old Country, and again in the war of 1812. Were we even to ignore the blessings of Christianity to immortal souls, it must be admitted that religion is essential to loyalty, and all the blessings of civilization. This is the basis of our hope for the well being of the Indians, not merely for themselves but also of the Dominion.

Thanks to the Christian liberality of the missionary societies of England, and to the indefatigable labours of the missionaries here, there are now few pagan Indians in the diocese of Huron. In Munceetown, Oneida, Moraviantown, Walpole Island, Sarnia Reserve, and other places, the Church clergymen, catechists, and schoolmasters have been blessed in their labours, and above all others the Six Nations on the Grand River, have worthily followed in the footsteps of their loyal Christian chief, Joseph Brant. We merely speak of our diocese; the other dioceses, we believe can point to an equally good record. With the Huron diocese the Indian records are inseparably connected. From one of the nations that owned this district ere the white man explored its old forest, our diocese assumed its name. The Huron nation as well as others has ceased to exist, being ruthlessly slaughtered in their internecine wars.

Will the Indian race become extinct? This query is answered in the affirmative by many. Many tribes have become extinct, and hence, they argue, that the time is at hand when the aborigines of the continent will only be known from the pages of history. We admit that some nations, some tribes of Indians have ceased wholly to exist, and others have decreased in number. But there is at the present time, a conservative power influencing the nations that were dying in the destructive habits of paganism. Nations were dying away, as results of vices and diseases, many of which had been introduced by Europeans. The causes were incessantly going forward, while not a single preservative principle of social life was in any force. Virtue, the great conservator of national existence, was unknown. With the introduction of Christianity into the land, that state of society passed away.

Were additional proof needed to convince those who believe that the Indians are becoming extinct, we have the statistics now furnished by the Dominion Government. The only decrease recorded by the late census, is in the Mohawk nation, a decrease of sixteen, and this entirely due to exceptional circumstances. A trifling decrease such as this is no proof of the decadence of a race now numbering in the Dominion 129,522 souls.

PORT DOVER.—The members of Erie Lodge, A. F. and A. M., and visiting brethren, attended divine service last Sunday afternoon, the 25th inst., in St. Paul's Church here. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Bro. J. R. Newell, who took for his text St. Matthew xxii. 39: "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." He gave a very excellent discourse, that was listened to throughout with marked attention by the brethren. It abounded in valuable information regarding the objects and principles of Masonry, and the duties of the brethren to one another, and to society at large. The five points of fellowship were very clearly explained, and it was plainly shown that there was nothing in Masonry that did not accord with the teachings of the Bible, the laws of the land, and men's duty to themselves personally and to one another.