

sung, Mr. Crawford, himself a splendid vocalist, leading the people.

The mission service began with the reading of portions of Scripture bearing on the address to be given, after which another hymn was sung, Mr. Crawford taking the first two lines of each verse, and the people joining in the remainder, Mr. Crawford stating that he wished the singing to be a special feature of the services.

After a few minutes of silent prayer by the congregation, Mr. Crawford reminded those present that the mission was not intended only for the people of the Church, but for all classes. He divided his most earnest and practical address, listened to with rapt attention, into three parts: First, to sinners; Second, to indifferent Christians; and Third, to those who were really trying to serve God. In addressing sinners he was very earnest and pointed in his remarks, bringing the fruits of God's love, and his willingness that sinners should come and reason together with Him, home to the hearts of his hearers. He said that God never made a man to be damned, and that He gave a proof of His love to sinners in sending His Son to die for them, that all might be saved, no matter how deeply dyed in sin. He reminded them that the Man, Christ Jesus, with a heart like ours was pleading for them and was able to save to the uttermost. He directed those who were chained to habits, like that of strong drink, and who could not resist temptation, to the power of God waiting to save them from their sins. Before commencing the second portion of his address a hymn, "O, come to the merciful Saviour who calls you," was sung, and he then referred to the second class the indifferent professing Christians. He pointed out how inconsistently they acted in not giving religion their best and highest thoughts; and to their unwillingness to deny themselves to do anything for Christ, unless, indeed, there was some pleasure or amusement in it. He compared the pleasures of the world and those of serving the Lord and doing good, showing how incomplete and unsatisfactory were the former, in comparison to the pure joy in this world in the latter, and pleasures at the right hand of God for evermore. He concluded by addressing lovingly those who were trying to serve the Lord, but who had not joy and peace in believing.

The daily services will continue as follows: 7.30 a.m.; 10.00 a.m., at which there are addresses on "The Gifts of the Spirit;" 4.30 p.m., and 7.30 p.m.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

DURHAM.—On Tuesday, the 13th inst, we had our Annual Harvest Thanksgiving service, which was well attended. The Church was very prettily decorated. Prayers were read by Rev. T. C. Farthing, B.A., Incumbent; the Special lessons by Rev. W. Graham, B.A., Incumbent of Markdale. The sermon, which was much appreciated, was preached by the Rev. W. H. Wade, Rector of St. Paul's, Woodstock East, the text being Ps. ciii. 1-2.

After service there was celebration of the Holy Communion. Collection was for our Parsonage debt.

HAYSVILLE.—The Annual Harvest Festival at Haysville on Thursday, September 8th, was a highly successful affair. The weather was delightful; the Rectory house and grounds was thrown open for the occasion and was plentifully decorated with flags; a couple of tents also adorned the Lawn. The Tables were laid in the Orchard, and were a sight to behold; some 300 people partook of the repast.

The Harvest Services in the Church close by were crowded. The decorations were very effective. The afternoon service was conducted by the Rev. John Ridley, of Galt; the sermon was preached by the Rev. Robt. Ker, Rector of

Mitchell: "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things that he possesseth," a faithful, admirable sermon. Holy Communion afterwards and 26 remained. Evening service began at 7.30, and addresses were given by the visiting clergy, Rev. John Ridley, Rev. John Downie, (of Lucan), and Rev. Robt. Ker. The speakers were in their best vein, and the fact that the last two were Irishmen, added wit and zeal, and a chastened humour to the addresses. The singing of the united choirs of the Parish was excellent. Miss Cassie Allechin of Hamburg, presided at the organ. The offertory at both services amounted to \$26, and the proceeds of the Harvest Supper about \$52. Total \$78, to be given to the relief and maintenance of the Indian Homes at Sault Ste. Marie, Algoma.

LONDON.—The Rev. Canon and Mrs. Richardson, who have been spending a holiday of nearly three months in England and Ireland, returned to this city on the 15th inst. Although the return voyage was somewhat rough and protracted, both are looking remarkably well, and have evidently been much benefited by their trip. They were met at the Station by prominent members of the congregation and driven to the Rectory, where they were greeted by the members of their family, and found their table had been spread and furnished with a sumptuous repast by thoughtful friends in anticipation of their arrival. In the evening at 8 o'clock they were invited to the School room adjoining the Church and Rectory, where a large number of the congregation had assembled to receive them. After some time had been spent in the exchange of friendly greetings, and in enjoying the refreshments liberally provided by the ladies of the congregation, order was called by V. Cronyn, Esq., who in the unavoidable absence of the Churchwardens, read an address of hearty welcome; referring also to the faithful carrying on of the work of the Parish during Canon Richardson's absence by his *locum tenens* Rev. J. C. Robinson. The Rector feelingly replied for himself and Mrs. Richardson.

LONDON.—The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Diocese has returned, and is busy as ever. The trip to British Columbia has evidently done both Mrs. Baldwin and himself much good. On the first Sunday after his return he preached twice.

The City clergy have all returned to their respective parishes after the summer vacation.

WINGHAM.—This important parish has been without a Rector since Mr. McCosh left several months ago. It is earnestly hoped that an appointment may soon be made, as the Church is suffering and losing ground all this time.

PETROLIA.—The Rev. P. B. de Lom, purposes leaving in a few weeks for England. Mrs. de Lom's health has been very bad of late, and it is hoped by escaping the severe winter she may be much improved.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

The Harvest Festival in the Mission of Rosseau was held at Rosseau on the 7th inst. The Church was beautifully decorated under the guidance of Miss Thurtell, of Guelph. This lady who has been staying in Rosseau during the summer months, has weekly decorated the Cross and Vases on the Altar with such wild flowers and creepers as the place produces, and has each week made the place more and more beautiful. On the occasion of the Harvest Festival and the Sunday following the Church looked lovely, showing what a knowledge of fine art combined with delicate and good taste can accomplish in the district of Parry Sound.

The services were, Matins 11 a.m., and Holy Eucharist, the celebrant being the Rev. E. S. Knight, of Port Carling, who also preached

able and suitable sermons for the occasion; 7.30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon. Unfortunately the day was most unpropitious and kept many away. September 8th, the Harvest Festival was held at Ullswater, a station 10 miles south of Rosseau. The services were as above, Matins 11 a.m.; Holy Eucharist and sermon when the Rev. E. S. Knight again celebrated and preached capital sermons both morning and evening. The Church, as is usual at that station, would have done credit to any country congregation in Canada as regards devout behaviour, responses and decorations. The music was good and the singing hearty. All felt it was a day on which all the works of the Lord should praise Him. The Church was very full both morning and evening.

The Incumbent feels that his hearty thanks are due to those clergy who have kindly assisted him with the services during their stay in Rosseau, viz. The Rev. A. Williams, of St. John the Evangelist, Toronto; the Very Rev. W. Kilin, of Memphis; the Rev. Alex. W. Macnab, of St. Barnabas, St. Catharines, as also Chas. Coate, Esq., for Lay reading and both families, of Mr. F. W. Coate and Mr. J. Brown, of Upper Canada College, for assisting in the choir during their visit here. The Incumbent offers his hearty thanks for \$5 to J. Vanner, Esq., for the station of Raymond.

The Rev. Alfred W. H. Chowne, begs to acknowledge with hearty thanks the sum of \$50, the gift of George Thurtell, Esq., of Guelph, towards building a much needed Church "in true Ecclesiastical style" at the station of Raymond. The site is a very beautiful one, and offered by Mr. John Etty, who for four years has been allowing service to be held in his house. It must be allowed that it is very hard on a good house-wife to invade her house first thing on Sunday morning after she has taken great pains to make it nice and clean on Saturday particularly if she be not strong; again, it is a constant hinderance to household work and very detracting to the sanctity of the service. Will every Churchman who reads this, send as much help as he can afford that the building may be got up before winter sets in? And may each gift bring God's blessing on the giver.

THE CONFERENCE.—In the report of the late Conference of Clergy, held in this Missionary Diocese, no reference was made to what we regret to learn took place, viz. the administration of Holy Communion in the evening in connection with a Confirmation held by the Bishop of the Diocese. Whatever may be said in favour of Evening Communion in populous parishes in cities—on the ground of convenience for servants, &c.,—such a celebration in connection with a Special Meeting of the Bishop and Clergy of a Diocese seems particularly out of place, and regrettable. There can be little doubt we think that the weight of the Church opinion and practice is against this somewhat new custom; and it is to say the least unfortunate that it should be introduced and practised in the Missionary Diocese of this Ecclesiastical Province.

DIOCESE OF COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA.—The Cathedral.—The Rev. John Hardwicke Davis, and two children arrived over the C. P. R. from England on August 30th. Mr. Davis has been appointed one of the assistant Clergy of Christ Church Cathedral, and brings much valuable experience in earnest parochial work in the Mother country.

During the past month three Bishops of the Anglican Communion and several other distinguished Divines have visited Victoria and preached in the Cathedral.

On Sunday, August 21st., the Right Rev. M. S. Baldwin, D.D., Bishop of Huron, preached at the morning service, and at the evening service on the same day a striking sermon on the "Progress of Christianity" was delivered by Dr. Whipple, the Bishop of Minnesota, U. S. A.

On Sunday, August 28th, the morning sermon