

was erected at Selby, Mr. and Mrs. Bogart very literally have been spending as well as were being spent in the service of this scattered flock. To the estimable and accomplished wife the people owe as much as to her husband. She has taught the children and the choir, played the organ and devoted her untiring energies to the erection of the church and the parsonage and collection of funds for all the parochial needs. We are in a position to speak of the good work done in this our own immediate vicinity, and the good name won by Mr. and Mrs. Bogart, and we think the people who owe them more than they can ever repay should not suffer their benefactors to leave without some recognition of their labors of love continued for so many years. No successor has yet been named for Selby, and none can be named until the Bishop is informed what the congregation can offer in the way of stipend. For this purpose the Archdeacon is to hold a meeting next Monday evening in the Church at Selby. Now that so much has been done to give our neighbors to the north so many years of religious privileges we have little doubt they will with alacrity show their gratitude and appreciation, and not allow a long interval to elapse before they secure a successor to their friend and pastor, Mr. Bogart, whom we regret to lose as a clergyman living we may say, among us, and who takes our best wishes with him to his new and important sphere of duty.

ROSLIN.—The congregation of the Church of England here are making extensive repairs and adding a lofty spire to the church, all of which were very much needed. The work is being done under the superintendence of Mr. Badgely, of Plainfield, who is the contractor. The repairs will cost about \$800.

MISSION OF STAFFORD.—The ceremony of laying the corner stone of the new presbytery for the Mission of Stafford, was conducted under the most favorable auspices on Thursday the 9th inst. and will no doubt prove a day never to be forgotten by those who witnessed the festivities. The large shed adjoining St. Stephen's Church, Stafford, was handsomely decorated with evergreens at the extreme end, where a table was profusely laden with rich articles. A large number of guests arrived, many of whom were completely charmed with the simplicity of the opening services. The bazaar was announced as open by the ringing of a bell. The Rev. J. W. Forsyth, the Rev. R. D. Mills, with Mrs. Forsyth and Mrs. P. White took their place on the platform. Hymns and appropriate prayers opened the proceedings. The corner stone being in readiness, the journal of the Synod of Ontario, with a photograph of the present incumbent, also a copy of the *pembroke Standard* and the current coins of the realm, were deposited in the stone. Mrs. Forsyth, with trowel in hand, spread the mortar as a bed for the stone, and assisted by Mrs. P. White, placed the stone in its proper position, when Mrs. Forsyth repeated the following words:—"In the faith of Jesus Christ we lay the corner stone, in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, Amen." The Rev. R. D. Mills concluded by giving the benediction. The alms dish was placed on the stone to receive contributions, when the handsome sum of over \$40 was given. All denominations joined in this day's proceedings with the heartiest good will, and when partaking of refreshments in the shed adjoining, all seemed like one family; old and young, and drew forth the expression of old, "See how these Christians love one another." A very able speech was delivered by Rev. Mr. Forsyth, and a vote of thanks returned to the Rev. R. James Harvey, the incumbent, called for three cheers for the Bishop of Ontario, the congregations of St. Stephen's St. Patrick's and Rankin, and for the Queen, which closed one of the happiest events in the history of Stafford. The total receipts amounted to over \$70 towards the building fund.

BELLEVEILLE, ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.—At the conclusion of the service in St. John's Church, on the 19th inst., at which an unusually large number were present, Mr. Irwin came forward and read to the incumbent the following address in the name of his parishioners: To the Rev. R. S. Forneri, M. A., Incumbent St. John's Church Belleville—Rev. and Dear Sir: It is now just seven years ago, that in a response to a petition signed by your friends and parishioners in Belleville, you consented to allow your name to be forwarded to the Bishop, asking him to appoint you as first incumbent of St. John's Church. This you did, as we are aware, at a great sacrifice of your inclinations and prospects, for your wish then was to return to the Diocese of Toronto, where you had, at that time, much better expectations. We recall this sacrifice at the outset of your pastorate of St. John's, as characteristic of the whole of your ministry among us. Amid many discouragements you have ever been ready to sacrifice inclination to duty

—you have not mingled with outside matters, that you might be able to devote your whole time to the duties of your sacred office. Let us assure you, now at the close of your ministry among us, that we have not been ungrateful observers of your devotion to our best welfare. We have very much appreciated your truly evangelical preaching, your visits have been pleasant to us, and in times of sorrow and bereavement your sympathies and sacred instructions have been very consoling. In a word, we cannot help saying that the losing of you will be very severely felt by every one of your congregation—the young as well as the old—it will leave a void in our hearts, difficult to fill. Your good lady, too, has greatly endeared herself to us by her unassuming manner, and by the kindness and good will she has always shown towards us. But while parting from you and your amiable wife and family with unfeigned sorrow and regret, yet as the change is unsought for on your part, so we believe it to be Providential, and as it will be to your advantage, we sincerely rejoice at your preferment. In conclusion we beg you to accept this purse of gold as a slight token of the sincerity of our regard for you and your family, and of the earnestness of our good wishes for your welfare here and hereafter. Words can but feebly express what we feel at this time, but may your future path be smoother than it has been here, may prosperity attend your labors for the good of souls, may "goodness and mercy follow you all the days of your life," and may we all be re-united at last "to dwell in the house of the Lord for ever." Mr. Irwin then handed the rev. gentleman a purse containing \$100 in gold. Upon receiving it Mr. Forneri begged leave to give out a hymn while he endeavored to compose his thoughts and feelings for a suitable reply. This being sung, Mr. Forneri made a very feeling reply expressing his own and Mrs. Forneri's grateful appreciation of the kindness ever shown them in the parish.

GANANOQUE.—The Teachers of Christ Church Sunday School had a most enjoyable moonlight excursion on steamer *Puritan* Wednesday evening the 15th ult. The *Puritan* ran up through the group of islands known as Gananoque Islands, a most charming course, as the river scenery just here surpasses anything between Kingston and Montreal. Hundreds of tourists pass by Gananoque in their ordinary run from Toronto to Montreal and miss the real beauties of our river scenery. To be enjoyed and never forgotten a stay should be made and a tour (not down the river through the main or North Channel) amongst the Islands made, especially those immediately above the town. After all expenses were paid the teachers had \$68 to their credit.

Your correspondent was pleased to hear that through a small paragraph inserted in THE DOMINION CHURCHMAN in re subscription taken up in Gananoque for South Lake Church, a lady in Ottawa kindly sent on \$4 to aid in the good work.

NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—St. Thomas' Church.—It is intended to place a chime of bells in the new tower.

THE BISHOP OF NIAGARA has issued an appropriate form of Prayer on account of the evident appearance of cholera in Egypt which may ere long spread to other lands. The prayer for deliverance from the terrible endemic is to be used in this diocese during its prevalence in Egypt.

TIMELY WARNING.—The Bishop of Niagara in his annual address to the Synod, made the following quotations and remarks in reference to the Sacrament of Baptism, its neglect among some leading denominations in the United States, and exhorted his clergy to beware of laxity but be faithful to the divine direction. The Bishop thus quoted from an able writer who had been for seven years a Presbyterian minister in the States:—He tells us that, "if we enquire regarding the great cities of the various presbyteries, reaching from Canada to Florida, and from the Atlantic to the Mississippi, we find that the presbytery of Albany, with 4,178 communicants, gave 178 in for baptism; New York with 4,729 gave 226; New Brunswick with 4,584 gave 165; Philadelphia with

2,098 gave 109; Cincinnati with 1,672 gave 62; St. Louis with 1,459 gave 57; Charleston 843 gave 35. These figures were given more than 30 years ago. But I am sorry to learn that things are no better now. I find the following statement in the *Church Guardian*, an entirely reliable paper, dated 16th September, 1882. "In the 1st Presbyterian Church in New York, with its 410 members, two infants only have been brought to the baptismal font. The magnificent Memorial Church, with its 608 members, has had only ten infants baptised. The North Church, with its 608 members, returns only eleven infants baptised. Dr. Talmage, well known in this country, reports a membership of 2,747, but only twenty-seven infants baptised. Drs. Van Dyke and Crosby, one with 571 and the other with 336, report no baptism of infants at all. But probably the most startling neglect is in Buffalo, not more than 50 miles from us, where the three largest Presbyterian Churches report one baby baptised." It should be known to all that those 6 years' returns are taken from the official records, carefully made up and solemnly laid before the highest judicatory of the Presbyterian Church, for the year 1881-2. Under these circumstances I consider it my duty to call your attention for a time to this ordinance of infant baptism; in regard to which, I fear, that in common with many around them, some of our people have embraced many crude and unscriptural doctrines. And, in reference to the subject of instruction, let me here state, that the longer I live, the more I am convinced that one of the crying wants of our people is instruction, and that our clergy should do their very utmost to afford them instruction." The *Richmond Religious Herald* is authority for the statement that nine-tenths of the Methodists of the south repudiate infant baptism. It is a logical result of the "conversion" theory and practice. The Baptists are the only consistent sect in all the varieties of Protestantism, and they have the courage of their opinions. A Methodist minister once assured the writer that he had no idea that Baptism was of any spiritual value or importance, but was to be continued simply in obedience to a Divine command. Why a mere form should have been enjoined upon the Church by a Divine authority, he could not explain.

CAYUGA.—The residence and grounds of the late Mr. Sayers, Cayuga, have been purchased for a Parsonage. The Rev. A. Boulbee is in charge of this parish, and is greatly encouraged in the work of his Ministry.

HARVEST WORK in this diocese progresses most favorably, but owing to rust on wheat the grain is small and scant yet hard, and will produce excellent flour. Oats everywhere seem a heavy crop. Potatoes on high lands are superior, while on low lands there is a rot among them. Indian corn likewise is better on high land this year than on low land, where it seems a failure except as fodder in the stalk. Apples are neither abundant nor of good quality.

GRIMSBY.—The Methodist camp meeting ground is again the scene of large numbers of people from far and near places. Saturday the 11th of August was the opening day. Very eloquent and forcible sermons were preached on Sunday the 12th. Singing was also most excellent, being sustained by the best talent. A wholesome check we deem was given during that Sunday afternoon, to the attempt of a large excursion party to leave the grounds, when they pleased to embark on the steamer *Hastings* for Toronto, so producing disorder and showing a spirit of wanton desecration of the place and Holy Day. It was thought therefore that the gates to the wharf should not be opened until towards evening, but the president yielded permission for an earlier hour with a warning that such excessive liberty should not be repeated there on the Lord's Day. It is never too late to mend; but the liberty to come and go on the Holy Day, hitherto allowed, may be the excuse for many in making it an opportunity for mere excursion and recreation parties. We wish that some wholesome check could also be administered to those who on leaving the grounds at evening, are inclined to drive along the road furiously with unseemly shouting homeward. Better it is for such persons to think solemnly of whatever good word they may have heard, and to mark the day as one of quiet, and not of tumult. Indeed, we venture to think that the residents of Grimsby on this account rather dread the annual camp meeting in their vicinity, and are greatly relieved when the end of it has come. We are not finding fault with the managers of this enterprise in religion, but only hope that reverence shall be a subject for godly admonition to the great assembly, thronging to see, if not to hear. With all due respect to the managing committee, we beg to suggest to them the advisability of circulating printed directions, with kind exhortations to the public to abstain from any unseemly demonstrations which tend to disturb the rest and sanctity of the Lord's Day, there, or anywhere else on occasions of this kind.