

urday, 10th Sept. inst. A number of games, swings and a dancing platform furnished amusement for all present. Well filled baskets of provisions were taken to the grounds, and refreshments were passed around by unsparing hands. The Rev. Mr. Low, incumbent of the church, and his estimable family were also present, and took an active part in all the proceedings. The merry and happy gathering dispersed at six in the evening, all feeling thoroughly satisfied with the afternoon's outing.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TORONTO.—A C. of E. Sunday-school Conference of representatives from the various Diocesan Sunday-school Committees of the Church of England in Ontario and Quebec, was held on the afternoon of the 13th inst, at the Synod offices on Wellington Street, for the purpose of considering the feasibility of adopting a Joint Diocesan scheme of Sunday-school lessons, and also as to united action in the preparation of lesson helps for teachers and scholars, annual examinations, &c. The Conference was private. The following resolution was passed at its close:—Moved by Rev. Canon Innes, M.A., of London, and seconded by Rev. J. F. Sweeny, B.D., of Toronto, "Resolved, that the various Diocesan Sunday-school Committees in this ecclesiastical Province be requested to consider and report as soon as possible to the Lord Bishop of Toronto whether, in their opinion, the publications of the Church of England Sunday-school Institute cannot be adopted as the basis of a joint Diocesan scheme of Sunday-school lessons; and also to appoint delegates to meet representatives from the other Diocesan Committees at the Synod offices, Toronto, on the 9th of November next, at 2 p.m., to take further action in the matter." Immediately afterwards a meeting of the Sunday-school Committees was held to complete arrangements for the Diocesan Sunday-school examination for teachers and scholars, which is to be held in Toronto and various other points throughout the Diocese on December 10th.—*The Mail*.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

WARDSVILLE.—The Annual garden party under the auspices of the Guild of St. James' Church, was held at the Rectory grounds on Monday, and, as usual, was a gratifying success, both in point of attendance and entertainment. There were many present from Rodney, Newbury, Duart, Glencoe, and surrounding country. The Rev. Mr. Shore and Mrs. Shore, were among the guests. At an early hour the Wardsville reed and brass Band, marched up to the grounds, where, by their sweet selections throughout the evening, they added materially to the pleasure of those present. The Rectory, as well as the grounds, which for the size of the place are unsurpassed, if equalled, by any other Church property in the Diocese, were brilliantly illuminated, and in a perfect state of order; in fact, the Rector himself, having a double duty to perform—Mrs. Taylor not being sufficiently recovered from her recent illness to leave her room—seemed almost electrified by the manner in which he got about to greet and welcome his friends. Although having lost many valuable members in recent years through death or removal, the Church has made and is making marked progress in financial as well as spiritual growth, and never before has the parish been in so satisfactory and flourishing a condition, very much due, no doubt, to the efforts of the energetic and indefatigable worker, Rev. W. J. Taylor, combined with the aid of a united people, and that of hard-working Churchwardens. A substantial sum was added to the funds of the Guild.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

ALGOMA CONFERENCE.—The first Conference of all the Algoma clergy ever held since the first formation of the Diocese 14 years ago, was called by the Bishop to meet at Parry Sound, on the 4th of August last. Out of the 22 clergy of the Diocese, 18 attended; some of them coming a distance of nearly 500 miles, and the session lasted five days. The clergy were kindly provided for by the residents of the town during their stay and were most hospitably received. The subjects under discussion were as follows:—

1. The expediency or otherwise of the organization of a Synod.

2. The administration in case of need, and pending the erection of a Synod, of our Widow's and Orphan's Fund.

3. Our representation in the Provincial Synod.

4. The best means of developing the internal resources of the Diocese.

5. The improvement of the "Algoma Missionary News" as a Diocesan organ.

(1.) There was considerable discussion over the first of these subjects. The feeling seemed to be that it was premature to attempt for the present the organization of a Synod, and that at any rate it would be well to ascertain the feeling of the Provincial Synod on the subject before taking such a step. It was felt however that an annual meeting of the Algoma clergy and lay delegates was most desirable; and finally it was decided that every first and second year there should be two Conferences held one in the eastern and the other in the western part of the Diocese, both lay and clerical members attending, and every third year a general conference of the whole Diocese; to be held at such place as the Bishop might appoint. The Bishop was requested also to bring the question of the formation of a Synod for Algoma before the next Provincial Synod.

(2.) The Bishop's scheme for the administration of the Widow's and Orphan's Fund was read, and a Committee appointed to consider and report upon it. It provided that from \$90 to \$150 per annum should be paid to the widow, and \$20 per annum to each child under the age of 15, the sum paid to the widow being regulated by the term of service of her deceased husband. The Bishop's scheme with some few alterations suggested by the Committee, was adopted.

(3.) The subject of representation at the Provincial Synod, was discussed. The Bishop drew attention to the Canon providing for Algoma to be represented, and pointed out that there would be some difficulty in electing the lay delegates owing to the scattered nature of the Diocese; but few laymen in any one mission being acquainted with the laymen in any other mission. Various suggestions were made to overcome the difficulty, but, the Provincial Synod having already directed the manner in which the Algoma delegates were to be elected, it seemed vain to attempt to make any change.

(4.) A Committee was appointed to report on the "best means to develop the internal resources of the Diocese." It was resolved to adopt the envelope system as far as possible; to hold annual missionary meetings wherever practicable; and for a memorandum of agreement covering one year to be entered into by the Bishop, and each organized station guaranteeing their quota towards their clergyman's support.

(5.) There was a long discussion in regard to the "Algoma Missionary News." Rev. Mr. Wilson, having tendered his resignation as editor, the question arose—what was to be done about it? Should the little paper be placed in other hands? Should it be given up altogether? or should space be sought in some other Church paper in which Algoma might be regularly represented? Mr. Wilson, in tender-

ing his resignation, had referred to the difficulties with which he had had to contend, and these were taken up and discussed. The Committee appointed by the Bishop to consider the whole subject and to report upon it, recommended that Mr. Wilson be asked to continue the editorship for at least another year; that the Diocesan receipts should be published as they used to be in the early days of the Diocese, and a balance sheet at the end of each financial year with full information as to where and how the different moneys and funds are invested; and that the paper should be recognized as the official organ of the Diocese, and be supported in every way possible by the Algoma clergy.

The Bishop signified his intention to divide the Diocese into Rural-deaneries, and directed each Rural-deanery to elect its own Rural-dean. The elections resulted as follows:—Port Arthur district, Rev. C. J. Machin; Sault Ste. Marie district, Rev. H. Beer; Parry Sound district, Rev. A. W. H. Chowne; Muskoka district, Rev. Thos. Llwyd.

The Rev. E. F. Wilson resigned his position as Examining Chaplain, retaining that only of Bishop's Commissary. Rev. A. Osborne is now the Examining Chaplain for the whole Diocese.

On the Friday evening a very interesting Missionary meeting was held in Juke's Hall, and on Monday evening there was a well attended Social or Reception to which the clergy and others were invited by the Rev. Mr. Gaviller, his Churchwardens, and Parishioners.

Most of the clergy of the Manitoulin and Lake Superior districts, left by the Bishop's yacht "Evangeline" on the Tuesday morning; the others met for a morning session with the Bishop, and then separated. The Conference throughout was most harmonious, and we believe Bishop and clergy alike all thoroughly enjoyed this first meeting together of far separated brethren.

A full account of the Conference appears in the September number (10 pages) of the *Algoma Missionary News*.

DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER.

VANCOUVER.—On Wednesday, Aug. 3rd., a Sale of Work was held in the Skating Rink, in aid of the Building Fund of the Church. The stalls were five in number, and were all very tastefully decorated. The sale was superintended by Mrs. Alexander and the stalls were under the charge of the following ladies: Mrs. Tilley, Mrs. Spinks, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Edwardes, Mrs. Twiford, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Johns, Mrs. Coldwell, Mrs. Charleson, Mrs. C. Johnson, Miss L. Alexander, the Misses Miller and the Misses Cambie. All the workers are to be heartily congratulated on the success of the Sale of Work. We understand that it realized a clear \$500 which puts the Church out of debt and leaves a small balance towards other necessities.

HOLY TRINITY.—The Centenary of the Colonial Episcopate, August 12th, 1887, ought to have been a day dear to, and to be remembered by, all British Colonies, but to us of British North America it bore a peculiar significance, as it was on the soil of what was then, August 12th, 1787, one of Britains North American Colonies, our much loved Church was fully organized by the consecration of Dr. Inglis, first Bishop of Nova Scotia and first Colonial Bishop sent forth by the Church of England. Planted then in all her vigor she took root, and though at first her growth was slow yet she grew, and has continued to grow, and may we not now say, she flourishes "like a tree planted by the water side that will bring forth fruit in due season." May God give her grace to hold fast till He come. We, here in the Province of British Columbia are invited to closer union with the Dioceses east of the Rockies, and we should take more than a mere passing interest in the Cathedral which now at the completion of one hundred years it is proposed to erect in Halifax, as a me-