

EMILY and OMEMEE.—The following address was presented to his Lordship by W. S. Cottingham, Esq.,
To the Lord Bishop of Toronto,

May it please your Lordship.—We, the members of the Church of England, in the Parish of Emily, on this your first visit to us, desire to offer you our congratulations on your accession to this Episcopate, as well as on your safe return from your long voyage to Great Britain. We hail your advent amongst us as an omen for good, and confidently look for a prosperous future to the Church in this parish and diocese. We wish and hope that your visit to this parish may be pleasant for you, and that the best anticipations you may have formed respecting the Church therein may be more than realized. We owe you our most grateful thanks for placing over this parish a clergyman of the rare ability, attainments and experience of the Rev. Rural-dean Smithett, d.d. In the short time he has been here he has, by his urbanity and indefatigable exertions for the welfare of the Church, won for himself a high place in the esteem of the people. Our desire will be that we may be able to retain him as the shepherd over us for a long time to come. In conclusion we earnestly pray that your Lordship may long occupy the seat at the head of this diocese, and that the Church may prosper materially and grow in grace under your benignant control.

Signed on behalf of the parish: W. Adams, I. McNeely, wardens, T. Stephenson, W. S. Cottingham, lay delegates, Christ Church; Jas. Clarke, Jas. Groves, wardens, Mr. Boates, lay delegate, St. James' Church; Mr. Magee, P. Creamer, wardens, St. John's Church.

Omeme, September, 1881.

EMILY.—A harvest home festival was held in St. James' church on Wednesday, August 17th, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. Rural-dean Allen, after prayer by the incumbent, Rev. Dr. Smithett. The musical service was rendered by the Christ Church choir. The church was handsomely decorated with fruits, grain, vegetables and flowers of the season festooned with evergreens. A large gathering afterwards partook of refreshments in our adjoining grove, and the occasion passed off most satisfactorily.

On Wednesday, 14th, his lordship the Bishop of Toronto assisted by the Rev. Rural-dean Allen, Dr. Smithett and Messrs. Avant, Cooper, Burges and Jones, consecrated Christ Church, Omeme, to the service of Almighty God, before a large congregation gathered on the occasion. The petition was read by the incumbent and the sentences of consecration by the Rev. Rural-dean Allen, the rest of the clergy taking part in the order of evening prayer. The musical portion of the service was in perfect keeping with the gratifying ceremonies of the day. His Lordship then administered the apostolic rite of confirmation to twenty-seven candidates, presented by the incumbent. In accordance also, with the wish and design of the founder of the parish, Matthew Ruttan, Esq., of Adolphustown, as expressed in the instrument of endowment when the parish should become self-supporting. The parish of Emily was constituted a rectory by His Lordship, and the Rev. Dr. Smithett after making the usual declaration of assent and obedience to the canons and discipline of this church, was duly inducted and his licence to that effect promulgated to the congregation. In the evening a public reception was given to his lordship by the parish in Bradburn's Hall, an address of congratulation, sympathy and God speed, was presented to his lordship on this occasion of his first visit to the parish, and the memorable and interesting ceremonies of the day. His Lordship in response delivered an earnest and feeling reply, and other addresses were made by the Rev. Rural-dean and the rector. After a general introduction to the assembly and a friendly greeting to all by the Bishop the meeting was closed by singing the doxology and the episcopal benediction.

BOBCAYGEON.—*Christ Church.*—After the efforts of many years the building debt has been entirely done away; the balance having been wiped out by Mosson Boyd, Esq., to whom the church is much indebted for his uniform generosity. The church being thus free from any legal incumbrance, it was, on the morning of Tuesday the 18th duly consecrated and set apart for the worship of Almighty God, by the Lord Bishop of Toronto. His lordship was met at the church door by the incumbent, the Rev. H. C. Avant, the Rev. Rural-dean Allen, the Rev. W. Logan, the Rev. J. Jones, and M. Boyd, Esq., and Wm. Thurston, Esq., churchwardens. The incumbent read the petition of himself and churchwardens and others praying that the bishop would consecrate the church. His lordship having consented, the churchwardens, followed by the clergy and the bishop proceeded up the centre aisle saying the 24th Psalm. Having reached the chancel the special service, prepared by the House of Bishops, was gone through. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rural-dean, after which the *Te Deum* was sung. Then followed the morning service

to the end of the third Collect. This service was taken by the Rural-dean; the Rev. W. Logan reading the lesson. After hymn 396, part 2, A. & M. had been sung the Confirmation Service was commenced. The incumbent having read the preface, the bishop delivered a most impressive address—practical, instructive and earnest,—which was listened to with wrapt attention. Eleven were confirmed. At the conclusion of the service, hymn 271 was sung, and the offertory for the mission fund, was taken up. The bishop then pronounced the benediction. And so ended services which will long be remembered with pleasure. The church was well filled with a reverent and attentive congregation. The congregation are to be heartily congratulated on having their beautiful church free from debt, and thus solemnly set apart for the worship of God. It may be mentioned that within three years a financial liability of over \$1,000 has been entirely removed, by the persevering efforts of the ladies of the congregation and the members, to all of whom great praise is due.

DUNSFORD.—In the afternoon the Bishop, the Rev. R. D. Allen and J. Jones were driven by the incumbent to this place where his lordship consecrated St. John's church and burial ground and administered the rite of confirmation. The churchwardens in this instance were Messrs. J. Ireton, jun., and J. H. Cassidy. Mr. J. Ireton, sen. the generous donor of the land presented the deed to the Bishop. Evening service was said by the Rural-dean the Rev. J. Jones reading the lesson. After a hymn the confirmation service was commenced. Another excellent address was delivered by the bishop. Ten were confirmed. The offertory was devoted to the mission fund of the diocese. After this service the bishop and clergy and the congregation walked round the burial ground, and then the bishop offered the special collect and pronounced the blessing. There was a large congregation, which seemed to be deeply impressed with the solemn services. All the churches in this mission, Christ Church, Bobcaygeon, St. John's, Dunsford, and St. Alban's, Verulam, have been consecrated this year. The other stations are school houses, viz: Devitt's and Red School House.

CAVAN.—The Lord Bishop of Toronto held confirmation services on Sunday the 18th day of September in the parish of Cavan. There were sixty-four candidates in all, fifteen at St. John's church, seventeen at Christ Church, and thirty-two at St. Thomas's church, Millbrook, of these, thirty-six were males and twenty-eight females, the former being in excess of the latter, an unusual occurrence. The services were rendered more interesting than usual from the fact of their being several married people amongst the candidates, and also that five of those confirmed were baptised as adults, shortly before the day of confirmation. The united congregations amounted to about 900. The Bishop delivered plain effective addresses explaining the true character of the rite, and the duties and privileges of those admitted to it, and was listened to with marked attention. At Christ church, Baillieboro', the new bell, which weighs over 600 pounds, and was presented by T. W. McCamus, Esq., of Schenectady, N. Y., was rung on the occasion. It occupies a temporary structure at present, but the congregation propose (D. V.) next year to make an addition to their church and provide a suitable belfry.

PENETANGUISHENE.—On Monday last Mr. W. F. H. Thompson and Mr. H. Jennings, churchwardens of All Saints' church, Penetanguishene, presented the Rev. S. Mills with a very handsome horse, a set of harness, and a cutter. All honor to the good people of Penetanguishene and to the kind friends who assisted in the carrying out of so thoughtful and so generous a project.

MIDDLETON.—At last, having had the services of the Church for nearly two generations, Christ Church of this place has held a harvest home festival. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion in the morning, at which the Rev. A. W. Spragge, B. A., was celebrant, and the Rev. W. W. Bates, B. A., deacon. At half-past ten Mr. Spragge said matins, and Mr. Bates preached from the portion of Scripture appointed for the Epistle. There was then an adjournment to the glebe, where an abundance of the good things of this life had been provided for the visitors. When all had satisfied the "keen demands of appetite" terpsichorean amusements were engaged in, music being furnished by an excellent quadrille band. The financial result amounted to about seventy dollars. On the 8th inst., another very successful harvest home festival was held in Cookstown; and on the 21st a capital garden party (which it is hoped is only the first of a series of social entertainments to be given this season) was held in the grounds of Hillside parsonage in the same parish.

During the past two years Mr. E. W. Sibbald has

acted as a lay-reader in Mulmur mission. Doubtless a clergyman would long since have been sent here, but when Mr. Sibbald had been with the people for a few Sundays they were unanimous in their desire to wait until his ordination, so that he might be sent to remain with them permanently; a neighboring priest attending in the meantime, at certain intervals, to administer the two chief sacraments. Under Mr. Sibbald's judicious and energetic management the Church in Mulmur has made marvellous progress, an old church having been thoroughly repaired, a new one erected, and the congregations very much increased. On Monday last they held an excursion by W. and N.W. R. R. to Barrie, and thence by steamer "Lady of the Lakes," to Couchiching Park near Orillia. That it was a success socially, your correspondent, who was present, can cheerfully testify; and that it was equally successful financially is evident from the fact that nearly 600 people were present. So long as Mr. Sibbald remains as he is, a non-party man, not recognizing any of the three party names, High, Low, or Broad; and so long as he works as he has been doing for the past couple of years, he must be successful.

NIAGARA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.—In accordance with resolutions passed at the late Synod session, the Lord Bishop has called together a committee to arrange for a conference of Sunday-school workers, to be held (D. V.) in the schoolroom of Christ Church cathedral, [Hamilton, October 10th. On Sunday the 9th, there will be a special afternoon service at which the children of the city and adjacent parish schools will be gathered, to whom the bishop will deliver an address. Monday's proceedings will begin with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, and the convention will assemble at 9-30, when special subjects have been selected; each will be introduced by a fifteen minute prayer, which will be followed by a selected speaker for ten minutes, after which any one interested in Sunday-school work will have an opportunity of addressing the convention.

The convention held last year was so gratifying to all who were in attendance, that it is confidently hoped that the coming conference will be largely attended, and under God's blessing, productive of much good in the cause of Sunday-school work.

Accommodation will be provided in the city, for clergymen, superintendents and teachers, attending the conference.

CHIPPAWA.—On Sunday, September 11th, his lordship the Bishop, held a confirmation in Trinity church, when twenty-one candidates received the apostolic rite, all of whom, with two exceptions remained afterwards to partake of the Holy Communion, and in the afternoon his lordship drove to Stevensville where seven were confirmed. His lordship expressed himself much pleased with this new congregation, which has grown up under Rev. E. J. Fessenden's care. There have been over twenty baptisms lately, many of them adults. The attendance at the afternoon services, good; the responses and singing hearty; the former in a manner that should shame many of our half-hearted worshippers in other congregations, and we trust the zeal, energy and love shewn for the Church and its service by this generous people, will result in their being able soon to have a settled clergyman among them.

DRUMMONDVILLE.—The Rev. C. L. Inglis, who is away for his health, returns this week, we believe with renewed health, to resume his duties in the church, where he has for many years labored so faithfully and well for the Divine Master. He has the best wishes of all who know him, for continued health.

FLAMBORO.—*Christ Church.*—A harvest festival was held on Thursday, 15th inst. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m. Rev. W. Hoyles Clarke, celebrant, Rev. A. W. Spragge and Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, as deacon and sub-deacon respectively. There was a full attendance of communicants. At 3 o'clock Evening Song was said. There were present of the clergy; Ven. Archdeacon McMurray, (preacher), and Revs. Rural-dean Osler, R. G. Sutherland, — Beaven, C. E. Whitcombe, J. Francis, W. H. Clarke, W. R. Clark, R. S. Radcliffe, W. Howitt and the incumbent Rev. Thos. Geoghegan. Mr. Fairclough, the organist of Christ Church cathedral played the organ. A very simple anthem was well sung, and the archdeacon preached from Acts xiv. 17. The processional hymn was 391, A. & M. and the recessional 381. The congregation was very large. The church was tastefully and richly decorated with grain wreathing and flowers. The reredos was laid over with cherry leaves relieved by bunches of grapes, very significant type of the heavenly Eshcol. Handsome banners flanked the