

express much alarm that the authorities of the Grand Trunk Railway should have started these Sunday trains, and that the Post Office authorities have given orders that mails shall be made up at the different Post offices on the road and conveyed on these trains. As your correspondent, I feel constrained in duty to God and my fellow Churchmen of this diocese, to protest against these sinful encroachments on the sanctity of the Lord's Day.

Preferment.—It is reported that the Bishop has been pleased, unsolicited, to offer the Rectorship of Adolphustown, to the Rev. R. S. Forneri, B. A., Incumbent of Saint John's Church, Belleville.

A Generous Gift.—The Rev. A. Elliott, B. A., of Camden East, has presented an elegant Communion Service to the Churchwardens and congregation of the Church at Yarker.

Reception.—The Rev. F. W. Dobbs, Incumbent of Portsmouth, was tendered a reception at the Orange Hall, Portsmouth, on the evening of Thursday the 12th July. There was a large attendance.

ARCHVILLE.—The Rev. Samuel McMorine, the newly appointed Incumbent of Archville, having a strong desire to live amongst his own people, has taken up his residence in the dilapidated house formerly occupied as a parsonage by the Rev. T. D. Phillipps, first Incumbent of the Mission. Mr. McMorine is trying with his own hands, to make it habitable—no slight undertaking—as it is very much out of repair indeed.

FRANKTOWN.—The Rev. Stearne Tighe, B. A., Rector of Franktown, has decided in consequence of his sons leaving him for other occupations in other spheres, to sell off his farm stock and implements, and abandon farming operations, in which he has been actively and successfully engaged for some years on the Church lands at Franktown. His sons have been to a considerable extent his mainstay hitherto on the farm, but they have chosen other lots elsewhere. It is the intention of Mr. Tighe to devote his entire energies to his Church work in future.

MABERLY AND NORTH FRONTENAC.—The Brockville Times says:—"The Rev. R. L. Stephenson, of Perth, has been giving the bounds of several parishes (!) in the rear. The Mission of Maberly, until such time as the missionary at North Frontenac can see fit to add a portion of Oso, will comprise the township of S. Sherbrooke, and all that part of Bathurst west of the village of Harper's Corners, Fallbrooke and Playfair."

KINGSTON.—The art of swimming is attracting considerable attention at Kingston this season. The Dean of Ontario purposes conducting the formal opening of new swimming baths this week, and will, it is said, take the first "header." The Dean thinks it advisable to charge a small admission fee, sufficient to pay for the services of a caretaker. The opening should be gratifying to those who are desirous of learning how to swim. The ladies of Kingston are talking of providing swimming baths for their own special use.

KINGSTON.—Very little, which could be called news, has occurred here since the meeting of Synod. The decided feature of that week was the Bishop's lecture on Agnosticism which was voted by those who could understand it, as well as by those who could not, a grand effort. His Lordship kindly consented to its being printed and thus all may have the benefit of its perusal. Last Sunday was full of specialities at St. Paul's. In the morning the 14th Battalion P. W. O. Rifles attended service in a body and listened attentively to an excellent sermon (Psalm lxxiii, 1), by their Chaplain, the Rev. W. B. Carey on the choice of a

right path in life. Cultivation of the power of "saying no," especially in the matter of *drinking*, recommending most earnestly the practice of *total abstinence* as safest both morally and physically. He showed the great dependence which the country places on our young men and the part they must act in her history either for good or for evil. That strength only is to be obtained from the source of all strength—the man's daily life to be built up through incessive *conquests of self* or to be a shattered life through yielding the fortress to the enemy of souls. In the afternoon was held a "flower service," and this truly beautiful idea was well carried out, although it rained at the appointed hour. The plan was to have all, and especially the children, bring offerings of flowers, to be placed on God's altar, and thence carried to the hospital for the enjoyment of the sufferers there who would otherwise never see the lovely flowers which the city is just now brilliant. Many dear little children brought flowers, and some of them repeated suitable texts as they handed their offerings to the Rector, and others also contributed handsomely, so that the altar was literally loaded with exquisite flowers which will cheer the weary hours of pain by many a sick bed in the hospital, and by their silent ministry perhaps draw the hearts of the poor sufferers up to the Giver of all. In the evening, the Rev. Mr. Nimmo, Missionary at Pittsburg, made a most touching appeal in behalf of a poor little settlement at South Lake, where fifteen Church families are attempting to build a church, and need to have their hands strengthened by contributions from abroad. Mr. Nimmo is a live Missionary, and as the little town of Gananoque has contributed over \$120 towards this most necessary work, no doubt Kingston will also do something creditable to its reputation for liberality. Surely, when the clergy have to bear the burden of begging from house to house, the very least that Churchmen can do is to *give*.

STAFFORD.—*Picnic.*—A picnic was held on Thursday, the 28th June, at Mr. Kenny's grove. Rain fell frequently throughout the day and had a deleterious effect on the attendance. Morning Prayer was said at St. Patrick's Church, the Rev. R. J. Harvey officiating. Dinner and a bazaar, with games and amusements, filled up a pleasant day notwithstanding the unfavourable weather. A large number from Pembroke, Beachburg and vicinity attended. Evening Prayer was also said, at which the Rev. R. J. Harvey, the Rev. K. L. Jones, B. D., and the Rev. S. Daw, officiated. The sum of about \$300 was realized, which, taking into consideration the circumstances that operated against the picnic, was more than anticipated. It is proposed to erect a parsonage for the Mission shortly.

MISSION OF GLOUCESTER.—A Confirmation Class has been formed at Trinity Church, Billings Bridge, meeting every Sunday morning. On Sunday, the 15th July, the Sunday school children were supplied with "Mite Boxes." These boxes are for the purpose of holding contributions about to be solicited by the children in aid of the Sunday school library, and are to be returned at Advent. There are seventy children in attendance. The Incumbent, the Rev. Lawrence C. Lee, and the Rev. W. A. Read, Incumbent of Oxford Mills, will exchange Missions for a few weeks in September.

MAITLAND.—Pursuant to the action of Synod taken with reference to a See House, the Vestry of St. James' Church, Maitland, has acted with a promptness worthy of being widely imitated. On the Monday following the session of Synod, viz., June 18th, a meeting was held, and in less than an hour the sum of \$125 was secured by notes towards the principal sum required for the purchase or erection of a See House. If the other parishes of the Diocese exhibit the same spirit of alacrity, it will not be long before the Bishop will be relieved of the unpleasantness, not only of paying rent, but of being compelled to face every year or two all the horrors of moving.

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Arrival of Rev. R. O. Greep from Liverpool.—The Rev. R. O. Greep, of St. Nicholas Church, Liverpool, has arrived with a party of Immigrants. Mr. Greep is connected with the Church of England Emigration Society, and came out with a party of 400, some of whom had capital. Most of these were settled in Ontario, but 40 came out to Winnipeg, and places were found for them in the country. Mr. Greep only remained two or three days in the city.

REGINA.—The Bishop of Rupert's Land visited Regina on Friday, June 29th, and stayed until Sunday evening, 1st inst., when he left for Winnipeg. The Bishop preached at the three Services on Sunday, and baptized the infant son of Lt.-Col. Selby, the first baptism in the Church. The Evening Service was full choral, which the choir rendered in a very efficient manner. His Lordship, while here, was the guest of Mr. Braithwaite, of the Bank of Montreal.

PERSONAL.—The Hon. and Rev. Canon Anson, Vicar of Woolwich, and a brother of the Earl of Litchfield, has resigned his living, and is coming out to this Diocese to see the country, and probably to engage in Missionary work. He is 43 years of age, unmarried, and is spoken of very highly as a devoted Parish Priest. Such an example is most encouraging, and shows the interest Manitoba and the North-West is exciting in England. Mr. Anson possesses a private income, and comes solely for the love of Missionary work. The Vicarage of Woolwich is worth £740 sterling, and six Curates are at work in the Parish.

DIOCESE OF SASKATCHEWAN.

Formation of the first Archdeaconry in the Diocese.—The Bishop of Saskatchewan signalized his return to his diocese from his recent visit to England by instituting Rev. Canon J. A. Mackay, archdeacon of Saskatchewan—the first Archdeacon in the diocese. The appointment was virtually made last autumn, but at Mr. Mackay's request was kept in abeyance till this summer. Archdeacon Mackay was born at Rupert's River, in what is now the diocese of Moosonee, in 1838. In 1855, he connected himself with the Church missionary society's work, by becoming lay assistant to the Rev. E. A. Watkins, who was at that time missionary among the Crees at Esquimaux at Fort George, and he has been one of the society's agents ever since. He was ordained deacon in 1862, and priest in 1863, by Bishop Anderson. After his ordination he spent a year at St. Andrews under Archdeacon Hunter. From 1864 to 1875 he was at Stanley, English River. During this period his work included, among other things, the translation into the Cree language of Bishop Oxenden's "Pathway of Safety," a volume of family prayers, a number of hymns, etc. His smaller translations he printed in the syllabic character and bound them. In 1876 he was appointed financial secretary of the C. M. S. for the diocese of Saskatchewan, since which time he has actively assisted Bishop Maclean in the more important work of the diocese. For the past four years Archdeacon Mackay has taken a prominent part in the work of Emmanuel College, Prince Albert, more especially in the training of native students for mission work, and during the bishop's absence he has acted as warden of the College. At the organization of the diocesan synod last year Archdeacon Mackay was elected secretary. He was also elected a delegate to the Provincial Synod, which meets here next month, but as it will be impossible for both the bishop and himself to be absent from the diocese at the same time, the Rev. Edward Matheson one of his lordship's chaplains, has been appointed his substitute. Archdeacon Mackay is now in Winnipeg, where his family are residing, and will remain about a month.