

who have it in their power will make an offering—"as to the Lord"—for this work.

The following additional appointments are announced by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese:

DEANERY OF IBERVILLE.

Sept. 22nd, Sabrevois, Rev. J. Roy.  
Sept. 23rd, Lacolle, Rev. J. G. Garrett.  
Sept. 24th, Hallerton, Mr. Wood, student.  
Sept. 24th, Hemmingford, Mr. Wood, student.  
Sept. 25th, Edwardstown, Rev. E. G. Sutton.  
Sept. 25th, Havelock, Rev. N. P. Yates.  
Sept. 26th, Franklin, Rev. N. P. Yates.  
Sept. 26th, Hinchinbrook, Rev. N. P. Yates.  
Sept. 27th, Huntingdon, Rev. H. Gomery.  
Sept. 27th, Ormstown, Rev. A. D. Lockhart.  
Sept. 28th, Lacadie, Rev. P. B. Lewis, Christeville.  
Sept. 28th, Chambly, Rev. E. McManus.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

OSGOODE AND RUSSELL.—The annual Harvest Thanksgiving services in connection with the churches in this Mission have just been held, and were successful in every respect. On Friday, Sept. 7th, there was a picnic in Mr. Helmer's grove at Duncanville, which was attended by a considerable number of people. In the evening service was held in St. Mary's Church. The Church was prettily and neatly decorated. There was a good congregation and a hearty service. The parishioners were greatly pleased to see a former incumbent, the Rev. Thomas Garrett, who preached an acceptable sermon. The services were continued on Sunday on Sunday, the 9th. The Rev. Morris Taylor, Rector of Bear Brook, preaching an admirable sermon, which was duly appreciated.

METCALFE.—At Trinity Church, Metcalfe, in the same Mission, the Festival was especially interesting, chiefly because of the extensive alterations which have taken place in the old church. The church was allowed to become thoroughly out of repair, very little having been done to it since its erection in Canon Janes' time, over thirty years ago. Since the advent of the present incumbent the church has undergone a complete overhauling; a sham gallery covers the rough old beams, which were an eyesore for many years. The walls and windows have undergone repair; a beautiful altar cloth ornamented with cross and orphreys has been presented by the Kilburn Sisters, and a large dorsal cloth is suspended at the back of the altar with banners on each side. These and other improvements give the church a much neater and church-like appearance. It was not surprising to see a large congregation on Sunday morning, Sept. 9th, and to find as many ready and desirous to be partakers of the Divine food in the Holy Sacrament. In the evening the church was filled to overflowing, many having to leave the church unable to get seats. The service was stirring and hearty, the singing excellent, and the sermon by Rev. Morris Taylor, of Bearbrook, all that could be desired. Many of the old inhabitants had never witnessed such an imposing service of the kind in the church before. The festival was continued on the following Wednesday by a picnic in the Show ground and service again in the evening. The preacher on this occasion was the incumbent, Rev. Mr. Greeson, who seems greatly gratified at the steady church progress.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TORONTO.—The Church Women's Mission Aid Society of Toronto Diocese will D.V. meet again for work at their rooms No. 1 Elm street, Toronto, at 2 p.m., on Friday, Sept. 21st. It is particularly requested that all contributions for Christmas trees, may be sent to above address as soon as possible. It is also desirable that all

clergymen or Sunday-school Superintendents in the Missionary Dioceses in need of aid from the Society should apply without delay to the Secretary, Mrs. W. T. O'Reilly, 37 Bleeker street, Toronto.

Applications for Christmas trees should mention the number of children, and applications or orders for surplices, altar linen, &c., should contain measurements.

This Society now works in connection with the Women's Auxiliary.

ASHBURNHAM.—It has been decided by the young men of St. Luke's Church to organize a Literary Guild, at the meetings of which debates, readings, recitations, short extempore speeches, &c., would be introduced. At a meeting held last week a constitution was adopted, and other business transacted, incidental to the organization of the new society St. Luke's Young Men's Literary Guild. The first meeting will be held on Oct. 4th. The following officers were elected, to whom will be added a committee:—President, Rev. W. C. Bradshaw; 1st Vice-President, Mr. John Burnham; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. E. B. Burt; Secretary, Mr. W. Wallbrook; Treasurer, Mr. F. Saunders.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

OAKVILLE.—St. Jude's.—The choir of the St. Matthew's Church, Hamilton, sang the Harvest Festival Thanksgiving service at St. Jude's Church, Oakville.

Canon Worrel and his congregation expressed themselves as deeply moved by the beauty and reverent conduct of the service by the visiting choir, and have determined to organize by next Christmas a surpliced choir for Oakville.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON.—It is probable that the Synod will be held the first week in December.

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Huron purposes sailing for home Oct. 25th. The delay is caused by Mrs. Baldwin's health. The public generally, especially in the city of London, where Mrs. Baldwin has taken such an active interest in all church work, will regret to learn that her health has been so bad that the English physicians ordered her to Germany to the celebrated iron springs at Schwalbach in the State of Nassau. It is earnestly hoped that, with God's blessing, these waters may restore her to perfect health.

NEW HAMBURG.—The new Church will be opened here D.V., on the 16th inst., by the Very Rev. Dean Innes and Canon Patterson. The church people of this village have struggled hard to secure a suitable place of worship for some years, and now have the pleasure of seeing a neat building, of proper ecclesiastical style, about completed. The congregation, though not large, is active and earnest and seems to be steadily increasing.

WOODSTOCK.—The Rev. Mr. Farthing has gone to England in connection with a fortune which has lately been left him. He purposes being absent only about four or five weeks. Mr. Wood, of Huron College, is doing duty in New St. Paul's.

SARNIA.—The Rector of St. George's Church has been unable for work for the past three or four Sundays. Indeed he has been confined to his bed for four weeks, but we are thankful to say is now recovering though slowly. Last Sunday the Church was closed. The Sunday previous the Rev. Mr. Williams, Professor at Huron College, London, took the duty.

MITCHELL.—A special service with an address to parents, teachers and scholars, took the place of the regular Wednesday evening service last week. It was largely attended, and the address of the Rector, which was instruc-

tive and witty, was much appreciated. Two prizes were given by him to those who had given the best account of his sermons to children in the Sunday-school.

ST. THOMAS.—The Rev. Canon Hill and Mrs. Hill have returned from a four weeks sojourn in Muskoka, much benefitted for rest.

ARVA.—The Rev. Joel T. Wright has entered upon his duties in the parish of St. John's since the first of the month. Archdeacon Marsh is still Rector, but Mr. Wright, who resides in the parish, is responsible for the work.

DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER.

VANCOUVER.—St. James' Church held their annual Sunday-school picnic on Wednesday, August 22nd. A special train started from Vancouver at 9 a.m., and conveyed the children and friends to Port Haney, where they all spent a very happy and pleasant day.

KAMLOOPS DISTRICT.—The Rev. H. Irwin, during the months of July and August, rode upwards of 1,000 miles through the Osoyoos district to the South and through the Yale district as far north as Clinton. He reports a generally increasing disposition on the part of the settlers to attend the services and a desire to have more frequent visits from a Mission Priest.

SAPPERTON.—St. Mary's.—A few of the children, assisted by Justin Pelly, gave a concert in the Registrar's office, in aid of Church work in the parish, on August 20th, and were able to hand over to the vestry the handsome sum of twenty-seven dollars.

We learn that the Lord Bishop began preaching and lecturing, in behalf of his Diocese, on the day the Pan-Anglican Conference closed, and has engagements that will keep His Lordship busy till the date of his sailing for home, which is fixed, we believe, for the 25th of October.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

The *Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette* in its 3rd article under the title, Improvement of our Eucharistic services says:—

"Another point connected with this subject is the following:—How few communicants wait in the church until the celebrant has reverently consumed the remainder of the consecrated elements, and arranged and removed the sacramental vessels. Immediately after the blessing has been pronounced, almost everyone leaves the church, and the celebrant is left nearly entirely alone to discharge the necessary duty above referred to. Yet probably five minutes longer would make all the difference—a time which might very profitably be spent in private prayer or meditation, and then the congregation should stand up while the clergyman is carrying the vessels out of the church, and leave quietly themselves after he has left. We are convinced that many will see the propriety of this once it is put before them; and those who practise it a few times will continue to do so, and will lead others to follow their example. Clergymen do not like to point out such improvements sometimes themselves, as it seems as if they were magnifying their office, and therefore it is a great advantage to have such reforms suggested in a magazine or paper.

In some churches, we fear, the clergy themselves are to blame for irreverence in not removing the sacramental vessels, but leaving it to the sexton to do so when and how he pleases. This is very objectionable, but we hope the cases in which it occurs are becoming fewer. We once knew an English clergyman who did this; and the arrangements of his vestry as re-