

band playing at intervals. Everything passed off satisfactorily and agreeably, except at the disappointment at the absence of the Sunday Schools of the neighboring parishes of Bradford and Newmarket, who had promised to assist on the occasion, but the persistent rain of the morning damped their courage, and they did not venture.

TORONTO—Trinity (King St. east)—On Sunday morning the Lord Bishop preached a sermon on Eph. iv. 25. He appealed to the congregation to give liberally towards the Diocesan Mission Fund. He attributed the backwardness of the Church's position in the country to a want of zeal among the members. He said the fund was altogether insufficient, that many clergymen were poorly paid, and some mission fields could not be occupied for want of funds.

NIAGARA.

AMARANTH.—A communication having appeared in a Guelph paper, giving a very distressing account of alleged hardships endured by the Amaranth Missionary, that gentleman has published a very satisfactory refutation of the falsehood. In his letter to a Guelph paper, he states:—"In the township of Amaranth there are seven small villages and hamlets in which the services of the Church of England are conducted every Sunday. These services are held by three clergymen in orders, assisted by a licensed catechist. Two of these clergymen, together with the catechist, reside in the township, while the third lives in Luther village, not a mile from the townline. Last year we built a very pretty little church, which is entirely out of debt—to this we intend adding this year (D. V.) a church hall, for holding socials, etc., and a driving shed. Certainly we must confess that our mission is poor, and struggling with many difficulties, but, thank God, it has never been in such a condition as the *Mercury's* correspondent pictures with such pathos. I am happy to say I have never lacked either the necessities or comforts of life, even besides these, enjoying some of the luxuries, chief among which I reckon one of the productions of your own city, a fine organ from Mr. Bell's establishment.

The Venerable Archdeacon McMurray has returned from England much sooner than he intended, on account of the incessant rains there, and the consequent dampness of the climate. He reports the progress of the Church to be beyond all precedent, and that he met with no church without regular choral service.

HURON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

WESTMINSTER.—The Sunday School, the Nursery of the Church. The Sunday School commenced by Mr. Richard Biddulph and his family, in the section school-house, has been carried on with all zeal and diligence, and is another proof that the Sunday School, if faithfully conducted on Church principles, is the emissary of the Church. As a result of the opening of the Sunday School there have been church services in the school-house. On Tuesday afternoon last, his Lordship the Bishop preached in the school-house an excellent extempore sermon. The house was crowded to its utmost capacity, and all his hearers were deeply impressed by the sermon and solemn service. The Bishop expressed himself delighted with the good work originated and carried out by a faithful layman and his family. There was doubtless work within the Church for all her faithful sons and daughters.

LONDON.—Christ Church.—The Sunday School had their annual pic-nic on Wednesday, the 23rd inst. Teachers, scholars and friends, about three hundred in number, went on our Thames steamer down to the camping ground and spent a very pleasant day. The Sunday School is very prosperous, and demonstrates that the Rector, Rev. J. W. P. Smith, is truly a Sunday School minister—no slight commendation.

The Rev. John Gemley, Bursar of the Western University, who has been in bad health for some

time, has left on a visit to England. His leave of absence is for six weeks, which will be mostly spent on the ocean. His friends hope that the sea voyage and the change of scenery will have the desired effect of entirely recruiting his health and energies.

Appointment.—The Rev. Mr. Hastings has been appointed to the incumbency of Wallaceburg, by his Lordship the Bishop.

LONDON TOWNSHIP.—The congregation of Trinity are building a new Church at Birr, to take the place of the old building. It will seat three hundred worshippers. The number of Church families in connection with Trinity is not so large as it was a few years since. Not less than twenty-four Churchmen have sold their farms within a few years, and become dwellers of the city and other localities. Still, notwithstanding this loss of members, the church is doing a good work, faithful to her mission. In the parish there are two churches, Trinity and St. George's. The Rector of the parish, Rev. Robt. Wilson, also has fortnightly service in Carlisle, and has a Bible-class in each of the Sunday Schools. This township was one of the earliest missions of the Church and her stronghold in this diocese. It has been for some time two parishes, the southern one the parish of Ven. Archdeacon Marsh.

FORDWICH.—We have ere now had the pleasure to notice the love manifested for the Church by the people in the northern counties. Of this we have illustrations daily. Trinity Church, Fordwich was removed last winter, and a short time ago Mrs. John Elliott collected sufficient money to purchase a carpet for the Chancel and a covering for the Communion Table and Pulpit and cushions and kneeling stool. The color of the coverings is crimson. The deep reverential love of the children of Israel for the Holy Temple warms many a Christian heart.

MORPETH.—The village of Morpeth, so named from Lord Morpeth who once visited it, and showed his regard for its people by presenting a bell to its church, is twenty-two miles from Chatham on the shore of Lake Erie. The church of Lord Morpeth's day is two miles out of town, eastward, on the old Talbot road. This old edifice is Trinity Church, still looked on with warm and inalienable affection by all the first residents in the community, and by their children. It is a bond of unity amongst the people here; with the return of the Sunday village and country meet within its walls to renew the old kindly regards which have existed for half a century. The Rev. Mr. Downie has here a very numerous congregation, as well as at his new church in the village. His church in the village recently built, is a very creditable one for the size and resources of the place. When it is considered that Morpeth is not a large, though a spirited and very pretty village, we shall have to grant that both pastor and people have made most worthy exertion and sacrifice in accomplishing as much as they have in the erection of this handsome church. It is of brick, built in good ecclesiastical style, having chancel and spire, and being handsomely roofed with slate. The congregation have reason to be proud of it. Morpeth is situated in one of the most lovely sections in all Canada. The climate is not surpassed by that of any other locality. The soil is most fertile. The finest fruits, such as peaches and grapes abound and mature to their highest perfection. The landscape wears a genial and southern aspect. The large landowners here on the old Talbot road are amongst the most enviable of mankind. In this comparatively soft climate and surrounded as they are with wealth and luxury which has been accumulating for half a century they live like a smaller class of lords.

RIDGETOWN.—Mr. Downie joins Ridgetown with Morpeth in his mission. This place is upon the Canada Southern Railway, four miles from Morpeth. Here the touch of the Canada Southern has been that of the enchantress' wand. A town has sprung up in a moment; and it promises to hold the prominence which it has gained. In Ridgetown the friends of our church are about taking steps to erect a plain structure in which to

celebrate public worship for the present; deferring the building of any more durable edifice till they can command more suitable means.

RUPERT'S LAND.

The presentation of testimonial to the Bishop took place at St. John's College, on the 19th inst., at 3:30 o'clock, in the presence of a large number of the clergy and laity. The address was read by the Chief Justice, after which the sum of seven hundred dollars in gold was handed to His Lordship by the treasurer of the testimonial fund. The following is the Address:

To the most Reverend Robert Machray, Doctor of Divinity, Bishop of Rupert's Land and Metropolitan, Chancellor of the University of Manitoba, etc. May it please Your Lordship: Your return to the diocese you love so well from England, the home of your youth, whither you went and where you have labored for a year in procuring assistance to forward the work to which you have consecrated your life, affords us the welcome opportunity of again expressing our deep regard for your office and sincere attachment to your person.

It is to us a matter of unfeigned pleasure and heartfelt congratulation that so large a measure of success has attended your efforts in England, and that you have been spared safely to come back to us, with renewed health, to preside over our church here, with that loving wisdom which has always pervaded your episcopate, and to carry forward the great work of education—the foundations of which you have so deeply and broadly laid in this land.

We have the most abiding faith and confidence that the same unbroken unity and steady progress in Diocesan and Educational affairs, which have been so happily a feature of the past, will inspire, cheer and sustain you, in your arduous labours, in the onward march of events, in the years to come.

If we may be permitted, we would most respectfully request your Lordship to convey to the great societies and the generous and large hearted gentlemen of The Church, which is the foundation of civil and religious liberty and the hope of the world, who have so cordially helped to make your Lordship's visit so successful and so pleasant, the most hearty thanks of the Diocese of Rupert's Land.

In consideration of the eminent services which your Lordship has rendered in the past, and is now rendering to Manitoba and the North-West, in a religious and educational point of view as well as the self-sacrificing spirit and the singleness of purpose which have characterized every act of your whole life; and above all that sterling integrity and high moral cast, which adorn and beautify your whole character—with supreme devotion to the great work in which you are engaged—on behalf of some of your clergy and laity, we ask your acceptance of the accompanying purse, as an earnest of that needed financial help, which they hereby cordially pledge themselves to give, and above all, as a simple though most inadequate token of their deep and affectionate regard for your Lordship, and of the sentiments of esteem and admiration they entertain for your Lordship's life and character.

REPLY.

Gentlemen:—I have not forgotten the affectionate address in which farewell was spoken to me when I left the diocese last year to visit England. That address gave pleasure on many occasions to my friends. And now on my return I am very grateful for the hearty welcome with which I have been greeted. Many leading members of the church and other friends showed their regard by meeting me at the steamer, and, to-day, I feel I cannot sufficiently thank you for the too kind words which you have just addressed to me.

Your words are not mere words of form. I indeed love my work here and I come back to you feeling my life more than ever consecrated to it. The importance of that work yearly grows on me and I am assured on all of us. As we observe the rapid progress of Winnipeg, the rise of other towns, and the gradual formation of new settlements in such a vast number of townships, we must feel that there is before us in this land a rare field of