

Prof. Harris. The thieves were intercepted at Ogdensburg, where they were giving an exhibition at a Sunday School entertainment, and the lanterns recovered. They will be sent back to their owners.

Rev. W. B. Carey will reach Kingston on the 14th of October. He writes that he has been very sick, but that he is now well and hearty.

DESERONTO.—Mrs. T. Stanton has very generously donated the handsome sum of \$500 towards the erection of the chancel of St. Mark's Church, Deseronto. This liberal offering will go far towards defraying the expenses of the extensive improvements now in progress on St. Mark's, and the seasonable gift cannot but be greatly appreciated. It is not the first time that Rural Dean Stanton and his estimable wife have proved themselves munificent benefactors of St. Mark's Church.

There is some talk of establishing a parochial school for young children in the basement or one of the rooms connected with St. Mark's Church.

SHANNONVILLE.—Trinity Church is now under the charge of Rev. Mr. Tremayne, Rural Dean Stanton supervising the work.

WELLINGTON.—The harvest home festival, under the auspices of St. Andrew's Guild, was a great success. The day was balmy and beautiful. The basket provisions were in every variety, and vast abundance of English harvest home plum pudding being a specialty. The company in attendance far exceeded all anticipation, to the number of some 250 guests. At the close of the dinner a hymn was sung and two addresses were delivered by the Revs. Smythe, pastor, and Armstrong, of Trenton, appropriate to the occasion. All seemed to enjoy themselves, and the treasurer of the Guild was made happy with the proceeds, which reached a sum between \$40 and \$50. On Sunday the incumbent preached a harvest thanksgiving sermon at 11 a.m., and the Rev. A. Geen, of Belleville, at 7 p.m. a very excellent discourse to a crowded audience. The art exhibition, held on the same ground, was very taking, and much credit reflects upon Miss Thorn, who got it up. St. Andrew's Church was beautifully decorated for the Sunday service with lovely house plants from friends in Wellington, and the exquisite cut flowers contributed by Mrs. Wm. Tuorn, of Picton were the admiration of all. These decorations, with the fruit and vegetables liberally donated by many friends of the church at Hillier and Gerow Gore, remained in the church for last Sunday. The members of this church have worked untiringly, and are deserving of great praise for the wonderful improvement they have made in the parish and in the interior of their church.

NORTH GOWER AND MARLBOROUGH.—The harvest festival here, though held during the week of the Ottawa fair and on a cold day, was a great success. Numbers turned out; the supply of eatables was good and of finer quality than usual, and an enjoyable time was spent. Divine service, matins, were held at 10.30. Clergy present, Rev. J. F. Gorman, Manotick, preacher, in place of Rev. S. Daw, Belleville, unavoidably absent through sickness in the congregation; Rev. R. James Harvey, Bells' Corners; Rev. J. F. Greeson, Metcalfe; the incumbent, Rev. George Bousfield, and Messrs. T. T. Norgate, Oxford Mills; and J. Ardley, Bells' Corners, lay readers. After joining in a hearty plain service, the congregation adjourned to the grounds where they were reinforced by numbers from outside; dinner was served about one, and after it was over, sports and games commenced. There was great fun over some of the races, sack, wheelbarrow, bachelors, &c., and they were entered into with zeal by the younger portion of those present. The proceeds were \$64.64, which goes to the Sunday School Fund of the two congregations. After speeches from Revs. Gorman and Greeson and others, tea was served and all went home. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion with fruits and flowers, and autumn leaves. The central part of the east window, the crucifix was enshrined in lovely tinted Virginia creeper, and presented a beautiful sight. On the Holy Table was an offering of grain, roots, fruits, and vegetables, and at the door a large trophy of the harvest was a conspicuous object.

#### TORONTO.

PARKDALE.—The closing services of the series of opening services of the Church of the Epiphany were held Sunday last. Rev. Prof. Clark preached in the morning, Rev. F. H. du Vernet in the afternoon and Rev. Canon Damoulin, of the St. James' Cathedral, in the evening.

CAMPBELLFORD.—Christ Church.—An eight days' mission or series of special services was concluded on Tuesday evening, the 25th ult. The missionary was the Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, rector of St. Luke's Church, Peterborough, who although not in good health, kindly undertook the duty, and proved himself eminently qualified for this most important work. It is, indeed, impossible to listen to his plain and deeply earnest addresses without realizing that we are in the presence of a man thoroughly imbued with a solemn sense of the overweening importance of spiritual things. The attendance was remarkably good and steadily increased till the close of the mission. Three services were held daily, viz., at 9.30 a.m., a celebration of Holy Communion. At 4.30 evening prayer with an instruction on the means of grace, and at 8 p.m. the mission service proper. A special service was held for men only, at 8.30 p.m. on Sunday, in addition to the usual services, the attendance being over one hundred. The deepest interest was shown in all the services, and many spoke of the good they had received. A special feature of the mission was the intercessory prayers at the close of the service each evening, and the large number of petitions offered, proved conclusively the presence of God's Holy Spirit in the work. The final service on Tuesday evening was certainly very solemn and impressive and many were much affected. It is hoped that the good seed sown by the earnest missionary may be abundantly blessed, and that the fruits of the mission may be lasting and efficient to the building up of the people in God's most holy faith. An address was presented to the missionary by the congregation, thanking him for his work and labour amongst them. The missionary made a brief and affecting reply.

The Alumni of Wycliffe.—The Alumni of Wycliffe College held its annual meetings last week. The Rev. Dyson Hague in the chair. The first session was what was known as "Quiet day," and was spent in meditation and prayer, under the direction of Professor du Vernet. There were present a number of students and graduates. In the forenoon Principal Sheraton gave an address upon "The Holy Communion." Professor du Vernet also gave an address on "The Necessity of Thorough Consecration in the Work of the Minister," and at the afternoon session one on "The Power of Prayer." Prayer was offered for a blessing upon the work of the Church of England, particularly in the different dioceses in Canada, for a blessing upon the bishops of the Church, the clergy, the people and the work of the different universities and colleges. The report of the missionary committee was of special interest. Rev. J. Cooper Robinson and Mrs. Robinson, it was stated, are now maintained under Bishop Bickersteth by the Alumni Association in the foreign mission fields of Japan. The afternoon session was opened by an address of welcome being given by Rev. Mr. Duthie, of the Montreal Diocesan College. The chairman then delivered an address upon the subject of "Evangelical Teaching the Teaching of the Reformers," in which he sought to show that the evangelical clergy of to-day are true to Reformation principles, and that their distinctive teaching can be traced to the Reformers, Cranmer, Ridley, and Latimer. Rev. W. H. A. French, incumbent of Cookstown, read a valuable and suggestive paper on "The Clergyman's Reading." The annual college dinner was held in the evening. Rev. Mr. Duthie, Rev. E. C. Saunders, and Rev. B. A. Ingersoll were present as representing the Diocese of Montreal. Rev. C. J. James, B.A., Rector of St. John, N.B., presided over the dinner, which proved very enjoyable.

St. James'.—An "at home," under the auspices of the Diocesan Board Woman's Auxiliary Missions, was held in the school-house last Thursday evening. Rev. Canon Damoulin presided, and a large and attentive audience listened to very interesting addresses by Mrs. Bompas, Diocese of Mackenzie River, and Mrs. Schereschewsky, of China, as to missionary work in those vast regions. Mrs. Bompas is an English lady who spent a good deal of her life in Italy. She reads a capital lecture, and illustrates her travels from the sunny south of Italy to within eight miles of the arctic circle in the New World by means of a map. Mrs. Bompas gives a very encouraging account of missionary work among the Indians, and makes an eloquent appeal on their behalf to those whom she avers are now the owners of the happy hunting grounds which once the poor Indian could call his own. Mrs. Schereschewsky gave a glowing account of missionary work in China, and the Celestials a better character than most people, in this country at least, would think them entitled to. The Chinese to be met with in America, however, were not fair types of the three or four hundred million people who form the population of China. She spoke of the Chinese love of literature and the respect paid to education in that country, and also of the family ties which are characteristic of this peculiar people. A poor working-man had often as many as twenty relatives dependent

upon him. The interesting sketches of Chinese life supplied were interesting and amusing, and so eloquent was the speaker in her narrative that she was frequently applauded to the echo.

St. Simon's Church.—The Sunday School in this church is a most interesting and prosperous one, with an earnest and faithful staff of teachers, whose classes increase in numbers so that they have to be divided, and more teachers are constantly in demand. One particular feature about this school is the good order manifested. The reverent attention given to the prayers, singing, recitation of the creed and lessons, is very pleasing. The school opens punctually on time, while the teachers, officers and scholars are guided throughout by prompt rings of the bell, so that each division of the work is entered upon without confusion or loss of time. The absence of hurry or bustle makes the work easy, pleasant and successful. The infant's class is a model of Sunday School Kindergarten, in which Christian knowledge is imparted to the young minds in a way never to be forgotten. There is a teacher required for a young men's Bible class, and any good Churchman who can offer his services will find a most welcome field of labour. The rector usually attends the Sunday School, and the curate conducts most successfully a women's Bible class, besides which they conduct the communion service at 8 a.m., the regular service and communion at 11 a.m., choral litany at 4.15 p.m., and evening service at 7 o'clock every Sunday, and during every day in the week, a service at 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., and 5.30 p.m., except on Wednesday, when the week day evening service is at 8 p.m. The number in attendance at each service on the week-days indicates the propriety of keeping the churches open during the week-days as well as on Sunday. It affords the privilege to many of spending an hour in prayer and devotion in the House of God, and who can tell the amount of good they obtain, and by its means impart good to others. It is a question deserving attention, if all the churches should not be open every day like our places of business, but for the purpose of carrying on the business of the Lord's work.

CHESTER.—For the past four months this parish has been under the charge of a lay reader, J. K. Golley, B.A., of Trinity College, by whose energies and earnest work the congregation has greatly increased. He certainly must feel very much encouraged at seeing some of the result of his work, and also the people must be much congratulated upon their earnestness in the Church's progress, when, on the evening of Sept. 27th, the church was handsomely decorated for a harvest festival. On that day a very pretty font was placed in the church, the gift of Mr. R. Playter; new chandeliers were purchased by the congregation; the A. & M. Hymn-book has also been adopted. Too much praise cannot be rendered to the ladies of the congregation who spent so much of their time in thus beautifying their sacred edifice, and also to the organist, Mrs. Sothergill, whose invaluable services greatly aided in rendering our thanksgiving and praises to Almighty God. The Rev. Rural Dean Langtry, M.A., gave an eloquent address on the occasion, taking as his text the 10th and 18th verses of the 91st Psalm. The rector, Rev. C. Rattan, unfortunately was unable to be present. The service was considered to be the best that has been rendered in the church for some time. The collection, in aid of the mission fund of the diocese, amounted to \$10.00. Further results of the good work were shown on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 30th, when nine candidates were presented by the rector to the Bishop for the "laying on of hands." Although the day was very wet, yet the church was full, chairs having been placed in the aisle. The Bishop, in his usual manner, gave a most beautiful and instructive address to the candidates, which might also prove beneficial to all present. Many of the congregation remained to partake of the Lord's Supper with the newly-confirmed, whom we trust will endeavour to act up to "the vocation in which they are called."

PORT HOPE.—In our last issue it should have read a special service for the Sunday School was conducted by Mr. Radcliffe.

#### NIAGARA.

Church Bells on the Bishop of Niagara.—The Bishop of Niagara belongs to the Irish branch of the Hamilton family. He is the third surviving son of the late George Hamilton, Esq., of Hawksbury, Ontario, where he was born in 1834. He graduated at University College, Oxford, and in 1857 was ordained Deacon, and in 1858 Priest by the late Bishop of Quebec. His first appointment was to the Incumbency of St. Peter's Church; subsequently he became Rector of St. Matthew's, both charges being in the