

text taken from the Gospel for St. Bartholomew's Day, St. Luke, xxii, 30: "That ye may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom." The text was shown to reconcile the special service of the day with the Gospel for the day, the distinctive mark of a chancel being the celebration there of the Eucharist. This was one interpretation of the text, the text having of course a more general application. Reference was also made to the Apostolic origin of the Church. The advantage of starting in the Church which could claim historic continuity with the Apostolic Church was dwelt upon, and it was shown how these great advantages could be made of none effect for individuals by individual neglect and sin. The consecration of a fabric to God's worship was a befitting and beautiful thing, but the consecration of a soul to Christ was more beautiful still. He prefers, "before all temples, the upright heart and pure." The Lord Bishop of Niagara was the celebrant, the Rev. Dr. Allnatt acting as deacon. The service was a very joyful and impressive one. The hymns sung were: "Christ is made the Sure Foundation," "Pleasant are Thy courts above," "King of saints, Thy Name we bless," "And now, O Father, mindful of the love." The season at Cacouna has been, from a Church point of view, very happy; congregations good and hearty; church alteration paid for; ordinary offerings good.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

STANBRIDGE EAST.—*Welcome Home.*—The Rev. I. Constantine and daughter met with a royal reception on their return home from Winnipeg on Wednesday last. Long before the hour of their expected arrival, the Church grounds began to be filled by the numerous friends of the reverend gentleman, among whom we noticed the Rev. Canon Davidson, of Frelighsburg, and Mrs. Davidson, and Rev. H. W. Nye, Rural Dean of Bedford. Tables were laid in the grove adjoining the church, and plentifully furnished with good cheer. About 8 o'clock the joyous strains of the Stanbridge Band announced the arrival of the returning travellers, who in a few moments were surrounded by a host of friends, whose smiling countenances and words of welcome testified to their joy at the safe return of their venerable pastor and his much-loved daughter. On entering the Parsonage, the doxology was sung and a prayer of thanksgiving offered, and the guests of the evening were escorted to the supper table for some much-needed refreshment after their long and toilsome journey. On returning to the house, the Rev. Canon Davidson acted as spokesman for the assembled company in congratulating Mr. and Miss Constantine on the happy termination of their journeyings, and in wishing them all manner of blessings for the future. The Rev. Mr. Constantine, who was evidently touched by the wholly unexpected demonstration in his honor, responded at some length, and in very feeling terms. In the course of his remarks he spoke very highly of the great Northwest, saying that if he were a young man, and in search of a home, he would not hesitate to go thither. The Rev. Rural Dean Nye added a few remarks expressive of the pleasure felt by the clergy of the district at the return of their esteemed neighbor and friend. The large company dispersed about 10 o'clock highly delighted with the proceedings of the evening.

MONTREAL.—The general Missionary Meeting in connection with the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions, takes place Thursday, the 9th Sept. inst., at 8 p.m., in the St. George's Church.

The Bishop of Algoma is the appointed preacher at the Synod Service proper in the Cathedral, at 10.30 a.m., on the 8th inst., and the Most Rev. the Metropolitan at the special

service in the evening. On Sunday the 12th inst. the Bishop of Quebec will preach in the morning, and the Bishop of Huron in the evening.

The business meetings of the Provincial Synod will be held in St. George's school house, commencing at 2.30 p.m., on the 8th inst.

PERSONAL.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle, on the 31st ult., Mr. F. M. Townsend, son of the late Rev. Cannon Townsend and senior partner of the firm of Townsend, Cowie & Co., Cotton merchants of Liverpool, Eng., was married to Miss Florence Mary, daughter of Mr. John Crawford, Mayor of Verdun. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Canon Ellegood, the bride's uncle and godfather, Mr. Bruce Austin, of Chambly, acted as best man. There were three bridesmaids, two younger sisters of the bride, and her cousin Miss Ethel Duvernet. The bride, who it is needless to say, looked charming, was given away by her father. After the ceremony the wedding party were entertained at Mr. Crawford's residence Verdun. The bride was the recipient of many handsome presents.

CHAMBLY CANTON.—The teachers and children of St. Stephen's Church Sunday school, held their annual picnic on Thursday last at Otterburn Park, to which, through the kindness of Bruce Campbell, Esq., the party were admitted free of charge, and where all spent a most enjoyably day.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—The Rev. J. S. Newnham preached his last sermon as assistant in this Church on Sunday the 29th August, and will it is said enter upon his duties as Rector of St. Matthias', Cote St Antoine, about the middle of September.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

OTTAWA.—The great event which has occupied the minds of the Anglican Sunday-school scholars for a couple of months past, to wit, the annual Union Sunday-school picnic, took place Aug. 24th, and resulted in the decided success which the well directed efforts of the managing committee deserved. At a very early hour large numbers of the children were out in the streets to join in the procession, which marched from Centre Town to the Queen's Wharf in time for the departure of the "Empress" at 7.20 a.m. The contingent from St. James' Church, Hull, were ferried across the river. The Ottawa schools present were those of Christ Church, St. John's, St. Alban's and St. George's, as well as St. Paul's of Rochesterville, St. Bartholomew's of New Edinburgh, and Trinity of Archville. The ride down the river on the "Empress" was very pleasantly made, and about eight o'clock the first party landed at the wharf at Templeton, and proceeded to the meadow a couple of hundred yards off, where swings were put up, race courses staked out, tents pitched, refreshment booths opened, and other arrangements made to promote the welfare and comfort of the party. Mr. Ratte had brought down a fleet of row-boats, and those so inclined had abundant opportunity to indulge in rowing. About seven hundred persons had arrived by the "Empress." The next contingent arrived on the "Dagmar" a couple of hours later, and swelled the number present by about five hundred, many of whom had held back in the early part of the morning on account of the threatening aspect of the weather. The "Dagmar" on its 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. trips brought two more full loads, making in all close upon 2,300 persons. The sports and games were very interesting and well contested.

Shortly before six o'clock the "Dagmar" left with the first return party; and soon after the "Empress" steamed up and away with a good load. Both boats went back to Temple-

ton again, and the last of the picnickers arrived home about 9 o'clock, the trip up having been very much enjoyed. The Guards' band, whose excellent playing had been highly appreciated all day, returned home on the "Dagmar," and played some choice selections on the way. A fine display of fireworks was made from the boats, and from various camps along the shore, on the return trip.

The executive committee in charge of the picnic were:—R. J. Wicksteed, chairman; B. Bell, A. Fripp, C. D. Fripp, J. S. Heinrichs, W. H. Morgan, George Morgan, Darcy Morgan, E. A. Nash, S. S. Slinn, G. W. Steacy, F. E. Stuart, C. Stuart, R. Surtees, F. H. Thomas, J. E. McClenaghan, secretary; Rev. Thos. Garrett, treasurer, and the clergy *ex officio*, and they are to be congratulated on the success of the affair.

KEMPTVILLE.—Sunday, August 22nd, 1886, will be a day of memories to the parish of Kemptville, being witness to the celebration of the first jubilee in connection with the Sunday-school. St. James' Hall, at 2.30 p.m., was packed with upwards of three hundred persons. Some of the good old hymns of the church were sung, such as "O God, our Help in ages past," "A few more years shall roll," "All people that on earth do dwell," "Through all the changing scenes of life," and the now well-known, famous, heart-stirring "Faith of our Fathers."

Prayers were offered and addresses made. The Rector, in explaining the motive leading him to celebrate the Sunday-school jubilee, stated that he was anxious to connect the past with the present; to ask those who had been teachers and scholars in bygone days as to how much they had profited, or been a profit to others, and what they were doing now towards helping forward God's work; that he was anxious to rouse the present, by the past.

Mrs. Andrew Blackburn, who was formerly scholar, teacher and organist, read a very nice address to the superintendent, dwelling on the youthful Sunday-school days of herself and others, and she referred, among other things, to a handsome present they had made him some thirty years ago, in the form of a handsomely bound Bible and Prayer Book, which were then lying on the table, and were placed in an upright position by Mr. Emery, that the people might see them. Reference was made to the appropriateness of such a present, as containing all the grand truths of the Faith of Christ, which He had deposited with His Church, and she had faithfully handed down, and helped to hand down, to future generations so long as time should last.

The superintendent, Robert Leslie, Esq., venerable in years beyond the allotted age of man, now rose, and made a lengthy, eloquent and telling address. After referring, with much feeling, to the Rector for having initiated and ordered the jubilee to be observed, he went on to give a detailed account of the rise and progress of the parish, from the year of our Lord 1825. He spoke of his being associated with the Sunday-school for fifty years. He gave several anecdotes illustrating the past, and in dwelling on the present state, he was able to affirm that the Sunday-school was never in so flourishing a condition as at the present period of its existence. The number on the roll of children is now 135, and the staff of teachers and officers consists of 22. A Sunday-school library of some 500 volumes has been purchased within the last four years.

A collection amounting to \$24.65 was taken up. All present seemed to realize the importance of the occasion, and many expressed the prayerful hope that much good might follow, people being roused up to greater earnestness to work for Christ and His Church.

After singing, with heart and voice, "Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death," the Rector offered prayer to God, and then invoked the benediction of the