

occasion was the Revs. Thos. Paterson, M.A., of Deer Park, who preached on Genesis xxviii. 17. "This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." The clergy in attendance, besides those mentioned above, were Rev. Alex. Henderson, Rev. R. A. Rooney, Rev. Thos. Geoghegan and Mr. Webb, L.R., also the incumbent, the Rev. Geo. B. Morley. A picnic was held in the afternoon, but owing to the inclemency of the weather, did not prove very pleasant, notwithstanding over 500 people were on the grounds. Evening prayer was held in the church at 7:30 p.m. The preacher being the Rev. Thos. Geoghegan, formerly of this mission, but now of West Flamboro' Diocese of Niagara, who preached on Acts xvii. 28. It was owing to the energy of this gentleman that the foundation of this building was laid, he having collected from his friends in Ireland some \$200, besides giving a very liberal amount himself. He however left before the superstructure was started, but work was not allowed to flag, for under the eye of the present incumbent the building was completed, and by the energy of a few members of the congregation the church has been freed from debt. The church stands upon one, if not the finest building sites in the Province. It and the fine new parsonage which has been erected this summer is seen from no less than three adjoining townships, so high and prominent are the buildings. The church cost, including organ, bell, &c., &c., about \$1,500, the parsonage \$2,000.00. Your correspondent in looking over the parish register could not help but be struck with the amount of church work which is being done in this mission. It is but a year since the present incumbent was ordained, and during that time I find that 277 services have been held, total number of attendance 18,019, 47 baptisms, 6 marriages, and 9 burials. With the definite church teaching of the present incumbent, we trust there is being laid a good foundation for the time to come, "omnia vincit labor."

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections, &c., received during the week ending September 30th, 1882.

PAROCHIAL MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—*Mission Fund.* St. Mark's, Parkdale, \$29.40; Christ Church, Woodbridge, \$4.70; St. John's, Port Hope, \$27.07; Wyebridge and Waverley \$1.84; St. Thomas', Shanty Bay \$4.05. *Domestic.*—St. Thomas', Shanty Bay \$1.05.

MISSION FUND.—*July Collection.*—Minden, St. Paul's \$3.76; Stanhope \$1.63, Maple Lake 61 cents.

ONTARIO.

From our own Correspondent.

KEMPTVILLE.—There was a most successful Harvest Home Festival in Kemptville Parish on Wednesday, 27th September. The day was everything one could desire, as regards brightness. The handsome memorial church was all glorious in festive adornment. A temporary reredos trimmed with evergreens, moss, flowers, and fruits, was very much admired as being quite a work of art, and suggested how very desirable it would be to have a permanent reredos. The service was hearty; the celebration of the Holy Eucharist very solemn; the singing greatly in advance of average country congregations; the Rev. Rural Dean Bogert preached a plain, practical sermon on the right use of Harvest Home celebrations. At one o'clock an excellent dinner was served in the Parish Hall. The building had been elegantly decorated with flags, evergreens, flowers, and wreaths of autumnal leaves. Upwards of four hundred sat down to dine, and all pronounced it to be the most successful public dinner that they had ever eaten. At 8 o'clock the crowd congregated together on the rectory lawn, to listen to speeches from Mr. B. Sparham, a rising young lawyer of the place, Rural Dean Bogert, and Archdeacon Jones; and to regale on the sweetly rendered songs of the choir and the Archdeacon. The well trained village band afforded much pleasure to the crowd as they brought forth melodious strains from their skilful handling of their brass instruments. Tea was served in the hall from 5 to 6 o'clock. At 7.30 there was evensong in the parish church, when Archdeacon Jones preached a good practical sermon, adapted to the occasion.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN.—This parish celebrated its annual Harvest Festival on Thursday, 28th ult. The beautiful little church looked bright with its decoration suited to the season. The Rev. W. Muckleston of Cardinal, preached a short and practical sermon on "gratitude." The Rector of Kemptville, the Rev. C. P. Emery, celebrated the "divine mysteries." The Rev. W. Muckleston and A. Mercer, the incumbent of the parish, acting as deacon and sub-deacon. A good substantial dinner was served in a hall in the village. The Rev. A. Mercer is building up the church in spiritual matters; it is to be hoped that the parishioners are putting into practice the law of Christ by cheerfully and abundantly supplying him with their "worldly things," and thus make their temporal goods turn to their spiritual welfare. The rector

pronounced the benediction and so closed a happy day. The parishioners both in town and country worked well together to make this their first Harvest Home a success, and they were not disappointed. I believe that the rector of this parish was the first clergyman to start this kind of festive celebrations in central Canada, some twenty years ago, when missionary in Fitchroy.

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge has presented a costly set of office books and bible to the Memorial Church, through the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

NIAGARA.

From our own Correspondent.

DUNNVILLE.—On Monday evening, the 11th of September, the whole town was shocked to hear that Mrs. D. A. Radcliffe, the youngest daughter of Henry Penny, Esq., had died under painfully distressing circumstances, whilst having two teeth extracted, under the influence of chloroform. Mrs. Radcliffe had been for some little time on a visit to her parents, and had been obtaining great benefit (with the exception of the trouble her teeth were giving her) was enjoying excellent health. It is a painful, though sad incident, that the poor young mother glided noiselessly out of her father's house for the last time to have the terrible operation performed, which resulted in death without taking one look at her two little sleeping infants for fear that she might wake them and cause them to fret till she came back. Mr. D. A. Radcliffe, who holds a position in the Bank of Ontario at Whitby, was immediately telegraphed for. Both her poor husband, father and relations suffered the most severe shock, when the dreadful news reached them. The funeral took place on the 13th of September, when the incumbent of St. Paul's Church, the Rev. Percy Smith, assisted by the Rev. R. S. Radcliffe of St. Alban's Luther, performed the last sad, solemn rites for the burial of the dead. Mr. Radcliffe, the husband, Mr. Wm. Penny, and Mr. Bey Penny, the brothers, and the Rev. R. S. Radcliffe and Mr. C. E. S. Radcliffe, brother-in-law of the deceased, were the chief mourners. The most intense sympathy was shown by all the friends of the family, as Mr. Radcliffe was a general favourite, and besides having been organist of the Parish Church for some years, was always willing and ready to help in every good deed and work. Her loss will be greatly felt. The Rev. Mr. Radcliffe preached the funeral sermon by special request the Sunday following. R. I. P.

HURON.

From our own Correspondent.

ESSEX CENTRE.—St. Paul's Church which has been in course of erection for some time past, will be opened for Divine Worship (D.V.) on Thursday, October 5th. Morning service with Holy Communion at 10 a.m., when Rev. J. B. Richardson, M.A., of Cronyn Memorial Church, London, will preach the opening sermon. A children's service of sacred song, illustrative of Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress will form an interesting part of the day's services at 3:30 p.m. Many of the neighbouring clergy are expected.

KIRKTON.—The congregation of St. Paul's Church in this village celebrated their Harvest Home Festival on Wednesday, the 20th inst., and it was a time of joy and gladness not soon to be forgotten. The church was beautifully decorated. At two o'clock the Thanksgiving service was held, the Rev. J. Edmonds of Mitchell, and the incumbent taking part. The former preached a most appropriate sermon from Deut. iv. 7. The offertory was large, and will be devoted to the mission aid to Algoma diocese. After the service an adjournment was made to the hall, where the ladies had provided a free luncheon. Then followed a most amusing and instructive lecture by the Rev. Rural Dean Hill of Seaford, on the subject, "The soul of sense in things absurd." His crayon illustrations sketched during the lecture were inimitable; and the moral lessons deduced from familiar nursery rhymes most telling.

KINCARDINE.—For two years past it has been the practice in this parish to have a Thanksgiving service in the anti-room on a week day, followed by a Harvest Supper in the Town Hall. This year it was thought best to have the service on a Sunday and to dispense with the supper. The Rector asked the congregation to place their thanksgiving offerings in the alms-plates as the proper and scriptural mode of giving to God. In fact the annual thanksgiving supper has been the only departure from this principle during the past three years. Bazaars and festivals and tea meetings given are thoroughly eschewed as unworthy methods of raising money in the Church of God. The thanksgiving services were held on Sunday, September 24th.

The worship was plain but hearty. The decorations were confined to the chancel, font and desks, and were almost exclusively floral. The sermons were preached by the Rector. The offertory at the two services amounted to over \$76.00, and this from a congregation of 172 in the morning, and 169 in the evening. No wonder the Rev. Mr. Starr speaks in glowing terms of the unity and zeal and liberality of his parishioners. No appeal is ever made in vain, and the response—no matter what the object in view or the form which it is to assume—is uniformly cheerful and satisfactory. Such a state of things is mutually gratifying to pastor and people and must be well-pleasing to the great Head of the church.

MEAFORD.—The ladies of Christ Church gladly expended a large portion of their time in decorating the church for the harvest thanksgiving festival held therein on Sunday the 24th September. Their efforts were crowned with success. Tastefully arranged grain, flowers, fruits, and vegetables contributed to make the house of the Lord—whose is the earth and the fulness thereof—beautiful to those who met to offer their thanksgiving to Him who had so bountifully provided for his creatures for another year. The natural effect of the decorations—made up of the good gifts of God—was to tune the hearts of the large congregations with praise to the Giver of all good. The church was crowded at each of the three services, over 1100 persons attending during the day. The incumbent, the Rev. C. H. Channer, M.A., read the prayers, and the Rev. C. H. Mockridge, D.D., of Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton, preached most eloquent, instructive, and well considered sermons. The choir, under the direction of Jas. Geddes, Esq., assisted by Mrs. Thomson, of Weston, was largely augmented by the choir of St. George's Church, Clarksburg, who so kindly volunteered their services for the day, and rendered the glad thanksgiving hymns in a manner befitting the occasion. The offertory too was large, and the day throughout was one to be remembered.

RURAL DEANERY OF BRUCE.—The missionary meetings this year have been very successful, especially considering the season of the year. The harvest being rather late, many of the farmers, to their great annoyance, were unable to attend. The offertory at Walkerton on Sunday far exceeded that of any former year, and our popular missionary agent preached to large congregations. The meeting at West Brant was a success. The attendance and offertory been excellent. The meetings at Paisley and Pinkerton were also good and were addressed by Rural Dean Cooper, Rev. W. Shortt, and the Rev. J. Hale. The Rural Dean reminded the Pinkerton congregation of its weakness when he founded it, and that he was told by one of the congregation at that time that the Methodists would sweep all before them, which prophecy had not been verified, as that body of Christians had no church there to the present day, while the Church of England had now a beautiful church and flourishing congregation. The meetings in the Rural Dean's Parish were as usual very successful. The offertory at Invermay being larger than ever. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. J. Hale and the Missionary Agent. The missionary agent's speech was decidedly the best we have heard from him, showing the wonderful work of the church at home and abroad, and the fallacy of judging its progress by the census recently taken in Canada. The number of communicants in the Diocese of Huron has doubled in the last ten years, and the increase in the number of clergy, churches, and parsonages, (as well as its financial) increase is extraordinary. The meeting at Wiarton was not large, but most of the leading church members were present, amongst whom we noticed Mr. McNeill, M.P., member elect for North Bruce, and a cousin to the Marquis of Lorne. He is Churchwarden at Wiarton and Lay Delegate to the Synod of Huron. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Lefroy, Barrister, of Paisley, Rural Dean Cooper, Rev. Mr. Watson of Hanover, and the missionary agent. On the following day at noon a pleasant and successful meeting was held at Bass Lake, the collection being larger than ever before, and a very hearty spirit prevailing. It was addressed by Rural Dean Cooper and the missionary agent. After a liberal repast at a farmers' house, the party proceeded to a settlement some few miles away. The name, if it has one, is yet unknown to fame, but the place exhibited some signs of prosperity. The Rev. Mr. Stout holds service occasionally, but it was the first missionary meeting ever held there. The attendance was small, but the people were much pleased to have a visit from the Rural Dean and clergy. A nephew of the late Bishop Cronyn resides there and was present. The party then returned to Wiarton, passing Oxenden on the way. The scenery was most lovely along the route and the sheet of water magnificent. As the shades of evening increased and darkness began to reign, the lights in the town of Wiarton and along the shores of the Bay gradually increased in number, presenting an illumination of a