

OTONABEE: St. Mark's.—This church, although erected about the year 1863, was not consecrated until Sunday the 11th inst. The Bishop was met at the door of the church at 3 o'clock, p.m., on that day, when the petition for consecration was read by the incumbent, the Rev. W. C. Bradshaw. The service was then proceeded with, the Bishop delivering an address explaining the meaning of consecration, and showing its proper use. He congratulated the parishioners on the event of the day, and felt gratified that they had taken occasion to improve and beautify the building previous to his visit. The walls and ceiling are calomined, floors and woodwork cleaned, and needed improvements made in other respects. In addition to this, a handsome stained glass window admirably executed by Messrs. McCausland & Son, Toronto, was placed in its position in the chancel only the day before. This is a gift by Mrs. Fawcett, and it adds greatly to the appearance of the church.

HURON.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LISTOWEL.—Rev. G. B. Taylor, of Wallaceburg, has been appointed by the Bishop to the incumbency of Christ Church. The appointment has been made in compliance with the wish of the congregation, the vestry having unanimously requested his Lordship to do so. Mr. Taylor was ordained here last June, and has since his ordination officiated as incumbent of Wallaceburg. He is, we believe, an Irish Churchman. He was to enter upon his duties on the 11th instant.

GORRIE.—A pic-nic of the churches of Gorrie, Fordwick, and Wroxeter, was held on the 25th, ult., and was very successful. There were about six hundred people present. The schools met at St. Stephen's church, and after a brief service and addresses from the clergy who were present, they spent the day happily in pic-nic style, and having enjoyed themselves with various amusements, returned home at a late hour well pleased with their festival.

GODERICH.—The pic-nic of St. George's Sunday-school was held on the 26th ult.; and, notwithstanding the postponement, was, as our Sunday-school pic-nics generally are, "up to the mark A. no. 1." Messrs. Lewis and Deacon managed the games and sports for the children.

LONDON WEST.—The annual pic-nic of St. George's Sunday-school was held on Beecher's Island, a beautiful private ground well shaded, and in every way suitable. One hundred members of the School enjoyed the choice things provided for them by the ladies of the congregation. Fully two hundred, members of the school and friends, spent a very delightful afternoon in this pretty islet of our Canadian Thames.

WINDSOR.—We regret to learn that the Rev. Canon Caulfield, rector of this parish, is still dangerously ill, and that there are no hopes of his recovery, though he may linger long before he be called home. The Rev. D. Deacon has temporary charge of the parish.

LONDON.—The Executive committee of the Huron diocesan Synod are to meet in the committee rooms, Chapter house, on the 29th inst.

St. Paul's.—The Rev. Alfred Brown, assistant clergyman of this church, has returned from his vacation trip to Portland.

EUPHRASIA MISSION.—The new stone church at Walter's Falls, was dedicated to the worship of God, in connection with a harvest home festival, on the 18th inst. The church was tastefully decorated with tokens of the bountiful harvest with which God has been pleased to bless the labours of our agricultural men. At 8 p.m., a large congregation assembled. Evensong was said by the incumbent, the Rev. S. G. Edelstein, and the Rev. Canon Mullholland, of Owen Sound, read the lessons and preached an appropriate and instructive sermon from Haggai i. 8. Hearty responses, good music, and marked attention to the discourse gave the service an impressive and solemn character. Service over, refreshments were served on the green sward near the church, by the ladies of the congregation, whose zeal and interest in the Church were manifested by the great variety of good things they prepared. In the evening the congregation reassembled to listen to a sacred concert, consisting of sacred songs and praises to the Giver of every good gift for His great mercies. The service and entertainment were both successful in every respect. The weather was delightful, and all who were present went home with the impression that they had

greatly enjoyed themselves. Two or three years ago the people of Walter's Falls were without the services of the Church, the neighbourhood being filled up with dissenting bodies. Considering these facts, our people have great reason to thank God, and to congratulate themselves that they have now regular services, and a new house of prayer, which is an ornament to the place.

The following gentlemen have subscribed toward the Western University funds: B. Cronyn, Esq., \$1,000 and an annual subscription for five years of \$50, John Labatt, Esq. \$1,000, and \$50 annually for five years; and George Harris, Esq. \$800

MUNCETOWN AND ONEIDA.—The Rev. H. Pahsaquong, incumbent of the mission parish of Muncetown and Oneida, and hereditary chief of the Ojibway tribe of Indians, has returned home from an extended trip to England.

CHATHAM.—The young ladies of Christ Church gave an afternoon excursion on board the steamer Shen-hoff to the Lake and back for the benefit of the Christ Church Sunday school, which was a very enjoyable affair. The steamer stopped at the lighthouse at the mouth of the river to let those that wished it get off for an hour or so, while the rest went to the lake, but owing to a heavy wind blowing at the time, the steamer turned and made for the lighthouse to take on board the parties that got off. After taking refreshments, so liberally provided for by the ladies, and amusing themselves for a couple of hours or so, all arrived safe at the Rankin dock at half past nine in the evening, and went to their homes highly pleased with their short trip.

PARKHILL.—It is of very rare occurrence that the inhabitants of a country town, such as Parkhill, are favoured with a concert of such high character as was given under the patronage of the Church in Parkhill, on Thursday evening, the 8th inst. The Hall is very well suited for such purposes: it is comfortably seated with three hundred chairs, it is well lighted, and eligibly situated in the village. The concert was opened with an instrumental duet by Miss McAlpine and Miss Maddocks. Mr. C. Jones, of London, sang "The Joy." A duet by Misses Raymond and Maddocks was next given, followed by Miss Clench, of St. Mary's, on the violin, accompanied by her sister on the piano. Being encored, she sang the "Cardinal of Venice." Miss Raymond sang the "Blue Alsatian Mountains." Miss McTavish gave a piece entitled "The face." The Misses Maddocks and Rogers, and Messrs. Gower and Dickson sang the "Clond capped Tower;" and Mrs. Clench gave a selection from De Beriot.

MOORETOWN.—When the delightful festival of Harvest Home was introduced into our diocese, the organ of the "Evangelical party" waxed furious in its denunciation of the revival of a remnant of superstition as it desired to have the time-honoured festival designated, ignoring the fact that the rejoicing for the safe ingathering of the harvest was especially required of God's chosen people, and that it has been commemorated in like manner by the Church of England ere Low-churchism had its birth. The good old custom has gained a footing in Huron. The Harvest home in connection with Trinity church was duly commemorated on Thursday the 1st inst. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruits, mosses, grain, grasses, &c., so tastefully arranged as to reflect great credit on the ladies of Trinity church. The service commenced at 11 o'clock a.m., and was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Armstrong, incumbent, the Rev. Mr. Flower, Maine city, Michigan; Revs. G. B. Taylor, Wallaceburg, and W. Hind, Petrolia. Mr. Hind was the preacher. A shower nearly spoiled the out-door part of the proceedings; it did not, however, last long, and although it prevented the attendance of some, yet the number present it was estimated was two thousand, and they enjoyed the pleasures of the Harvest home to their hearts' content. The steamer Eclipse visited the place three times during the day, and at each trip brought a large number of passengers to Abernethy's Grove, the place where the feast awaited the many guests. Boating, racing, sports, and games were indulged in by many of the younger participants of the rejoicing of the festival. All were happy: nothing marred the pleasures of the day.

HAYESVILLE.—The congregation of St. James's, Wilmot, Christ Church, Hayesville, and St. George's New Hamburg, of which parishes the Rev. Freeman Harding is the incumbent, held their second annual harvest festival on Tuesday Sept. 6th, at Hayesville. The village was gaily decorated with flags, etc. Morning service began at 10.30, the officiating clergy were, the Rev. F. Harding, Rev. Mr. Mackenzie, Grace church Brantford, Rev. Mr. Curran, of Strat-

ford, and the Rev. Mr. Caswell, of Millbank. The sermon was preached by the Rev. G. C. Mackenzie, who took for his text Genesis viii. 22—"While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." After morning service the Holy Communion was celebrated.

The church was decorated with grain, roots, fruits and flowers, and banners and shields, with texts and emblems, were displayed with great taste. At the chancel end, in white letters on handsome scarlet scroll, was the text "Honour the Lord with thy substance and the firstfruits of all thine increase." The holy table was chastely decorated with miniature sheaves of wheat, choice fruit and flowers. The musical portions of the service were carefully rendered by the choir, composed of members of the three churches. The harvest home dinner, which was provided by the parishioners, took place in the village-hall from one to three o'clock. Tea was also served in the same place between five and seven o'clock. In the afternoon there were games in the meadows near the village, also a cricket match between Hayesville and Hamburg, resulting in favour of Hamburg. The Hamburg band played during the afternoon on the ground. Service was again held in the church at seven o'clock. After prayers addresses were delivered by the visiting clergy, who congratulated the parish on the progress made during the past year by the addition of a chancel and other improvements to St. James's church, at a cost of some \$800, and the nearly completed and handsome parsonage at Hayesville, valued at some \$3,000. The incumbent, the Rev. F. Harding, in a few closing remarks expressed himself as pleased with the way in which his people had entered into the idea of setting apart a day for a harvest festival, and hoped that the object of these gatherings might be fully realized by cultivating a thankful spirit, without which this and similar gatherings would be utter failures. The offertories and sale of tickets amounted to \$164, which will be applied to pay off a small debt on the improvements at St. James's, and to the building fund of St. George's, New Hamburg.

PORT ROWAN.—On Wednesday evening, the 14th inst., the Rev. E. Stewart-Jones, incumbent of St. John's church, returned home after a three month's absence in England. His congregation and friends gave him a hearty reception at the parsonage. Before the close they presented him with a written address, accompanied by a well filled purse, to all which the reverend gentleman responded in a few well chosen words.

CHURCH WORK IN CHICAGO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

It has occurred to me, a recent emigrant from Canada, that a brief sketch illustrative of church work here might interest some of your readers. So many Canadians know something of Chicago, either by personal experience or through the descriptions of others, that, fortunately I may safely excuse myself from the task of endeavouring to chronicle the secular progress of the city: which partakes of the nature of the mushroom by reason of the astonishing rapidity of its growth, but which is also gigantic, whether viewed in the light of its amazing solidity or of the vastness of the area covered by its huge body and far-reaching members. Perhaps the most fitting introduction would be a recital of what came under my own observation on my first Sunday in Chicago. Let me premise then that the Cathedral Church, situated on the corner of Washington and Peoria streets, while externally a somewhat unpretending structure is internally a perfect gem in its way: reminding one strongly of many an ornate parish church in England. The stained windows shew exactly the "dim religious light" which refined taste admits to be conducive to that subdued frame of mind attendant upon the earnest worshipper. The colouring of the walls and ceiling, the numerous texts around the windows and on the walls, the neatly cushioned but open pews, the properly placed organ and cloisters stalls, the solid throne and sedilia, the marble altar, beautiful stone reredos simple brass altar cross, elegant credence table (not a mere shelf) and other ornaments of the well proportioned apsidal chancel. All these things are but surest indications of the presiding genius of an ecclesiologist who would have his people "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." At the south side of the church, (with sitting capacity about 650) and connected with it, is a neat chapel seating 150, indeed by throwing down a few panels this chapel is converted on occasions into a transept. Further on is the spacious choir room, between this again and the church chancel, therefore east of the chapel, are the vestry room and the bishop's robing room. This brief description will make subsequent allusions intelligible. And now for the services.

The early celebration at 7.30 a.m. was attended by some 25 communicants. Two departures from the