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Notes by the Way.

THE Bishop of Algoma sailed for Canada on the 30th ult., feeling refreshed by his rest.

AN ordination will be held at Rosseau on Sunday, August 30th, 1891.

THE Rev. T. W. Noble, B.A., has resigned the mission of Gravenhurst, and will leave in the autumn for Quebec.

THE Church people of Rosseau are actively engaged cleaning up and getting the little parsonage ready for the Rev. Gowan Gillmor's advent in the near future.

MR. WELLINGTON SAULT, of the Ojibway Indian nation, a member of the American Episcopal Church, and who is engaged by the American Government as Indian school teacher on the Turtle Mountain Reservation, North Dakota, U.S., is now visiting his parents on Parry Island, Parry Sound.

THE Canadian Government is very slow in realizing its duty to the Indians. While the American Repub-

lic is paying as high as \$700 per annum to a school teacher for the Indians, the executive of Ontario expects a teacher to do good work for \$250 per annum. There is just a little too much difference, the latter sum being somewhere near "starvation point"; the result is, that those holding high class certificates will not teach on Canadian reserves if they can possibly avoid doing so.

TOURISTS are thronging the summer resorts on the Muskoka and Parry Sound lakes.

How to Get the Most Good out of Books.

You should treat a book as you would a person with whom you are talking for information; that is, question it, read it over and turn back and try to get at the meaning; if the book itself does not answer the questions you raise, go to some other book, ask a dictionary or encyclopedia for an explanation. And if the book treated in this way does not teach you anything or does not inspire you, it is of no more service to you than the conversation of a dull, ignorant person. I just used the word "inspire." You do not read all books for facts or for information merely, but to be inspired, to have your thoughts lifted up to noble ideas, to have your sympathies touched, your ambition awakened to do some worthy or great thing, to become a man or a woman of character and consideration in the world. You read the story of a fine action or a heroic character—the death of Socrates, or the voyage of Columbus, or the sacrifice of Nathan Hale, or such a poem as "The Lady of the Lake"—not for information only, but to create in you a higher ideal of life, and to give you sympathy with your fellows and with noble purposes. You cannot begin too young to have these ideals and these purposes, and therefore the best literature in all the world is the best for you to begin with. And you will find it the most interesting.—*Charles Dudley Warner, in January St. Nicholas.*

Godly Living.

"Live soberly, righteously, and godly."—TITUS 2: 12.

There are persons who consider it quite sufficient for all the practical purposes of human existence to take the first two of the expressions, leaving the third

altogether out of their account. They live "soberly"—their personal conduct is irreproachable. No man can put a finger upon a blot in their morals. From everything like excess, or impurity, or unworthy conduct of any kind, they hold themselves indignantly aloof; and, so far, they are blameless. And they live "righteously." Honest, honourable, straightforward; giving all their due; scorning the miserable shifts and mean devices and half-concealed falsehoods by which some men contrive to emerge into prosperity and to rise in the world; they just do their work manfully and well, and leave success to follow if it will. To them, the most important thing is, not to succeed, but to do the right. So far, then, as their duty to themselves and their duty to their neighbour is concerned, they are all that can be desired. But what about their duty to God? That is neglected! God may be outwardly honoured—as, for instance, by occasional attendance at the house of prayer—but He is not really in all their thoughts; and they know it. They are too honest not to know it. That there has been no acceptance in their lives of the Christ of God—without which acceptance God is a stranger to us, and we strangers to God; that there is in them no consecration to Christ; no referring to His will; no dependence upon His help; no drawing out of His fullness; no love to His person, and no zeal for His glory—of all this they are perfectly aware. But the thought of their heart is—that the omission is of no very great importance; and that so long as they live "soberly" and "righteously," it matters little or nothing whether they do or do not live "godly" in this present world.

—*Standard of the Cross.*

Children in Church.

If you want to see your children trained up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, do not try to shift your parental responsibility upon ministerial shoulders. The work that is done in the church and Sunday-school depends for its success upon the precept and example of the home. If the father is careless and the mother lukewarm, they will quickly communicate these qualities to their offspring. Every fireside is an altar, and every head of a family is a priest appointed of God to keep the sacred fire continually burning. These are considerations which make home the first of all temples. It is the original idea of a church. As the rills of the mountain steal out of every grassy nook, from every little dell and ravine in the side of it, and at last appear as a river in the valley, so the greatest nations and the purest churches are the sum total of all the home life of the people. The place for the education of the conscience, for instruction in righteousness, for growth in grace, for the building and sweetening of character, is under the benign influence of domestic atmosphere. The spirituality of a parish is not the result of eloquent preaching and pastoral

fidelity alone. If the teaching of the pulpit is followed by religion in the household, there will be no stagnation or dullness in churches.

The reluctance exhibited by children in attending public worship is often traceable to the lame and hurtful excuses their parents offer for absenting themselves from the Lord's house. How can a man conscientiously reprove his son for neglect of the Lord's day if its weekly recurrence awakens in his soul no sacred desire to honour God's appointments? How can a mother blame her daughter for inattention to the great verities of the Christian faith if she seek with the slightest provocation to subordinate her own duties to Christ to the demands of society and the interests of this life? These are questions that are important enough to be seriously considered.—*Ballston Register.*

Morning Prayer.

I.

Thou art the God who never can
At any time take sleep,
And therefore through the silent night
Thou dost me safely keep.

II.

But now the morning wakes, O Lord,
I will arise and pray
That by Thy strength I may be kept
Throughout the livelong day.

III.

There is no other one on whom
I safely can depend
To guard my thoughts and keep my tongue
From words that would offend.

IV.

I also trust on Thee to rule
The work I have to do,
Then will the actions I perform
Be only just and true.

V.

And may this morning me remind
Of One I have to meet
The solemn resurrection dawn
At Thy great judgment-seat.

VI.

When Thy loud thunder's voice shall wake
The dead; and death affright:
The rocks shall melt, the seas dry up,
Before Thy lightning bright.

VII.

But I, with confidence, O Lord,
My supplications make,
That when the final morning comes,
I shall to joy awake.

REV. L. SINCLAIR,
Incumbent, Christ Church, Ilfracombe, Ont.

Domestic Thunderstorms.

We have heard it asserted that a quarrel now and then in a family is not a bad thing—that it purifies the domestic atmosphere, rendering it pleasant and salu-

brious for some time to come ; in short, that it is to the household air what a thundergust is to the general element.

Whoso reasons thus is a simpleton. Eye lightnings are neither agreeable when "the sparks of fury" are being projected nor as they flash through the recollection, and tongue-thunder reverberates through the memory for many a long day after the storm. It is an egregious mistake to suppose that sharp words spoken in anger are soon forgotten. They often cut deep, and in some cases the wounds never entirely heal. Crimination and recrimination were never yet freely and frequently indulged in by man and wife without begetting enmity between them, or, to say at least, without destroying their esteem for each other.

Marriage does not change human nature, and it is not human nature to love anybody one is continually quarrelling with. Pettish wives and surly husbands are advised to make a note of this; also all happy pairs fresh from the altar who desire to keep happy.—*Canadian Churchman.*

A Brief Harangue on Talking Slang.

This "sermonette" is especially for you, dear girls. The advice could be put in three words—*don't do it.* Possibly there might come an occasion—say, once in a lifetime—when a good round bit of the genuine article "slang" would prove funny. But to hear vulgar words used by a gentle girl is almost invariably shocking. I remember passing two girls in the street and hearing one of them say, "I'll bet you a quarter." It gave me a shiver. And when a group of school-girls fill their conversation—as, alas ! they often do—with one slang phrase after another, the effect on an outsider is painfully disagreeable.

The habit of talking slang grows rapidly. It is like reporting a bit of scandal. Have you ever noticed, if you say an unkind thing against a neighbour, how quickly a chance comes to say another ? And with just that same appalling ease a habit of using careless, coarse words increases. Weeds grow rapidly.

There is plenty of good, strong English to give expression to wit; drollery, indignation, or sympathy, without recourse to the phrases which belong to horse-jockeys, gamblers, tipplers, and vagabonds. The street arab picks up slang as he does the ends of old cigars from the gutter. Surely a well-bred girl is not on the same level in her speech and manner. Why should she use vulgar words any more than she would stain her hands ?

There ought to be something akin to flowers in a fresh young girl. She need not be prudish nor priggish. No one wishes her to say "prunes and prisms" to coax her lips into the proper curves. But refined and dainty in speech as well as in dress she surely ought to be. Won't you please think about it for five minutes, and see if you do not agree with me?—*Mary S. McCobb, in Harper's Young People.*

"To-Day."

Charles Kingsley said, "Do to-day's duty, fight to-day's temptations. Do not weaken and distract yourself looking forward to things you cannot see, and could not understand if you saw." How much of truth and wisdom there is in these words, and how very necessary for all Christian workers to bear in mind the truth which they set forth. It is so easy to dream away "to-day," intending to do some great thing to-morrow, but that eventful to-morrow to many an one never comes; but with them it is always "*to-morrow.*" Again, these words of Kingsley's are words of wisdom, because "to-day" is the only time we have: "yesterday" is gone, with all its achievements and its failures; "to-morrow" has not come.

Altar Desks.

A reader of THE NEWS, giving as his designation "Ulster Pat," writes enquiring what an *altar desk* is, having noticed that one of our missionaries was soliciting such an article. We hasten to explain that such is the name of a small desk used in some churches as part of the chancel furniture. Altar desks are usually made of brass or some sort of hardwood, and are about one foot square on the surface. The office book is placed upon the desk, so enabling the officiating clergyman to read the Nicene creed, prayer for the Church militant, etc., in the Communion Service, with greater ease than he can when, as is often the case, the book is lying flat or horizontally upon the holy table.—*EDITOR NEWS.*

Ilfracombe Mission.

The Church of St. Mary, in Novar, is again in the mission of Ilfracombe, under the charge of the Rev. L. Sinclair, the former Incumbent. Christ Church, Ilfracombe, St. Jude's Church, Hoodstown, St. John the Baptist's Church in Ravenscliffe, and the services held in schoolhouse No. 7, Chaffey, are in the Rural Deanery of Muskoka; and Axe Lake and St. Mary's Church, in Novar, are in the Rural Deanery of Parry Sound and Nipissing.

Gravenhurst Mission.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. James', Gravenhurst, have presented to the church a handsome memorial window to the late Bishop Fauquier, of Algoma. The design is St. John, the divine, nearly life size, and is placed next the chancel on the south side.

The method taken to raise funds was that of selling Bishop Sullivan's photographs to the church members, and succeeded beyond expectations, as it took but a short time to raise sufficient money to purchase window and screen.

At the same time as the above, Mr. H. H. Marter

had placed a memorial window to his little daughter, Norah Algoma, who died Oct. 18th, 1887. This is also a handsome window, and forms a companion to that of Dr. Fauquier. This makes the third memorial painted window in St. James'—the last window having been presented by Mrs. Newton, in memory of her husband, Richard Newton, and is considered a very great ornament to the church.—*Com.*

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.—The Church of St. James, Gravenhurst, can now lay claim to being one of the most attractive and interesting ecclesiastical buildings in the Diocese of Algoma. A stranger visiting the town is greatly surprised to find this substantial and tasteful edifice erected and completed in so comparatively short a time after the general conflagration. The cost has been \$3000. This sum, however, does not include certain offerings from members of the congregation intended for special purposes. A short description of the principal memorial offerings may prove interesting. The chancel window, which is circular and occupies a prominent position in the apsis, serves as a memorial to the late Richard Newton, Esq., for many years a member of the congregation. The design is St. James, the apostle and martyr. In the south wall of the church, near the chancel, there are two well-executed windows. The first commemorates the work of that noble and godly man who served the diocese as its first bishop. The inscription is, "To the glory of God and in memory of the Rt. Rev. F. D. Fauquier, D.D., first Bishop of Algoma; born July 27th, 1817; consecrated Oct. 28th, 1873; died Dec. 7th, 1881." The design is St. John, the apostle and evangelist, with the symbol of his lofty and heavenly conceptions, the eagle. This window was purchased and set up by the praiseworthy efforts of St. James' Woman's Auxiliary—all the money having been raised by means of the selling of photographs of the present bishop. The writer, who has traversed a large portion of Algoma, has reason to believe that the affectionate regard for the memory of the late bishop which this window evidences is by no means confined to the good people of Gravenhurst, but is general throughout the diocese. The second window in the south wall has been placed there by Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Marter, "in affectionate memory of Nora Algoma Marter, who died Oct. 18th, 1887," aged five years. This child's death was indirectly caused by exposure on the night of the awful fire. Mr. H. H. Marter is one of the churchwardens of St. James. A fourth offering worthy of special mention is the font, which is very neatly made of white pine in elaborate design. It is the workmanship of Mr. Charles Cox, the death of whose daughter Emily on June 18th, 1886, at the age of fifteen, it commemorates. Transient visitors while in Gravenhurst, even if not permitted to stay over Sunday, should see St. James' Church. The wall texts, the furniture, and the general equipment, besides the things just described, are well worthy of a half-hour's inspection.—*Com.*

Port Sydney Mission.

On Tuesday, July 14th, the Rev. P. L. Spencer, Rector of Thorold, arrived here from Beaumaris, bringing with him all his materials for magic lantern work and photography. The rev. gentleman was met at Utterson by the Rev. A. H. Allman and driven to Port Sydney parsonage, and the latter was informed that Mr. Spencer was much pleased with some of the Muskoka scenery. After tea all the needful preparations were made at the town hall for the exhibition of views from all parts of the world, which had been announced to commence at eight o'clock, and very soon after that hour the company present were asked to imagine themselves on a "Missionary Tour Around the World." The time occupied was most enjoyable and profitable, for the rev. gentleman, in a clear and concise manner, gave an interesting explanation of all the views thrown upon the sheet, which were brilliantly distinct. Scenes from Africa, India, China, Japan, Palestine, the Northwest, Algoma, and elsewhere, were represented in quite an enchanting manner, followed by photographs of churches, parsonages, clergymen, and bishops, amongst the latter being the celebrated Bishop Crowther. A few hymns and the national anthem were thrown upon the sheet in the most perfect style, and they were taken up very heartily. The entertainment gave pleasure and satisfaction to all. There were upwards of 120 persons present, and many said "they had never spent a better time." Mr. A. H. Ladell proposed, and Mr. Allan McInnes seconded, a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which, upon being put by the Rev. A. H. Allman, was responded to heartily and unanimously. The Rev. P. L. Spencer declared his thankfulness and pleasure at the attention that had been accorded him, feeling delighted that he had visited Port Sydney. The amount realized was \$9.65. On the following morning Mr. Spencer took photographs both of the inside and outside of Christ Church, and they will be offered for sale in order to increase the funds in hand for painting that same building. A family group was also taken on the lawn in front of the parsonage, in which the Rev. H. P. Lowe, Incumbent of Aspdin, was included. After dinner, the Rev. P. L. Spencer accompanied the Rev. H. P. Lowe to Aspdin, in order to give the same benefit there that he had given here.

Port Sydney has also been visited by the Rev. J. Boydell, Incumbent of Bracebridge, and Bishop's chaplain. The rev. gentleman came up on his bicycle on Saturday, July 25th, and stayed at the parsonage until Monday, the 27th. On Sunday Mr. Boydell assisted at the morning service, and in the celebration of Holy Communion, at which twenty-three were present. In the afternoon he accompanied the Incumbent to Brunel, where he preached an excellent sermon, and, returning to Port Sydney, in the evening again did the same.

UFFORD STATION.—The Three-mile Lake Orange Lodge spent a very pleasant day at Ufford on July 13th. The gathering, numbering several hundred, was a most orderly one, and everything passed off satisfactorily. After dinner a procession was formed, which marched to a grove on a spur of Grub Mountain, where addresses, under the chairmanship of W.M., John L. Shea, were delivered by the Presbyterian student of Windermere, the Methodist student of Utterson (Mr. Mason), and the Rev. A.H. Allman, Incumbent of Port Sydney Mission, which includes Ufford. The first speaker confined himself to a description of a personal trip to Niagara. Mr. Mason gave a short, but capital speech, and, if his life is spared, we may expect to hear more from him in the near future. The Rev. A. H. Allman's speech ought to have been heard to have been appreciated. Any abstract, however carefully prepared, would fail to do it justice; suffice it to say that it has been, and will be, a subject of discussion for some time. After returning from the grove, some partook of supper, and the lodge marched back to their hall. Before leaving, the caterer of the day, Mr. Gill, was presented with a vote of thanks for his attention to the wants of his many guests. The village was decorated with evergreens and flags.—*Bracebridge Free Grant Gazette.*

Brunel Station.—Whilst waiting for responses to the various appeals sent forth for money to enable the church building to proceed, a social tea and sale of useful articles has just come off in Brunel town hall. Some months since Miss Alice C. Day (England), who visited the site last year, sent out to the Incumbent (Rev. A. H. Allman) a very sensible collection of useful articles, to be sold for the benefit of the new church funds, and the female members of the Brunel congregation were asked to give baskets in order to provide tea. A small committee of ladies was formed, the articles were marked at reasonable figures, and promises came in generously as to baskets. On Thursday, the 25th of June, the preparations were brought to a head, and the Brunel town hall was decked with tables spread with articles for sale on the one hand, and abundant provision for tea on the other. At four o'clock the Incumbent addressed a few cheery words to the company present and declared the sale open, whereupon the ladies began at once to examine and purchase the goods. This went on till six o'clock, when tea having been declared ready, grace was sung, and the invitingly-spread tables received attention for some time. After tea, more selling went on, and then a short programme of readings, recitations, songs, etc., was carried out, which all enjoyed. Hearty votes of thanks were given to all who had contributed baskets, and special thanks are due to Mrs. Allman, Mrs. Ferguson, and Mrs. Dodd, and to Messrs. Porter, Gray, Geall, Rumball, Chamberlain, and W. Lloyd, for help rendered during the evening. The entire affair passed off successfully, and added \$23.15 to the funds in the treasurer's hands.

Parry Sound Mission.

The annual Sunday-school picnic of this mission was held on Friday, July 31st. The Sunday-school children assembled at the church at 10 o'clock a.m., and marched in procession, headed by the Sunday-school banner, to the dock at the foot of Bay street, thence they were taken by the steam yacht "Eagle" to Long Island, in the Georgian Bay. This island is about seven miles from the town. There the boys soon found active amusement in boating, while the little girls amused themselves in playing on the sandy beach. The older scholars, with the teachers, were meanwhile busy cleaning potatoes for the dinner, setting the tables, etc., etc. When all was ready, the children were called, and showed their appreciation of the labors of their elders by quickly clearing the board. In the afternoon the steam tug *Minnehaha* came out with a load of Church people and many of their friends and neighbours of other denominations, and a good game of baseball was heartily enjoyed; and then, after a hearty evening meal, all returned home.

Trinity Church looks quite fresh with the new coat of paint. The work has been excellently done by the contractor, Mr. H. W. Wolton.

On Sunday, August 2nd, the pulpit was occupied in the morning by Rev. R. Rush Swope, D.D., of Western Virginia, and in the evening by the Very Rev. the Dean of Huron.

Our Sunday-school library is not large, and the teachers and scholars would therefore be grateful to any friend or friends who can and will assist with either books or money for the same.

G. H. G.

Emsdale Mission.

The Rev. Alfred W. H. Chowne, Incumbent of Emsdale mission, will be grateful to any person or persons sending a book or a number of books to augment the mission libraries.

The Rev. Alfred W. H. Chowne begs to acknowledge, with hearty thanks, \$1 from the Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd, Huntsville, towards the driving-shed at Emsdale church.—*Com.*

Burk's Falls Mission.

BURK'S FALLS.—Work is progressing very favourably in this part of the mission. The morning and evening services are well attended, and the singing is good. A new driving-shed has lately been erected, which will be a great convenience to the country people in the vicinity of Burk's Falls. There is very little debt on this structure, which we can easily wipe out. We expect the Bishop of Algoma here some time during the month of August. His lordship is coming for the purpose of consecrating the new cemetery, and the missionary has a confirmation class under preparation, consisting of an old man (who

heretofore has been a Methodist all his lifetime), another married man, a young man, and three young girls.

The Rev. P. G. Robinson desires to acknowledge, with heartfelt thanks, the sum of \$44.65 contributed by the Sunday-school of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, to the Burk's Falls Parsonage Fund. Who will be the next contributor?

The Incumbent was pleased to notice in the last issue of THE NEWS that a person under the initials of "C.D." had subscribed \$20 towards the Parsonage Fund here. If a few more friends would kindly send similar donations, we should soon be able to commence the erection of that *much-needed* building. We are most grateful to "C.D." for his or her contribution. Who will subscribe?

The Rev. P. G. Robinson would also like to receive a pocket communion service and a pocket font, as he is sometimes called to administer the sacrament of the Lord's supper and baptism to the sick in the country; and in taking the communion sets belonging to the churches, they are apt to get injured in their passage over the rough roads in this country.

On Sunday evening, July 12th, the Orangemen of this place attended All Saints' Church and were greeted with a cordial welcome and as fine a society sermon as was ever listened to, suitable for any congregation to hear at any time, by the Rev. P. G. H. Robinson, who took his text from the latter part of the third verse of the General Epistle of Jude. A noticeable feature in this sermon was the total absence of abuse of sect or creed. He showed conclusively that the defence of the Christian religion, civil and religious liberty, were the fundamental principles of the order. The choir, under the skilful leadership of Mrs. Robinson, wife of the Incumbent, who presided at the organ, rendered the services peculiarly interesting, showing that when occasion required it they were able to meet the requirements of the hour. They deserved the approbation of the immense congregation present, the church being crowded.—*Forrester.*

SUNDRIIDGE STATION.—Divine service is held here every alternate Sunday morning and evening, and the attendance is good. A new organ has lately been purchased and placed in the church by the members, which is nearly all paid for; and a vestry is now being added to St. Paul's Church here (the members having responded liberally to the Incumbent's appeal for the same), which will be a great convenience, as well as adding to the appearance of the church. A baptismal font has also recently been given to this station by the children of Trinity Church, Brockville. Fifty dollars are required towards the completion of the vestry and renovating the church, and the members would feel thankful for the gift of a lectern.

TODD'S CORNERS.—This is another outlying station in the mission of Burk's Falls, and the services

(which are held here every Tuesday evening) are also well attended. A debt of \$77.76 has recently been paid off, and now the church is free of debt. But the interior of St. Margaret's is in an unfinished state, and a lectern, prayer-desk, and font are required to enable the Incumbent to do "all things decently and in order." Only \$40 are required to finish the interior of the church.

Acknowledgments will be made by the Incumbent in all the Church papers of any contributions, etc., that may from time to time be made to this mission.

We have good Sunday-schools at all three stations, in which a great work is being accomplished in training up the children in "the faith once delivered to the saints."

A Sunday-school picnic was recently held at Sundridge, which was largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Aspdin Mission.

On Wednesday, July 15th, a lecture entitled, "A Missionary Tour Round the World," was delivered in Clifton Hall, by the Rev. P. L. Spencer, Rector of Thorold, in the Diocese of Niagara. The lecture was very interesting, and the magic lantern views—over 100 in number—with which it was illustrated were excellent, embracing scenes in Europe, Asia, Africa, and America.

Considering the weather, which was, as usual, all that could *not* be desired, quite a number of people were present; some walking several miles.

At the close of the lecture a few comic views were shown on the screen for the benefit of the younger people, and also the well-known beautiful slides illustrating "Rock of Ages."

The proceeds of the lecture were given to the fund for completing the hall.

On the following morning, Mr. Spencer, who is an expert at amateur photography, took some views of St. Mary's Church. The price will be merely nominal: 20 cents in Canada and 1 shilling in England.

The founder of the Aspdin Mission, the well-known Rev. W. Crompton, is once more on the scene of his missionary toils, visiting the members of his family and resting from his extensive labours in England in connection with the S. P. G. He will have the satisfaction of seeing that the work of the mission is still carried on on the same principles that he ever laboured to establish. Needless to say, he received a hearty welcome from all his old friends.

Allansville Station—A large congregation assembled in St. Michael's Church, on Thursday, July 9th, to witness the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Coldwell, one of the daughters of our much-respected Sunday-school superintendent, to Mr. Edward Fearon, of Toronto.

The day was an ideal one for a wedding, and the service was bright and hearty.

Miss E. Coldwell has for some years, and more especially since her sister's departure, rendered valuable assistance and she will be greatly missed.

Mr. and Mrs. Fearon have our best wishes for their prosperity and happiness.

The new piece of fence at Allansville, to which we alluded last month, is now up, and not only looks well but is very strong.

Sunday, July 19th, was a remarkable one in all the stations of the mission. The Aspdin congregations and offertories were very large, and at the morning service (when the Rev. Wm. Crompton celebrated) there were 40 communicants. The services at Lancelot and Stanleydale were also attended by very large congregations, while at Allansville there were 70 people, probably the largest number there has ever been in that church. How they were accommodated in a building which seats only fifty-one is a marvel. Such Sundays are refreshing and encouraging.—*Com.*

Uffington Mission.

The Rev. H. N. Burden, missionary in charge, has kindly furnished the diocesan paper with the following report of progress made in this mission during the past two and a half years; and work yet remaining to be done :

In the latter part of the year 1888, when the present missionary clergyman first set foot in the mission, it had but one regular Church service, and there was no consecrated building in which the Sacraments could be administered. In a word, the outlook for the mission as a whole was very dark. It was under such circumstances that an earnest struggle for life was made, which, through the Divine blessing on the willing labours and gifts of friends within and without, has enabled so good a foundation to be begun that each year leaves its mark of progress.

A reference to the Kalendar will show the number of services now held ; some forty persons have received the sacred rite of confirmation, and the following table gives the greater temporal works of each year :

- 1888—Purchase of an Organ for Uffington.
- 1889—Erection of St. Paul's Church, Uffington
- 1890—Erection of St. Stephen's Church, Vankoughnet.
Erection of five rooms at the Parsonage.
Clearing and Making Graveyards at Uffington,
Purbrook, and Vankoughnet,
- 1891—Purchase of an Organ for St. Stephen's.
Completion of the Parsonage, Uffington.
" " exterior of All Saints',
Lewisham.

A review of all this tells how many are the causes for gratitude, particularly when it is remembered that the mission is free from debt, and that upwards of half the cost has been met within the mission itself.

But there yet remains much work which is urgently crying for attention, viz. :

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THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL PICNIC.—The annual Sunday-school picnic was held this year on Wednesday, July 8th. The place chosen was the same as last year, Mr. Kirkpatrick being good enough to again place his grove at our disposal. The weather had been much discussed at the parsonage the previous day, owing to the late wet rains, but on account of the cold and clearness of the stars, etc., Tuesday evening we all prophesied favourably. Our predictions proved true, for Wednesday turned out to be glorious. A few planks were taken down to the grove in the morning, and work on the spot began in earnest by midday. There could be heard clearly the sound of axe and hammer hard at work. A fine table of closely-fitting planks was set up. Rustic seats were also set up around by means of planks resting upon syrup troughs. The ground was well cleared, and two swings were hung up. Fathers, mothers, and children began to congregate about 2 p.m., some being early enough to render us practical assistance. Games at once were indulged in, such as Copenhagen, drop-the-handkerchief, and tug-of-war. Copenhagen seemed to be great fun, especially to Mr. Jas. Thompson. Others were far too frightened to have even their little finger within a foot of the rope. In drop-the-handkerchief Miss Sarah Thompson seemed to be a great favourite, as also Mr. Thomas Kirkpatrick. The student amused some young lads like Richard Kitchen, Tom Ferguson, and John Kirkpatrick in some good tugs-of-war.

After singing their grace very prettily, the smaller children began a hearty tea, in the preparation of which might be specially mentioned Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Colson, Mrs. Smith, and Miss McCarthy. While the little ones were thus regaling themselves, the bigger ones were either swinging or enjoying a quiet chat. As soon as the table had been reset, the elder scholars and the parents took their places thereat, and later had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Newsome among their number. After grace had been again sung, healthy games were again made the business of the day, such as "Nuts and May," "See a Ghost," "Dusty Miller," "The Priest and his Wishing Cap." In "Nuts and May," Mrs. Frank Cook was the life of the party. In "See a Ghost," Mr. Hunter was soon brought to his real senses. In "The Priest and his Wishing Cap," Miss Lizzie Kirkpatrick and Miss Mary Ellen Gedman were quick and smart. Miss Rebecca Patterson was made a mason, but somebody ate up her cake. The missionary amused some of the youngest children with filling their mouths and pockets with candies, much to their evident surprise and pleasure.

An adjournment was now made for Evensong, which those belonging to the home station attended in a body, the Purbrook contingent leaving for home on

account of time and the distance to be travelled. The singing and responses, we were pleased to notice, were very hearty.

After service we adjourned to the church hall for awhile, where lamps had been lighted, and a table set with sitting-down games for the quieter ones, such as dominoes, old maid, checkers. Mrs. Burden entertained these children and kept them interested till the last minute.

The bigger people engaged in more lively pursuits, general post and hunt-the-squirrel being among them.

Such was an outline of our day's sport. Before closing, the clergyman gave a general invitation to all resident in the mission over fourteen years of age to meet in the hall every Wednesday night for some such games.

The Sunday-school superintendent wishes to thank all those who were kind enough to bring baskets; all the parents who were kind enough to show sufficient interest to attend; and every one who did their best to make our annual treat the success that it was.

Thirty-three presents and prizes for regular attendance were given out the following Sunday, after the close of the school. They certainly were very nice ones, and were highly valued by those who received them. Many of the children wishing to thank the kind friends who have provided these rewards, the missionary, in their name, asks them to accept the grateful thanks of the little ones.—*Com.*

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