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Old Home Sunday—Influenza—Bishop Hopkins Hall

IT HAS been the custom for several years to observe an Old Home Sunday in August at Old Christ Church, Bethel, which is now only occasionally used, being at a considerable distance from the village. To this people come from several neighboring parishes. The same custom has spread to the Church at Montgomery, where the Bishop Coadjutor held service just lately, and he had planned a similar service at Enosburgh Centre for October 13th, but the epidemic of influenza prevented this.

ALL THE churches as well as schools, etc., have been closed by the state board of health for two Sundays, and probably will not be reopened for two Sundays more. The disease is widespread throughout the state. The parish house at St. Paul's, Burlington, is given over to fifty convalescent soldiers belonging to the mechanical school and the signal corps being trained at the university. At St. Albans St. Luke's parish house is used as an emergency hospital. This is appropriate for a parish bearing the name of the Beloved Physician.

The epidemic has interfered with several plans, including both conferences on Religious Education, at various centers, and meetings in the interest of missions.

THE BURLINGTON daily papers printed the following prayer prepared by Bishop Hall: "O God, the Giver of life and health, we pray Thee to grant such skill and devotion to our doctors and nurses that, with favorable weather, they may successfully combat the disease which is afflicting our people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

NOTWITHSTANDING the war the diocesan school for girls, Bishop Hopkins Hall, began the school year with its full number of boarders.

AFTER OVER ten years' incumbency the the Church of the Good Shepherd, Barre, Rev. W. J. M. Beattie resigns charge of at the end of this month. Barre, as is probably generally known, is the center of the largest monumental granite works in the United States. There are large Scotch and Italian elements in the population.