

Mark's church last Wednesday evening, 6th October. The Bishop of Niagara preached. His sermon was a powerful and eloquent one. The choir was out in good force, and, assisted by the auxiliary choir of ladies, rendered the musical portion of the service in a thoroughly hearty manner. The anthem was by Sir John Stainer, "Ye Shall Dwell in the Land," the solos being well sung by Mrs. A. S. Foster and C. Morley. During the offertory Mrs. Foster sang "The Holy City." The church was very prettily decorated for the occasion.

Elora.—On Sunday, the 3rd inst., the annual Harvest Thanksgiving services were held in St. John's church. At the morning service Bishop DuMoulin confirmed 20 candidates, who then partook of the Holy Communion with the largest number of members present at any celebration in the history of the parish. The Bishop's address in the morning was on "Faith and Duty." In the evening he preached a very eloquent, earnest and practical sermon, his subject being "Canada, Our Own Country, the Queen's Jubilee and the Lambeth Conference." The Bishop is an eloquent and convincing speaker, conveying a great deal of intelligence in a very short time. The ladies of the congregation spared no pains to make the sacred edifice look beautiful and suitable to the occasion, with a choice display of flowers, grain, fruit, vegetables and varied-tinted autumn leaves. The altar being especially worthy of note, having upon it three beautiful bouquets of flowers, a small sheaf of wheat, bunch of choice grapes, and a sickle. The musical part of the services was well rendered. The special offertory towards the church debt was handsome, amounting to \$106. The members are anxious to get the debt off, and have the church consecrated next year, which will be fifty years since the old church was consecrated.

Arthur.—We had the Bishop of Niagara here on Tuesday evening, Sept. 28th, for Confirmation, when, as was expected, there was a large turnout of the people, and a large number could not find even standing room. Eleven candidates were presented to the Bishop by Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, M.A., for confirmation. The Bishop's address was listened to very attentively by all, as he dealt with the noble subject of the Catholicity of the Church in eloquent and appealing words. The choir sang beautifully, and after the confirmation Miss Anderson sang "The Contemplation of Heaven" most feelingly. The solemn and impressive service has left an impression on the Church people in Arthur which will not soon fade away.

HURON.

MAURICE S. BALDWIN, D.D., BISHOP, LONDON.

Tilbury Centre.—Harvest Thanksgiving services were conducted here on Sunday, Sept. 26th, by Rev. Mr. Westgate, of Comber. In this parish work had ceased for some time, but recently Rev. Thos. Dobson was appointed to the charge and has done a faithful, persevering work in reviving Church life there. There are abundant evidences on all sides that his work is being much blessed.

Millbank.—Harvest Thanksgiving services were conducted here morning and evening, Sept. 26th. The church was beautifully decorated, and the offertory was \$30.

Perth Deanery.—The fall meeting of this deanery was held at St. James' church school-house, Stratford, on Sept. 30th. The New Missions Committee, consisting of Rural Dean Deacon, Revs. Williams and Wright, and Messrs. Harron and Creary, completed the assessment of the parishes. A scheme of lectures for the various churches in the deanery was discussed, and will be put in operation at an early date.

Ellice.—A beautiful little church has been erected here this summer, and the opening services conducted by Rev. Rural Dean Deacon, in whose parish it is, are announced for Oct. 3rd. A suc-

cessful picnic, attended by many Stratford people, was held there Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, and netted about \$40. This, with the offertory at the opening services, will be applied to building expenses, which are now for the most part met. This mission is in a very healthy condition, and the little church is the culmination of faithful missionary work done there during recent years.

Comber.—The annual Harvest Thanksgiving service was held on Sunday evening, Sept. 19th. The church, beautifully and appropriately decorated with grains, fruits and flowers, was filled with a congregation that taxed the capacity to the utmost limit. The offering, a very liberal one, exceeded \$50. Our missionary boxes have been called in for the quarter ending Sept. 30th, and the contents, aggregating beyond \$15, forwarded to headquarters. The incumbent's (Rev. J. B. R. Westgate) weekly Bible class is well and regularly attended. He is at present reading for his priesthood examination, after which he will go to South America as a missionary.

Tilsonburg.—The annual meeting of the Deanery of Oxford was held in St. John's church on Tuesday, Sept. 28th. The proceedings consisted of Divine service, with sermon by Rev. G. W. Racey, of Belmont, meeting of chapter at 2.30, followed by a convention of church and Sunday school workers. At the business meeting there were present: Rural Dean Wright, chairman; Rev. G. B. Ward, secretary; Rev. E. W. Hughes, Rev. A. Murphy, and W. Drake. After prayers by the rector of the parish and adoption of minutes, Revs. Messrs. Racey and T. A. Wright, of Brantford, were by resolution invited to seats on the floor of the house. The election of the Deanery Missions Committee to visit the various parishes for the purpose of assessment resulted as follows: Clerical, Revs. Messrs. Ward and Hughes; lay, Messrs. Price and Drake. A vote of thanks was passed to Rev. G. W. Racey for his sermon. A cordial vote of sympathy with Rev. F. M. Baldwin, of Woodstock in his continued illness was passed on motion of Rev. Messrs. Hughes and Murphy. A resolution was carried to the effect that there should be two meetings every year (besides the one in September) of the clergy of the deanery for the purpose of discussing any paper read by one of their number, or any matter connected with parish work, said meeting to be followed in the evening by service in the church and two addresses by the visiting clergy, arrangements for each subsequent meeting to be made at the preceding one. The invitation of the incumbent of Eastwood to hold the first of these at that place in January was accepted. The invitation of Rev. Mr. Murphy to hold the next September meeting at Ingersoll was accepted, the committee for arrangements being the Rural Dean, the secretary, the rector of Ingersoll, and Rev. E. W. Hughes. It was moved by Rev. Mr. Hughes and Mr. Drake, and carried, that a vote of thanks be tendered Rev. Mr. Ward for his work as secretary. The chapter was closed with the benediction by Rev. T. A. Wright. A most successful convention was held in the afternoon and evening. The afternoon was given up to informal discussion of Sunday school methods and church organizations, participated in by Revs. Messrs. Hughes, Ward, Murphy, and Wright. At the evening session the church was well filled and papers were presented as follows: "Science and Revelation," by J. H. Wilson, principal Public school, Tilsonburg, discussed by Rev. A. Murphy; "Plymouthism," by Rev. T. A. Wright, of St. Jude's, Brantford, discussed by Rev. A. Murphy; "Revival Missions," by Rev. A. Murphy, discussed by Rev. G. B. Ward and Rural Dean Wright. There was some excellent singing of hymns and anthems by the choir. After the collection and votes of thanks to those who had entertained the guests, and to those who had read papers, the convention was closed with the benediction by Rev. Mr. Ward.

Galt.—The Rev. J. Ridley, rector, has completed arrangements for another course of first-class lec-

tures, similar to that of last year. The subjects and lecturers are as follows: Nov. 1st, "Kipling," Professor Mackenzie, M.A.; Nov. 29th, "Bunyan," Rev. Provost Welch, D.C.L.; Dec. 13th, "Eastern Types," Surgeon-Major Keefer; Jan. 10th, "Sheridan," Rev. Dean Rigby, M.A.; Jan. 24th, "Faust," Professor Young, M.A.; Feb. 21st, "Rambles in Italy," Rev. Prof. Cody, M.A.; March 14th, "St. Patrick," Rev. T. G. A. Wright, M.A.; March 28th, "Cowper," Rev. Septimus Jones, M.A. These lectures will be free and open to all.

ALGOMA.

GEORGE THORNELOE, D.D., BISHOP, SAINT STE. MARIE.

The Rev. Alfred W. H. Chowne begs to acknowledge, with hearty thanks, an old (small) organ, given by the Rev. Rural Dean Machin, of Gravenhurst, to St. Mary's church, Sand Lake.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

JOHN DART, D.D., BISHOP, NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.

New Westminster.—Holy Trinity.—The Harvest Thanksgiving services were held on Friday, Oct. 8th, and Sunday, the 10th. The offertory was given towards St. Leonard's Hall.

Vancouver.—The Synod of the Diocese will meet in Christ church next month.

St. James.—Harvest Thanksgiving services were held in this church Sept. 26th, and were well attended.

Rossland.—The Rev. H. Irwin writes: "The Churchfolk at Midway have raised \$400 there, and are begging from home friends, as we have been given a good site by the Midway Townsite Co. for a church, so we hope 'The Old Church' will be the first there, just for a change. But how is one to serve all these places, and where are men to be had who will come out for the sake of the work and not for stipends? 'Grub stakes' ought to be enough where everyone does not get three meals a day. This would be a splendid centre for a Brotherhood to work from.

British and Foreign.

The health of the Bishop of Bangor still continues to be very unsatisfactory.

The Church of St. Clement Danes, in the Strand, is shortly to be restored and redecorated.

The Rev. J. B. Kite, B.A., rector of Billingsford, Norfolk, has been appointed Dean of Hobart, Tasmania.

Dr. Eden is to be enthroned as Bishop of Wakefield in the pro-cathedral of that city on Thursday, Nov. 4th next.

The Rev. F. J. Tackley, M.A., curate of Macclesfield, has been appointed Chaplain of Capetown cathedral, South Africa.

Dr. Browne, Bishop of Stepney, has been elected Bishop of Bristol. The new Bishop will be enthroned in the cathedral on the 28th inst.

St. Peter's, Eastbourne, has been enriched by the gift of solid gold Communion plate. The two chalices are of exquisite 14th century design.

The death is announced of the Very Rev. J. F. Montgomery, Dean of Edinburgh, in the 80th year of his age. He became Dean of Edinburgh in 1873.

During the past half century it is calculated that the Church of England has spent on its extension in various ways, the enormous sum of £250,000,000.