

Blessed Lord's teaching, and with no doubtful voice giving a united protest against the sins which hinder the full accomplishment of His beneficent work. In the same Catholic spirit the Conference has rightly attempted to deal with those Christian bodies at present outwardly separated from our Communion. It accepts the position of the Eastern Church, and pledges itself to respect its independence, forbidding all proselytising, and in no boastful spirit offering to supply its needs as occasion may require.

To Protestant Nonconformity it is able, from the same Catholic standpoint, to offer the same terms of Communion which were offered last year by the House of Bishops of the American Church; a position which it would have been difficult to occupy if the Conference had consisted mainly of the Bishops of the Establishment. It is too true that in the face of the Vatican Decrees it would have been impossible to offer terms of Communion with those of the Roman Obedience.

But it is wrong to come to the conclusion that, therefore, nothing has been done in the direction of Unity. The bare expression of a desire for some *modus operandi*, and of regret that it is not at present apparent, is itself a step towards Unity; and we may rest assured that, as long as we are safely anchored on the sound foundation of the faith and practice of the undivided Church, the more we grow out of our party narrowness and embrace a fuller view of the beneficent influences of the Incarnation, the more rapidly shall we advance towards the realization of that more perfect Unity, which must be the earnest heart's desire of all true followers of the God of love.—
LORD NELSON, in *Church Bells*.

Home & Foreign Church News.

From our own Correspondents.

DOMINION.

ONTARIO.

The Bishop opened the new brick church at Taylerville, on Monday, 24th September. This church was erected under the auspices of the Rev. Mr. Snowden of Billings Bridge, and does both him and his former parishioners, for he is now curate of St. George's Ottawa, infinite credit. It supersedes an unsightly worn out wooden structure—is a very pretty and churchly edifice, and stands as it should, East and West in a commanding and picturesque position.

St. Margaret's Church, on the Montreal Road, held its first Thanksgiving service Thursday. This cosy little church was very neatly decorated with fruits, vegetables, autumn leaves, evergreens, etc. The services were very hearty. The singing, under Mr. Norrie's direction, was very well rendered. Rev. Mr. Hannington officiated, and Rev. Mr. Bogert, of St. Alban's Church, preached a very appropriate and practical sermon. The members of the congregation were extremely liberal, their donations of grapes, vegetables and fruits of all kinds being choice and plentiful. It is the intention to send the fruits and vegetables to the hospital on Monday.

DESERONTO.—The new bell for St. Mark's Church has arrived. It weighs 1015 lbs. and cost about \$250, the building committee being fortunate to purchase on very favourable terms. It was manufactured by Henry McShane & Co., of Baltimore. It is richly toned and its sweet cadences will soon be heard summoning worshippers to the house of prayer.

DESERONTO.—The Bay of Quinte Clerical Union held a very successful meeting here on the 2nd and 3rd inst. The Archdeacon of Kingston presided and read a thoughtful letter dealing with the difficulty of country parishes, and strongly urging upon the farmers the necessity of more systematic and regular offerings for church purposes. It was resolved to publish the same for distribution. The next meeting will be held in Kingston in January, '89.

KINGSTON.—The Revd. R. T. Burns, permanent Deacon, of the Savings Bank Department of the Kingston Post Office, has been appointed Deputy Post Master. The Women's Auxiliary, held last week, had a large meeting. Since April \$201 has been collected, and the contributions show an increase of 50 per cent. over last year. The Kingston branch stands at the head of the list for the year with a donation \$678, Ottawa second with \$622.

TORONTO.

TORONTO.—The usual monthly meeting of the Diocesan Board of the Woman's Auxiliary to Missions of the Church of England was held in the Synod rooms last week. There were a large number of representatives of the different parochial branches present, and a great deal of important business was transacted.

St. Simon's.—A most interesting and successful harvest thanksgiving service was held in St. Simon's Church on the evening of the 9th inst. The church was so full, that draw seats and chairs had to be brought into use. The decorations consisted of choice flowers, grasses and grains tastefully arranged in vases, bouquets, sheaves &c. In every respect, the "harvest thanksgiving" was visibly brought before the congregation. Excellent music was rendered by a competent choir, including an anthem taken from Eccl. xxxix.—Stainer's arrangement. Prof. Clarke, Trinity College, was the preacher, and his eloquent and impressive sermon was listened to with marked attention. He selected as his text Psalms xxvi. 7, dwelling upon the bountiful goodness of God in sending an abundant harvest, and urging that there was every reason for thankfulness. At the close of the service a liberal collection was taken up in aid of the organ fund.

Holy Trinity.—The Guild of this Church met two weeks ago and elected the following officers for the ensuing season: Patron, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop; Hon. Presidents, Revs. John Pearson, and Geo. Nattress; President, Mr. Chas. P. Sparling; Vice-Presidents, Mr. Chas. H. Thompson, Mesdames Thompson and Pearson; Secretary, Rev. Geo. Nattress; Assistant Secretary, Mr. J. Abrams; Treasurer, Mr. Cameron; Musical Director, Miss Lash; and a large Social and Entertainment Committee. The Guild meets every other Thursday night in the school-house for the object of social intercourse, mental culture, and raising funds for Church objects. The membership already numbers some fifty ladies and gentlemen, with a prospect of a very large addition. The Rev. Prof. Clark, D.D., has kindly consented to give his celebrated lecture on "Work" at the next regular meeting, Thursday, Nov. 8th, chair to be taken at eight o'clock. All cordially invited to be present.

St. James' Church.—For some months past the work of alteration and improvement at St. James' Cathedral has been in progress and is now nearly completed. It is expected that the church will be reopened for worship on the first Sunday in November. The main object of the alterations which are now being made on the interior is to restore the original intention of the architect, namely, a specimen of the early English cathedral. The removal of the east and west galleries is an immense improvement, relieving the graceful windows of an unsightly obstruction and letting in a flood of new light. The walls at the south end, which once terminated the aisles, are to be taken down, throwing the porches into the length of the aisles. The aisle roofs, being "lean to," are treated as timber roofs. These, with some general necessary repair to the roof, etc., are the principal changes which will be noticed at the re-opening. But they do not comprise the whole scheme of the alterations. Among those which are deferred is the placing of a new organ in the church, not in the position of the old one, but in the chancel. When the new organ comes the choir will sit in the chancel, and the choir gallery at the south end will no longer be needed. The chancel is now being prepared for the organ, and all the tearing down of brickwork and other work which will create dust is being done now, so that the postponed work can be done next year without interfering with the use of the church. The wooden clustering columns round the main piers are being

stripped away, the intention being to replace them with stone when the complete fund is provided. When the funds are ready, too, the consent of the vestry will be asked to adorn the east and west transepts or porches with stained glass windows in the best style of modern English art, and with other decorations. The east transept will form a baptistry; the west transept will become a site for memorials of the history of the Church and of the province, in the persons of some of the distinguished occupants of the Church. Among them will be General Brock, Governor Simcoe, Lord Elgin, Hon. Robert Baldwin, and Hon. Sir John Beverley Robinson.

Church of St. Augustine.—Another new church at the east end of Toronto has been necessitated by the increase of population and Church adherents in the ecclesiastical district of St. Bartholomew, under the charge of Rev. G. J. Taylor. The site is on corner of Spruce and Parliament streets. The church, which is now rapidly approaching completion, is pure Gothic in style, with open timber roof in one span. The structure is red brick, and when completed will seat about 500. There are the necessary vestries and class rooms. The basement, which is well-lighted and airy, will be used as a school hall, capable of seating nearly 800 scholars. The tower is eventually to be nearly 100 feet in height, but at present will only rise about 50 feet. The total cost will be \$18,000. The building will be steam-heated by Gurney & Company, and thoroughly ventilated throughout. The contractors are: Messrs. E. & G. Gearing, brickwork; Edward Powers, carpenter; Elliot & Co., glass; Geo. Ringham, galvanized iron; Keith & Fitzsimmons, plumbing; and Mr. Reid, painting.

The building has been designed and erected under Mr. R. C. Windeyer, the well-known church architect, of 18 Toronto St. Dr. J. E. White and Dr. R. A. Pyne have been appointed churchwardens, and the opening ceremony will take place on an early date. The church will be called St. Augustine, and is a great acquisition to the church architecture of the city. We heartily congratulate Mr. Taylor and his friends on the success of this enterprise.

St. Mary Magdalen.—On Thursday evening there was a harvest thanksgiving service at St. Mary Magdalen Mission church, when the Rev. Mr. Henderson, of Tunbridge Wells, England, preached an appropriate sermon. The Rev. Mr. Harrison, rector of St. Matthias, the Rev. C. Darling, curate in charge of St. Mary Magdalen, and the Rev. Mr. Plummer, of St. Matthias, took part in the service, and the choir acquitted itself well in chanting the harvest hymns and anthem. The altar, chancel, font, etc., were beautifully decorated with wheat, grapes, flowers, fruit and autumn foliage. There was a large congregation, who adjourned to the Sunday school room for refreshments after the service.

Toronto Churches.—On Sunday last, the 14th of October, a special sermon was preached at the Church of Ascension in memory of the late Mr. Patton, who was a founder and active worker thereof. At St. James', Canon Dumoulin preached on behalf of the Humane Society. At Holy Trinity, the Revd. John Pearson's discourse was on "Worship," in which he censured the Sunday night lectures being held as a substitute for worship. The Revd. Dr. Clark, at St. Stephen's, preached a Harvest Festival sermon. The Revd. H. P. Hobson, of St. James', preached on the same topic at St. Mark's, Parkdale. At Grace Church, the Revd. J. P. Lewis addressed himself to the recent press utterances on "Prayer," and in an eloquent discourse answered these sceptical criticisms.

Death of Hon. James Patton, Q.C.—That in the midst of life we are in death has seldom had a more painful illustration than in the terribly sudden death of the Hon. James Patton and its attendant circumstances. The deceased in the midst of his papers apparently preparing to leave for home dropped dead in his office. Most sad to say the person in charge never noticed the body when locking up at night, and there it lay, while his family were momentarily expecting a husband and father, of whose death they only learnt in the morning. They have the sympathy of the entire community.

James Patton was born on the 10th of October, 1824, at Prescott, Ontario, and after completing a common school education in the place of his birth, he came to Toronto, entered the University and began to study law. In 1845 he was called to the Bar, and in 1847 the degree of LL.B. was conferred upon him. After practising in Prescott for a couple of years he returned to Toronto and practised in this city for a short time. Early in 1852 he left Toronto and went to Barrie, where he founded the *Barrie Herald*. He relinquished this publication after operating for three years, and in 1855 he brought out the