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**HOLY TRINITY, OTTAWA EAST**—The annual Harvest Festival was held on the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels at 8 p.m. The church was beautifully decorated with sheaves of various kinds of grain, beautiful flowers and choice fruits and vegetables. A large congregation was present and offered up their grateful thanks for the abundant harvest. Evensong was said by the Incumbent, Rev. F. W. Squire, and the Lessons read by Revs. T. Bailey and W. M. Loucks. The sermon was preached by Mr. Loucks and set forth the duty of offering the best we have to God. The choir, under the direction of Miss Benbow at the organ, rendered the canticles and harvest hymns in a most efficient manner.

**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL**—The Annual Harvest Festival was observed, as usual, on the first Thursday in October. The day was opened by a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., at which a number of members of the W.A. made their corporate act of worship. At 10 o'clock there was another celebration. Choral Evensong at 8 p.m., by Rev. W. M. Loucks, the special lessons being read by Revs. T. Garrett and T. Bailey. The new Rural Dean of Carleton, Rev. G. Scantlebury, was the special preacher, and he presented to those present the necessity of gratitude to God for His wonders displayed around us in the natural and spiritual world. The offertory at all services was for the work of the Benevolent Society amongst the poor of the parish. The musical portion of the services reflects the greatest credit upon the work of the choir, and their director, Mr. Stratford S. Dawson. The chancel was completely filled by the men and boys, while six ladies seated in the nave near the lectern, rendered great assistance. The anthem was well rendered, and the two harvest carols sung during the offertory were very sweetly sung. The music and special hymns were repeated the following Sunday evening.

A very pleasant surprise awaited Dean Lauder on his arrival from England. The congregation had arranged to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of his incumbency of Christ Church. The Dean arrived in Ottawa on Monday, the 11th, after a pleasant voyage on board the *State of California*, and the service of thanksgiving for his long pastorate was held in the evening of the same day. A general invitation had been extended to all old parishioners and friends of the Dean, now scattered all over the city, to be present both at the service and the reception to be held afterwards in the basement. The church consequently

contained a very large congregation. The service which was short had been especially arranged for the occasion, the prayers being read by the Bishop. The reception held afterwards was very largely attended, and the speeches delivered during the evening convinced those assembled of the great changes which had taken place both in the church and in the city during the Dean's residence in Ottawa. Senator Clemow acted as chairman, and his introductory remarks revealed some interesting features of the past history of the place to the rising generation. The Senator is one of the few who now remain to tell the story of this long period, and who was present with the first congregation to welcome the then Rev. S. Lauder, a young man hardly thirty years of age. At the conclusion of Senator Clemow's remarks, an address was read from the congregation indicative of their appreciation of the Dean's faithful services, and expressing the hope that he might be spared for many years to continue his ministrations among them. The address was accompanied by a very handsome case of silver, costing some hundreds of dollars. Dean Lauder's reply was made very feelingly. He was quite overcome, he said, by this expression of good will on the part of his people. He assured them that though he had travelled far and wide during the last three months, he had failed to discover a spot dearer to his heart than Christ Church, Ottawa. Many allusions were made to past experiences showing clearly the vicissitudes through which Christ Church parish has passed. There were periods of gloom and trouble as well as periods of brightness and encouragement. Such an event as the present, however, said the Dean, was well worth living for, when he found himself surrounded by a devoted and loyal congregation. The one aim of his life had been to make Christ Church a success in every way, and he thought it might now be said, without egotism, that, comparing the past with the present, remembering their humble beginning forty years ago, and the evolutions through which the church had passed from an obscure parish church to the Cathedral of the diocese, his aim had been fully realized. He expressed his thankfulness to God for it all, and impressed upon the congregation that they must give God the glory, for it was through His grace and mercy that so much had been accomplished. Refreshments were served to the assembled company, while sweet music was discoursed by a band secured for the occasion. The meeting was a complete success in every way, and the congregation dispersed to their respective homes with the feeling that they had participated in an event which falls to the lot of but few congregations, and that they had done honor to their Rector, to whom honor was due.