

ONTARIO.

KEMPTVILLE.—The annual harvest thanksgiving service was held in the parish church on Wednesday, September 23rd. The beautiful church was tastefully decorated with fruits and flowers. There was a celebration of the holy communion at 11 a.m., and an appropriate sermon by the Rev. A. W. Mackay, of St. John's Church, Ottawa. There were thirty-three communicants. The musical portion of the service was very well rendered. Everything was done in the true spirit of thankfulness. It was a willing service from a willing people. After the service there was a public dinner, to which a very large number came in from the neighbourhood. After dinner the young people enjoyed themselves in sports and pastimes. The rector, the Rev. C. P. Emery, always combines innocent recreation with religious duties. The village for the day goes back to the times of Goldsmith's Sweet Auburn, and toil remitting lends its turn to play. In the evening there was a good congregation and another bright hearty service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. W. Macklestone, of Christ Church, Ottawa. At the close of the day's services every one felt that it was good to have paused from their labours and rendered homage to the Giver of all good gifts. The proceeds of the day amounted to about \$82. This parish is one of the best worked and best organized in the diocese. The energies of the rector never flag and the Church is growing stronger and stronger in the affections of the people.

CLARENDON MISSION.—The feast of St. Michael and All Angels, was marked by an event in the history of this mission, which will not readily be forgotten, viz: the laying of the corner stone of Trinity Church, Plevna, the first, and at present, the only church in this large mission. The church, prettily situated on the slope of a hill, commanding a view of the picturesque country for miles around, is Gothic in design; the entrance is surmounted by a plain Latin Cross, and the interior strikes the eye as nicely arranged with a seating capacity for about 180 people. The Revs. C. E. S. Radcliffe and J. Scantlebury, the neighbouring missionaries, were unavoidably absent; Mr. P. T. Mignot, lay assistant, Maberly Mission, was present. The day's proceedings commenced by Mrs. Elkington, sr., laying the corner stone with these solemn and impressive words: "In the faith of Jesus Christ, and the glory of God, we lay this foundation in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, Amen." The honour bestowed upon her was well deserved; she faithfully worked away for a long time against circumstances not the most encouraging, till the object nearest to her heart has been attained, and a beautiful little church testifies to what can be done by loving hearts and willing hands, assisted by the goodness and loving kindness of God. A concert in the township hall at which Mr. George Dawson presided, was a grand success. Proceeds during the day \$60. Under the spiritual guidance of the Rev. C. M. Ellingham, mission priest, the mission must improve. He is a hard-working, talented, earnest man, and has already won the hearts of his people. Much however, needs to be done. Trinity is the only church in course of construction yet; though the building of two more, most necessary for the work of the Church here, is contemplated before very long; and this the only church is not entirely free from debt. The congregations in this mission are scattered and consequently weak, so the burden and heat of the day necessarily falls upon the shoulders of the willing few. The prayers and offerings of Church people in and out of this diocese, are asked for to carry this blessed work to its final completion. Any offerings however small sent to Mr. George Dawson, Plevna, P.O., county of Frontenac, Ontario, will be most gratefully received and duly acknowledged.

LOMBARDY.—This is a new parish, but a little over twelve months ago separated from the mother parish Smith's Falls. The first incumbent, Rev. Mr. Fidler, has proved himself very energetic and devoted to his work, and, as a matter of course, his faithful labours has had its reward. On Wednesday the 16th, the first service was held in the newly restored church at Lombardy. The day was fine and the turnout all that could be expected, considering the condition of the harvest, every hour of fine weather being precious. A number of clergy were present. The Rural Dean, Rev. A. C. Nesbitt, of Smith's Falls, and the Rev. Messrs. Low, Brockville; Wright, Newboro; Echlin, Arnprior; Osborne, Frankville; Jones, Farmersville; Bliss, Mattawa; Radcliffe, Maberly; and the incumbent. The first service was a celebration of the holy eucharist at 9:30, the Rural Dean being celebrant, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Bliss. About forty-five par-took. Matins at 11:30, Rev. Messrs. Low, Wright, Osborne, taking the service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Echlin, of Arnprior. A hot dinner

was served immediately after the service, a brass band discoursing sweet music the meanwhile. On all sides there was much admiration expressed at the beautiful appearance of the church and at the hearty services. The improvements to the building have made it a new church. Chancel, vestry, and tower, have been added, roof raised, and the whole bricked without and plastered within. The chancel and sanctuary furnishings are very pretty, the altar frontal being elaborately worked after the pattern of that in Smith's Falls church. Evensong was said at 4 o'clock by Rev. Messrs. Echlin, Radcliffe, and Jones, the Rev. Mr. Low, of St. Peter's, Brockville, being preacher. The music was excellent, some eight or nine members of the choir of St. John's Church, Smith's Falls, were present to assist the local choir. This deanery of Lanark and Renfrew seems to be alive. On all sides there are new churches going up or old ones being restored. On enquiry, we were informed of no less than six within the deanery. A visitor may be permitted to congratulate the deanery on such evidence of vitality. It is to be observed wherever there is a good, sound, healthy, Church tone, there work is being done.

TORONTO.

BETHANY.—The 29th Sept., being the festival of St. Michael and All Angels, was observed as a festival day, by the congregation of St. Alban's, Manvers, it being four years since the opening of the church. A commemoration service was held at 10 a.m. The service opened with hymn 391, (A. & M.) as a processional. Then followed morning prayer to end of 3rd collect. Special Psalm and lessons being read. Then followed the communion office. The glorias in excelsis being sung and part of the Nunc Dimittis. Rev. W. C. Allen, M.A., of Millbrook preached on the sermon from Is. 54, v. 2, v. 3.

In the afternoon, in the beautiful grove, owned by Mr. Wm. Sucham, who kindly lent the grounds, refreshments were served to over 200. The beautiful day and the calm, quiet of the rich autumn forest, rendering it an enjoyable time. About 4 p.m., short addresses were delivered by Rev. W. Allen, Dr. Brereton, M.P.P., and Rev. J. Creighton.

At 3 p.m., Thanksgiving service was held, the little chapel which was tastefully decorated being crowded. The usual hymns were sung and an instructive sermon was preached by Mr. Creighton from Ps. xvi. 6. At the close of the service the Te Deum was sung.

PERSONALS.—We share the common sorrow of all, who knew his generosity and piety, in the death of Mr. Robert Walker, who for almost a lifetime has led an exemplary life as a Christian citizen. The deceased was gifted with the qualities needed for success in a new land, energy unbounded, great confidence in himself and his country's future, enterprise, daring, yet justified by results, and with these a simple trust in God's providential care for His people. Mr. Walker was one of those, who chose to work with the Primitive Methodists, to whom he was a tower of strength. He accepted in an admirable spirit the fate of that body, when it was absorbed into the wealthier and stronger connection, and loyally, and heartily gave to the union the services of his old age. Our laymen would do well to give their time and talents, as freely to the Church, as Robert Walker did to that body which to him represented the cause of Christ.

NORWAY.—St. John's Church.—On Sunday, the 11th Oct., there was held at this church the annual Harvest Festival, at which the offertory was devoted to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. In the evening a like service was held at York, in the hall which for some months past has been used for divine service. The services held in this room have been well attended, a pleasing and welcome feature being the presence of so many of the employees of the railway whose dwellings are near. The great increase in population at York, points in the near future to the necessity of a church being erected. The Rev. C. Rutten is to be congratulated in the success which has attended his labours in this mission.

BOLTON.—We believe that the Rev. R. Oliver, B.A., it likely to be appointed to this station. A more fitting one could not be made, and we are fully satisfied that the position would be filled by Mr. Oliver in such a way as to endear him to the whole population of the parishes in his charge.

REPLY TO ARCHBISHOP LYNCH.—The Rev. John Langtry, M.A., rector of St. Luke's, has announced a series of lectures to be delivered on successive Sunday nights, commencing the 11th October, in reply to ser-

mons delivered by Dr. Lynch on the difference between the Catholic Church and Protestants. As those sermons were fully reported in the daily papers we trust the replies of Mr. Langtry will also be given, but we doubt it, as it is the policy of political organs to curry favour with Romanists. The scholarly rector of St. Luke's has a fame as a controversialist. In this case he will have an easy victory. Dr. Lynch has made grave blunders in history and in doctrinal statements. He made also, of all blunders the hugest, that of classing the Catholic Church of England among Protestant sects.

HOLY TRINITY Y. P. A.—The annual meeting of the Young People's Association, connected with the Church of the Holy Trinity, was held on the 8th October. A large number of members were present. The chair was filled by Mr. John Hague, vice-president. Mr. Rudge, secretary-treasurer, read a highly satisfactory report of past and projected work. Mr. Holmstead suggested that lectures should be given on Church history. The officers and executive committee were re-elected, with a few changes in the latter. It was announced that the rector assistant, the Rev. John Pearson, M.A., would give a lecture on "Witchcraft," the president, Mr. Allan Macdonald, O.E., on a scientific subject, Mr. Hague on "Robin Hood, his life and times," with musical illustrations, others are to be arranged for during the season. It was announced that over \$2,000 was promised towards the new school-room. Mr. Blackburne, organist, was appointed Musical Director, and Miss Rowell kindly accepted the invitation of the meeting to discharge the duties of Assistant Musical Director.

NIAGARA.

PALMERSTON.—On Tuesday, Sept. 29th, St. Paul's Church held its first harvest festival. For several days previous busy hands were hard at work so that the sacred edifice was beautifully adorned with "the first fruits" for the thanksgiving service. At three o'clock a large congregation was assembled in the church, when the organ and choir began the opening hymn, "O come ye thankful people come." The special form of prayer which was used was said by Revs. A. Bonny of Moorefield, and Geo. B. Cooke, incumbent. The Rev. Hartley Carmichael, of Hamilton, was the preacher, who took for his text the words, "There went out a sower to sow." The sermon throughout was eloquent, very practical and appropriate for the occasion. Thank offerings were liberal and duly applied for church purposes.

NELSON.—On Wednesday, 30th, his lordship visited St. John's Church, five miles from Burlington, and administered the rite of confirmation to a small, but earnest class of candidates. Four of the neighbouring clergy: Revs. Canon Worrell, and Messrs. Mackenzie, Motherwell and Fletcher, took part in the services. The Bishop's very earnest address was listened to with deep attention by the large congregation. A very neat picket fence has just been erected along the front of the churchyard; and other signs of Church life are visible here. Mr. and Mrs. John Ireland, old pillars of the Church in this neighbourhood, generously provided an excellent entertainment for the Bishop, the clergy, and a large circle of invited guests.

The Bishop's offices on Sunday, Oct. 4th, consisted of an early Celebration of the Eucharist at 6:30, a Celebration again at the 11 a.m. service, in the handsome new brick church at Oakville; a service at Palermo, eight miles distant, at 3 p.m., and a sermon again at Oakville in the evening, with confirmation.

FONTHILL.—Christ Church.—On Thursday, Oct. 6, Parochial Harvest services were held, the offertory marked the earlier service, while at evensong the usual service of prayer and praise was held, a very full congregation being present. The Rev. Rural Dean Bull was preacher. Floral and other decorations were most attractive, beautiful and fragrant, largely supplied from the extensive Fonthill conservatories, through the kindness of Mr. Morris. The Rev. F. C. Piper, in charge of this very favoured and happy parish, the church building being a model of excellent English architecture, and the surrounding country being picturesque. Charming to any lover of scenery such as may be seen in many of England's beautiful rural districts. The roads of Fonthill bear a strong resemblance to the English village and roads richly shaded chiefly by maple trees, with frequent hedges, and winding o'er hill and through dale for a mile or more on each side.

SMITHVILLE.—The Lord Bishop of Niagara will, (D. V.,) be present at the opening services of St. Luke's