

The Bishop referred to the death of Rev. Canon Robinson and Rev. H. Montgomery, feelingly referring to their long and valued service in the diocese.

A communication from Rev. E. G. Sutton, of Edwardston, Chateauguay, asking to be superannuated, was read. The Rev. Messrs. Roberts, Elliot and Almon resigned their several charges to take up work at other points.

The Rev. Mr. Bourne, it was announced, had accepted the position of rector of Dunham; he has been for the past few years at St. Andrews.

The question of a site for a church at the River Desert village was referred to a sub-committee, consisting of Archdeacon Evans and Messrs. L. H. Davidson and Richard White.

After some routine business, the committee adjourned until November, when the question of grants for 1894 will be arranged.

BEDFORD.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL INSTITUTE OF THE ARCH DEACONRY OF BEDFORD.—The annual meeting of this important organization took place on the 27th Sept. The large district of country was well and influentially represented. A writer of authority has put it, that while "it was practically by the Sunday-school agency that the Protestant Reformers hoped to make permanent the results of the Reformation, it was on the other hand by a more adroit and efficient use of the Sunday-school agency, in its improved forms, that the Church of Rome stayed the progress of the Reformation." As wise and faithful pastors, a large number of the clergy were present, including Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, Rev. I. Constantine, Canons Davidson and Mussen, Rural Deans Nye, Longhurst and Robinson, Revs. R. D. Mills, Bernard, Chambers, Horsey, Allen, Roy and by the numbers of their fellow-workers of the Laity uniting with them; these pastors gave evidence that they were masters of the present for true primitive Catholicism by those they had trained, and were actively contesting the possession of the future by the children now in their hands. If comparison with the past discloses an onward march in the application and apprehension of eternal principles by the Church of England in this as well as other parts of the world, the intelligent interest evinced by such a body of Christian workers as assembled in the parish of Bedford on the 27th portends the still more rapid progress to come in lengthening the cords and strengthening the stakes of the Church of history, of Apostolic order, and of brightly burning divine life.

The programme of the meeting was as follows:

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 27th, 1893.—9.30 a.m., Holy Communion in St. James Church; offertory for Institute funds.

GUILD HALL—10.15–11.05, paper by Rev. Canon Mussen, M.A., on "The Employment of a special S. S. Agent." Discussion. 11.05–12, paper by Rev. R. D. Mills, M.A., on "The Catechism, Collects and Christian Year as a basis of Sunday-school Teaching." Discussion. 12–1.30 p.m., dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—1.30–2.10 p.m., reading of Minutes; election of officers; general business. 2.10 to 3 p.m., paper by the Rev. W. Percy Chambers, M.A., on "Symbolic Teaching." Discussion. Hymn. 3 to 4 p.m., paper by Rev. Rural Dean Longhurst, on "Church History in Sunday-school." 4 to 4.40 p.m., paper by Rev. H. F. Horsey, M.A., on the "S. S. Library." Discussion. 4.40 to 5 p.m., question box.

EVENING SESSION, Guild Hall, 6 o'clock; the Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, President of the Institute, in the chair.

Order of proceedings: Hymn 2.15 H. A. and M.; responsive reading of Psalm 119 vv. 1–32;

Apostles' Creed; Collects and Lord's Prayer; Chairman's opening remarks; address by Geo. Hague, Esq., of Montreal; Hymn 302, H. A. and M.; address by Rev. Canon Davidson, rector of St. Armand East; Hymn 268, H. A. and M.; address by H. H. Hemmaway, Esq., of Watertown, Conn., President of New England St. Andrew's Brotherhood, Connecticut; Hymn 274, H. A. and M.; address by Rev. L. N. Tucker, M.A., of St. George's Church, Montreal. "The Ideal Sunday-school; offertory; doxology and benediction.

The foregoing programme indicated a bill of fare of sufficient variety and comprehensiveness, and in its generally faithful development provided pleasure and profit to all participating. The papers gave proof of high-thinking, and the addresses and discussions were characterized by consecrated common sense, influenced by love for the children and those child-like and inspired by an ardent desire for the advancement of "the Kingdom." The opening service in St. James' Church was choral and peculiarly impressive. The visit of H. H. Hemmaway, Esq., of Watertown, representing the St. Andrew's Brotherhood, was hailed with satisfaction, and was interpreted as "heaven" for blessed diffusion in enlisting presently latent, but powerful and expansive forces among the young for the advancement of the work of Christ. In the evening, by concessions of one of the speakers, Miss Brown engaged in teaching among the Blackfeet Indians in the Diocese of Calgary, was welcomed and made a short address in reference to her work, which was well received. The convention was pronounced a marked success. Divers steps were suggested for its further and ever-extending usefulness and all separated with expectations of immediate results in our parishes and high anticipations of the most effective meeting to ensue about the first week in July, 1894.

The successful issue of the whole proceedings of the day must have been very gratifying to the secretary, Rev. R. D. Mills, M.A., of Cowansville, who is deserving of warm and wide acknowledgment for his untiring efforts and illustration of Carlyle's latest Gospel, viz: "to know thy work and do it."

Diocese of Quebec.

WINDSOR MILLS AND BROMPTON.

A Harvest Festival was held at Christ Church, Brompton, on Tuesday evening, the 26th ult., the preacher being the Rev. Thomas Adams, D.C.D., Principal of Bishop's College, Lennoxville. The church, which was tastefully decorated with fruits, flowers, vegetable products and autumn leaves, never before presented a more pleasing appearance. The service, appropriate to the occasion, was heartily rendered, the incumbent, the Rev. J. C. Cox, taking the prayers, and Dr. Adams the special lessons.

The harvest hymns were heartily sung by the choir and congregation, led by Miss Gillian Riches, organist. The sermon, which was a very instructive one and replete with good practical thoughts and wholesome counsel was listened to with much interest and attention by those who had assembled to express their thankfulness to Almighty God, for the rich blessing of a good and abundant harvest. The text chosen was Psalm 107, v. 8.

On the Thursday evening following, the 28th, a similar Thanksgiving service was held at St. George's church, Windsor Mills.

This church, as is usual on these festive occasions, was very elaborately decorated; the ladies who engaged in this labor of love even surpassing that done on former occasions. Much credit is due to those "willing workers" who displayed so much taste and energy in making this little church so beautiful. The preacher

here was the Rev. J. Hepburn, M.A., the able and fluent rector of Richmond and Melbourne. His text was from Isaiah ix. v. 3: "They joy before Thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil." Seldom has it been our privilege to listen to a more interesting or edifying sermon. He represented the joy of the harvest as being no ordinary joy. He spoke of the "Feast of weeks," or of the harvest as being that in which all God's ancient people were required to rejoice. He compared this joy with the joy of slaves when released from bondage, and with the most joyful events in the life of every individual. His practical allusions to our own country and to those habits of industry and contentment which would help to make our land a land like that of ancient Israel, flowing over with milk and honey, were exceedingly forcible.

After the service, over forty of those present repaired to the adjoining parsonage, where a bountiful supper had been provided by some of the ladies of the congregation. Several belonging to the other congregations in the village were present, including the Presbyterian minister, Rev. Mr. Craig, who contributed to the pleasure of the evening, by giving a comical Scotch recitation.

The proceeds of the evening were over \$11.00, which will be devoted to the repairs recently made in the church.

Diocese of Ontario.

GANANOQUE.

THE GIRL'S FRIENDLY SOCIETY resumed its weekly meetings on Friday, 22nd Sept. ult. It was only organized last July, but now numbers 24 members and associates, and has an average attendance of sixteen at its weekly meetings. The report for last year showed good earnest work done for the Church.

Diocese of Toronto.

TORONTO.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW arranged to hold a joint meeting of the Chapters in Toronto on Monday, the 18th Sept. in St. James' school-house, in order to avail themselves of the presence of the Bishops at the General Synod, and to receive reports of the annual Convention of the Brotherhood of the United States, which was held in Detroit from the 14th to the 17th of September. There was a good attendance. Mr. S. H. Baldwin, Chairman of the Committee, presided, and introduced the speakers, His Honor Judge Macdonald, of Brockville, and the Lord Bishops of Nova Scotia and Huron.

Mr. N. F. Davidson, the President of the Brotherhood, after the opening of the meeting, made a short report of his impressions of the Detroit Convention, after which Judge Macdonald delivered a very effective and earnest address from a layman's standpoint. He was followed by Bishop Courtney, who spoke in his well known incisive and practical manner, his address being full of wise counsels for the Brotherhood. The Right Rev. Dr. Baldwin delivered the closing address full of eloquence and beauty, and after the singing of the hymn, "Stand up, stand up for Jesus," his Lordship pronounced the Benediction. There were several other Bishops present on the platform, evidencing their interest in the work of the Brotherhood.

A Missionary meeting took place in St. James school-room on the evening of the 19th of September, at which his Grace the Primate of All Canada presided, this being his first off-