

Godden, M.A., the prayers by Rev. J. H. Ross, L.T., while the Rev. Rural Dean Irving of Dundas, read the lessons and preached a most earnest and able sermon, which was appreciated by all. The festal services were continued on the following Sunday by the incumbent, though very ill at the time, when the church was again filled with large congregations. The offertory at all three services, as a Thank offering, was very good, and will be devoted towards the parsonage debt.

Rockwood.—The Harvest Festival in this part of the parish (Acton and Rockwood) was held the following Friday evening, 17th inst. This sacred edifice, so beautiful in its natural appearance, was made much more so by the beautiful decorations of fruit, grain, and flowers, together with white altar cloth and frontals, all of which had been so carefully and beautifully prepared by many earnest and faithful workers. Truly, it may be said of them, "We love the place, Oh, God, wherein Thine Honour dwells." The service was very bright and hearty, and the music well rendered by the choir. The service proper was taken by the incumbent and Rev. J. H. Ross, the lessons by Rev. A. C. Watt, of Tecumseh, who preached a most able and practical sermon, fully enjoyed by the large congregation present. A Festival service was also held on Sunday afternoon following by the incumbent, when the church was again well filled, a large part of whom were strangers. The offertory at these services was exceedingly good. We cannot fail to regard with pleasure the great success of these harvest services, and to feel that from this, as from other sources, there is a strong evidence of prosperity and a growing church life and activity in the parish, a desire and aim to rank amongst the best missions in the diocese, which, we venture to say, through God's goodness, does not seem to be far distant, and this we would attribute to the bond of unity and love for Christ and His Church which binds all the members together.

Merritton.—St. James' church—A grand concert will be held in the Town Hall on Monday evening, October 4th, 1897. It is under the auspices of the Young People's Society, the object being to use the proceeds towards lessening the pipe organ debt. The concert promises to be one of exceptional merit, so the tickets have been placed at the following rates: Children, 15c.; adults, 25c.; reserved seats, 35c.

Hamilton.—Cathedral.—Rev. Canon Bland and family expect to winter in England. Rev. J. J. Morton took both services at the cathedral last Sunday, giving two most excellent and instructive sermons. Tuesday being St. Matthew's, there was an early celebration in the chapel.

Niagara Falls.—Archdeacon Houston visited Queenston last week.

The Rev. Canon Bull preached at Trinity church, Chippewa, last Sunday week in the afternoon.

His Lordship Bishop DuMoulin also held a Confirmation in Trinity church last Sunday, and took morning and evening service at All Saints', Niagara Falls South.

The Woman's Auxiliary held their quarterly meeting at Thorold on Thursday. There was a good attendance, and most interesting meeting.

Barton (on mountain).—The ruri-decanal chapter of Wentworth met in regular session at Holy Trinity parsonage, Barton, on Monday, 20th inst. Present: Revs. Rural Dean Irving, Canon Clark, R. Cordner, J. J. Morton, S. Bennetts, C. E. Belt, J. H. Fielding, and C. W. MacWilliams. The session was preceded by a celebration of the Holy Communion at ten o'clock in Holy Trinity church. The morning was taken up with the study of Greek Testament, Acts vi. Rev. J. J. Morton having removed from the deanery, Rev. C. E. Belt was elected secretary in his place. In the afternoon a very interesting discussion took place on "Closed Churches and What to do With Them," led by Rev. Canon Clark. The matter was finally left

to a committee consisting of Revs. Canon Clark, C. E. Belt, and J. H. Fielding to make further enquiry into the matter, and report at next meeting. A very animated and general discussion then arose on "Higher Criticism," introduced by a very thoughtful paper by Rev. J. J. Morton, which lasted until the hour of adjournment. It was decided to continue the consideration of this subject at the next meeting of the chapter, and Revs. J. H. Fielding and C. W. MacWilliams undertook to prepare papers. Evening prayer was said at eight o'clock at Holy Trinity by Rev. Rural Dean Irving, the lesson being taken by Rev. R. Cordner. Rev. C. E. Belt preached from Psalms xlviii. 11-12. The preacher dealt with the 1,300th anniversary of the landing of St. Augustine on the shores of England, and set forth the antiquity and independence of the Anglican branch of the Holy Catholic church. The next meeting of the chapter will be held at Dundas on Dec. 6, and Rev. S. Bennetts will be the preacher.

HURON.

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

Belmont.—The services in St. George's church on Sunday evening last were of a beautiful and impressive nature, and were attended by a very large congregation. The church was filled to its utmost capacity before the hour appointed for commencing the service, even the aisle being filled with chairs. The service was conducted by the Rev. Geo. W. Racey, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Prof. Burgess, M.A., of the Western University, London, and was a most interesting one. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion with grain, fruit and flowers, artistically arranged in a great variety of devices emblematic of the Harvest Home Thanksgiving service. Altogether the service was the most successful ever held in this church, and speaks volumes for the energy and interest which Mr. and Mrs. Racey attach to their work here. The collection, which is to be applied to the needs of the church and parsonage, amounted to \$23.30, the largest sum ever given on a similar occasion by this congregation.

Staffa.—The usual Harvest Home service was held in Grace church on Sunday evening, Sept. 19th. The church was attractively decorated with dainty sheaves of grain, fruit, and a profusion of flowers. The Rev. J. W. Hodgins, R.D., of Seaforth, preached an eloquent and impressive sermon from the text Exodus xxxiii. 18-19 v., to a large congregation. A harvest supper was held on Tuesday, 21st, followed by a lecture by Rev. C. L. Mills. The Town Hall, in which the ladies served tea, was well filled, and the financial receipts were very satisfactory.

British and Foreign.

There are now 174 licensed lay readers officiating in the Diocese of London.

The Rev. R. Bennett, M.A., has been appointed Dean of Raphoe. He is one of the canons of the cathedral.

The Lord Bishop of Natal is slowly improving in health. He will not be able to travel, however, for some weeks yet.

The Dean of Norwich has been very unwell at Zermatt, where he has been staying lately, but he is now regaining his health.

The Rev. G. A. Lefroy is returning to India next month with a considerable party to reinforce the Cambridge mission at Delhi.

The Rev. C. D. Ramsay, curate of Broughton, Lichfield, has accepted the incumbency of St. John the Evangelist's church at Jedburgh.

The Rev. Canon Jelf, of Rochester, has been appointed incumbent of St. German's, Kidbrooke, Blackheath, by the Bishop of Southwark.

The movement for the new diocese in Yorkshire is dragging. Little progress has lately been made, and no further funds have been contributed.

The Rev. F. W. Edmonds, rector of Coyty, Bridgend, has been appointed Archdeacon of Llandaff in the place of the late Archdeacon Griffiths.

The death is announced of Canon Edwards, the Vicar of Ruabon. He was the brother of the Bishop of Asaph and had been for 35 years Vicar of Ruabon.

The churchyard cross of the parish Church of St. Mary, Folkestone, has just been restored. It stands about sixteen feet from the summit of the old steps.

Two stained glass windows have been placed in Norwich cathedral. One is situated in the south-east corner of the north transept, and the other in the south aisle of the nave.

A recumbent statue of the late Bishop Harper, the first Bishop of Christ Church N.Z., which has lately been executed, is to be placed in the cathedral at Christ Church shortly.

It is possible that the Diocese of Rochester, which contains over 2,000,000 of people, will be divided into three dioceses before long, viz., those of Rochester, Southwark and Croydon.

"Jezeel's Tower" at New Brampton, in Kent, which was erected at a cost of some £70,000, was recently put up to auction in London. The bidding reached only £3,950, and in consequence the property was withdrawn from sale.

The Marriott bequest for the Diocese of York, which amounts to some £50,000, has now become available. The money is to be expended in the erection of churches in the poorest and most thickly populated districts in the diocese, and also in aid of hospitals, refuges and rescue work.

One of the objects selected by Wykehamists to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Winchester College was the restoration of the altar and statuary in the chantry of their founder in the cathedral. These were destroyed by the Puritans during the civil war. The restored altar was rededicated a short time ago, and the whole school was present at the service.

Rev. Canon Keene, rector of Navan Diocese, Meath, has been elected to the vacant Bishopric of Meath by the Irish Bench of Bishops. The new Bishop-elect had a very successful career at Trinity College, Dublin, where he carried off many prizes. He was ordained deacon in 1872, and priest in the following year, by the Archbishop of Dublin, and has been rector of Navan since 1879. In 1892 he was appointed to a canonry in St. Patrick's cathedral, Dublin.

Many Church-people will be interested to know that the restoration of the north gable of the west front of Peterborough cathedral is now completed. Those portions of the great arch and of the gable above it which have been taken down and rebuilt, contained in all 2,006 facing stones. Of these 170 only were found so decayed that they had to be replaced by new ones; the remaining 1,836 have been put back again in their original positions. The scaffolding is being removed and the completed portion of the work can now be seen. The result fully justifies the committee in the action which they have taken. The central and southern gables, portions of which are in a very dangerous condition, will next be dealt with.

—False friends are like our shadow, keeping close to us when we walk in the sunshine, but leaving us instantly when we walk in the shade.