

deal of zeal and heartiness in the work reports 70 Church families already visited in his limits. This is not entirely new ground as two Churches have been built, one at Island Brook through the efforts of the Rev. Mr. Parkin, now at Three Rivers and the other at Randboro by the Rev. A. J. Judge, of Cookshire. Thus the Church is engthening her cords while she is strengthening her stakes in this district.

QUEBEC.—St. Paul's.—A Missionary meeting under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society was held on Thursday, Oct. 6th, in the Church, Champlain street. A paper was read on the first part of the life of the late Bishop Hannington.

The Cathedral.—Speculation is rife as to who will be appointed Rector in succession to the late Rev. Mr. Housman. The names of Canon Norman and several prominent clergymen of this Diocese are mentioned in connection with it. All is, however, only conjecture as a committee will be appointed next week of thirteen members of the congregation, to whom the Bishop will submit a name, and if it is not accepted, they can then request the Bishop to submit two other names. If none of these are accepted then the matter rests for three months, when the Bishop will himself appoint the new Rector. It would be much better if the appointment rested solely with the Bishop, as it is almost impossible that a Committee so large can come to an agreement, and then the vacancy could be filled without any delay. It is also to be hoped that no party feeling will be shown, as this Diocese is rather blessed by being free from anything of the kind.

St. Michael's.—It has been universally agreed upon here that the day fixed by the Governor-General to be observed as a day of Thanksgiving, is always much too late. The cereals which have long been gathered in everywhere, are the principal fruit of the earth and, with the exception of the very latest, even the root crops are harvested at least a month before the 17th November, the day appointed.

This year the congregation of St. Michael's, with the sanction of the Bishop, had their Thanksgiving Service last Sunday (Oct. 9th), and the result of adopting an earlier day was most satisfactory.

It is not too much to say that this beautiful little Church has always been noted for its tasteful decorations on all the great Festivals. On this occasion the ladies of St. Michael's surpassed themselves, and the artistic order and beauty of the adornments of God's House were the subject of unqualified admiration. Within the limits of the Parish all the materials, the best of their kind and the finest for the purpose, are to be found.

Grain of many varieties from the field; baskets of luscious grapes from hot-houses; flowers from garden and conservatory, and vegetables in profusion, were readily brought by the Parishioners, and with deft and willing hand placed in position.

The care taken in the details of the work, the labour expended upon every separate position and the admirable effect of the "tout ensemble" would have disarmed the most fastidious criticism; but none were to be found to withhold the meed of praise from the diligent and loving workers whose only aim and desire was that the dear little Church should not be wanting in those adornments befitting the day and services, and which in some sense are also an expression of thankfulness for God's bountiful gifts thus symbolized.

The form of service was that appointed by the House of Bishops, the Psalms being chanted, the Hymns were 382, 383 and 365, the first sung as an opening hymn. The congregation was large and the communicants numbered forty, nearly one third of all the souls in the Parish.

The offertory which amounted to \$546.80 was

given to the Clergy Pension Fund of the Diocese.

DEANERY MEETING.—A Deanery meeting was held on Tuesday last in Holy Trinity Church, Levis. There was a good attendance, and among others present were His Lordship The Bishop; Rev. Mr. Thompson, rector; Rev. H. C. Stuart, of Bourg Louis; Rev. F. A. Smith, New Liverpool; and Rev. W. G. Falconer, St. Giles.

A prominent feature of the meeting was an able and very interesting address by the Rev. Mr. Stuart. After the day's proceedings the Bishop and Clergy dined at the Rectory before their departure for home.

SANDY BEACH.—The Rev. G. T. Harding, B. A., late of Durham, P.Q., has been appointed to this Mission in succession to the Rev. J. Eames, who resigned. Mr. Harding and family arrived at Sandy Beach last week and he has entered on his duties.

LABRADOR.—Mr. G. W. Willis, who has spent several years at Labrador as lay reader and catechist, has been on a short visit to his friends here and at Sherbrooke. He sailed from here on Monday, October 3rd, by the Government steamer 'Napoleon III,' for his distant field of labor.

OBITUARY.—The funeral of the late Walton Smith, inspector of Asylums and Prisons, took place on Monday last, at 2:30 p.m., from his late residence, Maple Avenue, to St. Matthew's Church, of which he was a prominent member. Although it rained hard all day, his was one of the largest funerals seen in Quebec for some time. Among the prominent citizens present were the Hon. H. Mercier, Premier of the Province; Hon. Jos. Shebyn, Provincial Treasurer, and all the leading officials of the Provincial Civil Service, of which the deceased had for some years been a member. The chief mourners were his son and the Rev. B. B. Smith, rector of St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, Ont., (son-in-law).

The body was met at the Church door by His Lordship the Bishop, Revs. Messrs. Williams, Richardson, Petry and Smith, and the full choir, who proceeded thence to the chancel. The service was imposing and well rendered. Thus passed to his last resting place one who was highly respected by all classes for his many good qualities. His death leaves a blank which will be very hard to fill, and St. Matthew's lose a consistent and earnest Churchman, who was always willing and ready to further any good object.

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

SHAWVILLE.—The 6th and 8th of the current month were days to be remembered in our village. The earliest of these was the annual meeting of the Deanery of Clarendon, to which the whole of the clergy comprising it, along with their Churchwardens, had been cordially summoned by the Rural Dean—Rev. W. H. Naylor, a considerable time before. The lay members were very few, and the more remote of the clergy were from previous pressing engagements unable to attend. The service commenced at 9 a.m., by the celebration of the Holy Communion. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Naylor, in the course of which he urged upon Churchwardens the importance of faithfulness in the discharge of their duties.

In addition to the ordinary business of the Deanery, several papers were read upon most important subjects. Mr. Martell read one on the management of Juvenile Temperance Societies, which led to the adoption of a resolution recommending the formation, in the several parishes, of Church of England Temperance societies. The Rev. A. B. Given in a carefully prepared paper urged very careful

preparation for the rite of Confirmation; which was followed by a discussion upon different methods of preparation; Rev. F. R. Smith, one on the inward and outward call to the holy office of the ministry. Rev. N. A. F. Bourne on the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Church; Rev. H. Plaisted on the Church as a missionary organization. Rev. G. Johnson, who was unable to be present, sent a paper upon the same subject. The meeting was closed by an address from the Bishop, in which he urged upon the clergy the need of dealing with individuals in their ministry, and of being themselves what they wished to appear to be.

At 12 noon, an adjournment took place so that the company assembled might descend from the consideration of things spiritual, to the enjoyment for a short time of things corporeal. In the large and handsome hall lately erected by Mr. James Hodgins, was spread a long and beautifully ornamented table loaded with substantial as well as delicate fare, the head of which was graced by His Lordship the Bishop, and the croupier's place filled by the Rural Dean. Matrons and maidens kin waited upon the guests, who seemed greatly to enjoy what had been so liberally provided by the good ladies in attendance, who at the close of the feast received as they well merited a hearty vote of thanks. But these good creatures not content with supplying a mid-day meal, had the same parties to tea in the evening. Such hospitality was especially appreciated by those who had come from a distance, and who returned home, loudly praising those ladies in Shawville, who had added so much to the pleasure of their visit.

At 7:30 p.m., a missionary meeting was held in St. Paul's Church, which was well attended. Addresses were delivered by the Bishop, Rev. Messrs. Smith, Allen, and Naylor. The addresses were listened to with deep attention, and missionary hymns heartily sung by the choir and congregation. It is to be hoped that the whole services engaged in will be long remembered, and important practical effects follow.

Blessings, it is said, don't come single handed. If the 6th was a great day, the 8th was greater, at least so far as the enjoyment of numbers was concerned—the Harvest Home of the parish. The weather was most propitious, and the people turned out in large numbers. At 10:30 a.m., divine service commenced and every pew of St. Paul's Church was full. The floral decorations attracted the attention, and received the admiration of all present; and the sheafs of grain and other fruits of the earth gave abundant testimony to the faithfulness and benevolence of the Giver of all good. The prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Bourne, and the lessons, appropriate for the occasion, by the Rev. Mr. Given, after which the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. Mr. Allen, of Portage du Fort, who delivered a most admirable and eloquent sermon from verse 17th of the 1st chapter of St. James Epistle, which seemed to excite profound attention. On leaving the Church, the choir headed by its banner, the two Sunday-schools of the Parish, each with its banner, and the clergy walked in processional order to Dagg's Grove, where on long tables were arranged a bountiful supply of wholesome and pleasant viands. Every thing was admirably arranged and the "Home" was one of the best ever held in connection with the Church. Various games were engaged in till tea time, after which the crowd quietly, and I am sure gratefully dispersed. After paying all expenses, a profit of \$90 will be left for the good of the Church.

ARUNDEL.—The Bishop of Montreal paid his Episcopal visit to the new Mission of Arundel on September 28th to 29th. The Rev. W. Harris met His Lordship at Lachute. We started from the latter place on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m., having 28 miles to drive over a very