

Mr. Downie said there were thirteen chapters of this Brotherhood in the Diocese of Huron.

On the evening of the first day a special service was held, at which Principal Millar of Huron College preached from St. Luke, 14. 23., replacing Bishop Baldwin, absent through illness.

On the second day of the Convention the report of the Committee of Management of the Lay workers Association was submitted, showing 1857 male lay workers in the Diocese, ten of whom are now connected with the Indian Mission, 141 were Superintendents of Sunday Schools, and about 280, Sunday School teachers. It affirmed the necessity of keeping the movement for lay help within the Church's limit, and the clear recognition of the Pastoral authority.

Mr. Dymond was elected Chairman, Mr. Lee, Sec.-Treas.: Deanery of Bruce, E. A. Goodwin; Brant, Mr. Bunnell; Elgin, W. Scarlett; Essex, Jasper Golden; Grey, John Robinson; Huron, C. O. Kemp; Kent, —Burnside; Lambton, C. J. Kingston; Middlesex, D. Cronin; Norfolk, — Christie; Oxford, — Dent; Perth, A. Dent; Waterloo, J. Woods.

An address from Rural Dean Martin of Chatham on Teacher's meetings followed the election, in which he pointed out that the leader of such meetings should give solid work to the subject taught, that a roll of teachers should be called, and the meeting should not last more than one hour; and he thought the Incumbent or Rector should conduct the meeting. Mr. Jasper Goodwin then gave an admirable model Bible class lesson, which was highly commended by Dean Innes; and for which the Rev. D. J. Caswell spoke on "The outward and visible signs" explaining by chart and manual. At the afternoon session C. R. W. Biggar, Q. C., Toronto, delivered an address on "The modern Sunday School," Rev. R. Ker, of St. Georges' Church, St. Catharines, one on "The Sunday School as it is," and Mr. Edward Marshall on "Objects and working of the Church Army." An animated discussion followed these several papers, which concluded the day session. In the evening Rev. G. C. Mackenzie, Rural Dean of Brant, delivered an address on "A Pastor's experience of Lay help."

Diocese of Algoma.

PERSONAL.—The Revd. G. F. Wilson has returned from his trip to the North West and is now at Sault Ste. Marie.

SUDBURY.—The vicinity of Sudbury shows no sign of harvest, yet the Church folk, realizing their interests in the common bountiful supply vouchsafed to Canada by the Giver of All, held thanksgiving services on the 21st of October. At 8 a. m., there was a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Rural Dean Vesey of Sault Ste. Marie being celebrant. At 8 p. m., a large congregation assembled in the church of the Epiphany. The service was evening Prayer read by the incumbent, Rev. C. Piercy, and a most appropriate sermon preached by the Rev. E. A. Vesey. The offertory was a liberal one (\$17.61) and was devoted to the debt on the church building. It would be unfair to omit mention of the beautiful decorations for the harvest services. The church was decked with grain, fruit and vegetables tastefully entwined with and arranged with moss and hemlock.

On Sunday the 25th October, the A. O. U. W. attended morning service at the church of the Epiphany, the members coming from Sudbury, and from Copper Cliff and Evans Mines.

It is proposed to hold a sale of fancy and useful articles early in December in aid of the

Church Building Fund. The incumbent solicits articles for the same, being most anxious to meet all liabilities before Easter.

BRACEBRIDGE, MUSKOGA.—The Annual Harvest Festival was celebrated in St. Thomas' Church on the 9th ult., the ladies manifesting their accustomed zeal and usual taste in the adornment of the sacred building, an abundant supply of fruit, vegetables and flowers having been provided for this purpose by the members of the congregation.

The service was choral, with a special anthem appropriate to the occasion. The sermon, a very telling one, was preached by the Rev. A. H. Allman, Incumbent of Port Sydney.

The vegetables and fruit after they had served their purpose were, as usual, given to the Incumbent together with other offerings of a most substantial nature including flour and meat. The offertory, amounting to \$7.75 was appropriated to the W. & O. Fund of the Diocese.

PERSONAL.—Letters (for the Rev. H. W. Burden now of Affington) to arrive after 31st Oct. should be addressed, 39 Fairbank St., Hoxton, London W., England.

News from South Africa.

DIOCESE OF MARITZBURG.

The Southern Cross of Port Elizabeth expresses unfeigned regret that the Bishop of Maritzburg has finally decided that he will not reconsider his expressed determination to resign his see. The decision is final. It suggests that the Diocese should delegate the choice of its Bishop to the Archbishop of Canterbury and two or three other English Bishops, and that the Metropolitan of the Province should request the Archbishop of Canterbury to consecrate the new Bishop when appointed. Our contemporary has been a persistent upholder of the doctrine of local election, but considers the case of Bishop Macrorie's resignation so exceptional that the ordinary method of procedure should give way.

The *Church News* suggests the possibility of a severance of this Diocese from the Province as a solution of the natal troubles, but this course the *Southern Cross* considers impossible.

The Bishop had been making his visitations to the Coast Parishes, holding Confirmations in different parishes and confirming many candidates. At one point, Engabeni, in Alfred Co., the centre of a flourishing branch of the native Mission Schools in charge of Mr. E. H. Brooke, Catechist, the Bishop baptized 30 persons, adults and infants, and confirmed 18.

DIOCESE OF CAPE TOWN.

The Diocesan Synod was summoned for the 26th Sept. last, being preceded by a quiet day for the members of the Synod on the 24th and special conference on matters of spiritual interest at the Cathedral on the 25th. The principal subject to come before the Synod was the appointment of a Co-adjutor Bishop, to which opposition was expected.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese had just returned home from a long visitation occupying from the 15th June to the end of August, during which period he had visited the greater part of the Archdeaconry of George and had confirmed upwards of 300 candidates. He also visited the Prince Albert gold fields, where the Church work had been temporarily abandoned, but was again

placed under the charge of the Rector of Beaufort.

On the 16th Aug. the Mayor and Town Council of Port Elizabeth attended service in the Cathedral at the Dean's invitation as a civic function, wearing their official robes.

DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN.

The Bishop has been visiting the Rural Deanery of Port Elizabeth, holding Confirmation in different places at which 122 candidates received the laying on of hands. The Rev. Father Osborne was delivering addresses on "The Principles and working of the Church of England Temperance Society."

On August 30th the 40th anniversary of the consecration of St. Mary's Collegiate Church by Bishop Gray, was duly observed, a beautiful service being rendered in the Cathedral.

DIOCESE OF PRETORIA.

At the request of the Synod the Bishop of this Diocese has drawn up a diocesan use for matters of Ritual. The *Southern Cross* deprecates the step as tending against uniformity. "This isolated action of one small South African Diocese will not tend to settle the vexata questio of the true maximum and minimum of Anglican Cereimonial."

Our Contemporary rightly says that the Bishop of Pretoria's charge to his Synod was characterized by "boldness and vigorous eloquence." For example, speaking of temperance he says, "From various causes, prominent among them I believe the intemperate tongues of temperate throats, the very thought of temperance agitation or action is distasteful to many of our body; and temperance work has consequently been left in great part to the other religious bodies around us. I trust we shall see our way to such action as may remove from the Church of God what seems to me in some measure a reproach."

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DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND.

On Aug. 30th a Conference of the Clergy and the Bishop was held at Bishop's Court. It was the annual meeting of the Clergy accompanied by their families; and after the Conference the Clergy and their families were entertained at tea by the Bishop, 85 guests being present, each being provided with a small bouquet by Miss Sparling.

The new Font placed in the church at Remuera was dedicated by the Bishop early in August. It is of blue and white stone from a design by Mr. Mountfort of Christ Church.

WELLINGTON.—The General Synod meets in Wellington on the first Wednesday in February. At the Standing Committee meeting in August the general church fund statement showed receipts since last meeting of £1125 and expenditure £1246.

DUNEDIN.—During September three churches kept their dedication festival namely, St. Matthews, Dunedin; St. Marys, Mornington; and The Church of the Good Shepherd, Roslyn. The Synod of the Diocese was to meet on the 3rd Nov., the meeting being preceded by services in the Cathedral St. Pauls, where the combined choirs of the city churches were to be present, the service being Tour's Evening Service with selections from the Hallelujah Chorus, and the Gloria from Mozart's 12th Mass.