

Christ as the one mediator between God and man. Both morning and evening the beautiful edifice was crowded to its utmost capacity, many visitors coming from Tweed and Cloyne and other neighbouring villages to join with their fellow Churchmen at Flinton in their praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for the many blessings He has poured out upon them during the past year.

KINGSTON.—*All Saints*.—Sunday being the patronal festival, was kept as a high festival in this church. The majority of the communicants were present at the 8 a.m. service, and at 11 a good congregation assembled for the Missa Cantata. After the choir had entered the procession was formed in the chancel and passed round the church singing "Who the Multitudes can Number?" There was no sermon, but the rector gave a short address from the chancel step, explaining the "special intention" of the service, and urging prayer for all past worshippers, whether living or dead, mentioning by name some of the more prominent ones who had departed this life. The mass music was Marbecke throughout, and was heartily sung by both choir and people. In the evening the rector preached on the teaching of the Church concerning the Saints. The four lessons of the day were taken as illustrating, 1st, their gradual and peaceful purification, free from material torment and stress of temptation; 2nd, their interest in our course, of which they are witnesses, praying continually for the perfecting of the Church; 3rd, their justification before the world; and 4th, their position as judges of the world together with Christ their King. The next morning the Holy Eucharist was solemnly celebrated for the dead at 7.30 a.m., a good congregation being again present.

St. George's Cathedral.—There was a very large congregation at this church. White banners and hangings and the white flowers on the altar spoke of the day as the festival of All Saints'. The choir was out in full strength, and the beautiful hymns of the festival were rendered with much expression, the processional being "How Bright Those Glorious Spirits Shine," and the recessional, "Who Are Those Like Stars Appearing?" The voluntary during the offertory was a cornet solo by trumpeter Wirtz, of "A" battery, accompanied on the organ by Mr. Harvey. The clear mellow notes travelled sweetly through the large building, and the gradual rising in tone and volume of both instruments at the closing of the piece was most effective. The Dean preached on the state of the blessed dead, their awaiting in the intermediate state, the great day of our Lord's coming, when to them would then be opened the full happiness of heaven.

A similar outrage to that perpetrated at St. Thomas' Church in this city (Toronto) was committed in All Saints' on Nov. 4th. The person or persons forced an entrance into the furnace room and so into the church, where they broke open the cupboards and vestment chest, turned the alb inside out and threw it and the stoles on the floor, with the veil and burse which covered the holy vessels. The chalice had evidently been used as a common drinking cup, although a tumbler stood beside it; the altar linen was crumpled up, and the cruets emptied. Nothing of value was stolen, nor seriously damaged. The only thing missing was the intercession paper of the C.B.S., as to which a very curious point occurs. At Evensong on the 4th inst., Father Rayson could not find his C.B.S. manual, which always lies on the prie-dieu in the vestry. He therefore placed the intercession paper on the prie-dieu and locked the doors for the night. In the morning the manual was back in its place, but the paper had disappeared. A few months ago St. George's Cathedral was entered, and exactly similar desecration committed. Only the priest's and bishop's vestments were touched, stoles thrown about, wine drunk or poured away, etc. In neither case were the alms boxes touched nor any attempt to steal made. The holy vessels are not kept in St. George's, and so escaped sacrilegious treatment. It is evident that sacrilege has been in all these cases the deliberate object, and the perpetrator is possibly the same person, or at least inspired from some central agency which attacks only "High churches." All Saints' Church has hitherto been open daily from 7.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., but the rector says that until a safe has been provided for the most sacred things in the church he fears he must close it for fear of further sin. The congregation is very poor and unable to provide one itself, indeed even the repairs to locks and doors will prevent other needed things being done.

#### OTTAWA.

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RENFREW DEANERY.—The Lord Bishop of Ottawa has just completed his first annual visitation of this

deanery after ten days hard work and long drives, leaving us on Friday to enter upon another ten days' travel through the adjoining Deanery of Pembroke. Until recently, Renfrew Deanery covered the whole county and part of the adjacent district of Nipissing, a deanery of magnificent distances, and *par excellence*, the missionary district of the new Diocese of Ottawa. Its recent division into two deaneries will greatly facilitate Church extension. Some idea may be formed of the bishop's labour in visiting each station in these two great missionary deaneries, when it is known that ere he again reaches Ottawa on November 3rd, after an absence of three weeks, he will have travelled nearly nine hundred miles, of which over two hundred were journeyed with horse and buggy. Leaving Ottawa on the 12th October, the bishop was received at Arrprior that evening, and given a cordial parish welcome, a large number gathering in the town hall to meet his Lordship, and to present an address. On the following morning confirmation was administered in Emmanuel Church, to some thirty candidates. The same evening the bishop attended a reception given in his honour by the parishioners of Renfrew, and graciously responded to the address of welcome. The next morning, Wednesday, the K. and P. line was taken to Calabogie, where service was held, and return made to Renfrew for confirmation the same evening, there being thirteen candidates, five of whom were converts from other religious bodies. A special feature of the Church's work at Renfrew is the Sunday-school, where out of a total of eighty-four on the roll, the average attendance is seventy-seven. Leaving Renfrew on Thursday morning, the bishop attended a parish reception that evening at Eganville, the parish hall being fairly filled, and, of course, the usual address presented. The next morning, Friday, his Lordship was driven to Clontarf, an outstation of Grattan Mission, where Holy Communion was administered. The following day the bishop visited the present headquarters of the Grattan Mission (Scotch Bush), and after service had a conference with the parishioners on some matters of local importance. Sunday was a busy day. The bishop confirmed in St. John's Church, Eganville, twelve candidates (the Archbishop having administered confirmation in the same church ten months ago to fifty-eight candidates), and celebrated the Holy Communion. In the afternoon four candidates were confirmed in Lake Dore Church, and in the evening the bishop again preached in St. John's Church. On Monday the train was once more taken, and service was held that afternoon at Killaloe, in the proposed new Long Lake or Madawaska Mission. Then a long drive was taken over what might aptly be termed a stone road, that is, the stone in its natural state. The scenery was very fine, but the roads were —. The driver (the priest in charge) held the horses well in hand; the bishop held the seat, and the Rural Dean held his pipe. Rockingham was reached after dark, and the bishop and clergy hospitably entertained at the comfortable residence of G. H. G. Watson, Esq. The next morning confirmation was administered to eleven candidates and Holy Communion celebrated. In the afternoon, after a further drive of eleven miles, confirmation was administered in the pretty little church at Combermere, to thirteen candidates. The next morning we were again on the road bright and early, for a twenty-mile drive to Bark Lake, making a short stop at Barry's Bay in passing. The service at Bark Lake was followed by a conference between the bishop and people regarding the erection of a church, and the establishing of regular services. An amicable understanding was reached. At this station the bishop postponed the confirmation until the people, having more regular services, could be better prepared for confirmation. There were a number desirous, but had not opportunity for preparation. The next day, Thursday, the train was taken for Whitney, the second most distant mission station in the diocese, being one hundred and forty-five miles from Ottawa, as compared with Rutherglen in the Pembroke Deanery, which is two hundred and twenty miles from Ottawa. The concluding service of the tour was held that evening at Whitney, and a conference afterwards between the bishop and the people. On Friday, after an early call to administer baptism to a little infant a few days old, the train was taken at 9 a.m., and on reaching Eganville in the afternoon the bishop proceeded direct to Cobden Mission, and the Rural Dean returned to the rectory after a ten days' tour of the whole deanery, more hopeful even than ever of the future prospects of the Church throughout this missionary district under the fostering care and unwearied attention so freely given in every instance by our bishop. The only regrettable thing in the whole tour was that we had not the Mission Board along with us. For two or three years we have tried to secure the Church's ministrations for the outlying posts. Now there are two resident Presbyterian preachers there before us, and one Methodist, and each of these bodies already have their own places of worship. We have no

churches, no priest, no deacon, no lay reader, no services. The bishop is deeply interested in the opening up of this work, and is hopeful of being able to arrange for permanent services to begin this winter. One of the immediate results of the bishop's visit will be the erection of a church at Bark Lake, and parsonage at Combermere. The feeling appears to be almost unanimous that a few years of such close and personal contact with our bishop will bring a wondrous change in the condition and strength of the Church throughout the country parts of the diocese.

PREMBROKE RURAL DEANERY.—The Bishop of Ottawa, attended by Rural Dean Read, has just made his first visitation of this deanery with satisfaction to himself, and to the intense gratification of the people.

DOUGLAS.—On Friday, Oct. 23rd, after a toilsome journey from Whitney, his Lordship held a confirmation in Christ Church. It is now nearly twenty-seven years since this church had an episcopal visit; the candidates attending the principal church of the parish to which Douglas from time to time been attached. It is hoped, however, that Douglas may once more become a centre. The church, beautifully situated, is now being renovated, through the energy of the Rev. J. Arthur Shaw. Five adults were confirmed.

COBDEN.—Here a reception to be held in the town hall had been arranged, but owing to the lengthy service at Douglas, caused a weary waiting to the large numbers assembled, the bishop being about an hour and a half later than the time appointed. However, his kind and pathetic reply to the loyal address presented to him, and the hearty shake of the hand that he gave to each, more than atoned for the delay. The next day, Oct. 24th, at St. Paul's, the Rev. J. Arthur Shaw had the joy of presenting thirty-four candidates, and of hearing them instructed in Church doctrine in a way which, for clearness and kindness, could not be excelled. At the Communion, seventy-eight persons received, who, by their reverent demeanour, showed that they had been fully taught in Sacramental truth as expounded in the Catechism.

PEMBROKE.—By the Winnipeg train the bishop left for the county town, where he was received at the station by the officers and many others of the congregation. Some twenty-five carriages were in attendance, in which the men of the congregation escorted their new Diocesan to the rectory. This was a spontaneous mark of respect on the part of the laity, and as such, was much appreciated by his Lordship. Sunday was a red-letter day in the history of Holy Trinity, as it was twice crowded to its utmost capacity. Fourteen persons were confirmed, and ninety-eight received the blessed Sacrament, while the earnest addresses given were much admired and eagerly followed by all. On Monday evening a reception was tendered to his Lordship in the town hall. The hall was beautifully decorated, and crowded (almost too much to allow moving about) not only with Church people, but with all the leading citizens of the town. Addresses were presented by Mayor Fortin on behalf of the town, and by Mr. W. T. C. Bethel on behalf of the congregation, and responded to by his Lordship in his usual felicitous manner. The rector, assisted by Dr. Josephs, and others, introduced those present to the Bishop, who won all hearts by his kindness of manner. During the evening selections of music were given, and the ladies, famed for their hospitality, invited all to partake of refreshments in the Council Chamber. The clergy of the Deanery were all present with the exception of the Rev. W. Y. Daykin, who lives more than a hundred miles away. The local ministers were prevented by absence from being present, while the Roman bishop, hindered by duty in church from attending, sent his best wishes and most cordial salutations.

STAFFORD.—On Monday morning the Bishop visited the flourishing parish of Stafford, holding service in St. Stephen's Church, which was crowded to the doors. The candidates, mainly adults, assembled in the rectory, and preceded the bishop and clergy to the church. There was presented a touching spectacle, the like which the writer has never seen before, full of teaching. In the midst of the candidates were a young man (a farmer) and his wife, each with a child in their arms, coming to receive the gift in the apostolic rite. The people followed their chief pastor's exhortations and teaching with the greatest attention, and crowded up to receive the Holy Communion from his hands. Stafford parish is flourishing under the guidance of an energetic rector, Rev. C. O. Carson, sustained by a loyal and happy people. We wish them good luck in the name of the Lord, and hope that the improvements begun at St. Stephen's will soon make it rival St. Patrick's in beauty.

PETAWAWA.—This is one of the poorest and most widely extended missions in the diocese, and owing to the scattered position of the people, the bishop