

the Ladies' Guild, which pays all church expenses. The annual parish dinner was served in the basement after service, and about ninety partook of a plentiful and delicious dinner. This event is greatly enjoyed by all the parishioners, as friends, relatives and many who have left the parish make this a time of reunion. The weather was very favorable and all things combined to make it most enjoyable to all.

COTE ST. PAUL.

The first of the fortnightly parochial gatherings intended to be held during the winter in connection with the Church of the Redeemer, took place on the evening of Oct. 11th, when a good programme of music, vocal and instrumental, and an excellent dialogue, "Who is to Inherit," or "The darkest hour before Dawn," was given by the young people of the Mission, assisted by friends from Montreal. There was a good attendance, the hall being well filled.

Diocese of Ontario.

BROCKVILLE.

The Harvest Festival social in connection with Trinity Church parish took place on the evening of Monday, Oct. 8th, in the basement, under the presidency of the Rector, the Rev. Dr. Nimmo, who, during the evening, delivered an address appropriate to the occasion. Judge McDonald gave an excellent reading, and Miss Morency and Mr. John Fulford a piano duet. Miss Irene Mallory gave several recitations, receiving encores. Miss McDonald, Messrs. Knight, West and Warminster, together with the choir, also took part in the evening's programme. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the congregation during the evening.

Judge McDonald has gone as one of the delegates from the Brotherhood in Canada to the Convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Washington, and was one of the appointed speakers at the evening meeting on the 12th of October.

STIRLING.

The annual Thanksgiving services at St. John's church here, on Sunday, Oct. 7th, was especially interesting and impressive. The floral decorations tastefully and effectively set forth the bounteous harvest with which God has blessed us. Graceful festoons of Autumn's many-tinted maple leaves draped the walls and chandeliers, lending variety to the green, the red and the gold of the vines and fruits and grains. The baptismal font, the window recesses, were seemingly horns of plenty. A plough, the symbol of industry, in front of the chancel, was almost hidden under the masses of the products of field and garden. While the tasteful memorial rood-screen was embowered in trailing vines and flowers, relieved here and there by the glitter of the golden sheaves of the harvest. On every hand were the signs of the bounties of the Giver of all Good.

At the morning service, St. Thomas' church, RAWDON, was united with St. John's. The veteran Rector, Rev. W. Herbert Smythe, who has recently completed his eightieth year, preached an able sermon from Psalm civ. 14: "He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and the herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth; and Proverbs iii. 9-10: "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thy increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. The sacrament of the Holy Communion was administered to forty-six communicants. At the evening service, there was a congregation of upward of two hundred. The singing of the choir at both services is specially worthy of

mention, under the leadership of Miss Lizzie Chard, the rendering of all the chants antiphonally was chaste and marked by the finest taste. The floral decorations were photographed by the local photographer on Monday.

Diocese of Niagara.

GUELPH.

The Annual Harvest Thanksgiving services of St. James' Parish were held Thursday, Oct. 4th; at the celebration of the Holy Communion an earnest and interesting address was given by the Rev. P. T. Mignot of Milton, who also took Evensong, which was fully choral. At the evening service the lessons were read by the Rev. J. Edmonds of Preston, the Rev. Arthur H. Baldwin, M. A., of Toronto, preaching an eloquent and practical sermon from Psalm cvii. 15. "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men." The church was very prettily decorated and the music rendered by the choir of a high order. The church was crowded to the doors, the offertory amounted to \$105.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

In accordance with a plan proposed as the July meeting of the Lincoln and Welland Deanery Chapter, a Sunday School convention was held at Niagara Falls Park, on Wednesday, September 26. There were present: Ven. Archdeacon Houston, M. A. and seven delegates from Niagara Falls; Rev. Canon Bull and seven delegates from Niagara Falls South; Rev. Canon Mackenzie and five delegates from Chippawa, Rev. J. C. Garrett from Niagara-on-the-Lake; Rev. R. H. Archer and one delegate from Stamford; Rev. P. L. Spencer and eight delegates, from Thorold and Port Robinson; Rev. F. H. Fatt from Merriton; Rev. Rural Dean Armitage and eight delegates from St. Thomas' parish, St. Catharines; Rev. Canon Gribbe from Port Colborne; Rev. J. C. Munson from Wallandport; Rev. Principal Miller, M. A., from Ridley College, St. Catharines; Rev. G. H. Gaviller, All Saints' church, Buffalo; Rev. T. E. Calvert, Trinity church, Buffalo, and a few visitors.

After an introductory address from Rev. Rural Dean Armitage, who presided, an extremely helpful paper was read by Ven. Archdeacon Houston on "How to Retain our Older Scholars?" This led to a fairly general discussion, those participating being Rev. P. L. Spencer, Canon Mackenzie, Rev. J. C. Garrett, Rev. Canon Gribble, Mr. J. P. Brown, Rev. R. H. Archer, Mr. R. Stanley, Mrs. Geo. Baxter, Mrs. Read, Mrs. Houston, Mrs. Archer and the chairman. Valuable suggestions were made, such as a bible class with separate room, visiting absentees, thorough and earnest preparation of the lesson on the part of the teacher, removal of idea that Confirmation is the completion of a young person's religious education, appealing to honor and fidelity of scholars to help along the school, drafting the big boys into the Church Lad's Brigade and the St. Andrew's Brotherhood, etc.

This subject was followed by an address on the "Training System" by Canon Mackenzie, and on "Method in Teaching," by Rev. Principal Miller. The whole subject of method was thoroughly considered, and many useful hints relating to an improvement in present methods were thrown out. The arrangement of the class, the use of a blackboard, stationary or portable as preferred; simultaneous answering after thorough drilling, punctuality in starting lesson, enthusiasm in conducting it, questioning chiefly the inattentive scholars, endeavoring to make

strong and deep impression, employing objects and pictures, attending to proper posture of body of scholar, making thorough personal acquaintance of pupils, encouraging them to write answers to questions put to them the week before and applying personally the teaching of the lesson were the chief points dwelt upon in the addresses and the remarks of subsequent speakers. In this discussion Mrs. Chapman, Mr. Chs. Hansel, Rev. G. H. Gaviller, Rev. F. H. Fatt, Rev. P. L. Spencer and Mrs. Houston contributed useful suggestions.

(To be continued.)

Diocese of Huron.

ST. MARY'S.

St. James' Church.—This edifice was filled on Sunday last, both morning and evening, the occasion being the annual Harvest Thanksgiving and the return of the Rev. W. J. Taylor to his duties. The church was very tastefully decorated with mottoes (brought by the Rector from England), with flowers and with grain. The subject of the morning discourse was "Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee." In the course of his sermon the Rector said that, though suffering from a cold caught on board ship, he had benefited greatly by his holidays. He also rejoiced to be able to say that from friends in the Old Land he brought home a little over \$300, contributed by them to the principal of the church debt. The evening sermon was upon the thought of our being travellers through this world to a better. It was listened to with much attention. The singing both morning and evening was very good, the choir rendering the music with much expression. The services of the day were pronounced by some of the oldest members of the church to have been among the heartiest ever held in the parish.

A supper was given in the Town Hall by the ladies of the church on Monday evening, when a short programme of music, etc., was furnished by the choir and citizen's band. The Rev. A. Grant gave an address. Letters of sympathy were received from the Revs. Messrs. Cosgrove and Cunningham. A very pleasant time was spent.

Diocese of Rupert's Land.

TREHERNE AND RATHWELL MISSION.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES.—Very largely attended and happily have our harvest services been, they began on Sunday Sep. 16th, at the St. Matthew's Mission, Boyne Creek, a mission right in the midst of the Tiger Hills, surrounded by the most exquisite views. The schoolhouse was very prettily decorated, a very large congregation was present from many miles round. The Missionary in charge, Rev. George Gill, preached from Ps. lxxv. 9, St. Marks Church, Treherne, was the next to hold their's; the ladies of the congregation had decorated their church very nicely, and on Sunday, Sept. 30th, a large congregation assembled. The singing of the choir was good, and the Anthem "Oh Lord how manifold" was rendered well. The Incumbent, Rev. George Gill, conducted the service, and Archdeacon Fortin, of Holy Trinity, Winnipeg, preached an eloquent sermon. The services were continued on October 7th, and the preacher was Rev. A. S. White of Carman. St. Paul's Church, Rathwell, came next, the ladies here again had adorned the church very prettily, and again a full congregation met on Sept 30th. The Incumbent Rev. G. Gill, conducted the service, which was of a real hearty character, and Archdeacon Fortin