

Lord, our hearts we raise." There was also a special anthem. Rev. Mr. Eatough conducted the service, and Rev. Mr. Dicker preached—the teaching of the sermon being that the humblest and the lowliest could do and ought to do something to glorify God and to help his fellow-man, in return for the blessings which the Almighty bestowed upon the people. The organist, Mr. Strand, played an effective voluntary during the collection, which was for the funds of the Diocesan Church Society. At *St. Mary's* church the thanksgiving services were of a particularly interesting character, because the children of the Sabbath school participated in them. The church was beautifully decorated. At the evening services the children assisted with the singing. The sermon was directed specially to them. Rev. W. O. Raymond preached at both services. *St. Luke's* church was very appropriately decorated with flowers, fruit and grain. The music was appropriate to the occasion, and Rev. Mr. Watt preached excellent sermons to large congregations.

STUDHOLM.

A very successful Harvest Thanksgiving service was held at the Church of the Ascension, Oct. 14th, by the Rev. H. W. Little, Rector. Heavy storms of rain fell all day, but these did not deter a large congregation from assembling for the occasion. The chancel was decorated with a profusion of fruits, flowers and grain. The music was good, and after a seasonable address by the Rector, from Psalm 104, a good collection was taken up for the expenses of the church. At the close of the service, at the call of the rector, the whole congregation rose and sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," as a special act of thanksgiving, and the effect was very impressive.

Diocese of Quebec.

SHERBROOKE.

The 2nd annual parish conference in connection with *St. Peter's* church, Sherbrooke, was held in the Church Hall on the evening of *St. Luke's* Day, Oct. 18, 1894, a large attendance being present, many also being there from the Church of the Advent, east Sherbrooke, and the outlying limits of the parish. The meeting opened with hymn and prayer, after which the Rector, Rev. Canon Thorneloe, took the chair and announced the object and aim of the conference, viz., the bringing together of the parishioners at least once a year, that they may be able to take a more hearty interest in the general affairs of the parish. He also presented a number of statistics showing the standing of the Church and the progress being made.

H. D. Lawrence, Esq., Superintendent of the Sunday school, was then called upon by the chairman for the report of the school, which he read, showing that there are 250 pupils on the roll, with eighteen teachers. Reports were also read from the Church of England Temperance Society and the Church of the Advent. Miss Woodward, Secretary of *St. Peter's* Ladies' Guild, then read the report of that admirable Society, showing the work done during the past year. This organization is one of the oldest in the parish, and is always foremost in promoting the interests of the Church.

Mr. Hunter also read a report of the various organizations connected with the Church of the Advent. This church has an efficient Ladies' Guild, Sunday school, Temperance Society, etc. Since the opening of this church in East Sherbrooke it has made much progress and is gathering a good congregation together every Sunday, there being an average attendance at the services of 40 in the morning and 50 in the afternoon.

Mr. Arthur Dorey was then called upon for his paper on "How to Increase the Heartiness of our Services," but that gentleman not being present, it was read by the Chairman. The paper was brimful of bright suggestions and was warmly commended by Mr. Heneker.

Mr. H. D. Lawrence, a member of the building committee of the new *St. Peter's* church, was then asked to present a scheme which had been prepared to provide funds for the new edifice, plans of which are prepared and were on view at the conference. The plan suggested was as follows: Subscriptions of any amount may be received, payable in ten years without interest, on the instalment plan, viz., annually, semi-annually, quarterly, monthly or weekly. For example, a subscription of \$100 payable in ten years may be paid as follows: \$10 annually or \$5 semi-annually, or \$2.50 quarterly, 83c monthly, or 20c weekly. In the event of the donor's death before the expiration of the ten years the agreement to be null and void. The scheme was favorably looked upon by the conference, but no definite action taken thereon.

Mr. John Hunter then read a most elaborate and carefully prepared paper on "Missionary Work and Needs of the Parish." He gathered together a large number of statistical facts, and put the wants, requisites and failings of that part of the parish with which he is more intimately connected before the meeting in a clear and concise manner. The Rector, in thanking Mr. Hunter for his paper, told the conference that he was extremely sorry to say that Mr. Hunter was soon to sever his connection with the parish to take up work in other parts of the Diocese.

Mr. John P. Wells read a paper on "The Duty of Young Men to their Church." Mr. Wells put before the conference a number of suggestive and practical thoughts on the duties of young men to the Church, and all who heard it could not fail but be edified and instructed by it.

The meeting was brought to a close by the Rector thanking all those who took part in the conference and the pronouncing of the Benediction.

BARFORD.

The annual Harvest Thanksgiving services in this mission were held as follows: At *St. Cuthbert's*, Dixville, on 27th Sept., the Rev. Thos. Bell, Rector of *Christ's* Church, Island Pond, Vt., preached a very interesting and masterly sermon from the text, "Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High."—Psalm 1. 14. He treated his subject in an original manner, and pointed out clearly, giving Scriptural and historical proof, that tithes and thank-offerings have always been the outcome of thankfulness; in other words, that thank-offerings and self-sacrifice are the only real manifestations of love and thanksgiving.

The Rev. E. K. Wilson, B.A., missionary at Hereford, preached at the Church of the Advent, Perryboro', Oct. 3, from Eph. iv. 1. After explaining clearly the meaning of 'vocation in life,' he showed that the highest aspect of the Christian's vocation is to thank and praise Almighty God.

The preacher at *St. Paul's*, Stanhope, Oct. 11th, was Rev. W. T. Forsythe, Rector of Stanstead, who drove twenty miles over bad roads and in disagreeable weather, in order to be present. The sermon was an eloquent one, and was listened to with rapt attention. Taking for his text, "I am the Bread of Life," he proceeded to draw a beautiful analogy between the bread which nourishes the body and "the Living Bread which came down from heaven," and to indicate to his hearers the different ways in which they could partake of that Bread.

Each of the churches was very tastefully decorated with grain, vegetables, fruits, ferns,

autumn leaves, pot plants and cut flowers, and the services were well attended.

The parsonage is much improved by the recent repairs. It has been reshingled and painted; a new cellar has been dug and a furnace put in, which adds much to the comfort of the interior. The whole expense will be upwards of \$250, the greater part of which is borne by the congregation.

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MONTREAL.

The Rev. G. Abbott Smith, M.A., delivered a very interesting lecture on his travels in the Holy Land in the Synod Hall, under the auspices of the Diocesan Sunday School Association, on Monday evening the 15th inst., at which there was a large attendance of clergy and laity.

The Lay Helpers' Association of the Diocese held a special meeting on Monday evening the 15th, and made formal arrangements for carrying on the work of the mission at *Maisonneuve* placed under its charge by the Bishop of the Diocese. For the present Messrs. Hotherington, Dartnell, Bullock and Ireland will have charge of the services. Mr. A. P. Tippet has charge of the Sunday School, and Mr. Haycock will look after the Band of Hope.

Bishop Newnham, of Moosonee, is in the city, a guest of his father-in-law, the Rev. Principal Henderson, and it is said will spend several months in the city.

The Rev. J. deSoyres, of *St. John*, N.B., was in the city last week attending the Conference of the Diocesan Theological College, before which he delivered an address on the "Study of Church History."

The Dedication service of the new *St. Margaret's* Home for "Incurables, the gift of the Hon. Geo. Drummond, already referred to in our columns, was held last week by the Lord Bishop of Montreal, with whom were present the Revds. E. Wood, A. French, H. Kittson, and Canon Townsend. In the chapel on the ground floor is the altar, the donation of the Association of *St. Margaret's*, and the stained glass window, the gift of the Rev. Arthur French. Here prayers were said by the Bishop and the procession of the Bishops, Clergy, six Sisters of the Home and choir boys of *St. John* the Evangelist then proceeded through the building in different portions of which a short dedicatory prayer was offered by the Bishop until the large dormitories of the third storey were reached, and in one of these his Lordship delivered a short dedicatory sermon referring to the advantage to be gained from following such a Master as our Lord Jesus Christ, to which example he attributed the self-sacrifice of the Sisters of the Home. There are now thirty-six patients in the building but it is built and furnished through the generosity of the Hon. Geo. Drummond so as to accommodate fifty persons.

A Harvest festival service was held last Sunday in *St. Martin's* Church, Montreal, which was beautifully and appropriately decorated for the occasion.

On Tuesday, the 18th of October, a Harvest festival service was held in *St. Phillip's* Church, Montreal west.

On Sunday week the Harvest thanksgiving was observed in the Church of *St. James the Apostle*, which also was decorated richly, and at which the musical portion of the service was very fine.