

sulted in the following resolution being carried unanimously.

Proposed by the Rural Dean, seconded by Rev. I. P. Richmond, and resolved, "That this meeting feeling deeply the need of a system of Graded Sunnay-school Manuals such as may be placed in the hands of Teachers and Children of the Church with confidence, requests His Lordship the Bishop to take such steps as may be expedient to provide such graded series."

At the afternoon session the Rev. J. P. Richmond read a paper on the organization and development of Lay help in the spiritual work of the Church, which after discussion resulted in the following resolutions:

Proposed by Rev. J. P. Richmond, seconded by the Rev. G. R. Walters and resolved,

1. That an Association be formed of Lay Helpers of this district, with the sanction of the Lord Bishop, and of which the Bishop shall be President, under the name of the Association of Lay Helpers of the District of Gaspé.

2. All Laymen within the district, being communicants, or desirous of giving a definite portion of their time under such sanction to the spiritual work of the Church shall be invited to join the Association.

3. A branch of the Association may be established in any parish or mission of this district, at the invitation and with the sanction of the Priest of such parish or mission.

4. The following officers shall be appointed provisionally at this meeting, the Lord Bishop being ex-officio President; a committee of management of twelve persons, three of whom shall form a quorum, who shall elect a chairman, a secretary, a treasurer.

5. Meetings of the Association shall be held from time to time as may be arranged by the Committee of management, for prayer, receiving the Holy Communion together, and conferring upon Church work.

The meetings for the Bay of Chaleur end of the District to be held at Paspébiac; those for the County of Gaspé at Gaspé Basin. Such committee to consist of the following persons: [one being named out of each congregation in the district].

Moved by Rev. J. P. Richmond, seconded by Rev. T. Blaylock, and resolved, That an endeavor be made to hold two meetings annually in this district of Clergy and representative Laymen similar to that held here to-day. The one for the Gaspé half of the district; the other for the Baie de Chaleur end of the district. That the one meeting should be held in the month of February; the other in July. That the Rural Dean be requested to give effect to the organization provided in Canon XII. for a Deanery Board, by calling a meeting of the same at Gaspé in the month of February yearly.

And that the Archdeacon be requested, if practicable, to hold a conference at Paspébiac in the first week in July next for the Baie de Chaleur end of the district, and that each Deanery Board and Conference meeting last each for one day, and that the Clergy and laity present pledge themselves to do their best to make such meetings successful.

This ended the first day's session. It was followed in the evening by a pleasant and successful Missionary meeting at St. James' Church which was addressed by the clergy present.

The following day after Morning Prayer at St. James' Church, the Conference was called to order by the Archdeacon. The minutes of the previous day were read and confirmed, and the Rev. T. Blaylock read a very good and practical paper on "How best to create and develop a practical interest in the Missionary Work of the Church." A lively discussion followed in which several of the laity took part, and it was agreed that Missionary meetings should follow the meetings of Deanery Board and Conferences above mentioned.

The Rev. G. R. Walters then read a paper on Home Missions for awakening and deepening the spiritual life and how to obtain them in

this district. The Missions held by the former Missioner of the Diocese and by Canon Wilberforce in Quebec, and the Mission held in New York were alluded to, and the absence at all of these of an undue excitement and fanaticism was commented upon, and a resolution was passed conveying to the Bishop the hope of the Conference that the Mission Canon provided for in Canon XXIII. on the Capitular Body of the Cathedral might soon be appointed. The Conference was then closed.

During the Conference the Clergy and laity were invited by the Archdeacon to take their meals together at the Temperance Hall (lent for the occasion), and the Clergy were hospitably entertained by the leading laymen of Port Daniel. After a second Missionary meeting held at the Church at Chigouac in the evening the members of the Conference separated cheered and encouraged by the services and the interchange of feelings on the important matters discussed, and feeling that if they are able D. V. to carry out the resolutions of the Conference much good will result to the district from their deliberations. It was felt by all that Archdeacon Ree had been eminently successful in organizing and carrying out the Conference and inaugurating it is to be hoped, a new era in the history of the Church on the Gaspé coast.

COMPTON.—There will be a Harvest Thanksgiving service in St. James' Church, on Friday evening, September 21st, at half-past seven. Preacher, Rev. Dr. Allnatt.

PERSONAL.—As already announced the Lord Bishop of Quebec sailed from Liverpool on Thursday last with the Lord Bishop of Niagara, and is expected here Saturday next. The many friends of His Lordship and of Mrs. Williams will regret to learn that the English doctors who have been consulted confirm a diagnosis made in Quebec before Mrs. Williams departure for Europe to the effect that her right lung is affected. They have forbidden her to winter in either England or Canada. The Bishop will therefore remain here about a month only, taking pressing ordination and confirmation services, and will then return to Europe to take Mrs. Williams to the South of France, where she will spend the winter. Universal sympathy is expressed here for both His Lordship and Mrs. Williams.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

DEANERY OF BEDFORD.—The following scheme of Missionary meetings has been approved by the Bishop:—

Bedford, Monday, October 8; Mystic, Tuesday, Oct. 9; Stanbridge East, Wednesday, Oct. 10; Philipsburgh, Thursday, Oct. 11; Pigeon Hill, Friday, Oct. 12. Deputation, Canon Davidson, and Rev. G. Forsey.

Rougemont, Monday, Oct. 15; Farnham, Tuesday, Oct. 16; Abbotsford, Wednesday, Oct. 17; Upton, Thursday, Oct. 18; St. Hyacinthe, Friday, Oct. 19. Deputation, Rural Dean Nye, Canon Mussen, and Rev. C. Trotman.

Frelighsburgh, Monday, Oct. 15; Dunham, Tuesday, Oct. 16; Cowansville, Wednesday, Oct. 17; Sweetsburgh, Thursday, Oct. 18. Deputation, Revs. F. Allen and L. V. Larivière.

The Meetings at Clarenceville and St. Thomas are to be arranged by the Rector.

ST. ARMAND WEST.—A "Feast of first-fruits" was held in this parish on Thursday, August 30th. The proceedings appropriately commenced with a Thanksgiving service in St. Paul's Church, Philipsburgh, which tasteful and loving hands had beautifully decorated with fruits and flowers making the old and by no means attractive edifice, for once, a lovely house of prayer. The Rector was assisted by the Rev. H. W. Nye, M.A., Rural Dean, and also preached on the subject of "Spiritual Husbandry."

At the conclusion of the service the congregation and many others repaired to the beautiful park of W. F. Kay, Esq., on the Lake shore, and indulged for a few hours in the delights of a "basket picnic." A novel feature of the proceedings was that no tickets were sold, but all were invited to place their free will offerings on God's altar, to form the nucleus of a fund for the erection of a new Church, which is much needed; we are glad to know that the response was liberal.

EARDLEY.—St. Luke's Church, Upper Eardley, was assisted by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, on Sunday, the 26th August. There were large congregations both morning and evening; two candidates were presented for Confirmation at the morning service. The evening service partook of the nature of a Missionary meeting, addresses being given by the Bishop, the Rev. A. B. Given, and the Rev. G. A. Smith, the recent pastor of the parish, whose departure from the parish is greatly regretted.

The following day was one to be remembered in the history of the parish. Miss Marcella Smith, sister of the Rev. G. A. Smith, and Mr. Frank Wood, of Toronto, were united by the Lord Bishop of the diocese in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony took place in St. Augustine's Church, Lower Eardley. The wedding was one such as only Eardley can provide, so far as is known to the writer; the people recognized that one very near and dear to them was to be married, they therefore asked and obtained permission to provide the wedding dinner. It was spread beneath the magnificent trees which surround the Church, and not less than 200 guests sat down to it. The Church was beautifully decorated with festoons, flowers and evergreens. Dinner over, the happy couple were sent off upon their wedding trip, followed by the best wishes of all present.

Soon after the good Bishop started on his trip over King's Mountain to Chelsea, and evening found a gathering, long looked forward to, dispersed. Will they ever all meet again?

LACHINE.—A stained glass window for St. Stephen's Church has been ordered from Messrs. J. C. Spence & Sons, of Montreal, as a memorial of Mrs. Howard Allbut. The window is the gift of her husband, H. Allbut, Esq., of the G. T. R. It is expected that the window will be in position on All Saints'.

LESLIE.—St. James'.—On the morning of the Consecration, August 22nd, His Lordship accompanied by Revs. Bourne (Incumbent), Mills and others, started from the parsonage at West Thorne at 7.30 a.m., and after a delightful drive of 8 miles, we arrived at the new Church shortly after 9 o'clock. The church people of Leslie are deeply indebted to Mr. Jones who gave them the magnificent sum of twelve hundred dollars to build their Church together with the furniture which is simply beautiful. When all necessary arrangements were made, the clergy present, (the Rev. A. A. Allen, of Portage, having joined us at Leslie) together with Messrs. Coffin (student), Seaman and Parker, (Churchwardens) met His Lordship at the entrance, and Mr. Parker having read the petition for Consecration, and it having been accepted, the service of consecration was begun.

Dr. Lyon read the sentence of consecration. Twelve young persons received the Apostolic rite of confirmation and partook of their first communion; there were in addition to these 37 other communicants.

His Lordship having preached an eloquent and impressive sermon on Is. lx. 13, and having pronounced the benediction this solemn service was brought to a close, and another church was consecrated to the service of Al-