

monarch as the most precious possession in her dominions. God had as surely called the British Empire to a sacred trust as He had called Israel of old. It was the mission of the Anglo-Saxon race to spread the knowledge of the Lord, and to proclaim to mankind Christ's evangel of peace. In so far as they were true to that trust they would prosper. If they should prove recreant, the time would not be long in coming when Iehabod might be written upon the Empire's walls, for her glory would have departed.

Apsley. A lecture was given recently in the Parish room on "The Church of England Before the Reformation," by the Rev. Herbert Symonds. It was illustrated by views with a magic lantern. The large room was crowded. The lecturer traced the Church from the earliest Christian times. It is not correct to limit the time of its introduction to the coming of St. Augustine. There are historical accounts of the Church four hundred years before he came; indeed, there is reason to believe that the Gospel was preached by men who knew the Apostles, even if not by Apostles. He gave an outline of the history of the Church—the influence of missionaries from Iona and Ireland; the encroachments of the Papacy; the struggles of those who resisted them—to the time of the Reformation, which, he maintained, was a reformation only, and not in any way the creation of a new Church. The lecture was very effective, and some of the illustrations were really beautiful. Canon Harding moved a vote of thanks to the reverend lecturer. A meeting was held in May last at the instance of Canon Harding with a view of organizing a Penny Savings Bank. Mr. Harding said the object was to encourage thrift in small matters—"gather up the fragments... that nothing be lost." There are few children who have not a cent or two now and then, which are spent in candies or other little luxuries, leading to bad habits. Put those cents in a savings bank and there is encouraged an early practice of self-denial, and as the Post-office Savings Bank does not take less than a dollar, he strongly recommends the formation of this bank, which will receive any amount from one cent upwards. Mr. Harding had corresponded with the authorities of the G.P.O. at Ottawa, and at first the difficulty and trouble of keeping such a number of small accounts was urged; but he replied that the idea was to have three trustees who should enter the General Post-office Bank in the nature of a firm. This was accepted, and in a very courteous letter Mr. Matheson, Superintendent of the Savings Bank Department, said that the Postmaster-General would permit such an account to be opened in the names of three trustees. Subsequently Mr. Matheson wrote that in consequence of this bank a branch of the General Postoffice Bank should be opened in Apsley. It was at once resolved unanimously that such a bank should be opened, to be called the Victoria Penny Savings Bank, Apsley, 1897. The authorities of the General Post-office at Ottawa have given every facility, and the Apsley Bank is very popular; there are 46 depositors, sixteen of them of sums less than five cents, and there have been upwards of \$70 remitted to the Departmental Bank at Ottawa.

#### NIAGARA.

JOHN PHILIP DUMOULIN, D.D., BISHOP OF NIAGARA.

Hamilton.—St. John's.—Harvest Thanksgiving services were held at St. John's church on Sunday last. The church was exquisitely decorated with plants and flowers. Rev. C. E. Whitcomb, in the morning, preached a most impressive sermon, taking as his text, Mark iv. 26: "And he said, 'So is the Kingdom of God as if a man should cast his seed into the ground.'" At the evening service the rector occupied the pulpit.

All Saints'.—The Rev. George Forneret was the preacher at Mount Hope Thanksgiving service on Thursday evening.

St. Thomas.—Rev. Mr. Miller has returned from his holiday trip and resumed duty. In his absence Rev. Mr. Thompson took the service.

St. George's.—Rev. F. E. Howitt preached at the Stony Creek Thanksgiving service.

Niagara Falls.—Thanksgiving services were held on Sunday last, when Bishop DuMoulin preached to a very full church. The offertory amounted to over \$90.

Niagara Falls South.—The Harvest Thanksgiving service was held last Sunday. The church was beautifully decorated. There was a good morning congregation, Rev. Canon Bull preaching at both services. The offertory was for the Widow's and Orphan's Fund.

Chippawa.—Canon Mackenzie is still unable to resume work, and the service is taken by the neighbouring clergy in the afternoon. His many friends wish him a speedy convalescence.

Ancaster had its annual service, when the church was appropriately decorated with fruit and flowers. The music was especially good. Canon Mackenzie, of Brantford, preached a most eloquent sermon.

Orangeville.—St. Mark's.—On Sunday, September 24th, Bishop DuMoulin held a Confirmation in this church. It is not quite a year since his Lordship paid his first visit to the church, and on that occasion there were about thirty candidates for confirmation. On Sunday there was about an equal number confirmed. These are certainly convincing indications of the progress of the Church in this town. The altar of the church was very tastefully decorated with flowers, and the church was crowded at the morning and evening services. In the morning the Bishop delivered a powerful discourse, and that in the evening was equally eloquent and convincing. He speaks with the force and earnestness of one who means every word he says, and on this account his utterances are more forcible and conclusive. At the evening services the lessons were read by Rev. Mr. McGill, of Bowling Green, and the singing of the choir was excellent. Miss Mabel Henderson sang a solo with her usual grace and finish. At the evening services he referred in deservedly high terms to the long and ever zealous and disinterested pastorate of Rev. Canon Henderson, who has been incumbent of St. Mark's for nearly thirty-six years, and enjoys the esteem and good-will of all classes and creeds.

Stamford.—This old but beautiful village was, on the 30th ult., the place of meeting of the clergy of the Ruri-decanal Chapter of Lincoln and Welland, there being present, Ven. Archdeacon Houston, Rural Dean Spencer, Canon Bull, Canon Gribble, Rev. R. Ker, Rev. M. W. Britton, Rev. J. C. Garrett, Rev. R. H. Archer, Rev. L. E. Skey, and Rev. G. B. Bull. During a portion of the day Rev. C. H. Shortt, of St. Thomas' church, Toronto, was in attendance, participating in the proceedings. After the services of the Holy Communion in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, the clergy engaged in Bible translation and study, being led by Archdeacon Houston in the Old Testament, and by Canon Bull in the New. An extremely well-prepared synopsis of the opening chapters of the Duke of Argyll's Philosophy of Belief was given by Canon Gribble, of Port Dalhousie. The Rural Dean and Rev. Messrs. Ker, Britton, and Skey, were chosen by ballot to conduct the annual missionary services throughout the deanery, all services to be on Sundays. This is a new plan, intended to take the place of ordinary missionary meetings, which often-times are poorly attended. The change has the sanction of the Bishop and the Standing Committee. The new system necessitates a considerable number of clerical exchanges for a few Sundays. The results will be eagerly watched for. The evening of the 30th ult. was devoted to a service in the church, and the delivery of two able addresses on the Lambeth Conference, by Rev. J. C. Garrett and Canon Gribble. The origin, history, and work of the Conference were clearly and forcibly set forth, and its future possibilities stated. Deep regret was felt by the clergy on account of the enforced absence of two of the oldest members of the chapter, through sick-

ness and infirmity. The meeting, however, was on the whole one of the best ever held within the deanery.

Elora.—The congregation of St. John's church here suffered a very serious loss in the death on Wednesday, the 20th Sept., of Mr. Hugh Roberts, of Pilkington, one of the oldest members. On Thursday the funeral took place from his late residence to St. John's church, thence to the cemetery, and was very largely attended, showing the high esteem in which he was held in this section. Deceased was born in Aber, Carnarvonshire, North Wales, October, 1817, settled in the township of Pilkington in 1846, about the time the first St. John's church was built here, since which time he has been a consistent and active member. For a number of years he has been lay delegate, which position he held at the time of his death. The incumbent, Rev. Thos. Smith, conducted the services, and in his address made feeling reference to the Christian worth and consistency of life of the late member.

#### HURON.

MAURICE S. BALDWIN, D.D., BISHOP, LONDON.

London.—Cronyn Hall.—A Brotherhood of St. Andrew meeting was held here on the 23rd of September to hear addresses by Mr. Hubert Carlton, of the English Council; Dean Innes and Canon Dann, of St. Paul's cathedral; Rev. J. C. Farthing, of Woodstock, and others. The Bishop was present, and gave a cordial welcome to Mr. Carlton. Mr. Carlton told of the keen life of the Mother Church, and illustrated many openings for Brotherhood work in one's daily business life.

Wallaceburg.—The sad and sudden news of the death of the rector of this place, Rev. Mr. Roy, is announced. He was not long in this place, where the Church is very weak, nor was he long married. His young widow and the congregation will deeply feel the sudden bereavement. Mr. Roy was an untiring worker, and has left a record of faithful service.

Milverton.—Mr. J. A. Miller, of Trinity College, Toronto, who was doing duty here for the summer, conducted farewell services here on the 19th Sept., and the services in future will be conducted by Huron College men from London.

Essex Centre.—Rev. Mr. Beverley, formerly incumbent of this place, has been appointed to the parish of Forest, vacant since the death of the late Mr. Hutchinson. Rev. R. J. Murphy, B.A., of Euphrasea, has been appointed to Essex Centre. Mr. Murphy has been over two years in Euphrasea, where he succeeded in building up good congregations in a parish much run down at the date of his appointment.

London.—The gratifying statement was made at the Executive Committee meeting on the 23rd of September, that over \$13,000 have already been subscribed on the special canvas for the diocesan debt.

Brantford.—Harvest Thanksgiving services were held in St. James' chapel on Sept. 5th, in St. Paul's on Sept. 19th, and in St. John's on Sept. 26th. In each case the chapel was most becomingly decorated, and the services generally attended by large congregations. The offertory at St. John's amounted to \$50, most of which goes to the building fund. This chapel is now rejoicing in new seats, reported to be the best in the city. They are the result of the children's lenten self-denial offerings in the spring.

Port Dover.—Some weeks ago the G.T.R. station-house at this place was burnt to the ground with all its contents, among which were two large bales of goods from the W.A. of St. Paul's church, one bale for Emanuel College, Manitoba, and the other for the mission at Fort a la Corue. The bales were valued at \$183. The loss was very discouraging; but after expressing a few regrets, the women of