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WATFORD.—The Convention of Church Workers' held in Trinity Church under the auspices of the Deanery of Lambton, was most interesting and instructive. Service was held in the forenoon, when the rector, Rev. J. Downie, B.D., administered Holy Communion to about 40 persons.

At the opening of the afternoon session nearly 50 delegates signed the roll. After devotional and song service, the rural dean, Rev. T. R. Davis, M.A., of Sarnia, gave a most excellent practical address.

A Ruri-Decanal S. S. and Church Workers' Association was then organized, the constitution recommended by the Diocesan Committee being adopted, with the addition of such sections as were suggested by local needs. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. T. R. Davis, M.A.; Vice-President, Robt. Gibson, M.D., Watford; Sec. Treas., Rev. H. A. Thomas, Warwick.

Dr. Gibson then read an admirable paper upon the use of the Prayer Book in Sunday Schools. The topic was then discussed by Revs. Craig, Thomas, Downie and Davis, the general consensus being that the prayer book should be the only service book of both Sunday school and church.

Miss Gurd's very interesting paper upon the Importance and Methods of Primary Class Work, which elicited some profitable discussion, was read by Miss Fanny Jacobs.

Rev. E. W. Hughes gave an excellent address upon Church Work. The Rev. H. A. Thomas upon the Sunday School Teacher's Encouragements, was admirable.

The evening session was opened with a devotional song service. The Rev. W. Craig, B.D., read a most instructive and interesting paper upon Sunday School Hymns and Music. The general opinion was that the hymns of the Sunday school should be chosen chiefly, if not solely, from the Church hymnal.

The topic, Some Subsidiary Societies, called forth two very excellent papers, that by Miss Downie, of Watford, in support of the Daughters of the King, and that by Miss E. Archer, of Warwick, advocating the Y.P.S.C.E. as affording a field for valuable work in connection with the church. The Rev. J. Downie, in a very forcible address, advocated the claims of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew for a similar position. A profitable and earnest discussion ensued, which was conducted by Dr. Gibson, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Elliott, the rural dean and Rev. Mr. Craig, the latter being of opinion that there should be organized a society which should include both sexes, and which should be upon distinctly Church of England lines.

The Scholar and the Leader, or Spiritual Growth, a paper by F. C. Corbett, B.A., modern language master in Sarnia Collegiate Institute, afforded a rich literary treat to all who heard it.

After a brief summing up of the work of the Convention by the rural dean, the proceedings of one of the best conventions ever held in the deanery were brought to a close.

Great praise is due to the local branches of the W.A.M.A. and the Daughters of the King, who, under the able direction of the rector, provided for the comfort and refreshment of the visiting delegates.

SARNIA.—The annual harvest thanksgiving services were held in St. George's church, on Sunday, Oct. 8th. The Rev. W. H. Wade, rector of the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton, was the preacher; his sermons, which were impressive and eloquent, were much appreciated by the large congregations which listened to him. The church was suitably

decorated with grain, fruit and flowers. The musical part of the service was well rendered by an efficient choir. The offertory was the largest ever given in the church on one day. It amounted to \$854.

The Rev. Mr. Stewart of Foo Chow, China, visited Sarnia on Wednesday, Oct. 11th. Mrs. Stewart addressed a large number of ladies in the afternoon, on the subject of "Woman's work in China." Her address was most interesting, and no doubt good results will flow from it, in increased efforts being put forth by the W. A. to send the Gospel to their sisters in heathen lands. In the evening the school room was well filled with a large audience, who followed with the closest attention the Rev. Mr. Stewart, as he dwelt with power and fervour on the duty of evangelizing the world, and then told of his own work in Foo Chow, its trials and triumphs. The fields are ripe unto the harvest. Will not God's people everywhere pray that the Master will send forth laborers into the harvest.

RUPERT'S LAND.

WINNIPEG.—At the meeting of the Church of England Women's Auxiliary, which was held on Tuesday last, it was decided to send out, if possible, four large bales to those distant missions for whom application for assistance from the clergyman or catechist in charge, were read and considered. In order to do this at once, so that these bales may reach their destination before Christmas, the president requested all members present to do their utmost to make it known to those who could not attend the meeting, and to ask all friends of missions to send in before Wednesday morning, the 4th of October, anything which they may desire to have enclosed in these bales, such as comforts for the aged and sick, clothing either new or second hand, suitable for men, women or children; toys for the latter: Xmas cards, old ones will do quite well; candies; pictures are often asked for, especially those which give Bible teaching. The aim of the W. A. is to "aid and encourage her missionaries in their solitary and arduous life, by helping them to minister to their people, both in temporal and spiritual things." Parcels to be sent to Holy Trinity school house, marked "For the W.A.," and left in the school room.

MORRIS.—A harvest thanksgiving service was held in All Saints' church on Sunday last, Rev. Mr. Henwood delivering a very impressive and appropriate sermon. The church was tastefully decorated with grains and flowers of all kinds, making a very pleasant appearance. Much credit is due those who willingly assisted in arranging them.

MELITA.—During the summer, Mr. Chilcott of Trinity University, Toronto, has done excellent work in this mission; he will be sorely missed.

BRANDON.—St. Matthew's.—St. Matthew's church is distinguished, for it is the church in which the first confirmation was held by a Canadian Archbishop. His grace, the Primate, arrived in Brandon on Saturday. In the evening a reception was held in St. Matthew's rooms. On Sunday morning his grace was celebrant at early communion, and at 11 a.m. confirmed 40 candidates, presented by the rector. A very interesting children's service was held in the afternoon. The Primate delivered an excellent address on "Lydia and her household," and also preached at evensong. The services were well attended, and very hearty, especially the processional and recessional hymns. The church was nicely decorated with flowers and the altar hangings very much improved. The Rev. M. M. Harding, rector, acted as chaplain to his grace; and the Rev. F. Weber, and Rev. E. Archibald assisted in the services. The offertories, about \$80, were given to the hospital. During his stay in Brandon, the Primate was the guest of Dr. Spencer.

There will be much suffering in Manitoba this winter, owing to a succession of bad crops and low prices. This will very much affect church work in the country districts—and 60 out of the 80 clergy in Rupert's Land are in charge of country missions.

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Correspondence.

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N. B.—If any one has a good thought, or a Christian sentiment, or has facts, or deductions from facts, useful to the Church, and to Churchmen, we would solicit their statement in brief and concise letters in this department.

The Bishop of Algoma.

From the English Guardian.

SIR,—In the *Guardian* of March 1st, which owing to my wanderings has only now reached me, I find a communication "From our Correspondent" on the subject of the recent election to the Metropolitan chair in the Canadian Church, in which he refers to my action in the premises, and undertakes to inform your readers that "the bishops of Montreal, Huron, and Algoma have always been decided Low Churchmen." With the companionship in which I am thus placed I have no fault to find. I look back to a personal intimacy and association with both these gentlemen of more than thirty years' duration with pride and pleasure. I am unwilling, however, that my theological position should be misunderstood, for a reason presently to be stated, and hence would offer as the best comment on your correspondent's definition of it a few words, written the day before I saw your paper, to the principal of an English theological school, who had recommended a student on this, among other grounds, that he is "a decidedly Low Churchman by conviction." (Your correspondent and he evidently used the same phrase-book.) I wrote in reply:

"As to Churchmanship, I have no objection to a Low Churchman so long as he is loyal to the Church's recognized standards and formularies and is faithful in his work, but I am strongly opposed to the 'one Church is as good as another' theory, and should this be Mr. C.'s view, must decline to receive him. Our people in Algoma need distinctive Church teaching on simple Prayer-book lines, and for any missionary to fail to give it is to play into the hands of the denominations."

Such, sir, is my Churchmanship.

A word, now, as to my object in writing. My diocese is a missionary one, dependent for three-fourths of its maintenance on the voluntary offerings of Church men and women of all shades of thought on both sides the Atlantic. We have not one penny of endowment for current expenses. We need men, also, as well as money (I enclose you an advertisement on the subject). Such being our position, it is self-evident that misunderstanding as to the general theological tone of the diocese, or suspicion as to extremism or onesidedness in its Episcopal administration must necessarily create prejudice, and so alienate sympathy and substantial support which would otherwise flow into our coffers. As to the former, my diocese, like the Church itself, is characterized by diversity of "use" and doctrinal opinion. For the latter, I refer your readers to the quotation given above.

Mentone, March 26, 1898.

E. ALGOMA.

The Archbishops.

SIR,—No doubt the Canadian Church is practically unanimous in agreeing to our metropolitans being designated archbishops, but there is one point in this connection regarding which I would like to venture a remark. At present our archiepiscopal sees are floating ones. It seems to me that it would be much better to have fixed sees; of course there are objections to this, but three arguments in its favor appear to be worth noticing:

1st. Some of our episcopal cities are more prominent than others on account of their Church history. Thus the see city of the first Canadian bishop, or Toronto, as having had Bishop Strachan, or Winnipeg as having Archbishop Machray. These cities would stand out a Canterbury, York, London, Durham and Winchester.

2nd. A fixed see is, I think, more churchly.

3rd. There would be this great advantage in having fixed sees, that we would have our archbishops in the centres of our Church. This would be especially of benefit in the Province of Rupert's Land. There Bishop Bompas is the next in order of seniority, and it would be impossible to have our archbishop in Selkirk, and it would be a shame to pass over so glorious a man. If, say, Winnipeg were a fixed archiepiscopal city, on Archbishop Machray's retirement, Bishop Bompas could be translated to Winnipeg, and there would be this additional advantage—that by the time it was necessary to choose a new archbishop, Bishop Bompas, who might feel it his duty to leave his severe labours to a younger man, would be enabled to enter on comparatively