

bouquets of golden rod, ferns and violets on either side; grape-vines with clustered bunches of purple fruit hung in profusion from the chancel arches, while a rood screen stood at the entrance; in fact everywhere designs appropriate to the season, of fruit, grain and flowers, greeted the sight of the worshippers. The Rev. Mr. Starr, the incumbent, was assisted by Revs. Ashcroft, Davidson and Dixon, Dr. Swoeny, of St. Philip's Church, preaching an appropriate sermon. On Sunday the services were continued with celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock. The Rev. H. C. Dixon preached at the morning service a very powerful sermon on "the spiritual ingathering at the last day," and the Rev. Charles Rutan preached very acceptably to his old parishioners in the evening. At all the services the church was filled, benches having to be placed in the aisles. The offerings were to clear a floating debt of some hundred dollars, which was realized within a small amount. The music was under the direction of Miss Griffin, formerly organist of Trinity Church, Brockville, and the choir and orchestra certainly did both themselves and her great credit.

NIAGARA.

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

RURAL DEANERY OF HALDIMAND.—At the last chapter meeting of the Deanery of Haldimand the Rev. Maurice W. Britton, rector of South Cayuga, was elected Rural Dean, vice Rev. R. Gardiner, who has removed from the deanery. The election is a fitting acknowledgment on the part of his brother clergy of the earnestness and untiring devotion to the Church's welfare which the rector of South Cayuga has always manifested both in parish and deanery.

JARVIS.—The annual harvest home service was held in the parish church on Thursday evening, Sept. 17th. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The Rev. Dr. Johnstone, of Wexford, preached a most impressive sermon from Phil. iv. 6. In the course of his remarks, the preacher referred to the increased and hearty interest manifested by the people of this parish, and spoke most warmly of the magnificent work already accomplished by their very energetic rector, the Rev. F. C. Piper.

NORVAL.—The annual harvest home services of St. Paul's Church were held on Sunday, Sept. 20th. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion at eleven o'clock, the celebrant being the Rev. J. H. McCollum of St. Thomas' Church, Toronto, who was also the preacher at both services. It was encouraging to note the unusually large number of communicants. The church was tastefully decorated with dainty sheaves of grain, autumn leaves, fruit and a profusion of flowers, and a very beautiful appearance did she present clad in the harvest garb which willing hands had woven for her. The members of St. Paul's, though comparatively few in number, enter into any work connected with their church with zeal and energy bound to be closely followed by success. This year even a greater reward for their efforts than on former occasions awaited them, for never before did the maxim, "a place for everything, and everything in its place," seem to be more truly enacted. A special offertory was made at both services, which was devoted to the Organ Fund.

HAMILTON.—The Niagara Synod will meet in Christ Church school-house on Oct. 20th.

St. Matthew's.—On St. Matthew's Day special anniversary services were held in this church. Rev. Father Geoghegan celebrated at 10 o'clock, and Rev. S. Daw, rector of St. John the Evangelist, preached at the solemn Evensong at 8 p.m. The church was very tastefully decorated.

St. Thomas.—At the morning service of the Church of St. Thomas on Sunday, the 20th ult., the officiating clergyman, Rev. G. A. Forneret, M.A., formally announced that the bishop of the diocese had intimated his intention to appoint and induct Rev. Herbert G. Miller, M.A., as rector of the church. The parish of St. Thomas has been set apart for forty years, and during that period has enjoyed the ministrations of six rectors: Rev. T. J. M. W. Blackman, M.A., from 1856 to 1862; Rev. C. H. Drinkwater, from January, 1863, to July, 1868; Rev. E. Neville, D.D., from 1868 to 1871; Rev. Philip J. DuMoulin (the present bishop), from 1871 to 1874; Rev. J. B. Richardson, from December, 1874, to August, 1877; Rev. W. B. Curran, from November, 1877, to September, 1896. The new rector, Rev. Herbert Gordon Miller, was born in Woodchurch, Yorkshire, in 1855, received his education at the Royal Grammar School, Lancaster, passing to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, of which he was a mathematical scholar, taking his degree in 1876. He at once accepted a position at Dover College, was

ordained deacon in 1879, and priest in the following year by the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol. He was appointed to Cheltenham Church, and subsequently at churches in Manchester, Birmingham, Chester, Northampton, Clifton and Eastbourne (in succession there to the late Bishop Poole), where he had very large experience, and laboured successfully among the poor in those densely populated cities. In 1891 Mr. Miller was nominated for and accepted the position of principal of Huron College, London. The new incumbent will bring to the discharge of his duties here a valuable experience, which he has acquired by his ministerial life among all sorts and conditions of men. When leaving Eastbourne a memorial volume of his sermons was published by request of the congregation, with which he had been connected for five years, and he will, no doubt, by his academical training and profound knowledge of the Bible, be a worthy successor of the distinguished divines who have preceded him. The new rector will be absent about two weeks from the parish, but it is expected that the induction services will be held on Oct. 11th, by Bishop DuMoulin.

HURON.

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

Deanery of Bruce.—The September meeting was held on the 10th ult. in St. Paul's Church, Ripley, with a fair attendance of clergy, but very few of the lay members of the Chapter. Morning Prayer was said, and after a sermon by the Rev. J. C. McCracken, the Rural Dean celebrated the Holy Communion. Dinner was served in the basement of the church. At 2 p.m. the business meeting was held, and after the usual routine Rural Dean Robinson delivered an interesting and instructive charge. This drew out several members and the discussion was quite practical. The secretary, Rev. J. C. McCracken, of Chesley, was re-elected, and the invitation to hold the meeting next May in Paisley, was unanimously accepted. The members of the Deanery missions committee for the current year will be: the Rev. Rural Dean Robinson, *ex-officio* chairman, and Revs. A. P. Moore, of Paisley, and G. M. Franklin, of Ripley, with Messrs. R. Baird, of Kincairdine, and Andrew Tulford, of Tara. A resolution calling for a list of all licensed lay-readers in the county was passed, and some other items of business were attended to. A short programme was then taken up, which included a paper by the Rev. W. N. Duthie, of Lucknow, on "The Priesthood of the Laity." This will be offered for publication, having received the careful attention of all present. A paper on "Church Finance" was submitted by J. H. Hargraves, of Paisley, and another on "Parish Visiting" by the Rev. E. C. J. Jennings, of Hanover. A harvest home supper was served in the basement, and after Evensong short addresses were made by Rural Dean Robinson and the Rev. C. Miles. Miss Ida Irwin sang "The Holy City" very acceptably at the evening service, and Mrs. Somerville, of Lucknow, kindly and most efficiently presided at the organ in the absence of the regular organist. Altogether it was a most agreeable meeting.

RIPLEY AND PINE RIVER.—The Rev. T. Loftus Armstrong, incumbent of Dunganon, preached the harvest home sermons in this parish on Sunday, 18th ult. The churches were attractively decorated, and the attendance at Pine River was quite large. There was no special appeal at the offertories. The sermons were very well received and the services throughout were very interesting.

DUNGANON AND PORT ALBERT.—The usual harvest home services were held in this parish on the 18th ult. Both churches were elegantly decorated, and there were good congregations, especially at Port Albert. The morning service was held at Port Albert, and the church was well filled. The services at Dunganon were held at 8 p.m. and 7 p.m. The offertories were quite good. The Rev. G. M. Franklin was the preacher, and his discourses were highly appreciated.

ELGIN DEANERY.—BISMARCK AND RODNEY.—The episcopal visit of Bishop Baldwin to this mission on Sunday, Sept. 20th, proved a red-letter day to our church. Services were held in the forenoon in the Methodist place of worship at Rodney, which was filled to its utmost capacity. The day was glorious in its sunshine and cloudless sky. Although two of these places of worship were open, people of nearly every denomination were present. His Lordship the bishop gave two searching addresses, one to the candidates before the "laying on of hands," and another to the candidates and the congregation. Impressions of a deep religious character must have followed the bishop's addresses, delivered as they were with his usual fervor. In the evening confirmation services were held in Grace Church, Bismarck, when a number of candidates were presented by the incumbent, Rev. H. D. Steel. The church

was packed in every corner, and yet one-third of the people were compelled to retire owing to lack of church accommodation. After the apostolic rite of "laying on of hands," Bishop Baldwin preached a most earnest, plain and practical discourse on the "straight and narrow way" as contrasted with "the broad road leading to destruction." The rector, who began work in this mission in January last, has reason to be encouraged by the marked success which has already attended his ministrations. The general attendance on Sunday has more than trebled, while the membership since the confirmation services has doubled. LAUS DEO.

BELMONT.—During the summer the rector, Rev. G. Racey, was in very feeble health; indeed at times the utmost anxiety was felt for his recovery. His many friends will rejoice to know that he is again able to take his own duty. The parish was, during the summer, under the care of Mr. Thomas Dobson, of Huron College, who most acceptably discharged the duties of the post. He has now returned to College.

HANOVER.—On Sunday, the 20th of Sept. a thanksgiving service was held in St. James Church. The day being fine a good congregation filled the edifice both morning and evening. The church was most beautifully decorated for the occasion, and much praise is due the young people for their labour. The incumbent preached in the morning from Isaiah ix. 8, and in the evening from Mal. i. 8. The offertory amounted to between \$30 and \$40.

HENSALL.—A harvest thanksgiving service was held in St. Paul's Church on Sunday evening, Sept. 27th, at which the incumbent, Rev. C. L. Mills, preached to a large congregation from the text, Jer. viii. 20.

STAFFA.—A garden social was held at the residence of Mr. Alieu, Cromarty line, Tuesday, Sept. 15th, in aid of Grace Church, Staffa. Although somewhat late in the season, and the evening chilly, yet a large crowd spent a very pleasant evening. The programme was exceptionally good, and the grounds were illuminated by Chinese lanterns. The proceeds realized about twenty dollars.

RUPERT'S LAND.

ROBT. MACHRAY, D.D., BISHOP, ARCHBISHOP AND PRIMATE.

Personal.—The Lord Bishop of Qu'Appelle has resigned the Hon.-Treasurership of Rupert's Land.

The Rev. Janon Rogers has been appointed Hon.-Treasurer of Rupert's Land in place of the Bishop of Qu'Appelle.

SASKATCHEWAN AND CALGARY.

WILLIAM C. PINKHAM, D.D., BISHOP, CALGARY.

PRINCE ALBERT.—*St. Albans pro Cathedral Church*—The annual harvest festival was held in this church on Sunday, Sept. 20th. The rector, Rev. Geo. Moore, preached morning and evening to crowded congregations from the following texts: St. John xii. 24 25, and Psalms xxiii. 5 6. The offertory was devoted to the building fund of the new church, which is still far in arrears. The church was most beautifully decorated with flowers and grain, etc., the most conspicuous ornament being a large satin cross, made entirely of cut pansies. Another handsome cross of flowers stood over the altar. Much credit is due the ladies of the congregation for the tasteful and elegant way in which the whole church was decorated.

Correspondence.

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We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

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.

Deeply Grateful.

Sir,—In response to my appeal which you were good enough to insert in your issue of the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN of Sept. 3rd, I have received several copies of your valuable paper for distribution, for which I am deeply grateful, and would ask the kind donors to please accept this note of thanks as personal. J. PARDO.

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