

that a lay member of this association be appointed from each parish represented at this meeting to confer with the Musical Committee appointed by the clergy. The following members were then appointed: Mrs. Henry Bishop, from Bathurst; Miss Goggin, from Chatham; Miss Harley, from Newcastle, and Miss Chandler, from Campbellton. The meeting then adjourned. The annual Choir Union service was held in the parish church in the evening at 7.30 o'clock. A very large congregation was present; Tallis' festal choral Evensong was sung by the Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, the 1st lesson was read by Rev. J. Spencer, the 2nd lesson by Rev. T. W. Street, and an able sermon was preached by Rev. P. G. Snow. The special Psalms were 47, 48 and 66. The anthem was "Break forth into joy." The hymns were 545, processional, 550, 546 and 542, recessional (hymns A. & M.) Miss Goggin, the organist of St. Mary's Church, Chatham, presided at the organ at this service. During the meeting the clerical and lay members were hospitably entertained at the houses of the rector, curate and Church people of Bathurst.

#### MONTREAL.

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PORTLAND.—In these days of sects and schisms it is pleasant to find the inhabitants of our country parishes uniting as one body to return thanks for the blessings of harvest. Christ Church presented a very pretty appearance on Sunday, the 11th ult., the occasion being the annual harvest festival, the celebration was distinguished for the hearty manner in which it was kept, and the absolute unanimity which prevailed. The church was beautifully decorated—lightness and grace the characteristic features, set forms and stiffness being studiously avoided. It would take too much space to describe in detail the various floral arrangements. It must suffice to say that the clever lady artists who did the work must have had a wealth of material at their disposal, and they certainly made the most of their opportunity. The services were of a character suited to the occasion, special prayers and thanksgivings being offered by the Rev. W. T. King, incumbent. The lessons were read by the Ven. Archdeacon Mills, D.D., Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Montreal, who also preached scholarly sermons both morning and evening to crowded congregations. There was a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the morning service, at which a large number engaged in that highest act of thanksgiving. On Monday evening, the 12th ult., Christ Church was filled to its utmost capacity. Evensong was sung at 7 o'clock by the incumbent. The Archdeacon preached a special sermon on the "Spiritual Life." Its thoroughly practical nature, added to the intense earnestness of the preacher, will make it one long to be remembered by those present. The whole of the service was most solemn and effective, and was brought to a close by the congregation kneeling and singing Dr. Faber's beautiful hymn, "Sweet Saviour bless us ere we go."

MONTREAL.—The eight annual Conference of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College Association was held on Thursday last in the new college, University street, commencing with the celebration of the Holy Communion in the chapel at 10 a.m., celebrant, the Bishop of Quebec, assisted by the Rev. E. I. Rexford, followed by an instructive Bible reading by the bishop. At 11.30 a.m. there was a conference on "The Devotional Life," when the Rev. F. A. Pratt, B.A., read a paper on "Helps," advocating among other things daily prayer in the church, and the Rev. T. E. Cunningham, M.A., contributed a paper on "Hindrances," dividing these into two classes, external and internal. On reassembling at 2.30 p.m., the Conference was presided over by the Venerable Archdeacon Mills, in the absence of the bishop. The E. I. Rexford, B.A., gave an address on "The Religious Education of the Young." Two papers on "The Clergyman in His Social Relationship" were presented, the first by the Rev. J. A. Elliott, B.A., who expressed the opinion that the clergyman in society might possibly do more as a regenerator of it than the clergyman in the pulpit. The second paper was read by the Rev. H. A. Horsey, M.A. It set forth that the purpose of a clergyman's life should be to do good and proclaim good things. He must visit his people frequently, and strive to enter into the difficulties of lives, into their labours and into their amusements. Very able discussion followed each of the papers, and the Conference closed with votes of thanks to the Bishop of Quebec for his Bible reading, and to the Bishop of Montreal for presiding.

St. Martin's.—Continuing his instructive addresses on "Christ in the Old Testament," the Rev. G. Osborne Troop last Tuesday evening spoke to a crowded room at the Y.M.C.A. on the subject of "Christ and Abraham," explaining that he did not

speak of Abraham next after Adam, because none who came between were worthy, but because the course must necessarily be a limited one.

St. Jude's.—The concert given the other night in aid of the Choir Fund, proved to be, as was reasonably expected, a complete success.

Hochelaga.—A very enjoyable entertainment was given Tuesday of last week in the lecture hall of St. Mary's Church, by the members of the Ladies' Aid. The programme was somewhat of a departure from the usual order, consisting of an oyster supper from 7 to 8.30, after which the audience was entertained by some of the leading talent of the city, literary and musical.

#### ONTARIO.

J. T. LEWIS, D.D., LL.D., ARCHBISHOP OF ONT., KINGSTON.

To the Members of the Church in the several Rural Deaneries of the Diocese of Ontario.

DEAR BRETHREN.—His Grace the Archbishop has kindly signified his intention of visiting each rural deanery to meet the wardens, lay delegates, and all interested in their church, and to discuss the condition of affairs which, owing to the division of our diocese, we have now reached. The great object towards which our energies must be directed in the future, as they have been in the past, is the mission work of the Church. Our special fields of labour are the poor and thinly inhabited districts of the northern portions of the counties of Hastings, Addington and Frontenac, and to meet the requirements of this work our resources are to be taxed as they have never been during the past thirty-four years of our history as a diocese. To confer as to the best way to meet the difficulties which exist is the special object of our Archbishop's visit. He wishes to take counsel with you all upon the momentous issues which now lie before us. Praying for God's blessing upon our efforts, and for the guidance of His Holy Spirit in all our deliberations, we remain, your faithful servants in Christ, W. B. Carey, Rural Dean of Frontenac; C. P. Emery, Rural Dean of Grenville; T. Stanton, Rural Dean of Hastings; G. W. G. Grout, Rural Dean of Leeds; E. H. M. Baker, Rural Dean of Lennox and Addington; E. Loucks, Rural Dean of Prince Edward.

BROCKVILLE.—Another of a series of meetings of the Sunday-school teachers of the three Anglican churches was held in the school-room of St. Paul's Church, the attendance being very large. Thoughtful addresses were delivered by Archdeacon Jones, Rev. Dr. Nimmo and Rev. O. G. Dobbs. The two topics dealt with were "Inculcation of Reverence in Pupils," and "Distinct Church Teaching." There was also a Bible reading by Mr. E. J. Reynolds on the subject of Solomon's request to God for wisdom in answer to God's question as to what Solomon desired. It was arranged that the next meeting should be held in January in St. Peter's parochial school-house, when the Archdeacon will give a Bible-reading, and Mr. G. W. Baker will read a paper on the methods of teaching, especially dealing with the leaflets.—*Brockville Times*.

A very large congregation assembled in St. Paul's Church to witness the apostolic rite of confirmation, when thirty-one young persons publicly confessed themselves soldiers of Christ, and were admitted to full membership in the Church. The service was hearty and impressive throughout, the hymns being well rendered by a full choir. His Grace Archbishop Lewis administered the rite, being assisted by the Rev. J. H. Nimmo, M.D., rector of Trinity Church. The candidates were presented by the Rev. O. G. Dobbs, rector of the church.

NEW BOYNE.—Archbishop Lewis performed the sacred rite of confirmation upon 20 girls and 18 boys at St. Peter's Church on Saturday, 17th inst. Some persons who were quite old were confirmed. Lombardy and New Boyne candidates were present. The bishop's address was full of advice, like "apples of gold in pictures of silver." The Rev. Messrs. Harvey, French and Moore were present. The bishop confirmed Mrs. T. Burns, who is so ill at her residence. Our harvest service and dinner took place on Thursday, the 8th, Rev. Mr. Grout, of Portland, preaching an excellent sermon on the "Giving of thanks," to a large and appreciative congregation. The rector celebrated Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. J. W. Jones, of Westport. The church looked pretty indeed with its fruits, flowers, etc. The dinner was, as usual in New Boyne, beyond all praise. A much larger number were present than was looked for considering the coldness of the day, and as a result of the proceedings we understand between \$35 and \$40 will be handed to Rev. C. A. French to pay for a cutter, etc.

LEEDS REAR.—A union meeting of the Morton and

Lyndhurst "Ladies' Aid" was held at the home of Mrs. Francis Sheffield, Lyndhurst, where a very pleasant and profitable two hours was spent. The women of this parish have placed on the rectory repairs amounting to the sum of \$95 in the form of paper, shingles and chimneys. The debt has been wiped out, the result of sewing by the members and assistance from kind friends of St. Peter's, Seeley's Bay. These "Aids" have been in existence only a little over a year, and have raised the sum of \$305 for parish purposes.

KINGSTON.—Sunday, Oct. 25th, was observed as Hospital Sunday, and collections were taken in all the churches and meeting houses of the city. Last year the Presbyterians gave largely in excess of the church. At St. Paul's two laymen gave addresses on the hospital work, their speeches taking the place of the sermon.

The Harvest Festivals.—These have all now been held, at All Saints' early in October, and in the other churches about Michaelmas. The decorations in St. George's and All Saints' were in very good taste, consisting chiefly of fruit and grain with some flowers. These two churches sent the useful decorations to the hospital, where they were decidedly appreciated. In St. Paul's the decorations were in good taste. The music was of a florid order, and was very good. St. James I was not able to see, but I heard that both music and decorations were good and tending to devotion. The services in this church are always thoroughly devotional, though decidedly evangelical. Several of their congregation attended the mission in All Saints, and apparently appreciated it. It may be cited perhaps as a case of extremes meeting.

FLINTON.—The Archbishop, accompanied by Canon Spencer, opened the new church on Sunday, 25th ult., and confirmed a considerable class of candidates. If Churchmen do their duty by the mission fund the prospects for this new mission are very bright. The church as yet possesses no altar plate, but is using a very small set of vessels lent by the rector of All Saints, Kingston. A silver chalice and paten would cost nearly \$50, a large sum for a poor mission.

BATH.—St. John's Church in more ways than one excelled itself on Sunday, 18th ult. The occasion was the holding of the annual harvest festival services, which brought together both morning and evening very large congregations. Both sermons were preached by Rev. Wm. Lewin, B.A., of Kingston, whose evident earnestness and eloquence delighted, and, we trust, profited everybody. The venerable edifice was most tastefully decorated by the ladies, particularly the altar and its precincts, and rarely looked more beautiful. An unusually large number partook of the Holy Communion; and in keeping with all the other good features of the service, the offering for the general fund was perhaps the very best ever taken up in St. John's Church—somewhere between forty and fifty dollars. At the evening service, the rector, Rural Dean Baker, in commending the congregation in the way in which they had upheld the wardens and himself in their efforts to institute this grand liberal thank-offering on God's altar, said they had made it one of the happiest days he had seen in Bath. He was proud of his congregation.

#### TORONTO.

ARTHUR SWEATMAN, D.D., BISHOP, TORONTO.

St. Albans Cathedral Special Committee.—This committee has held several meetings since the beginning of September, and are laying their plans to reach as many of the Church people as possible in the city of Toronto and throughout the diocese during the next two months. We publish the following subscriptions received since the subscription list printed in this paper some two months since. The total amount subscribed up to the 15th of October is just about \$2,500, of which nearly \$800 has been paid in, whilst the committee appeals for a full \$8,000, and a generous response must be made by every Churchman if the appeal is to meet with the success it deserves. Additional subscriptions: W. R. Brock, \$100; A. H. Campbell, \$100; R. N. Gooch, Beverley Jones and D. R. Wilkie, \$25 each; Ven. Archdeacon Boddy, \$20; Rev. P. Harding, \$15; Rev. G. H. Broughall and Mr. Henry Pellatt, \$10 each; Rev. R. Seaborn and H. J. Cody and Messrs. John Mothersill, A. B. Thompson, W. D. Gwynne and R. L. Weaver, \$5 each; Mrs. A. Smith, \$3; Poor Priest, \$2; Rev. C. E. Thompson, \$2; R. H. Locke, \$2; An Ontario Churchman per the bishop, \$1; collections per the Rev. A. J. Reid, \$8.50; collections at Lakeside, \$15.25; collection at Apsley, \$4; collections at Headland, \$8.56; collections at Cobourg and through the offertory, \$74.48; total, \$505.79.