

mond on October 11th," he met with a hearty response and desire on the part of his people, that the Lord Bishop, whose warmth of hearth and kindness to all, individually and collectively, is so well known, should meet with the like warmth of reception his Lordship so freely gives. We are apt to forget when we are sitting comfortably at home of an evening the long drives in bad weather and at all hours taken by his Lordship through his vast Diocese, with the one thought that he may say to all, "*Sursum Corda*"—"Lift up your hearts."

To many of the congregation the Clergy of the Rural Deanery of Richmond are well known, and it was a pleasure to see them in our midst. The Venerable Archdeacon Roe twenty-five years ago resigned the Rectorship of Richmond and Melbourne amidst profound regret to take up the Professorship of Pastoral Theology at Lennoxville,—this Parish having so prospered under his untiring energy as to become self-supporting. The Rev. Thos. Blaylock, of Danville, whose "high aim" and fine physique remind one of a type of the true "Christian soldier," is always welcome in our midst. The Rev. L. C. Wurtele, of Acton, has always endeared all hearts by his direct simplicity of address on the great truths of Christianity and by having from time to time ministered to us. Many of us who had the pleasure of knowing the Rev. E. A. W. King, twenty-five years ago the incumbent of Kirkdale and Durham, were glad to renew his friendship and welcome him in his new Parish at St. John's, Melbourne, where to know him as a true loving Christian Pastor is the future outlook for the good people of Melbourne. The Rev. J. S. Sykes, of Kingsey, seems almost to belong to us, and his cheerful bright manner, combined with a direct earnestness, must overcome the stoniest heart. The Rev. W. J. Curran, of Kirkdale, in his trial Mission at St. John's, did what no other had done,—he lived wholly and

solely with and for the people of that large Parish, and his zeal and energy met with a willing response from the people of St. Anne's, when he undertook to build the Melbourne Parsonage. The Rev. R. J. Fothergill came to us as a stranger, but we were all impressed by his earnestness of address, and trust that he may come amongst us so often as to become a familiar friend. Last, but far from least, our own good Rector, whose kindness is felt in every house in the Parish, had only to express his wish that his Lordship the Bishop and the Clergy of the Deanery should be properly received, and it met with the one desire to give them a cordial reception. Under the leadership of Mr. C. P. Green the Choir practised for the Choral Festival which was held in St. Anne's Church on Tuesday evening, the 11th October, and their efforts were crowned with success, especial praise being due for the rendering of the *Nunc Dimittis* to music composed by Mr. Green. The hymns were heartily sung by all, and to all lovers of good music such a festival was a great treat. The Bishop's Visitation Charge to the Clergy, which was very full of deep research and rather beyond the average lay mind, was listened to attentively. It is a great privilege to the laity to be allowed to listen to the papers and comments of the Conference, and if it were not that all the laymen of this Parish have occupations and business to prevent them from attending and taking part, no doubt more would avail themselves of the privilege, although, as a prominent layman remarked, they stand at a disadvantage in offering comments upon the subject of a paper of which the clerical writer has made a study.

If the older people were honoured by entertaining the Clergy in their own homes, the young people were determined to do their share, so they combined and gave an Afternoon Tea in the Church Hall from five to seven o'clock, and thus gave evidence of the energy that may be ex-