

St. Matthews.—By request of the Rector of this Church Archdeacon Roe gave an address at Evensong, on the 23rd September, upon the Mission work of the Diocese, laying especial emphasis upon the work carried on by the Students in the vicinity of Bishops College, Lennoxville. He also showed how aided by the long continued generosity of the S.P.G., the diocese was now thoroughly in earnest about the evangelization of the Eastern Townships, a great portion of which had been allowed to remain in practical heathenism. There "men rose up and lay down, without a thought of prayer, and there men and women lay down and died without the thought of God."

The Cathedral.—Dean Norman is thoroughly in earnest as ever, and is about to prove that Canons may be made more than ornamental to the Canadian Church. Daily morning and evening prayer with a reading of the ante-Communion service and address for Saints days is to be kept up by the capitular body.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Arthur Dorey, for several years the efficient organist at St. Matthew's Church, Quebec, is now settled at Springfield, Ohio, where his many friends in Quebec will be delighted to hear he is doing exceedingly well. At Christ Episcopal Church, he at once took a leading position, and organized the first boy choir ever introduced in the history of Springfield. The newspapers of that city are full of praise about Mr. Dorey, and his skill and ability in his profession.

The Rev. George Thompson has left Lewis to take charge of a parish in New Jersey.

SHERBROOKE.—On Tuesday, Sept. 11th, a very successful Sunday-school Conference was held in this town.

The day commenced with a celebration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7 a.m., in St. Peter's Church, followed by Matins at 8:30. At 9 a.m., the Clergy and Sunday-school teachers assembled in the Church hall for the opening session.

The Rector of Sherbrooke, the Rev. Canon Thornloe, having been elected chairman, and the Rev. C. B. Washer, Secretary. The chairman then delivered an inaugural address extending a cordial welcome to all present on behalf of the Committee and himself.

The regular business of the Conference then commenced with a paper read by F. D. Lawrence, Esq. The subject being "The Organization of Sunday-school work; with special reference to Libraries; selection and preservation of books, and raising of funds." The reading of the paper was followed by an interesting discussion, at which it was resolved to urge upon the Clergy the setting apart of one Sunday in the year for bringing the subject of S. S. work before their people. And if possible to have collections for the same object. A second paper was read by the Ven. Archdeacon Roe on "How to train Teachers to Teach; Teachers meetings, &c." The reading of this paper was again followed by a discussion.

At 1 p.m. the Conference adjourned for dinner, to re-assemble again at 2:30, for the afternoon session. The first subject was "How to interest Scholars in Sunday-school work."

First, as to the young with reference to catechizing, and the use and abuse of prizes, festivals, &c. The paper being read by the Rev. W. T. Forsyth. And secondly, a paper by Dr. Heneker, as to "the more advanced, especially after Confirmation." The last paper was read by the Rev. A. Stevens, having for his subject, "A course of Sunday-school instruction; with a view to securing methodical churchly teaching, and avoiding vagueness and error, and promoting uniformity in our work." After an interesting discussion, resolutions of thanks to the Committee were then passed, and the Conference was brought to a close by the saying of Evensong in St. Peter's Church at half-past five. There was a very fair attendance at the Conference, and great interest was shown

throughout. We trust that this Conference is but the beginning of many more, and that it will be the means of awakening more interest amongst church people for Sunday-school work.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.—At the first General meeting of the Students of the Diocesan College, the following resolution was unanimously passed in silence:—

"Resolved, that we the Students of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College deeply regretting the untimely death of our late friend and colleague Mr. Quithin Lane, desire to extend to his friends and relations our most sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Possessed of a warm heart, and cheerful disposition, ever ready to do a kind action, he endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. He will long be remembered by his fellow-students who can only rejoice in the thought that our loss is his gain, for he has gone to be with the Master whom he loved so well."

Also, that a copy of this resolution be sent to his bereaved mother and brothers, and to the *Evangelical Churchman*, and *CHURCH GUARDIAN*.

FREELIGHTSBURG.—The annual Harvest Home Festival of the parish of St. Armand was celebrated on Wednesday, the 26th of Sept. Unfortunately the day opened with rain, which, doubtless, modified considerably the attendance. Nevertheless the numbers assembling in the Bishop Stewart Memorial Church scarcely seemed affected, and the afternoon brought with it a pleasanter sky. The ladies of the Guild chose to stamp the specific feature of a "Corn Festival" upon this year's rejoicing, and hence "corn" in color, in decoration, in the daintiest temptations to the palate, and even in the badges of admission was the characteristic, ubiquitously present. Ruling over all in ample proportions and becoming form was "king corn," enthroned in striking representations in the middle of the festal hall. The service was a hearty one and elicited kindly expressions of approval from a large number. The Jubilate was used as a processional; some of the scholars of the Sunday-school preceding the Clergy, and adding the "perfecting of praise" to the voices of choir and congregation. The selections of music included Jackson's Cantata, and some bright hymns from Dr. Hutchin's collection. The Thanksgiving form of public worship was used. Canon Davidson taking the service, and the Rev. W. F. Weeks, Rector of Emsbury Falls, Vt., reading the Lessons and preaching an admirable, profitable and eloquent discourse from the text of the opening verses of the 103rd Psalm. The Thanksgiving offertory reached the goodly amount of \$11. The familiar Harvest Hymn, "We plough the fields and scatter," supplied the appropriate Recessional Hymn, with which the bright and joyous service closed.

The House of Prayer was decked with taste, and due regard to underlying significance. The hall in its very aspect was suggestive of the joy in Harvest. A large number partook of the elegant and abundant repast provided by the ladies, which followed the service; the remainder of the evening being spent in social enjoyment, mingled with music, addresses, and full acknowledgment of the happy discharge of the preacher's task, and of the successes which crowned the cheerful and painstaking efforts of parochial workers in the various auxiliary departments, when the net proceeds of \$55.44 over and above the offertory collections is stated as the result. We give proof that the overhanging clouds darkened neither the services of Christian devotion nor the realization of joyous reunion. Miss Reid's unique "Art Gallery" afforded great amusement and proved very attractive.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TORONTO.—The President and members of the Toronto Diocesan Board of Women's Auxiliary to Missions have issued cards for an "At Home" to be held in St. James' School-house, on Thursday evening, Oct. 4th, at 8 o'clock. We do not understand that the recipients of cards only are expected; friends of Missions are invited to be present.

OSHAWA.—The annual Harvest Home Festival of St. George's Church, Oshawa, was held on Sunday and Monday last. On Sunday, 23rd Sept., Thanksgiving services were held in the Church, the incumbent, Rev. J. Middleton, being assisted by the Rev. J. H. McCollum, Rector of St. Thomas Church, Toronto, who preached both morning and evening to large congregations. The church was beautifully decorated with grain, fruit and flowers.

On Monday evening an entertainment was held in the School-house, and after a tea provided by the ladies a choice programme of songs, recitations, &c., was rendered, Rev. Mr. McCollum gave a humorous Irish reading, which caused much amusement, and brought to a close a most successful festival.

ASHBURNHAM.—On Thursday evening, 27th ult., the annual Harvest Festival and Thanksgiving service was held in St. Luke's Church here. The service was opened with the hymn, "Come, ye thankful people, come," and the anthem was, "Oh, Lord, how manifold are Thy works." The Rector, the Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, took the text from Amos ix, 13, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed," and although he had just returned from preaching a mission, spoke in his usual excellent manner. A service of praise followed, commenced by an organ solo by Mr. J. E. Jacques in the "Harvest Thanksgiving March," (Calkin), which was brilliantly played. Lemmen's celebrated "Fanfare" followed, which showed fine rendering, and displayed the sweet tones of the organ to advantage. His second solo and an overture "To the Poet and Peasant," (Suppe), as well as the accompaniments to the solos and other selections, were played in splendid form. The second on the programme was a hymn, "We plough the Fields," which was given by the choir in a manner that did them credit, and showed the effectiveness of Mr. Jacques' training. Vocal solos by Miss Cottingham and Miss Vair followed, both excellently rendered; and the Doxology closed the programme. The church was beautifully decorated with grain, fruit and flowers for the occasion.

Mr. Jacques' departure for St. Thomas is greatly regretted, especially in musical circles, (as he has made many warm friendships here and won high esteem as a musician), and by the congregation of St. Luke's Church, where he has so successfully filled the positions of organist and choir leader.

CAMPBELLFORD.—An eight day's Mission or series of special services was concluded on Tuesday evening the 25th ult. The Missioner was the Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Peterborough, who proved himself eminently qualified for this important work. The attendance was remarkably good and steadily increased till the close of the Mission. The deepest interest was shown in all the services, and many spoke of the good they had received. It is hoped that the good seed sown by the earnest Missioner may be abundantly blessed, and that the fruits of the Mission may be lasting and effectual to the building up of the people in God's most Holy Faith. An address was presented to the Missioner Tuesday evening by Mr. H. Palmer acting on behalf of the churchwardens and congregation. The Missioner made a fitting reply.