

interest felt by all. Rev. Canon Brigstocke, closed the meeting with the benediction.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

MELBOURNE.—A special Harvest Festival service was held in St. John's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 22nd, at 10 30 a. m. The church was tastefully and appropriately decorated with grain, fruit, and flowers. "Come ye thankful people come," was sung at the commencement of the service, which consisted of Morning prayer, sermon and Holy Communion. The Rev. Canon Brigstocke, D.D., Rector of Trinity Church, St. John, N.B., officiated throughout the service for the Rector of the parish, who was engaged in his other church at Richmond. The preacher took for his text, Psalm lxxv, v. ii: "Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness, and Thy paths drop fatness." The sermon was a very impressive one, and was listened to by a very attentive congregation. The offertory amounted to over \$17, and was devoted to the payment of expenses incurred by repairs lately made on the church. Much interest was taken in the service and we hope much profit was derived from it.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—*St. George's Sunday Lectures*.—It is announced that commencing next week Dean Carmichael will deliver a course of Sunday lectures to men and young men, treating of man, his origin, early history and varied development, as shown in the civilizations of the ancient races from Babylon to Mexico. The lectures will last from 3 05 to 4 o'clock, and will be given in the lower schoolroom. The subjects are as follows:—The Antiquity of Man; the place of his first appearance; the intellect and intelligence of man; the Biblical theory of man; modern theories; the testimony of tradition to primitive man; earliest traces of primitive man in stone, bronze and iron ages; traces of early civilization in Mexico, Central and South America, India, and among the early Germans; in Egypt, in Phœœcia, in Babylon, in China; result of the investigation.

St. Martin's.—The thanksgiving service for the ingathering of the crops was held on Sunday last, the church being prettily decorated. The pulpit was covered with grapes, bunches of oats, ferns, and scarlet berries, all of which contrasted well with the white ground work to which they were attached. The altar rails, etc., were covered with a wealth of greenery, upon the window sills were deposited a variety of fruits, and around the pillars of the north and south bays were entwined cereals and berries. Bishop Bond preached the sermon, and there was a large congregation present. His Lordship took for his text Psalm civ., 27: "These wait all upon Thee," and upon these words he based a discourse showing the goodness of God to mankind, and pointing out that it was the duty of the latter to return thanks to the Almighty for His blessings. An offertory was taken towards reducing the debt on the church.

DUNHAM.—Our Harvest Home Festival is past, and, although the rain poured all day, Divine Service was well attended, and the dinner well patronized. The young people exerted themselves to make the event successful, and succeeded. Forty-one dollars were netted as the financial result. Had the day been fine a handsome sum would have been realized. The Rev. R. L. Macfarlane, B. A., of Brome, preached the sermon, which was highly appreciated.

Miss Ling, the Zenana Missionary from South India, favoured us with a visit, and delighted everyone. Being a lady of great fluency of speech, she told us a great deal during the brief hour she addressed us.

The ladies of the congregation are striking out vigorously to work for missions, and for

parochial need. The last gathering at Mrs. W. S. Baker's, was numerously attended. Mrs. Baker who was present at the meetings of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Foreign and Domestic Missions, held in Montreal during the sittings of the late Provincial Synod, gave those present a very interesting statement of what took place, and the nature of the work being done by the society.

An arrangement was made to amalgamate the "Ladies Aid," and the parish branch of the Women's Auxiliary. The United Society is to meet once a fortnight.

The Ladies' College is in full and vigorous operation. A goodly number of boarders and day pupils are in attendance. There is room for more. The clergy of the diocese would do well to urge their people to entrust their daughters to the care of the excellent Lady Principal, and her efficient staff of assistant teachers.

The a. m. of Dunham Ladies' College, as Miss Baker in her circular states, is to give a thorough Christian Education to the daughters of our people, and at such reasonable rates as will be within the reach of all who may wish to avail themselves of it. The college opened Sept. 11th. The Lenten term begins Dec. 11th, but students are received at any time, and charged from time of entering.

BROME. The deputation appointed to conduct the annual Missionary meetings in this Rural Deanery, consisting of Rev. W. C. Bernard, M. A., and the Knowlton Parson met to begin their visitation at West Brome in the Iron Hill Mission, on Monday afternoon, Sept. 30th. The meeting took place in the church house shed and under rather depressing circumstances. The weather was raining and grey, the chances of a good attendance poor, and as the persons drove in from different directions they were met with the news that domestic affliction had summoned the genial incumbent to Montreal that morning. However, the faithful mustered to the full Apostolic number and appeared to be heartily interested in the meeting. A drive of seven miles brought the deputation to Iron Hill just in time to taste the warm hospitality of the bachelor incumbent's bachelor housekeeper, and to prepare a screen for magic lantern views on the side wall of the church, before service began. One of the addresses was illustrated by the Diocesan (S. P. C. K.) lantern and slides; the congregation maintaining unbroken silence throughout, except when hymns were thrown upon the screen. There were between thirty and forty church-people out here, in spite of the unfavorable night. Next morning our parson drove four miles across country to West Shefford to take part in a most enjoyable and reverential Harvest Home and Thanksgiving service. It was cheering to see a good congregation of hearty worshippers in the beautiful church, and to take part in the delightful service which was offered. Public dinner followed with speechifying from the four clergymen present, and then the Missionary men, reinforced for the day by Rev. R. L. Macfarlane, started through the pouring rain for Adamsville and East Farnham. There the Missionary meetings held, at 3 p. m. and 7 p. m., were well attended; the lantern coming into use again at Adamsville in the evening with other views; this meeting being held in a large public hall. Next day a drive of fourteen or fifteen miles was taken, and Brome reached in time for an evening service in the church. The cosy little place was by no means filled, the weather was against that; but the collection showed the real interest felt here in the Diocesan Mission work of the Church. Sutton, seven miles to the south, was the next appointment; the cold drizzling rain being well to the front still. The Rector, Rev. C. Bancroft, M. A., soon dispelled whatever depression accompanied the deputation from the heavy

weather outside, and assembled a fair number of people in his trim little Sunday-school room. The address of Rev. Mr. Renaud was of a spirited and most helpful character, and must have started profitable trains of thought. Here too the lantern was used to illustrate one of the addresses. A practical interest is taken in Mission work in Algoma and India by the church people of Sutton, which accounts perhaps for the rapt attention they gave to the deputation. Friday's work was a drive of six miles to Abereorn for a thinly attended service and back, and the return trip of ten miles to Knowlton for the night. The description of the next week's work must wait for another issue.

ORMSTOWN.—The Bishop of the Diocese paid his annual visit to this parish on Saturday, the 28th of September, for the purpose of holding a Confirmation in St. James' Church. There was a large congregation, and nine candidates were presented by the Rector, the Rev. A. D. Lockhart. His Lordship addressed the young people in his own solemn and impressive manner. The Confirmation service was then proceeded with, the Rector reading the proface.

After the ante-Communion service, the responses to the commandments being devoutly sung by the choir, the Bishop preached an earnest sermon from Isaiah xxxvi, v. 5: "On whom dost thou trust." It was thought to have been a happy coincidence that in the decorations of the chancel, the words surrounding a beautiful floral cross over the Communion table were "In God we trust." The Holy Communion was then administered by his Lordship, assisted by the Rector, to about sixty communicants, including all the newly confirmed, also several others of the congregation, who had hitherto neglected that sacred ordinance. The Bishop afterwards expressed himself as much pleased with the singing, and also with the new organ, which continues to give great satisfaction with Miss Mary Lockhart as organist. The following hymns from Hymns A & M were heartily sung by the choir led by Miss Katie Lockhart, 391, "Onward Christian Soldiers," 348, "Behold us, Lord, before Thee meet"; 271, "O Jesus, I have promised," and as a Communion hymn 322, "And now, O Father, mindful of the love." The Bishop, who arrived at Ormstown on Friday evening, was a guest at the Rectory till Saturday night, when he left by the train for Huntingdon.

SWEETSBURG.—At a meeting of the Vestry of Christ's Church, Sweetzburg, it was moved by H. T. Duffy, seconded by Hon. Geo. B. Baker, that in the opinion of the Vestry of Christ's Church, the Rev. Mr. Forsay has discharged his duties as Rector in an able, conscientious and earnest manner, and that the best wishes of this Vestry are extended to him upon his leaving this Parish.—C. H. BRIGHT, Vestry Clerk.

THE RECTORY, COWANSVILLE.

C. H. Bright, Esq., Vestry Clerk, C. C. Vestry.

DEAR SIR—I received the resolution of Christ Church Vestry, passed at their meeting of the 23rd ult. I sincerely thank the mover and seconder, and other gentleman of the Vestry, for their kind estimate of my services in the Parish during the last three years, and for their good wishes for my future. I shall treasure the tribute so thoughtfully and generously given, and place it with other documents of like character received from parishioners in earlier days. Called to leave the Parish of Nelsonville I shall carry with me pleasant memories of friendships formed and profitable hours spent with its people. I carefully pray that Almighty God will bless you as a Parish, as families and individuals.

Believe me, my dear Mr. Bright, Yours very sincerely,

G. FORSEY.