

At 11.25 Archdeacon Roe read the second paper on "The Religious Character of S. S. Work." It is well known that the Archdeacon does nothing by halves, and in this instance he did not forfeit his reputation. In clear and telling sentences he carried his hearers to a higher plane of spiritual progress than I fear many S. S. ever reach.

After the reading was finished it was several minutes before any one volunteered to open the discussion. It was felt that the subject had been so exhaustively and reverently handled that to discuss it was really to lessen the good impression it had made upon all.

At 12.10 the Rev. Albert Stevens began the reading of the third paper on "The office of S. S. teachers, its duties and responsibilities, and how to fill it." A general discussion followed which was kept up till one o'clock, when the Conference adjourned to the Magog Hotel for lunch, the delegates being the guests of the the Sherbrooke S. School.

Business was resumed again at 2.30, and the discussion of Mr. Stevens' paper was continued for some time.

The Rev. Thomas Blaylock, of Danville, then read his paper on "Catechising, what it is, and how to do it." In the discussion some of the clergy strongly advocated regular and systematic catechising in Church.

Archdeacon Roe recommended two Books to the clergy as being of help in this work. "The Ministry of Preaching" by Dupanloup, and "The Revival of Priestly Life in France."

The Rev. A. H. Robertson, of Cookshire, read the next paper on "Defects in our S. Schools and how to remedy them." Mr. R. J. Hawton, Principal of the Sherbrooke Academy, read the last paper on "How to teach a S. S. Class (1) of Juniors and (2) of Seniors." This paper brought out so many good points and was so valuable that Mr. Hawton was requested to allow it to be printed. It is hoped the *Church Guardian* may be able to find room in its columns to give it in full. At 5.30 the Conference adjourned for evening prayer, after which all returned to their homes feeling that the day had been well spent, and determined to do more to advance S. S. work in the future than in the past.

#### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

WATERLOO.—On Tuesday last St. Luke's Church was crowded to witness the marriage of Walter R. Lindsay, son of Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, to Miss Jessie Goodwill. After the ceremony a sumptuous dejeuner was provided at the residence of the bride's father. The happy couple left by the afternoon train for their new home in Calgary, where Mr. Lindsay has a flourishing awaiting him. The presents were numerous and costly.

GRANBY.—The St. George's Church Women's Association made a by no means hostile invasion of the Rectory on the 13th of October last, during the absence of the Rector. The ladies, with the help of some gentlemen, carried the house by storm and laid a new carpet in the drawing room, hall and stairs, in addition to hanging lace curtains in the parlor. When this was done they invited a large number of friends and gave a surprise party, so that when Mr. Longhurst and family returned they found the house brilliantly lighted up and crowded with people. Mr. L. thanked the generous donors for their kind remembrance, and after refreshments had been served, games were started, in which both old and young indulged, and the party dispersed after a most enjoyable evening.

FARNHAM.—The Girl's Auxiliary Missionary Guild met at St. James' Church Hall, on Friday evening, "All Hallowe'en." They invited the members and friends to meet and assist them in their good work in providing assistance for the Indian charge of the Rev. Mr. Wilson in

the North West. The call was liberally responded to, both in numbers and financially. There were over two hundred present. The young folks provided a very agreeable entertainment consisting of dialogues, charades and singing. There was likewise a bountiful supply of delicious coffee and cakes which were appreciated by all. The G. A. have already sent to the Home three large cases of clothing and other useful articles, and are now busily engaged in getting ready a further supply.

ST. MARTIN'S.—*Montreal*.—"It is rumored (says the *Star*) that the choir of St. Martin's Church are soon to be put in surplices, and most of the congregation are said to be much pleased at the prospect. The choir number about forty men and boys, and it is thought desirable that they should have a uniform dress." We congratulate the Rector and congregation of St. Martin's on this forward step towards the full measure of 'decency and order' which should characterize the services of God's House. In few of the churches in the city, have these characteristics been as plainly visible as in St. Martin's; but the entry of the large choir of men and boys in procession clad in divers coloured suits—and followed by the white robed priest or priests, seemed strangely inconsistent; detracted much from the 'order and reverence' to which we have referred; and destroyed the impressiveness of the act itself.

LAY HELPERS.—The Diocesan Lay Helpers' Association met at Christ Church Cathedral on the 2nd November last at eight o'clock, for the annual corporate communion presented by the constitution. The Rev. G. O. Troop, M. A., Rector of St. Martin's, had been announced as the Preacher, but was prevented at the last moment from being present; and the Rev. Dr. Norton, Rector of Montreal, kindly took his place.

#### DIOCESE OF HURON.

KIRKTON.—On Friday, Oct. 31st, his Lordship the Bishop of Huron completed his Episcopal tour of visitation for the County of Perth, by meeting with the congregations worshipping in Trinity Church, Prospect Hill, and St. Paul's Church, Kirkton; service was held in the former church at 11 a.m., when, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a large attendance of worshippers. After an opening hymn, the Litany was said by the incumbent, Rev. H. D. Steele; which was followed by a hymn and the usual Confirmation service, at which the Apostolic rite of 'laying on of hands' was administered by the Bishop to thirteen candidates. His Lordship's addresses, both to candidates and to the general audience, were in his usual fervent and impressive style, and were listened to throughout with rapt attention.

Evening service was held at 7 o'clock in St. Paul's Church, Kirkton, where a very large congregation had assembled, including many from other denominations, filling the Church to its utmost capacity. Twenty-one candidates were presented by the incumbent, and, after 'the laying on of hands,' by the Bishop, His Lordship preached from St. Matt. vii, 13 and 14: a plain, practical and eloquent sermon on 'The two ways and the two endings.' The offertory was much larger than usual in both churches. The Rev. Mr. Steele is to be congratulated on the unity that pervades among the people of his three churches, and the measure of prosperity manifest throughout this extensive mission.

WINDSOR.—The ladies of All Saints' Church have organized a Missionary Society, with Mrs. Hincks as President. His Lordship the Bishop of Huron delivered a stirring missionary address on Monday evening, Oct. 27th.

Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, of Toronto, has been in the city and addressed a meeting of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Church of England at Memorial Church on what she saw of the Mission stations of the Northwest.

HAYSVILLE.—The opening of the new church here took place on Sunday, Nov. 9th. The sermons were preached by the Lord Bishop of Huron. Mr. Harry Paddicombe, organist of the Memorial Church, London, presided at the organ.

MOORNTOWN.—Trinity Church congregation here, under the guidance of Rev. Dr. Armstrong, has formed a Church Aid and Mutual Improvement Association, with a membership of thirty-six the first night of meeting. Committees on general management, literature, music and missions were appointed, and all the members are enthusiastic and ready to work. Dr. Bray is Secretary, and Mrs. Featherston and Mrs. D. H. Johnston, Lady President and Vice-President respectively.

LONDON.—His Lordship Bishop Baldwin issued a pastoral to the clergy of the Diocese of Huron, requesting that the collections on Thanksgiving Day be devoted to Huron College, London. The Bishop says: 'May I ask your generous assistance in this important work, and believe that you will kindly bring the College before the attention of your people.'

St. James'.—Mr. Ed. T. Maccomb has entered upon his duties as organist and choirmaster of St. James' Episcopal Church. The choir has been reorganized and vastly improved by the addition of several splendid voices, and their choral work Sunday was a welcome surprise for the congregation. During the morning offertory, Mr. C. W. Davis rendered the solo 'Not unto Us,' Ellis, in splendid voice, and in the evening Mrs. Greenwood, of St. Catharines, sang with beautiful expression that gem of Gounod's, 'Adore and be still.' The organ work by Mr. Maccomb was excellent, and many were the expressions of satisfaction by the congregation at the choice by the churchwardens of a successor to Mr. Ellis, who resigned some weeks since. Mr. Maccomb's initiatory work augurs well for the musical future of St. James'. Less than a year ago an addition of study, dining room and two bedrooms were put to St. James' Rectory. This has made the Rectory one of the most complete, and is a very great improvement in every way. A pleasing feature in connection with this is that the churchwardens have made the last payment on the debt. The revenue of the church is sufficient to allow them not only to meet all calls, but to make such payments and reduce debts. The Rectory and schoolhouse are both free of debt now, and the only remaining balance of about \$800 is on the church. Few congregations in the Diocese have had such a prosperous career as St. James', and the Rev. Canon Davis, who has had charge from its commencement, deserves and receives the warmest support of the parishioners in all his laudable undertakings.

HAMILTON ROAD.—The new Mission Chapel of All Saints', Hamilton Road, was opened on Sunday by special services. Three years ago the Mission was established by the Rev. Canon Richardson in the brick chapel, corner of Adelaide street and Hamilton Road, formerly occupied by the Primitive Methodists. A Sunday school was formed in May, 1888, and the progress gained has been so encouraging as to warrant the erection of a Mission chapel for the permanent carrying on of the work. The new chapel was commenced early in last summer upon a lot presented for the purpose by the Imperial Oil Company. The rector devoted himself to the undertaking, and received substantial aid from the members of Memorial Church congregation and others towards the building. The chapel is a neat brick structure