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29th. So many meetings from various causes are not well attended that the last gives fresh encouragement.

The Sunday Schools closed for the winter as usual on the last Sunday in October. The offerings of the scholars for the Rev. Mr. Holmes' work at Lesser Slave Lake, Atha., given through the regular church offertory on Sunday, Nov. 2nd, in envelopes specially provided for the purpose, amounted to \$3.75 from Christ Church and \$3.60 from St. John's. This with the \$4.00 and \$5.00 respectively sent in August to Rev. Mr. Kennedy, Japan shows the children to be deserving of praise for their interest in the church's work.

The Rector and Mr. H. Docker went up to Brantford on the evening of Thanksgiving Day, and Mr. Geo. Ramsey followed the next evening, to be present at the annual convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Mr. Francis returned on Saturday evening. The others remained for the Sunday and were present at the mass meeting for men on Sunday afternoon in the Y. M. C. Hall, at which some 600 men were addressed by Bishop DuMoulin and Dr. Hoyles, K. C., of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Logan have moved to Dunnville. The congregation of St. John's miss them from their accustomed place in church, and their loss will be felt in church work generally. Mrs. Logan was a most helpful member of the W. A. Their retirement, however, has been well earned, and we wish them many happy years in their cosy new home.

We congratulate Mr. John Logan, who succeeds his father on the farm, on his recent marriage, and heartily welcome his bride to the parish and its people.

DUNNVILLE.

The Conference which was held here on Oct. 7th was in many respects very successful. The papers which were given and the discussion which followed them were all good—very good; and the Bishop's summing up was most inspiring and encouraging. We only regret that so few from this parish were present owing to the impossibility of any Dunnville man getting away on Tuesday from business. However, the event was so well spoken of by those who were present that any future conference in this neighborhood will no doubt be largely attended.

At the Harvest Thanksgiving services we had the pleasure and profit of two earnest and masterly discourses from Rev. H. C. Dixon of Toronto. There were over 70 communicants at 11 o'clock, and the very large thank offering of \$100 was presented for the purpose of improving the lighting of the church. The church was beautifully decorated, and many thanks are due to those who worked so hard

at it and also to those who so kindly loaned their plants and flowers. We are especially grateful to Miss Docker of "The Elms" for the lavish and beautiful gift of flowers for the occasion.

Mr. Dixon's lecture on Monday evening was largely attended, and \$15 was realized.

The Woman's Auxilliary held a very enjoyable social in the school house on Thursday, 23rd, at the close of which Mrs. Mobio counted out \$21.

HAGERSVILLE.

We held our annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service on the evening of Oct. 16th. The church was very prettily and tastefully decorated with grain, flowers, vegetables, and autumn leaves. The Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, M.A., of Dunnville, was the preacher. His admirable sermon was much appreciated. There was a good congregation at the services. The music was especially good.

The delegates from this parish to the Rural Deanery conference held at Dunnville on the 7th ult. were the Rector and Wardens, D. J. Almas, Esq., and J. C. Ingles, Esq.. Those present were unanimous in their appreciation of the meeting.

The Parish Guild was re-organized for the winter's work on the 3rd ult. This year we decided to meet from house to house instead of as formerly in the Oddfellows' Hall. It was thought that by this course the meetings would be more informal and so much more sociable, and incidentally we should save rent, etc.

The Sunday following the Harvest service, the Incumbent exchanged with the Rev. Rural Dean Scudamore, who came to place the claims of the mission fund before the people.

On Thursday, the 23rd, our branch of the W. A. had the privilege of a visit from Miss Ambrose and Mrs. Sutherland of the Diocesan Board, and Miss Carter, General Treasurer of the W. A. for Canada. The meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. J. Howard and was fairly well attended. The three ladies each addressed the meeting briefly. Miss Ambrose spoke on mission work in general and shewed how that work is the command and will of Christ and the duty of every Christian. Miss Carter gave us some valuable and interesting information regarding the work the W. A. is doing to help missions in the North-West, the polar regions' among the Chinese in British Columbia, in Japan, China, India and South America. Mrs. Sutherland spoke to the ladies on the Dorcas work of the society and explained how best to make up bales for the benefit of the missionaries. After the conclusion of the meeting an hour's conversation was indulged in, when tea was served by the ladies of the auxiliary.