

Thursday, decked as it was with the fruits of the season, tastefully arranged with flowers. In the evening a special Thanksgiving service was held, and an effective sermon was preached by the Rev. Allan Pitman. The music was very fine, the ordinary choir of the church being assisted by the choirs of St. Thomas', St. Matthias, St. Stephen's and St. Margaret's. The Rev. Charles Darlina, the incumbent of the parish, has gathered around him a large and appreciative congregation.

#### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—A meeting was called for the afternoon of Wednesday, 24th September, in the Synod Hall to consider the question of a presentation to the Bishop of the Diocese on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his ministry. There was a large attendance, and it was determined that the presentation should take the form of a purse of money, to which contributions would be sought from members of the Church in the diocese at large.

St. George's.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese occupied the pulpit in this church on Sunday morning last.

St. Thomas.—A meeting has been called for Thursday evening, Oct. 2nd, to be held in the schoolroom, for the purpose of forming a Chapter of the St. Andrew Brotherhood.

HOUELAGA.—Rumour has it, that the Rev. A. Barcham, of Trinity Church, Quebec, has been or will be appointed to this parish. An extra parochial meeting is credited with this result.

COTE ST. PAUL.—A Harvest Festival was held in this Mission on the afternoon and evening of the 25th September. It consisted of a special service at 5:30 p.m. in the church, which had been most beautifully decorated with fruit and flowers by the ladies, assisted by several of the young men of the Mission, surpassing anything hitherto witnessed here; which is saying a good deal. There were present of the clergy, the Rev. Canon Ellegood, M.A., Rector of the Parish of St. James the Apostle, Montreal, of which this Mission forms part; the Rev. J. Walker, M.A., assistant; the Rev. Canon Davidson, M.A., Rector of Frelighsburg; and Rev. R. Hewton, M.A., Rector of Lachine; and the Lay Readers, J. W. Marling, Esq., and Dr. Davidson, Q.C., all of whom took part in the service. The Church was filled to the doors. A number of friends from the city were present, amongst others, Mrs. Davidson, Miss Marling, Miss Rae, Miss Smith, the Misses Williams, the Misses Hall Miss Harries, the Misses Davidson, Capt. Douglas, and also Mrs. Hewton and R. C. Thornloe, Esq., of Lachine. The preacher was the Rev. Canon Davidson, who delivered a most earnest and eloquent sermon, beautiful in diction and rich in inspiring thought. The service, in part choral, was most hearty and devout. The second part of the festival consisted in a sumptuous repast served by the Ladies Aid Society in the Parochial Hall, which also had been prettily decorated for the occasion. The 150 or more persons present soon emptied the heavily laden tables, which presented a beautiful sight on entering the hall first, covered with good things, beautified with flowers. After all had been satisfied, the third part of the programme, consisting of music, instrumental and vocal readings and recitations was proceeded with; the Misses Williams, Miss Marling, Miss Gregg, Miss Tilton (of Chicago), Mr. Bedford, Mr. W. Clarke, and others taking part, to the complete satisfaction and enjoyment of all present. Short addresses were also given by the Rector, the Rev. R. Hewton and Rev. Canon Davidson, and this most enjoyable and successful festival was brought to a close by singing the Doxology; the Benediction being pronounced by Canon Davidson, the other clergy having been obliged to leave before the close.

#### DIOCESE OF HURON.

THAMESFORD.—The annual Thanksgiving services of St. John's Church were held on Thursday evening, the 18th inst. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens, fruit and vegetables in abundance, and of splendid quality. The prayers were read by Rev. J. H. Moorhouse, of Ingersoll, and the sermon was preached by Rev. J. B. Richardson, of London. The offertory was \$64.04. The incumbent, Rev. T. H. Brown is very faithful and hard working and richly deserves the many praises of a thankful congregation.

LONDON.—His Lordship the Bishop returned to the city last week. But goes away again on Episcopal duties next week through the diocese.

St. John the Evangelist.—The annual Thanksgiving services of St. John the Evangelist Church, were held on Sunday, the 21st ultimo. The congregations morning and evening were large. Prayers in the morning were read by Canon Newman; the sermons at both services were preached by the highly esteemed Rector, Rev. W. T. Hill, which were listened to with marked attention as being most impressive and especially applicable for the services. Liberal offertory collections were taken up. The church, thanks to our ladies, was beautifully decorated with grain, flowers and fruit. In the afternoon a children's service was held. The attendance was large of both parents and children. The Rev. R. Hicks, of St. Paul's Church, addressed the children in a most pleasing and instructive manner. He seems to have the faculty of talking at the children and not over their heads. The new boys' choir that has been under the training of the organist, Dr. Jones, made their first appearance at this children's service. Their singing was admirable, reflecting great credit upon their instructor, Dr. Jones. The collection amounted to \$16.25, and is to be donated to Protestant Orphans' Home.

#### DIOCESE OF CALGARY.

CALGARY.—The Church of the Redeemer in this town, at present the Cathedral of the Diocese, has been for a considerable time past far too small for the Church population, and at a meeting of parishioners held last Easter it was determined that something should be done towards providing further church accommodation for our rapidly growing congregation.

It was generally felt that in the present state of affairs it would be unwise to build a stone church, thereby burdening the parish with debt and spending a large sum building on what may prove to be not a good site; and it was resolved to enlarge the present frame edifice by the erection of two side aisles. The Bishop having with characteristic energy thrown himself into the work of collecting funds in one week about \$1,200 was given amongst our own people in the town, and the work began about the middle of August.

Last Sunday, Sept. 14th, saw large congregations gathered in the extended building, which needs but a little finishing off to make it quite a handsome church—roomy and thoroughly church like in its shape and appointments capable of seating at least 350, with all seats free and unappropriated.

The services for the day began with Matins at 9:30, taken by the Rector, Rev. A. W. F. Cooper, M.A. At 11 o'clock followed an ordination service, the choir of men appeared for the first time in surplices, and followed by the clergy and Bishop passed singing the processional hymn to the seats in the chancel. The service was preached by Rev. Ronald Hilton, incumbent of Christ's Church, McCloud. The Rector then, as Bishop's examining chaplain, presented the candidates. Mr. T. F. Matthews, student of St. John's College, Highway, London, who has been recently working as Lay reader in the Sheep Creek and High River districts

near Calgary, was presented for the Diaconate, and Rev. T. W. Outerbridge, recently in charge of St. George Church Banff, for the Priesthood.

Then followed the Litany and Ordination, the Epistle being read by Very Rev. the Dean of Huron, and the Gospel by the newly ordained Deacon; and at the celebration of the Holy Communion, which followed the choir sang two hymns and also the Trisagion and the Gloria in Excelsis. The offertory, which was liberal, was in accordance with a rule of the Synod given to the Provincial Clergy Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The Evening service at 7 p.m. was still more largely attended; the chanting of the Psalms and Canticles, and singing of the hymns by the choir being especially good and reflecting great credit on the careful training of the leader, Mr. A. D. Braithwaite, manager of the Bank of Montreal in Calgary, and an excellent sermon on 2nd Cor. v. 14-15, was preached by the Dean of Huron. Very general satisfaction has been expressed by the people at the element of order and seamliness secured by the introduction of surplices for the choir, and the congregation had the pleasure on Sunday of seeing for the first time a very beautiful stained glass window placed as the central light in the chancel of the church. It is the gift of Mr. E. R. Rogers of the town, in memory of his beloved wife who was taken to her rest in January, 1889.

The subject is the raising of Jairus daughter, and the design and workmanship are exceedingly good.

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#### ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor of the Church Guardian:

SIR,—During my visit to England in the Spring, I was very desirous of carrying out many projects, in a few of which only, I regret to say, was I successful. Among the principal, as I was staying in London, was, as you may suppose, the examination of the much discussed Reredos in St. Paul's Cathedral. This is a very costly and beautifully executed picture in stone. There is much in it to contemplate, you may be sure, when you call to mind, that it was executed under the direction of the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's doubtless with assessors of high artistic fame and talents, moreover that the cost was little under three hundred thousand dollars. With these preliminary observations you will understand my reluctance to confess that I left the Cathedral with feelings, to say the least, of great disappointment; my great consolation was that I must be alone, or nearly so, in discomfort; and that I had enjoyed the advantage of higher training I might have felt the ecstatic delight simulated by many instead of a very humble estimate of the taste and ill placed outlay of the authorities. You will understand then if you please, that I disclaim the position of a critic, and claim only a place among the outside millions. My objections to the reredos were twofold: 1. Aesthetic 2. Doctrinal. 1. Then I am not at all sure that I like the new pulpit in the nave; it is exceedingly handsome; in design, work and material it is above criticism, but it has the appearance of having been designed by some highly skilled architect, utterly in the dark as to the nature of the future surroundings of his projected work. But how shall I describe my impressions of the reredos? It is not simply out of keeping with and entirely foreign to its surroundings; but it conceals and sits upon the beautiful eastern termination of Sir Christopher Wren's design. It gave me the impression that having been acquired from some third class French ecclesiastical building, and having been found to be of good material and workmanship, it had had as