

Leo. A. Hoyt, Rural Dean and Rector of the parish of Andover, in which Bairdsville is situated, was much regretted. The clergy present were: Rev. J. E. Flewelling, Rector of Wicklow; Rev. W. B. Armstrong, Rector of Grand Falls; Rev. A. E. G. Lowndes, Rector of Prince William; Rev. A. W. Teed, Rector of Richmond; Rev. H. B. Morris, priest in charge of Bairdsville. The service on Tuesday evening was according to the form for Harvest Thanksgivings. Rev. A. W. Teed preached an appropriate sermon on Gen. viii. 22. Two children were baptized during the service. On Wednesday the Holy Communion was administered at 8 a.m., and in the evening after the meeting of the clergy for discussion during the day, there was held at the house of Geo. Baird, Esq., a Reunion to allow of the clergy and laity making each other's acquaintance, which was well attended and much enjoyed.

CHATHAM.—The Chatham Deanery Choral Union held their annual Festival in connection with a meeting of the Chapter, at Bathurst, on Wednesday, September 12. The special services were: a "Missa Cantata," at 8 a.m., and Choral evensong at 7 p.m. The number of voices was something over fifty, a small increase upon last year, but yet not nearly so many as there should have been. The parishes not represented in the Union were Dalhousie, Derby, Baie du Vin, Richibucto, and Weldford. It is to be hoped that next year some will be found in all these places to take some interest and part in the Choral Union of the Deanery. The reasons of distance and expense are often urged against participation in this effort to raise the musical taste and love of Church people; but in these days of holidays and excursions such excuses are hardly available. So much for those who did not come. Of those who did it may be said that no such meeting has ever been held as regards an agreeable time, and a successful rendition of the music prepared. The members of the Union came on Tuesday night, and so had a full unbroken day for rehearsals and services.

At the celebration Gilbert's service was used, the *Agnus Dei* being sung by Masters Fred. Blair and Willie Howard. In the Creed the *Incarnatus*, was taken by Master Geo. Thompson. Professor Smythe officiated at the organ. The processions were all familiar hymns.

A 7 o'clock the handsome little Church was well filled, in spite of the serious rain. The procession entered by the west door, singing the special processional "Faith of our Fathers." At this service Miss des Brisay, the talented organist of St. George's Church, played.

The number of those in surplices besides the clergy was thirty, an increase on last year. Evensong was sung to Tallis' festival setting, with Ely Confession, and Herbecker Creed. The anthem was Hodges "O pray for the peace of Jerusalem," the solo being very beautifully sung by Mrs. Edward Hickson, of Bathurst. The chorus was fairly rendered, but the need of musical knowledge was apparent. Such compositions require a better acquaintance with notes and time, than the majority of us possess. Let us make a note of it; the psalms sung to Gregorian tunes went without a hitch. The service was sung by Rev. Mr. Hooper, of Weldford. During the collection a sacred solo was sung by Mr. W. R. Racey, "One sweetly solemn thought," and as it was sweetly and solemnly sung with much taste and feeling, it may be fairly said to have been an act of worship, or at least of devout aspiration and meditation. The processional hymn, also a special one, "March, march, onward soldiers true," was grandly sung, forming a fitting finale for so bright and hearty a festal service. The preacher on the occasion was Rev. J. Roy Campbell, of Dorchester, who kindly came so far north to cheer us by his presence and to give good advice musically and generally. His

sermon was upon the text, "I will sing with the spirit and with the understanding also. Let all things be done decently and in order." It will not be needful to comment upon a sermon preached upon such a text by such an expounder. His advice to the boys given in a most touching and effective manner will, it is hoped, be at least one of the choir trainers' lot to fall upon good ground. We would fain, upon so happy an occasion, have forgotten such things as, aggrieved parishioners and local frictions, but our preacher no doubt thought in his wisdom that it was well to remember in gladness the day of affliction, so we must accept it for profit and humbling, feeling sure that he has "been there" himself, and so "knows whereof he speaks." One golden saying of his discourse was, "If people would sing the old hundred oftener it would be better"; he will be glad to hear that we sung the old hundred in his memory on the Sunday night after our Union meeting. Before next year, we ardently hope the members of the Church in this Deanery will awaken to the claims of the Union upon them; so that we may double our numbers before next festival, and give a service as much better than this, as this is ahead of any former ones.

WELDFORD.—A very pleasant and profitable meeting of the Deanery of Chatham was held at Weldford on the 24th, 25th, and 26th of September. There were present the Rev. D. Forsyth, Rural Dean; Rev. J. H. S. Sweet; Rev. W. J. Wilkinson; Rev. D. V. Gwilym; and Rev. E. Bertram Hooper, Rector of the Parish. On Monday evening service was held at St. Matthews, Harcourt, and an address was given by Rev. W. J. Wilkinson upon the history of our "Book of Common Prayer." On Tuesday morning there was an early celebration of the Holy Communion, at which a goodly number of communicants received, the Rural Dean being celebrant.

On the assembling of the Chapter at 10 a.m., it was resolved that an address be presented by the Rural Dean to the Metropolitan at the approaching service of welcome to be held at the Cathedral, expressive of gratitude to Almighty God for His Lordship's safe return to his diocese. The following address was accordingly prepared and signed by all the members of the Deanery present:—

To the Most Reverend John Medley, D.D., Lord Bishop of Fredericton, and Metropolitan of Canada:—

We the undersigned clergy of the Rural Deanery of Chatham, desire to avail ourselves of the earliest opportunity to extend to your Lordship a hearty and loving welcome back to your diocese. We are deeply thankful that your Lordship has been enabled to take part in the late Conference of Bishops convened at Lambeth by the Archbishop of Canterbury and to visit the land of dear associations, where you have been honoured with such distinguished recognition of your learning, self-denying labours and faithfulness.

We refer with pride to your Lordship's noble words at the close of your address to the S.P.G., and we pray that God may bless your Lordship with health and happiness, as long as in His good providence He may spare you to be the chief pastor of His Church in this diocese."

The 9th chapter of Romans was then read in the original and discussed. A paper was read by Rev. W. J. Wilkinson upon the quotations in the chapter comparing them with the Hebrew and Septuagint; and another by Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, on the disputed passage in the 5th verse.

On the evening of this day, a rousing Missionary meeting was held at the Church, where a large congregation had gathered. After shortened evensong had been said stirring addresses were delivered as follows:—"The adaptability of the Church to the needs of the

people," by Rev. W. J. Wilkinson. "The Historical claims of the Church on the allegiance of the people," by Rev. D. V. Gwilym. "The progress of the Church in the Diocese," by Rev. J. H. S. Sweet. "The needs of the Diocese," by Rev. D. Forsyth.

On the following morning the clergy of the Deanery drove to the parish Church, Weldford, about 12 miles. Upon their arrival they found that a congregation of about 150 persons or more had assembled for Divine service, many having driven and walked long distances in order to be present. The singing and responding were very hearty and the same addresses were given as upon the preceding evening at St. Matthew's, Harcourt.

The Clergy were very much pleased at the improvements which have been made both at this Church and St. Matthews since their last meeting here. In both Churches new organs have been placed, and also the chancels have been beautifully carpeted, and the last named Church has been painted inside and out. The Rector is to be congratulated upon the progress which the Church is making in this difficult but well worked parish.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

ORDINATION.—On the 17th Sunday after Trinity, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese held an Ordination service in his Cathedral, the following candidates were admitted to the Diaconate, namely, Mr. J. Edgar Hatch, of Keble College, Oxford, Mr. T. Husband, and Mr. W. Adcock, of Queen's Theological College, Birmingham.

On the day previous, following the excellent practice of the late Bishop of Ely, a Quiet Day for conference and meditation was held in St. Matthew's Church. The Ordination service proper began at 11 a.m., with the hymn, "Lord, pour Thy Spirit from on high." The preacher, upon the duties of the ministry, was the Bishop himself. The sermon which was closely read from manuscript, insisted upon the necessity for keeping abreast of the times in learning and originality, and dwelt especially upon the secular side of the great subject of preparation and readiness for the work of the clerical office generally. The candidates were presented by the Archdeacon in the usual manner, and were decently habited in cassocks, short surplices, and (before their ordination) wore white stoles deaconwise. The Bishop read the Litany, and the first part of the Communion service; Rev. H. J. Petry, of the Cathedral, taking the Epistle. According to Quebec use a handsome copy of the Greek Testament was given to each of the Ordinands, with the words of commission. The Communion service was proceeded with in the American disjointed fashion, the Archdeacon reading the Creed; the Dean taking the offertory, and Rev. H. J. Petry on to the Bishop's part. Unhappily the Artillery band, which had left the Church with the congregation before the exhortation, started with a crash in the grounds outside, just as the Bishop was pronouncing the absolution.

The number of communicants was not large, the three priests present—the Dean, the Archdeacon, and Rev. H. J. Petry—and the Bishop administering. The clergy left the chancel in inverse order, the Bishop preceding.

The Governor-General and party were present in the Vice-Regal pew, and by their reverent and unostentatious deportment, Lord and Lady Stanley showed themselves to be loyal to the ritual traditions of the Church of their Fathers.

QUEBEC.—It is said that the Rev. J. Edgar Hatch is to be licensed as junior curate of St. Matthew's Church in this city, that the Rev. T. Husband will be appointed to the charge of the missions of New Ireland and St. Sylvester, and that Rev. W. Adcock will be stationed in the mission of Georgeville, until recently part of the mission of Magog.