

their homes at a seasonable hour.—*Advertiser*.
Mr. E. T. McCoomb has been engaged as organist and choirmaster of St. James' Church, South London. He has commenced the training of several boys, who will be a great assistance to the choir.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

GUELPH.—The annual meeting of St. George's Church Young People's Association for the election of officers was held in the School Room on Tuesday, Oct. 21st. There was a full attendance, and considerable interest was manifested in the proceedings.

The Ladies' Aid Sewing Society commenced their labors on the evening of the 29th ult., and will hold their meetings each succeeding Wednesday afternoon.

The Rev. P. L. Spencer, will be here on the evening of the 11th, ult., and display his beautiful series of illustrations of mission scenes and life throughout the world.

ST. GEORGE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL.—In the afternoon of Sunday, the 12th ult., His Lordship the Bishop addressed the Sunday school and presented the English "S.S. Institute" certificates to the teachers who had competed for them. In giving them he expressed his great satisfaction in reference to the efforts that were made in St. George's Sunday School to qualify the teachers for the Institute examinations, which were of a very high character and required both time and earnest study on the part of the candidates to secure the honors that had been conferred on them.

Miss Arnie Hutchinson, Section A.—1st class; Miss Alice Stanley, Section B.—1st class; Miss E. Fay Chisholm, Section B.—2nd class; Miss Frances M. Ridgeway, Advanced C.—1st class; Miss Charlotte E. Ridgeway, Advanced C.—1st class.

Both the latter young ladies are qualified to enter for the highest certificates which are given by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and also the Special Division D. The highest standard of marks is 100 in each subject. In the P. Book exam, Miss F. M. Ridgeway got 90 marks, and C. E. Ridgeway, 82. This is a very high average.

HARVEST HOME.—On Thursday evening, the 23rd October, a most pleasing Harvest Home Festival was held in the School Room of St. George's Church, by the members of the Bible Association. Notwithstanding the night was wet and stormy there was a very large attendance. The chair was occupied by Ven. Archdeacon Dixon, who welcomed those present and alluded to the bounteous harvest of the season. The harvest was God's annual gift to mankind, and without it all other branches of trade must be paralyzed, for nothing could make up for a failure of the fruits of the earth. The programme opened by the singing of the 276th hymn, "Come, ye thoughtful people, come," by the choir. This was followed by a choice selection of instrumental solos, recitations, readings, choruses, trios and quartettes by the Misses Collett, Misses E. Taylor, Cain, Webb, Lascombe, F. Bolton, Belsion, and Graham, and Rev. Mr. Seaborn and Messrs. W. P. Howard, Graham, Ward and Hall. The recitations of Miss Hutchinson were exceedingly well given, and she was deservedly encored. The tableau, "Autumn," was very pretty and considerable taste was displayed in the arrangement of the scene. The room was beautifully decorated with the products of the farm, field and garden, interspersed here and there with texts. On the front of the platform was the motto, "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof," and on the wall, "Consider the lilies of the field." Between the first and seconds parts of the programme a short intermission was given, and the time was spent in social conversation. The ladies and gentlemen mentioned above acquitted themselves creditably in their various

selections, and especially so when it is remembered that many of them had never taken part in a concert before. The musical director, Mr. W. G. Garnham, together with the committee who so ably assisted him, are to be congratulated on the success which crowned their efforts. Miss E. Taylor played the accompaniments with good taste.

At the close a vote of thanks to the Association by Dr. Lett and Mr. J. M. Bond, was moved, and unanimously carried. Dr. Lett spoke of the excellent taste displayed in the decorations, and both gentlemen expressed the pleasure they felt at being present at the entertainment. The singing of God Save the Queen, and the pronouncing of the benediction, brought a very pleasant evening's entertainment to a close.

The death on the 21st October of Miss Frances Fuller, one of the ladies who had almost completed the training as a nurse at the General Hospital, was very sudden. It was caused by typhoid pneumonia, contracted while absent on duty. Her pleasing manner and devotion to the duties of her profession had won for her the good-will and respect of all those who knew her, and the loving regard of those with whom she was associated. Miss Fuller came from Meaford, where for several years her father was manager of the agency of the Merchants' Bank. He died a few months since. Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock there was a touching service at the hospital, the Ven. Archdeacon, of whose church she was a member, officiating, prior to the removal of the body, which was to be buried at Meaford. All the nurses who could attend and servants were presented with some of the Board of Directors and Dr. McKinnon, who attended her. The hymn, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," was sung before the appointed lesson and prayers. The coffin was adorned with beautiful flowers. Mrs. Fuller was present, having been sent for by telegram, and arrived before her daughter's death, while a sister's of the deceased arrived afterwards from Omaha, Neb., (U.S.)

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

ALGOMA.—The clergy of this Rural Deanery of Muskoka assembled at Bracebridge, on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 24th and 25th, to transact the business of the Chapter, which are an extended programme described. By the kindness of the incumbent, Rev. J. Boydell, the Chapter met at St. Thomas' parsonage.

On Wednesday there was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m., and at 10:30 the actual work of the Chapter was commenced with prayer by Rural Dean Lloyd, who followed on with a short congratulatory, and felicitous speech. The minutes having been read by the Hon. Secretary, Rev. A. H. Allman were also subscribed by the chairman. The Greek text of 1 Cor. verses 1-9, was then taken up, and after a very suggestive introduction by the chairman, in which were gathered up the homiletics of the epistle, a very helpful time was spent in exegetical exercise. Not only was the Greek taken up clause by clause, but many separate words also came up for keen and earnest discussion, both as to history and to doctrine. It was resolved that on the next occasion verses 10-16 (inclusive) be taken up. Two of the clergy were unavoidably absent from the morning session.

The afternoon session commenced at 1:30, when all the clergy of the Chapter were present, viz.: Rev. Rural Dean Lloyd, chairman, and Revs. J. Boydell, M.A., Exam. Chaplain, W. T. Noble, B.A., A. H. Allman, H. N. Barden, L. Sinclair and H. P. Lowe, B.A.

The Rev. H. N. Burden read a paper, the subject of which was 'On preparation and preaching of sermons.' The paper was based upon advice in the writings of the late Rev. Richard Aushury, and contained some pertinent suggestions and suitable warnings about texts, subjects and aims. Common sense, sound judg-

ment and fitness were insisted upon; whilst incongruous, obscure, and painful texts were to be studiously avoided, as also subjects out of harmony with the seasons, the Church's order, and local surroundings. The subject was freely discussed, and ultimately a unanimous and hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Rev. H. N. Burden for his paper.

The time and place for next meeting of Chapter was brought forward, and, finally, Huntsville was selected. The Rev. L. Sinclair was then asked, and consented, to prepare the next paper on—"Church Government."

In the evening Divine Service was held in St. Thomas', where a moderate congregation assembled. The prayers were read by the Rev. A. H. Allman, the lessons by the Rev. L. Sinclair, and an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. H. P. Lowe, B.A.

On Thursday the clergy met at 9 a.m., and the Chapter was at once opened with prayer by the Rural Dean. The first business taken was the arrangement of the Bishop's programme as to Episcopal visitation, the work of which [it was understood] must be condensed, so that instead of visiting every outpost centres must be established. The course of visits following was adopted, which it was believed would immediately precede the Eastern District Convocation and Ordination to be held early in 1891: Gravenhurst, Sunday, a.m.; Uffington, Sunday p.m. [consecration]; Oakley, Tuesday, consecration; Baysville, Wednesday 11 a.m.; Brunel, Friday 10 30 a.m.; Saturday, rest; Beatrice, Sunday a.m.; Port Sydney, Sunday 7 30 p.m.; Stanleydale, Monday p.m.; Aspdin, Tuesday a.m.; Ravenscliffe, Wednesday a.m.; Huntsville, Thursday a.m.; Rev. Chowne's Deanery p.m.

Concerning the Eastern District Convocation the Bishop's suggestion as to place was agreed to, viz.: Sunidale and that the time should be following visitation of Muskoka Deanery. As to subjects, it was suggested that the Revs. W. T. Noble and A. H. Allman should consider 'The Representation of the Laity,' and it was then resolved; 'That this Chapter is in harmony with the conviction of the Bishop that the time has come when the Algoma Diocese should fall into line with the other Dioceses and organize, but that the consideration of details should be left over to the Eastern District Convocation suggested by the Rev. W. T. Noble.' The equitable administration of W. and O. and the Superannuation Funds of this Diocese in connection with the Church of the Dominion.' Suggested by the Rev. L. Sinclair; 'Sunday School Work.' Suggested by the Rev. J. Boydell, 'Diocesan Board of Financial Assessment.' It was suggested that whatever programme was adopted by the Bishop it should be in the hands of the clergy a month before the meeting of Convocation.

It was proposed by the Rev. Rural Dean Lloyd and seconded by the Rev. J. Boydell, 'That the thanks of this Chapter be given to the Rev. H. P. Lowe, B.A., for his admirable and suggestive sermon.' Carried unanimously.

The concluding session was held on Thursday afternoon, when the next Rural deanial meeting was arranged for, and also series of Missionary meetings, as follows: Rural-decanal meeting, Huntsville, Dec. 3rd and 4th, Missionary meetings, incumbents in the chair; Ravenscliffe, Dec 3rd, at 2 p.m.; Deputation: Rev. W. T. Noble and A. H. Allman, Allenville, Dec 3rd, at 3 p.m.; Deputation, J. Boydell and H. N. Barden, Bracebridge, Jan. 27th, 1891; Deputation, Revs. W. T. Noble, A. H. Allman and L. Sinclair. Baysville, Jan. 28th, same deputation as above Uffington and Parbrook, Feb. 3rd, Oakley, Feb. 4th; Deputation: Revs Rural Dean Lloyd, A. H. Allman and H. P. Lowe, Gravenhurst, Feb. 5th, same deputation as above. Port Sydney, Feb. 18th; Deputation: Revs. J. Boydell, H. N. Barden and H. P. Lowe, Aspdin, Feb. 19th, at 3 p.m., Deputation: Revs. J. Boydell, A. H. Allman and H. N. Burden. Ilfracombe, Feb. 20th;