

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

DEANERY OF SIMCOE.—At the Fall Chapter of this Deanery, held in Penetanguishene, the following motion was passed: "That whereas there are in this Rural Deanery of East Simcoe no less than seven parishes out of nine receiving grants from the Mission Board, and whereas there is only one clergyman in the whole Deanery wholly supported by the voluntary contributions of his own people; and whereas this Rural Deanery drew from the Mission Fund of the Diocese last year the large sum of \$2,080; and whereas such a state of things tends to encourage indifference, and militates against a proper and scriptural feeling of independence and helps to impoverish the Church at large. Therefore: We the clergy of this Rural Deanery deeply deplore the existing state of things and think that some energetic line of action must be adopted to remedy this disgrace and bring the Clergy and Laity of the several parishes to a proper sense of the duties and obligations resting upon them.

Be it therefore resolved: "That a deputation of one Clergyman and one Layman be appointed by this meeting at the nomination of the respective incumbents to visit each Mission, Parish and congregation, and as far as possible each individual family and lay the matter before them. It was also resolved: "That the Missions of Shanty Bay, Penetanguishene, North Orillia and Medonte should be visited before the next Chapter in January; and the following were appointed as the deputation:—To Shanty Bay, Rev. G. E. Lloyd and Mayor Keating; to Penetanguishene, Rev. F. White and Lieut.-Col. O'Brien; to North Orillia, Rev. C. H. Marsh and Arthur Craig, Esq. Reports of the above to be presented at the Chapter in January, to be held at Coldwater.

WEST YORK.—A meeting of the West York Rural Deanery was held at Thornhill on Thursday and Friday, October 14th and 15th, beginning with Choral Evensong at Trinity Church, when three addresses upon "Frequent services," "Behaviour in Church," and "God's House," were given by the Rev. Rural Dean Osler, C. R. Bell, Mus. Bach., and C. H. Shortt, respectively. Next morning there was a musical celebration of the Holy Communion, when the Rev. O. P. Ford gave a beautiful and helpful address upon the priesthood and kingship of God's people. The portion of the Greek Testament read and discussed was I Timothy iv., and the subject of the afternoon meeting was "Church Finance," upon which the Rev. Mr. Bell read a most interesting and instructive paper. At the last meeting, July, Canon Osler was nominated for re-appointment as Rural Dean, having announced his resignation of the office on account of the Canon passed at the last Synod.

TORONTO.—*St. George's.*—On Wednesday evening, Oct. 20th, a meeting was held in the School-room for the purpose of extending a welcome to Capts. Eccleston and Robertson, the two officers of the Church Army who have recently arrived from England. Several Clergymen from adjoining parishes were present, also a large attendance of The Church of England Workingmen's Association. At 8:15 all sat down to a substantial repast, which was graciously presided over by several ladies of the parish, who take a deep interest in the new work about to be entered upon. After justice had been done to the good things provided the meeting was opened with a stirring hymn, followed by prayer, by the Rev. J. D. Cayley, who briefly explained the difference between the Salvation Army and the Church Army. The Salvation Army being simply a sect which endeavours by any possible means to draw its followers from the Church, but which lacks any principle of definite teaching in itself. The Church Army seeks out from the

haunts of vice those who have been estranged from the Church and paths of rectitude, and by their systematic labours endeavour to induce the prodigal and wanderer to return to the fold of the Church and the instruction of the Clergy of the parish to which they may belong.

Capt. Eccleston and Robertson each gave short addresses, in which they related some of their experiences; they also read testimonials from a large number of the English Bishops, who testify to the vast amount of good work which has been accomplished in England through the instrumentality of the Church Army; vast numbers of souls having been reclaimed and now regular communicants in their respective parishes.

The regular work of the Army was commenced on Monday, 25th Oct., by an open air meeting in Soho street, at 7:30 p.m., after which there was a procession to Mission Hall in Phoebe street, where the officers addressed those assembled. This will continue through the week. On Sunday at 3:30 p.m. open air meeting, and at 4 o'clock procession to Church, where service will be held: at 7 p.m. open air meeting, after which a procession to Mission Hall, where addresses will be given by officers of Army, &c.

COBOURG.—*Dedication of Chancel in Memory of late Bishop Bethune.*—On Sunday, October 3rd, the Chancel of St. Peter's Church which has been lately renovated and beautifully decorated, was solemnly dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Toronto in presence of a large congregation, and of the following clergy who occupied stalls in the Chancel: The Bishop in an elevated sedile; and four Presbyters, the Ven. Archdeacon of Peterboro'; the Rev. Dr. Bethune, Head Master of Trinity College School, Port Hope; the Rector of the Parish, the Ass't. Canon Stennett, and his Curate the Rev. Dr. Roy, who occupied the sedilia on either side of the Chancel. Above the Altar is a very handsomely carved Reredos, which with the wall-screen on either side, both in butler-nut wood, covers the entire end of the Chancel, and is a special offering from the Bethune family.

The walls of both Choir and Chancel are elaborately frescoed in excellent ecclesiastical taste; and, on a back-ground of rich Tuscan red below, an exquisitely graved brass, surmounted by the Episcopal arms, bears the following inscription:—"The Parishioners of "of St. Peter's Church, Cobourg, have completed this Chancel to the Glory of God, and "in loving memory of the devoted services near "ly forty years of their venerated Rector, the "Right Reverend A. N. Bethune, D.D., who "was removed from this Parish to be Second "Bishop of Toronto, MDCCCLXVI, (1866)."

After Matins and Special Dedicatory prayers by the Bishop, the Ven. Archdeacon Wilson, (one of the late Bishop's oldest clerical friends) delivered this address, based on the text: Prov. x. 7. "The memory of the just is blessed."—

You are aware my Christian brethren that we are assembled here this morning on a very interesting and solemn occasion, to mingle with our customary worship of Almighty God, the dedication of the newly decorated Chancel of this Church, in loving memory of your late, and highly-esteemed Pastor and Bishop. And, as one of his oldest surviving friends, I have received a very kind and urgent invitation, from the Rector of this parish to be present, and to deliver a brief address, on the life and labours of the late Bishop Bethune.

I very deeply regret my own inability to do justice to the memory of one, whom I dearly loved, and whose unvarying friendship often served to soothe and sweeten the trials and sorrows of life.

From very ancient times, it has been the custom to erect memorials in honour of illustrious men, with a view to keep alive the memory of their labours and achievements.

The lofty columns, and the pyramids, hoary

with age, bear witness to this. From the ancient heathen, the custom of celebrating the dead, has been handed down to Christian times as the numerous pious and affecting memorials of the early Christians, to be found in the Catacombs of Rome, abundantly testify. And as we come to more recent times, we find that, in England and other countries, our Abbeys and Cathedrals, as well as many of our parish Churches, contain numerous splendid and costly memorials of the departed dead. Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral in London, are familiar examples. And in this new, and rapidly improving country, the practice is becoming very general, of erecting memorials in our Churches, such as Mural Tablets, painted windows, and decorated chancels, to the memory of departed benefactors, relatives or friends. This is very proper and becoming, and very much better than spending money upon expensive funerals, and the trappings of mourning, or in erecting costly monuments—often more heathen than Christian—in our churchyards and cemeteries, with money which oftentimes can be but ill-spiced by the surviving relatives and friends. Far better it is to beautify and adorn the Sanctuary of God in affectionate remembrance of the departed.

The members of this congregation have, therefore, been engaged in a good work in beautifying and greatly improving the chancel of this Church, as an affectionate tribute to the memory of their late beloved Pastor and Bishop; and which is now to be dedicated by his successor, the present Bishop of Toronto. And I feel assured that it affords his Lordship very sincere pleasure to be present here to-day to dedicate this fitting memorial to his esteemed predecessor. And to the Rector of this parish, and the members of the congregation of St. Peter's Church, who have been engaged in this pious work, it must be highly gratifying to see it completed, and brought to a happy conclusion. And this, I have no doubt, will be a day long to be remembered by the young people, who are about to ratify their baptismal vows and obligations, to teach them, that they too, may become instruments, in God's hands, for extending the benefits of His Church to others, and of doing good in their day and generation.

The deceased Prelate, whose memory we this day honour, was ordained to the ministry in the year 1823, by the Right Reverend Jacob Mountain, D. D., the first Bishop of Quebec, and appointed to the mission of Grimsby, as his first charge. About the year 1827, he came, with his young bride, to this parish, of which he was appointed Rector, when this town was but a small village. There being no Church at that time between this and Little York, (now Toronto), his duties were very laborious, and so continued for many years. His labours were not confined to his own parish, but extended over the whole of the Newcastle District, comprising the counties of Northumberland and Peterborough, Durham and Victoria, so that he may be truly said to be the father of the Church in those localities.

The Diocese of Toronto was erected in the year 1839, and the Venerable John Strachan, D. D. then Archdeacon of York, was consecrated as its first Bishop. As there was then no college or institution in the Diocese where our young men could be properly trained and educated for the sacred ministry of the Church, the Bishop established a Theological College or Institute in this town, and appointed the Reverend A. N. Bethune as Theological Professor. This institution was opened in the spring of 1842, and continued in successful operation until its close in 1851, when it was merged in Trinity College. During the eight or nine years of its existence, fifty gentlemen were prepared and subsequently took holy orders. And it is an interesting fact that among those who attended the Professor's lectures, two subsequently became Bishops. Two Presbyterian ministers also, who had recently come over to