

evening, the wardens being obliged to place chairs in the aisles and gallery in order to seat the congregations. The choir boys are doing well under the leadership of W. R. Ross, Esq., and rendered the musical part of the services very creditably. Special harvest sermons were preached at both services by the Rector. The sacred edifice was decorated with the fruits and grains of the earth, which together with pot plants and cut flowers presented a very beautiful appearance. The work of decoration was performed by the Sanctuary Chapter of St. Stephen's Guild under the direction of the head, Miss E. F. Wilgress, who met together in full force on the Saturday afternoon before for that purpose.

The annual meeting of the Guild was very enthusiastic and successful. The general officers have been elected and the members of the various chapters are getting at work for the ensuing year. The work of the Parish is going on now very harmoniously, and it is becoming more and more a pleasure to be a fellow-laborer here.

A branch of the "Woman's Auxiliary" Missionary Society has just been formed and it is hoped that the missionary spirit once aroused will grow and develop until no one in the parish can resist its influence. A movement is on foot to have a large missionary meeting in Advent, when it is hoped that all interested in this cause will be encouraged in their work by the presence of well known missionary orators. The members of this chapter are laying their plans for supporting an Indian boy in one of the North-West Homes, and also to send off a box of warm comfortable clothing about Christmas.

A junior branch of the Dorcas Chapter has also been established under the auspices of the Guild. A large class of young girls meet together once a week in the Guild room, where they are taught plain sewing, knitting and fancy work. It promises to be successful. Mrs. Hewton has undertaken the management of this work, assisted by several energetic ladies of the congregation.

It is expected that before many days a Chapter of St. Andrew's Brotherhood will be quietly established and set at work. It is felt that this is a branch of work to be carried on very quietly and without display or parade, and that success does not depend on enthusiastic meetings and a flood of oratory, but on the quiet persevering work of a few determined, earnest, sincere, christian young men, firmly resolved to carry out the Master's injunction, "When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren."

The long talked of Reading Room is not yet a fact, but this is a case in which we must make haste slowly.

Diocese of Ontario.

ORDINATION.—The Lord Bishop of Ontario will D.V., hold a general ordination in the Cathedral, Kingston, on the 4th Sunday in Advent. The examination will be held in the Synod hall, beginning on Tuesday, December 13th at 3 p.m. punctually. The requisite papers and certificates should be sent by candidates to the Ven. Archdeacon of Kingston, examining Chaplain, Brockville, Ont., before December 1st, who will give any further information necessary.

Diocese of Toronto.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. C. Luiz of Halifax, N.S., has been appointed Priest Vicar of St. Alban's Cathedral, Toronto, and will enter upon his duties on All Saints' Day.

R. D. NORTHUMBERLAND.

A meeting of the Rural Deanery of Northumberland, including the counties of Northumberland and Peterborough, opened at St. John's Church on the morning of the 20th October.

On Wednesday a service was held in St. John's Church in connection with the meeting of the Deanery. There was a good attendance. Rev. Archdeacon Allen, of Millbrook, preached an able discourse and the service was of an impressive and interesting character.

At 8.30 o'clock on Thursday, Holy Communion was celebrated at St. John's. There was only a small number of clergy present owing to various circumstances arising to prevent their attendance.

At the meeting which followed the service in the Church Rev. J. C. Davidson, rector of St. John's, Rural Dean, presided and there were present Ven. Archdeacon Allen, of Millbrook; Rev. Geo. Warren, of Lakefield; Rev. Wilson McCann, of Omeme; Rev. G. H. Webb, of Colborne; Rev. O. Picksford, of Havelock and Rev. H. Symonds, of St. Luke's, Ashburnham.

Rev. J. C. Davidson, Rural Dean, announced to the meeting his resignation of the office of Rural Dean as owing to his heavy responsibility in his own parish it was utterly impossible for him to continue in office.

The Secretary read a letter from the Bishop of Toronto expressing regret at Rev. Mr. Davidson's decision, but saying that in event of Rev. Mr. Davidson pressing his resignation it would be necessary to convene a meeting of the Rural Deanery at as early a date as possible.

Rev. Mr. Davidson pressed his resignation and a meeting will be held in the near future to appoint a successor.

It was proposed that a joint meeting of the rural deaneries of Durham and Northumberland should be held at a near date to consider matters of general importance to the Church.

Arrangements were made for missionary meetings to be held through the coming winter.

Then followed a two-hour discussion on "Spiritual Intercourse Between the Clergy and the People." The subject was introduced by Rev. J. C. Davidson and the discussion was helpful and interesting. The session adjourned at 1.15.

S.S. CONVENTION.—On Tuesday 18th October, a Sunday school convention was held at Aurora. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 10.30 a.m., and a sermon on Sunday school work preached by Rev. F. G. Plummer. At one o'clock, the visitors were entertained at dinner by the Aurora ladies. At 2.30 p.m. the Convention met, and listened to a paper by Canon Farncomb, and speeches by Messrs. I. C. Morgan and A. Dymond on Sunday school work. The discussion was most interesting. At 7.30 p.m. evensong was sung by the united choirs of Newmarket, Aurora, Oakridges, and King, under the direction of Mr. Plummer. Rev. R. I. Moore preached. The whole day was a most enjoyable one; and will no doubt prove to have been a very useful one to many of our Sunday school workers. The clergy present were Rev. Canon Farncomb, E. H. Mussen, R. I. Moore, C. R. Bell, E. W. Sibbald, F. G. Plummer and F. Heathcote.

The committee of the Church choir association in Toronto, met last week, and received the report of last year's work. Twenty-four choirs (numbering 625 voices) are in union with the association. The report shewed a balance of \$31.00 on hand.

Diocese of Huron.

GODERICH.

The Rev. W. A. Young has removed to Simcoe to take charge of St. John's, Woodhouse, a small congregation three miles out of town.

The Rev. Mark Turnbull, of Kincardine, has been appointed rector of St. George's, Goderich.

STRATHROY.

Rev. L. Des Brisoy has resigned his position as rector of St. John's Church, owing to ill health. His Lordship the Bishop has submitted names to the vestry, but as yet, no appointment has been made.

Rev. W. Wade has now sent in his resignation of old St. Paul's, Woodstock, and hopes to move to Hamilton very soon, where he will enter on his duties as Rector of the Church of the Ascension.

The Bishop has commenced his fall Confirmation tour, and is engaged every Sunday up to the middle of January. He is going through Lambton, Middlesex and Elgin.

BIDDULPH.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.—The annual Harvest Thanksgiving services were held in this Church on Sunday, October 16th, at 3 p.m. Seldom have we witnessed prettier Church decorations than in this neat little edifice, which was crowded to its utmost capacity. The ladies and young people of the congregation had with remarkable good taste entwined autumn forest leaves, with all their varied tints of orange, scarlet, and green—around the chancel windows, besides fruit, flowers, grain, and vegetables in other parts of the sacred edifices; thus giving a beautiful object lesson of God's goodness at this season of the year. The preparatory services were conducted by Revd. H. D. Steele, incumbent of the parish, followed by an excellent and appropriate thanksgiving sermon by Rev. R. H. Shaw, rector of Lucan. Much credit is due to the organist and choir for their excellent rendering of the hymns and chants on this occasion. A very liberal offertory was presented at the close of the interesting services. The Congregation of St. Patrick's Church is to be congratulated on their improved attendance on ordinances and their increasing liberality for Church purposes. They have now on hand sufficient funds to pay for their new furnace, and also for the erection of new sheds for the accommodation of the public. To God be all the praise!

DEAR SIR,—May I be permitted to acknowledge in your columns some tokens of practical interest in the effort being made on behalf of the sorely needed Clergy Superannuation Fund of the Diocese of Algoma, which have been entrusted to my care and which have been duly passed on to the same through the proper channels, the treasurers of the Women's Auxiliary to Missions? i.e., from a friend who withholds her name \$100; Mrs. Acer, \$5; Mrs. Falls, London, \$1; from the offertories and thank offerings of our Huron Semi-annual meetings at Chatham \$33, and a donation of \$5 from Mrs. Lewis, wife of the Bishop of Ontario to the thankoffering fund at our triennial meeting in Montreal, accompanied by some earnest words commending the work to our sympathies.

Yours sincerely and obliged,
H. A. BOOMER.