

at which the Rural Dean was celebrant and Rev. H. H. Pittman preacher. As this was the first meeting of the deanery in this ancient town, the priest-in-charge (Rev. Mr. Ansell) was afraid the services would not be well attended. In this respect, however, he was agreeably surprised, the church being comfortably filled at each service. The duties of the choir were performed in a very creditable manner. No service of Holy Church could possibly be a dull one if the talents and devotion of those who constitute such a choir were thus offered to God continuously. To the casual observer, Arichat is "Sleepy Hollow" as compared with the ordinary Anglican parish of the present day, but to those who, like the visiting clergy, had the pleasure of some interesting conversation with the laity, there comes the consciousness of much latent zeal and love for God's Church. The present priest-in-charge is a scholar and a gentleman, but the nearness of his approach to the appointed "three score years and ten" naturally renders him incapable of much that he would like to do. A younger priest, filled with love for Christ and His Church, and with a knowledge and appreciation of the Oxford movement, would quickly change this lethargic parish into one with all the busy activities of deep spiritual life. "So mote it be."

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—The first meeting for the present season of the Montreal branch of the D.S.S.A., was held on the 3rd Monday evening of the month (ult.) in the Synod Hall, under the auspices of the cathedral. The room was profusely adorned with Scripture texts and S.S. banners. In the absence of the Lord Bishop, presumably the dean requested Rev. L. N. Tucker to preside. Several of the city clergy were present, and Mr. R. H. Buchanan spoke of it as a representative meeting of Church of England Sunday Schools of Montreal. The meeting having been opened in the usual way, Dr. Norton addressed the audience which filled the hall, on the subject of "Belief in the Church." Systematic training of the young by parents, in churchly ways, e.g., godly living, truth, honesty, industry, church-going, &c., were earnestly advocated by the speaker whose address, though practical, might have been improved by a little shortening, though it was happily followed by light refreshments. The chairman called on the various S.S. superintendents present to give short reports of the city Sunday schools, which were eagerly received by the audience. Last year St. George's Church gave the opening conversation of the Institute, and it is expected that St. James the Apostle will follow next; one object being to increase the attendance of the monthly meetings of the Institute. Rev. Mr. Rexford has kindly promised to give a model lesson in S.S. teaching at the next regular meeting.

Immigration.—The Rev. Mr. Renaud, the Protestant immigration chaplain, says:—There are some girls who should never come to this country. There are some girls who, while simple Susan Jones on board, are called Miss Jones the moment they land.

These have been Spoiled on Board.—They have been told they are worth \$10 a month, when they are not worth \$6. There are girls who get right into gaol, and when you go to see them you are bound to conclude that that is just about the only place for them. And then, I am sorry to say, there are girls come out here who are only fit to be sent to the maternity hospital.

For a Lark.—There are girls who come out here for a sky-lark—nothing more. They want to be free. This big journey alone has something to do with a certain freedom of manner. The sea air has something to do with it—perhaps. And I think the freedom of the sailors and stewards has something to do with it, too. Some of them, when met at the boat or train, resent our interference, and say plainly they want to be independent. I am speaking chiefly now of girls who come out alone. We have large protected parties. With these there is a matron. This lady looks after them carefully. They are met at the boat or train, taken to the home on Osborne street, where we have a thanksgiving service. Any young woman who wishes can apply on the other side to accompany a protected party.

Many Prefer to Come Alone.—They have reasons for that. But, mark, when I speak of undesirable people, I am referring to a very small proportion of the entire number who come out here. The great majority are decent women and girls who mean to get along in honesty. During the past year there has been a vast improvement. The class is much superior. But very undesirable women immigrants have been sent here in the past. There are six at present in the Verdun Hospital. These should never have been sent out. There are some we have to send home every year.

The Bishop of Peterborough and the Bishop of Truro will be Select Preachers at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, during November.

ONTARIO.

OSNABRUCK AND MOULINETTE.—On Tuesday, Oct. 25th, at St. David's Church, Wales, the Rev. Canon Pettit, Rural Dean of Stormont, publicly inducted the Rev. R. W. Samwell into this parish. There was a large congregation. The ceremony of induction (for the first time held in the parish) was very impressive. The churchwardens of each of the three churches in the parish were present to take their part. Evensong was said by the Rev. L. D. Stephenson, curate of Holy Trinity, Cornwall, the Rev. S. Gower Poole reading the special lessons. The Rev. M. G. Poole was also present. The singing of the choir was excellent and gave a hearty ring to a service which will long remain impressed upon the minds of those present. An excellent address was given by the Rural Dean, who spoke impressively about the duties and responsibilities oneto the other of priest and people. The Rev. S. Gower Poole also gave a capital address appropriate to the occasion. After the service a meeting was held for the purpose of discussing certain matters relating to the welfare of the parish generally. The Rev. R. W. Samwell, incumbent, presided. It was unanimously decided to put forth a vigorous effort at once to raise the clergyman's stipend to at least the minimum of \$800, and a plan proposed for putting the matter upon a thorough business-like footing was adopted. The meeting also decided to make the keep of the horse a charge upon the general fund of the three congregations. The meeting also heartily took up the chairman's proposal for starting a parish magazine, and a magazine committee, consisting of the chairman, Dr. Weagant, Wales, Mr. H. Waldrof, Moulinette, and Mr. Gordon Baker, jr., Osnabruk Centre, was appointed. The old parsonage at Woodlands has been sold, and a house conveniently situated near the church in Wales, purchased for the purpose of the clergyman's residence. Several improvements have been made in the building, and a good barn erected.

TORONTO.

St. Bartholomew's.—The annual harvest home was celebrated on Thursday evening, 13th inst. The chancel and altar were tastefully decorated with grain and fruits. A large arch over the chancel was decorated with grapes, and was well worth admiring. The fruit was the gift of Mr. George Chesman, to whose liberality in this, as well as other donations, the church is greatly indebted. The rector, Rev. G. I. Taylor, officiated, and was assisted by Rev. Canon Logan. The rural dean, Rev. S. Jones, preached an impressive sermon, suitable to the occasion. The choir, assisted by Messrs. Crate, Creighton, Wilson and Winters, of All Saints', rendered the musical part of the services in a very able manner, under the direction of the organist, Mr. Guest, and to Miss V. Loane is due the credit of the tasteful decorations. The school house was well filled on Thursday evening last, when a concert was given in aid of the Sunday school. Rev. G. I. Taylor, M.A., presided. An excellent programme was provided, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The following ladies and gentlemen took part: Songs by the Misses Fitzgerald, E. Coniam, Rett and Mr. H. C. Wilson. Comic songs by Mr. Boucher. Vocal duet by the Misses Barslow and Smith. Recitations by the Misses Easton, Robinson and Plaskett, readings by Mr. Dillon, and piano solos by the Misses Leaming and Butland.

The Rural Deanery of Northumberland met at Peterboro on Oct. 19th and 20th. Evensong was held in St. John's Church on Wednesday, 19th, on which occasion the Archdeacon of Peterboro, Rev. T. W. Allen, preached the sermon. On Thursday morning Holy Communion was celebrated at 8.30 o'clock. The business of the deanery was commenced at 10 a.m. in the rector's rooms. The Rev. J. C. Davidson, who appeared before the deanery for the first time as Rural Dean of Northumberland, addressed the meeting with reference to his election to that capacity. He showed how impossible it would be for him to do the work of the deanery in connection with the many obligations resting upon him in his own parish. He believed that Peterboro had the first claim upon his activities, and felt that the extra work would be a tax upon him which he could not bear, and for this reason, and for this alone, he had, after thoughtful and prayerful consideration, placed his resignation in the hands of the Bishop. A letter from the Bishop was read expressing regret for the loss to the deanery of Mr. Davidson's activity and zeal; and at the same time suggesting, in the event of a refusal on the part of the Rural Dean to reconsider his resignation, that a special meeting be called to choose a successor. The matter of the reconstruction of the rural deaneries in the archdeaconry of Peterboro was then considered; and it was decided that, with the approval of the Rural Deans of Durham and Haliburton, a meeting of the archdeaconry consisting of the rural deaneries of Durham, Haliburton

and Northumberland, be held for the purpose of considering the advisability, in the interests of the church, of reconstructing these rural deaneries, and that the archdeacon and rural deans be requested to arrange the said meeting. It was afterwards decided that, if agreeable to the others interested, the joint meeting should be held in February at Port Hope, at the time of the next session of the Durham Rural Deanery. The subject of missionary meetings was then taken up. The secretary was instructed to communicate with Rev. R. Renison, and, if possible, procure his services for such clergy in the deanery, with their consent, as have not made other arrangements. The rural dean then introduced the subject of "Spiritual Counsels" between clergy and people. His well-timed remarks led to a profitable discussion in which every one present engaged. Before final adjournment it was decided that a meeting of the deanery for the purpose of electing a rural dean should be held at the same time (February) and place (Port Hope?) as the meeting to consider the reconstruction of the rural deaneries. The afternoon was spent in St. John's Church, where Rev. H. Symonds conducted a devotional meeting, and delivered an address on *Pastor Pastorum*. At five the proceedings were closed with evening prayer. Besides the Ven. Archdeacon, who kindly preached the sermon, the Rev. W. McCann, of Omemee, was a welcome visitor at the meeting.—G. WARREN, Secretary.

Church of the Messiah.—This substantial and beautiful church was opened on Sunday, 23rd. The rector, the Rev. John Gillespie, conducted the service morning and evening. The bishop preached the morning sermon and Canon DuMoulin the sermon in the evening. The congregation is to be congratulated on having such a beautiful church. It is built on the cruciform plan, is of unfinished grey stone, and the architecture is distinctly Norman. The interior, with a seating capacity of 800, presents a most pleasing appearance, the decorations being plain but artistic, and peculiarly in keeping with the attributes of the sanctuary. The feature of the morning service was the attendance on the occasion of the first church parade of the Upper Canada College Rifle Company. The boys, under command of Captain Hunter, presented a very fine appearance in their blue and white uniforms.

AURORA.—On Tuesday, 18th October, the Church of England held their Sunday school convention in connection with the quarterly meeting of the Rural Deanery of West York, in Aurora. At half-past ten, in Trinity Church, the Holy Communion was administered, and the Rev. F. G. Plummer, of Toronto, preached an excellent sermon. At two o'clock the convention was called together in the Mechanics' Hall, Rural Dean Farncomb, of Newmarket, in the chair. After prayer and singing, the Rev. Mr. Musen, rector of Trinity Church, addressed a few words of welcome to the members of the neighbouring parishes, and to others who were present. The Rural Dean then read an excellent paper on the general subject of Sunday schools and their work, taking up different points that present themselves frequently to teachers, and treating the subject in a very lucid manner. This elicited a general debate which was interesting. Mr. James C. Morgan, of Barrie, then gave a full address upon the best method of dealing with Sunday school children, which, founded upon an experience of twenty years, proved very edifying. Several ladies and others present partook in the general debate that followed. Mr. A. H. Dymond, of Brantford, then gave a very earnest and practical speech upon the same subject. In the evening divine choral service was held in the church, Rev. Mr. Plummer presiding most efficiently at the organ. Members of choirs from Newmarket, Holland Landing, Sharon and King joining with the Aurora choir, formed one large body of singers that carried the service through with great efficiency and effect. The Rev. Mr. Heathcote, of King, intoned the service with a pleasing, musical voice. An anthem was sung just before the sermon which was well rendered by the united choirs, carefully and sympathetically accompanied on the organ by the Rev. Mr. Plummer. The sermon, preached by the Rev. Mr. Moore, of St. Margaret's Church, Toronto, from the words, "What think ye of Christ?" was an earnest and thoughtful address which went to the hearts of many present, and called upon all, amid the distractions and temptations of this life, to decide for Christ. The lessons were read by the Revs. Messrs. Sibbald and Bell, of Lloydstown and Keswick. During the day a very excellent dinner and tea were provided by the ladies of the congregation, and the guests were waited upon by a body of charming young ladies dressed in becoming costumes. Thus ended a very enjoyable day for all who were privileged to be present at this convention and rural-decanal festival.

Rev. G. R. Beamish, late curate of St. James', Stratford, leaves for Kingston, to fill the place of Rev. Mr. McMorine, of St. James'.