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the Rev. J. K. Macmorine was celebrant, assisted by the Rev. E. H. M. Baker. At 10 o'clock the Chapter met in the school-house for the transaction of business. The Rural Dean, the Rev. W. B. Carey, M.A., reviewed the state of the Church in his Deanery, which, on the whole, is very satisfactory. Among the improvements noticed in connection with the Church were the building of a new church at Ardoch, in the mission of Clarendon and Palmerston; the completion and occupation of the new parsonage at Sharbot Lake; a new organ in the church at Harrowsmith; a new altar and reredos in St. Mark's, Barriefield; a new altar and reredos, and altar-cross in Trinity Church, Wolfe Island; a new altar-cross burnished with gold, in Christ Church, Cataraqui; a beautiful new altar cloth in St. Luke's, Williamsville. The most of these are gifts to the respective churches from loyal and devoted Church people. He also alluded to the gift to St. Luke's Church, of a baptismal font by Mrs. Carter, in memory of Mr. Thomas Carter, and of the purchase of a bell for that church by local subscription. Rural Dean Baker, coming in immediately after the delivery of Rural Dean Carey's charge, was given a seat on the floor of the Chapter. There was a motion brought forward by the Rev. J. W. Jones, seconded by the Rev. W. J. Bate, that the members of this Chapter memorialize the city congregations to assist in providing suitable fonts for the country missions, which have not the proper adjuncts for the administration of the sacrament of holy baptism. The following clergy were present: the Dean, the Rural Dean, Rural Dean Baker, the Revs. F. W. Dobbs, J. K. Macmorine, A. W. Cooke, R. W. Rayson, G. R. Beamish, J. W. Jones, W. J. Bate and W. T. Lip-ton. At the afternoon session, the Act to consolidate the Acts respecting the solemnization of marriage was discussed clause by clause. The Chapter adjourned *sine die* at 5.15.

KINGSTON.—His Grace the Archbishop of Ontario held a general ordination on Whitsunday in St. Paul's Church, the Cathedral being occupied that day by the military parade in connection with the Queen's birthday celebration. The Rev. Canon Spencer preached.

The Rev. C. L. Worrell, Professor of English Literature at the Royal Military College, and Incumbent of Barriefield, has been appointed examining chaplain to His Grace of Ontario, *vice* the Rev. Rural Dean Bogert, who is now a member of the Ottawa Synod. The appointment gives general satisfaction, as it is felt that the standard of knowledge in candidates will certainly not be lowered, but rather raised by it.

Two old members of the congregation of All Saints' were among the candidates for Priests' Orders in this diocese. The usual midday service was cancelled to allow the congregation to attend the ordination, and the 8 a.m. service was chorally rendered instead.

The Archbishop of Ontario is taking steps to systematize the work of his diocese more effectually than was possible before the recent division. He will ask each Rural Deanery to notify him of the Confirmation services and other visitations required, and arrange that they shall be held about the same time.

BANCROFT.—Mission of Dunganon and Mont Eagle, N. Hastings.—St. John's Church.—A nine days' Mission has been preached in this church from Saturday, May 2nd, to Monday, May 11th, by Brother Neale, who has lately come to the Mission from the Evangelist Training Home, Wolverhampton. The subject chosen by the Missioner was that of "The Prodigal Son." The manner in which Brother Neale dealt with his subject was original and refreshing, and the efforts we may hope will prove a blessing to the souls of those who attended night after night. An effort will now be made to form a Confirmation class at Bancroft. Trinity Church, Faraday, will be the next station where a Mission (D.V.) early in June will be held. This, it is hoped, will prepare the ground for more definite work in the way of preparation for Confirmation.

ADOLPHUSTOWN.—On Sunday, the 17th inst., Rev. R. S. Forneri, assisted by his brother-in-law, Rev. Albert L. Geen, officiated in St. Alban's Church, Adolphustown, and in St. Paul's Church, Sandhurst. The rector preached at both services. It was the first occasion of his occupying his pulpit since his wife's death, 19th February last, and his own subsequent illness. The subject of his discourse was God's loving chastisements. In the course of his sermon he dwelt affectingly on the extraordinary sympathy, kindness and attention of his parishioners and neighbours during his trouble. He declared that until that wonderful outpouring of it, he never knew what power there was in Christian sympathy and help to uphold the sufferer in the hour of trial. Thus sus-

tained how could he (he said) help being buoyed up above his troubles? How could he help having a cheerful and contented spirit as well as a grateful heart? It need scarcely be said that the reverend gentleman's parishioners are delighted to have him among them again.

OTTAWA.

CHARLES HAMILTON, D.D., BISHOP, OTTAWA.

RENFREW.—The seventh annual meeting of the Deanery took place in this parish Wednesday and Thursday, the 13th and 14th. The following clergy were present: The Rev. Foster Bliss, Eganville, Rural Dean; Rev. W. A. Read, Pembroke; Rev. W. G. Daykin, Mattawa; Rev. W. M. H. Quartermaine, Renfrew; Rev. A. Shaw, Cobden; Rev. C. O. Carson, Stafford; Rev. R. Orr, Beachburg; Rev. J. Fairbairn, Petewawa; Rev. R. W. Irvine, Calabogie; Rev. W. Butler, Combermere, and a number of the laity. More than usual interest attached to this meeting, as it had been intimated that the Bishop of Ottawa would be present. This being the first official visit of the bishop to this county, and the representatives of each parish being then assembled in Renfrew, the town council took the opportunity of extending to His Lordship an official welcome. All the members of the council met at the Parry Sound Station, and on the bishop alighting from the train Mayor Clarke stepped to the front and in the name of the corporation extended His Lordship a hearty welcome, the address being signed by the mayor and town clerk. The bishop thanked them all very heartily, after which he was given three cheers. At 8 o'clock evening service was held in St. Paul's Church, the clergy robing in the vestry and proceeding along the street, entering the church at the western entrance, processional hymn being sung. The pastoral staff was borne in front of the bishop by the Rev. Mr. Butler, of Combermere. The bishop preached, and in the course of a short address after the sermon expressed his great pleasure at having this early opportunity of meeting the clergy and lay-workers of this part of the diocese. He also expressed great satisfaction at the many signs of improvement which he observed in their church as compared with what he remembered it to have been four years ago when he visited it on behalf of the Bishop of Ontario. On Thursday morning the bishop celebrated the Holy Communion assisted by the Rural Dean and the rector of Pembroke. The business meeting opened at 10 o'clock, the bishop presiding. In his opening address the bishop stated that he proposed being present each year at these meetings, as he had found in the Diocese of Niagara that such meetings of the clergy and laity with the bishop were most helpful. The clergy alone would meet as a Deanery Chapter at some other time during each year under the presidency of the Rural Dean. The bishop intimated that he would visit each parish in the Deanery once a year for Confirmation, and he counselled the clergy to exercise great care in searching for and preparing candidates for these yearly Confirmations. He named the month of October for his first Confirmation tour throughout the Renfrew Deanery, and then called on the Rural Dean to state the business which was to come before the meeting. Rural Dean Bliss, in a short address, presented the several matters which awaited consideration, the first being re-arrangement of mission stations between the Cobden and Calabogie missions. After the bishop had examined into the details of the present arrangement and the proposed change, he approved of the same and sanctioned its going into effect on the 1st July. By the change Cobden and Douglas will form one mission, and Scotch Bush—heretofore a part of the Cobden mission—will henceforth be the centre of a mission to be called the "Mission of Grattan," with outstations of Esmonde and Calabogie, the missionary to live at Scotch Bush, holding service there every Sunday, and on alternate Sundays at Esmonde and Calabogie. The growing and important village of Cobden will thus be provided with morning and evening service every Sunday, Douglas being taken in the afternoon. The next business was the consideration of the missionary wants of the country west of Eganville. It was decided that a travelling missionary be appointed for Killaloe, Bark Lake, Round Lake, Madawaska, and Whitney, to be called the "Long Lake Mission." The bishop approved of a student being at once engaged and sent there for the summer, to be followed in the fall by an ordained missionary, provided the Mission Fund is able to make adequate grant. The bishop will probably visit and inspect the new mission in October. The advisability of dividing the Deanery of Renfrew was the question next introduced by the Rural Dean, who urged the necessity of some relief being given him in rural-decanal work if the duties were to be performed with any approach to fidelity. He submitted a definite proposition which if carried out would give two deaneries where now there is but one, and each deanery would have as many parishes as were embraced in other deaneries in the diocese, the present

Deanery of Renfrew being very large, not only in its number of parishes, but also in its area, embracing as it does the whole county together with a portion of Nipissing District. The proposition did not meet with great favour when first submitted. It was suggested that the Rural Dean be provided with assistance in his parish for two or three months in the year, which would enable him to give the necessary time to the deanery as at present constituted. After considerable discussion and further explanation by the Rural Dean, the practicability of his proposition was admitted by several who were at first averse to the change, the bishop stating that having elicited these expressions of opinion, he would take the matter into very careful consideration and announce his decision as soon as possible. Reports were then read from the various parishes, the bishop obtaining much additional information from the replies to questions which he himself put in connection with the reports. Concluding the conference, the bishop expressed the hope that all the clergy, and as many as possible of the wardens and delegates, would attend with regularity these yearly meetings he proposed holding in each deanery. After the close of the meeting the bishop held a short service for the clergy, at which he gave a very helpful address.

MARCH.—On the Sunday after Ascension Day our rector, Rev. W. H. Stiles, took occasion to remind his congregations that nine years ago on that day he took up his work in the parish. After speaking of the relationship between pastor and people, he urged his hearers to continue in the good work they had begun, and to always strive after that unity and concord which had marked the parish since he came to live amongst us. That unity and concord had so far not been broken; but all had striven alike to promote the best interests of the Church in the parish, and he prayed that in the future the same consideration for each other would always mark the relationship between pastor and people that has characterized the past. Mr. Stiles then spoke of the work that had been accomplished during his pastorate, and said that there had been 170 baptisms, 158 confirmed, with another large class in preparation for confirmation in the fall, 32 marriages, and 63 burials; 1,298 services with a sermon, excepting in a few instances. Of the temporal part of the work, \$1,851.65 had been expended on St. John's Church and Rectory, a new church built at Dunrobin, which cost about \$3,500, and on which there is but a very small debt; while at St. Mary's, North March, \$390 had been spent. The whole of this money, with the exception of about \$500, had been raised in the parish, in addition to the clerical stipend. The parishioners have also put in a cistern in the Rectory, and an ice house will be built this year. Mr. Stiles deserves a great deal of credit for the noble work that he has done in the parish the past nine years; for when he came to the parish it was almost a complete wreck; and at the present time I think it ranks amongst the first in the diocese; and it is to be hoped that he will continue to remain among us as our faithful pastor.

TORONTO.

ARTHUR SWEATMAN, D.D., BISHOP, TORONTO.

Mr. J. J. Mason, secretary of the Diocese of Niagara, has received a letter from the Archbishop of Ontario suggesting that the consecration of Canon DuMoulin as bishop take place on June 11th, St. Barnabas Day. We understand it would be pleasing to the Canon to be consecrated on the 24th, the anniversary of his ordination. It would also be a fitting termination of his successful career as rector of St. James, for him to be consecrated in St. James' Cathedral, Toronto.

Miss Lizzie [A. Dixon acknowledges with many thanks the following amounts for Rev. H. Robinson, Peace River Mission, Athabasca; Mrs. Strachan, Toronto, \$1; Dr. Howitt, Toronto, \$5; Mrs. Bristol, St. Thomas, \$10; Christ Church Cathedral Sunday-school, Hamilton, \$25; Miss Hunt, St. John, N.B., \$20.

St. Martin's-in-the-Field.—Ascension Day services were held on Thursday evening, May 21st, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and were of special interest, the occasion being taken advantage of for the dedication of the stained glass windows presented to the church as a memorial to the late Canon Middleton. The service was conducted by the rector, Rev. Mr. Seaborn, and an eloquent address was delivered by the Provost of Trinity College. The choir, under Mr. B. Baylis, rendered hymns appropriate to the occasion, and Burnnett's "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis," in which they were ably assisted by Mr. W. C. Bullock, who sang "The Holy City" during the offertory. There was a large congregation.

St. Albans Cathedral.—The annual closing service for the season in connection with the Church of