

feared the English Portfolios are not free from suspicion. Dr. Langtry claimed rightly that the nation's interest and prosperity depends upon the character and conduct of the rulers, and that it was of the highest importance that these should be men of righteousness, truth and hating covetousness.

St. James' Church.

The Rev. Canon Dumoulin, in his sermon on Sunday morning week, referred to the disgraceful disclosures at Ottawa, and to the moral atmosphere of politics generally, specially alluding to the utterances of a French politician, who had found fault with the pulpit for making reference to these disclosures. He intimated that when a wily politician warns the Clergy not to touch political matters, the greatest suspicion was aroused, and that had it not been for the position assumed by the politician referred to, he might not have thought it necessary to notice matters so notorious and so universally condemned.

Diocese of Niagara.

St. Albans, Beamsville.

The second annual Harvest Thanksgiving services of this congregation were held on Thursday evening, 8th inst. The little church was properly and tastefully decorated, an arch of grains just inside the door being the just object to meet the eye. Fruits and vegetables covered windows sill and wainscoat, and festoons of grain and grapes spanned the space from window to window. Rosettes of wheat were a prominent feature in each window, and here and there flowers were visible. Along the front of the chancel were pots of Begonias and geraniums in full flower, while the lectern was almost hidden by wreaths of red and yellow dahlias and other autumn flowers. Sheaves of Indian corn, seven feet high, stood at each corner of the Sanctuary, and on each side of the wings of the dossal were festoons of grain and grapes, and two crosses, each of red dahlias. Upon the front of the re-table was a border of leaves and bouquets; which on the re-table stood the usual altar-cross, this time made of pure white flowers, flanked by four vases, two filled with gladiolus, scarlet lily and polyanthus flowers, two with variously coloured dahlias, chrysanthemums and other autumnal flowers.

At eight P. M., the clergy Rev. C. V. Scudamore, mission priest of Smithville and Beamsville, Rev. P. L. Spencer, rector of St. John's Thorold, and Rev. E. P. Crawford, M. A., rector of the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton, entered the church, preceded by Messrs. H. Burt and Little, all properly vested in cassock and surplice, and the clergy wearing white stoles. The opening hymn "Come, ye thankful people, come," having been heartily sung by the clergy, the choir and the large congregation, Rev. Mr. Scudamore said the service to the third collect, Messrs. Burt and Little reading the lessons. After the hymn "Praise, O praise our God and King," Rev. P. L. Spencer said the remainder of the service, and the hymn "We plough the fields" was sung. There, as throughout, the services were as is usual at Saint Alban's, hearty, devout and thoroughly congregational, both in prayer and praise. Rev. E. P. Crawford, then delivered a most able and eloquent sermon from Gal VIII, vv. 3-5, inclusive. After an eloquent introduction God's wonders in

creation were dwelt upon; the mighty abysses of space with their worlds and suns, and the latest results of modern science in these far away regions, were graphically told, leading the listeners on up to the great Maker of all; then, coming to the earth, the story of its slow and gradual preparation through un-numbered cycles of centuries—the pulsations of its crust, the vast stores of mineral fuel, strange and wonderful extinct creations were enlarged upon as shewing God both in creation and Providence. To man, the head of creation, the angels excepted, the transition was easy; and then the Providence of God in history was vividly depicted, even to the wonderful development of our own country, with its rapid transit and bountiful harvest. Thence the transition was to the oft-told yet ever new story of Redemption in its fulness from the manger-cave and the starry night to the mount of Ascension, and the throne of God "Where He ever liveth to make intercession for us." Another easy transition brought before those present the last great Harvest, the Consummation of the present Age, and the Happy Future of the true Christian. After the sermon, the Offertory and the Benediction, the hymn "God, the Father, whose Creation," was sung as a recessional. It is not saying too much to add that very many who had been prejudiced against Rev. Mr. Crawford by the bitter, unseemly attacks emanating from certain members of "The Church Persecution Company, (Limited?)," returned from the Harvest services with very different opinions.

Diocese of Huron.

London.

His Lordship the Bishop of Huron returned from his confirmation tour on Sunday the 10th, and officiated in St. George's Church, London West, Sunday morning, and in Christ's Church the same evening. On Monday he left for Montreal to attend the Board of Missions.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

At the harvest thanksgiving services at Christ Church, Sunday Oct. 11th. The interior of the edifice was neatly decorated with the produce of the earth in the shape of fruit and flowers grain and vegetable. At the evening service, the church could not hold the large numbers desirous of attending, many being turned away even after the aisles were crowded. His Lordship the Bishop of Huron preached, choosing the words, "How much owest thou unto my Lord"—Luke, 16th chap., part of 6th verse—as the subject for his discourse. He referred in glowing terms to the great harvest of this year, and asked to whom should we give the praise therefor. Was it to the hard, earnest labor of the husbandman, the sun or the rain? No. To the almighty and generous Lord we owed everything. And God has bestowed all these blessings on a nation that had many grumblers. While people were starving in distant Europe, our granaries were full, yet men here found fault because of "the dulness of trade." His Lordship said that the heathen, wherever found, recognized and returned thanks to some superior power for every benefit they received. The ancient Greeks worshipped their Apollo, and the Druids offered up their human sacrifices. "Yes," the rev. speaker went on, "if you want to find the most ungrateful of men you will have to go among our professing Christians." At the time of the terrible railway catastrophe at St. George, a clergyman of the London Diocese was on the scene. In ministering to the wants of the dying and injured, he came across a man who

had miraculously escaped death and who ascribed his escape to the fact that he had, just before the awful plunge, gone out of one car into another. Had he been a heathen, would he have been so basely ungrateful? Concluding, His Lordship said that for many things we should return our sincerest thanks to God. We had been mercifully spared from pestilence and famine, and surrounded with blessings innumerable. And above all, we should remember the best of all gifts we had ever received, the sacrifice made for our sins on Calvary, and give all praise to the Giver of every perfect gift.

Mrs. C. V. Keltie sang during the taking up of the evening offertory. In the morning Rev. W. T. Hill preached an able sermon. Rev. Canon Smith, the rector, assisted at both services. A very excellent sacred concert was given on Monday night in the church, which was crowded.

Byron.

A thanksgiving service was held in Byron on Sunday the 4th. The Rev. Canon Richardson preached and Rev. Mr. Diehl took the service. The congregation was large and the church presented a very nice appearance; suggestion of the bountiful harvest just gathered in.

Diocese of Algoma.

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Diocese of British Honduras.

From the British Honduras Churchman for October, just to hand, we glean the following particulars as to church work in that Diocese. The usual monthly meeting of the Standing Committee of the Diocese was held on Sept. 14th, when letters of condolence with the Diocese in its loss by the death of Bishop Holme were received and submitted from the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Metropolitan of the West Indies, Canons Bailey and Churton, England, and Rev. W. J. Oldfield, as also from the Church Committee of St. Michael and All Angels Mission, Nicaragua. A. Carter Esq., was unanimously elected Treasurer.

On the feast of St. Michael and All Angels a Harvest-Festival was held in St. John's Parish. The service was full choral evensong. On the evening following the Harvest Festival a flower service for the young of the Parish was held, when a right hearty service of song was rendered and addresses delivered by the Rev. F. R. Murray, Rector of St. Mary's, and by Messrs. Usher and Tucker, lay readers. The offertory amounted to nearly \$6. It was a very pleasing sight to see the twelve young maidens, representing their fellows, prettily dressed in white, come forward and give to the officiating Priest, their baskets full of the most beautiful flowers of all hues which was offered on the Altar and made it resplendent with God's beautiful bounty to man, the flowers of the earth.

A circular has been issued by Rev. Mr. Swaby, curate in charge of St. John's asking aid towards the entire renovation of St. John's Church, the oldest Anglican Church in Central America, as a memorial of the late Bishop Holme, who himself had been endeavoring to effect this renovation and to obtain funds therefor.