

Mr. Strachan Bethune, Q. C., seconded by the Dean of Montreal: the Committee beg to express to His Lordship their deep joy and gratitude at his presence among them to-day after a very serious illness through which he has passed, and at the same time to express their thankfulness to Almighty God for His gracious answer to the prayers of His Lordship's people throughout the diocese. The recovery of the treasurer, Mr. Charles Garth, who has been seriously indisposed, was kindly and feelingly referred to: also the death of the Rev. Canon Robinson and the Rev. H. Montgomery. The Rev. E. G. Sutton, of Edwardston, Chateauguay, asked to be superannuated. The Rev. Messrs. Roberts, Elliot, and Almon, resigned their several charges for work in other places. The Rev. Mr. Bourne, late of St. Andrew's, has accepted the rectorship of Durham. The site of a church for the River Desert village was discussed and referred to a sub-committee. The Synod adjourned until November, when 1894 grants will be arranged. There were present His Lordship Bishop Bond, in chair, the Dean, Archdeacons Lindsay and Evans, Norton, Loughurst, Naylor, Sanders, Renaud, Cunningham, Brown, Mills and Empson, and Messrs. S. Bethune, L. H. Davidson, W. W. L. Chipman, Robinson, Drake, Dr. Johnson, E. L. Bond, Richard White and Charles Garth.

Appointment.—The preferment of Rev. Lewis Norman Tucker, M.A., of St. George's Church, Montreal, to the rectorship of Christ Church, Vancouver, is announced.

ONTARIO.

ODESSA.—Our annual harvest festival was held here on Sept. 14th, and was a very happy day for us all. Matins was sung at 11 a.m. The sacrifice of thanksgiving was then offered—the celebrant being Rev. F. D. Woodcock, of Camden East, who preached a very stirring and patriotic sermon on our national privileges and their accompanying responsibilities. A goodly number "took the cup of Salvation and called upon the Name of the Lord," but not so many as last year, as quite a number of our communicants are away just now. At 4:30 p.m. there was a good congregation (largely made up of dissenters) for evensong. Rev. J. K. McMorine preached an earnest and helpful sermon on the duty and blessedness of praising God. At 6 p.m. there was a grand supper and concert in Jubilee Hall, which was kindly lent for the occasion by Dr. Booth. It would be hard to say whether the concert or supper was most appreciated by those present. The good Churchwomen of Odessa worked nobly and well for the latter, and in the former, our local talent was ably reinforced by our kind friends of Camden East, whose glees, etc., were very much enjoyed. Both the church and hall were decorated in the usual gladsome way, and services were very bright and hearty, being choral throughout. Indeed, we have a full choral even-song every Sunday now, and of course the fortnightly Eucharist is always choral. It is wonderful what an attraction the Church service has when there is plenty of music in it. Some of our separated brethren here call it popish, but they like it all the same. A little girl who came to our harvest evensong with her father, asked him afterwards why he had never taken her to the English Church before, and said she should never go to "the other church" any more after this. We heard nearly the same thing the other day at Hawley—an out-station about ten miles away—where we have a melodeon and other portable churchly furniture in the school house, and we sing the canticles, etc. A little girl who has been coming to our service there pretty often lately, now wants her mother (who is a stiff dissenter) to "join the English Church." "That is the Church," said she, "that I shall join when I am grown up." Thus the good seed is being sown in this very needy corner of the Lord's field—perhaps a good deal of it falls by the way-side, and some in very stony places, and among many thorns. But we must go on patiently sowing—looking out for the good ground—the virgin soil of child-like hearts—and praying the good Lord of the harvest to give us an abundant increase in His own good time, trusting in His own promise, "In due season ye shall reap of ye faint not."

The late Rev. H. Farrer.—A circular was sent to all the clergy of this diocese about six weeks ago, asking for a small contribution for the purpose of erecting a marble cross to mark the grave of this devoted missionary. Only twenty of the clergy have responded and the small amount of \$16 has been raised. If any more wish to subscribe to this pious object it is earnestly hoped that they will do so at once, as it is desired to have the matter completed before the frost sets in. Subscriptions may be sent to Rev. F. T. Dibb, Odessa.

The Rev. E. A. W. Hannington, of New Edinburgh, has begun the canvass of the eight eastern counties of the present diocese of Ontario for the purpose of

raising the Episcopal Endowment Fund for the new diocese, which will comprise these eight counties. The first parish that he visited was Pakenham, and with the most pleasing results—over seven hundred dollars being subscribed. Well done, Pakenham. If this example is followed up by the other parishes, the work will soon be an accomplished fact.

TORONTO.

A Brave Lad.—On August 16 last, while some young people were bathing in the blue waters of Lake Rosseau, Muskoka, a little girl, second daughter of Mr. John Akers, Jarvis street, got beyond her depth, and, after sinking twice, was most bravely and courageously rescued by George Allan Blachford, a lad of 12 years. The act was a noble one, and the boy is surely entitled to take his place in the grand number of those on whose breasts is seen that insignia of bravery, the medal of the Royal Humane Society of England. It is gratifying to learn that a very handsome gold watch has been presented to Master Blachford by Mr. Harry Goulding, uncle of the little maiden, in acknowledgment of his bravery.

EAST ORO.—A harvest festival was held at St. Marks, on September 22nd. The service was a bright and hearty one. The prayers were read by the Rev. J. Jones, R. D.; and Rev. J. E. Cooper, incumbent, preached the sermon—taking for his text Isaiah ix. 3: "They joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil." The church was most beautifully and tastefully decorated—fruit, flowers and vegetables were twined into graceful and beautiful wreaths by those whose loving thankful hearts thought time not wasted when spent in making the house of God beautiful. In the evening a tea and concert were given, which were very successful.

TECUMSETH.—Tuesday, September the 19th, was a day of general rejoicing in this parish, it being the day on which the annual harvest home thanksgiving services were held. The proceedings began with a bright and hearty service in Trinity church, Bond Head, at 2 p.m. On entering the church it was at once evident that much labour had been spent in beautifying the house of God with the productions of the soil. The Rev. Messrs. Carroll, B.A., of Alliston; Chilcott of Brantford, and Watt, of Mono Mills, were present and took part in the service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. C. Watt, taking for his text 1 Thess. v. 18. After the service an adjournment was made to the drill shed, where a sumptuous dinner was provided by the kind ladies of the parish. During the afternoon the Bond Head band added much to the enjoyment of those present by their choice renderings. In the evening a grand concert was held in the drill shed, when the capacious building was filled with an attentive audience. Miss Jessie Alexander, Toronto's renowned elocutionist, was present, and sustained her high reputation as a reciter. The singing of Mr. Sturrock, of Toronto, met with a hearty reception. From the frequent encores tendered to Misses Landerkin, Wallace, and Potter, of Tottenham, it was plain that their sweet singing delighted the audience. Mrs. Hearn, of Tottenham, presided at the piano in her usual happy manner. The Rev. Rural Dean Ball and his parishioners have much reason to be pleased at the success of their harvest home festival.

ELIZABETHVILLE.—The annual harvest thanksgiving services in connection with St. John's church, in the mission of Perrytown, will (D.V.) be held on Sunday, the 8th of October. On that day three services will be held in the church at the following hours, namely, 11 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m. The clergymen expected to officiate on the occasion are the Rev. W. C. Allen, Millbrook, and the Rev. E. Daniel, Port Hope. Collections will be taken up at all the services in aid of the funds of the parish.

PARKDALE.—The annual harvest thanksgiving services were held in this church, Sunday the 24th. The church was tastefully and appropriately decorated. Both matins and evensong were fully choral. At the morning service the Rev. F. W. Terry, B.A., of Merton College, Oxford, preached the sermon. He chose for his text St. Matthew xxii. 11-12. His discourse, which was an eminently practical one, was listened to throughout with marked attention. In the evening the Rev. H. P. Brazier occupied the pulpit. At both the services the church was crowded and the congregations joined heartily in the responses. Both Mr. Brazier and Mr. Terry leave this week for the scenes of their future labors, which are in the diocese of Saskatchewan and Calgary. The former gentleman will be stationed at Innisfil and the latter has been appointed to the mission at Red Deer, N.W.T.

St. Clement's.—Rev. John Osborne, the founder and rector of this church, in the east end, who recently returned to the city for a few days after a prolonged

absence in Southern California and the Sandwich Islands, preached in his church last Sunday morning and evening to large congregations. Mr. Osborne leaves immediately to spend a day or two with friends at Arnprior, and will then proceed to England, where he will spend a couple of months, at the end of which time he will return and take charge of St. Clement's. The rev. gentleman still suffers from the throat affection which first prompted his travels, but it is hoped that by the time he returns from England he will have thoroughly recovered. During Mr. Osborne's absence St. Clement's is in charge of Mr. S. A. Medill of Trinity College.

Mr. Bert Kennedy, banjo, guitar and mandolin teacher, has resumed his classes, after taking a graduating course at Detroit. He was formerly on the staff of the Toronto College of Music, Toronto.

COLLINGWOOD.—A very pleasant meeting of the rural-deaconal chapter of West Simcoe was held at the above named place on Tuesday and Wednesday, 26th and 27th September. Owing to the unavoidable absence of some of the clergy the meeting was small, still considerable business was done and much help obtained through the different subjects brought before the meeting. One very pleasant feature of the meeting was the presence of the Rev. R. W. Stewart, C.M.S., missionary in Collingwood, on Tuesday, the 26th, who gave such an admirable interesting account of his work in China, which was very much appreciated by both clergy and laity at a special service in All Saints' Church; and I might say that not any the less so was the address of Mrs. Stewart appreciated by the W. A. in the afternoon. May they have a blessing on their work.

NIAGARA.

MILTON.—Very successful harvest thanksgiving services were held in Grace church, Milton, on Tuesday, September 19th. The clergy present were the Rev. J. Seaman, of Lowville; R. F. Dixon, assistant priest, St. Matthew's church, Hamilton; A. J. Belt, rector of St. James' church, Guelph; J. Fletcher, incumbent of Omagh and Palermo, and the rector of the parish, Rev. P. T. Mignot, all of whom took part in the services. The Rev. R. F. Dixon preached in the morning an earnest sermon on Luke xii. 15, his subject being "The Blessings of Life." The church was beautifully and tastefully decorated with flowers and fruit. The singing was admirable. The choir, under the skilful management of Mr. Gollins, the choir master, performed their part well in leading the musical portion of the services. There was a good congregation in the morning, and more than half of them remained to show their thankfulness to Almighty God by partaking of the Blessed Feast that He has prepared for His servants in the Holy Eucharist. The rector was the celebrant, and he was assisted by the Rev. J. Seaman. In the evening there was a very large congregation, the church being filled. There was a musical service. The congregational singing and responding were very good. The Psalms and the anthem, "O Lord how manifold," by J. Barnaby, were sung very heartily by the choir. Two solos were introduced into the service—Adams' "Holy City," sung by Miss Alice Burrows; and Torrington's "Abide with me," sung by Miss Alice Klinger. These ladies, who are, we believe, members of St. James' Cathedral choir, Toronto, have beautiful voices and rendered their parts very effectively; but the writer would have liked to have seen the congregation stand during the singing of the solos as well as when the other parts of the service were sung. Miss Carter, of Milton, in the morning, and Mrs. Dowding, of Hamilton, in the evening, presided at the organ very creditably. The Rev. A. J. Belt preached an able sermon from the text Eph. iii. 16-18—his subject being "St. Paul's Prayer for Blessing." We are glad to see such marked signs of Church life and growth in Milton. Mr. Mignot is fortunate in succeeding so true and sound a Churchman as the Rev. W. J. Mackenzie, by whom a thorough solid foundation of Catholic truth has been laid, and Mr. Mignot is well qualified to carry on the good work to a successful issue. But we must remember that a Paul may plant, an Apollos may water, but God only can give the increase. Thank God, there are many signs of spiritual life and growth in the Church in Canada, not only in Milton but in many other places, and we trust the time is not far distant when Christ's Church, no longer weakened by the rivalry and jealousy of human societies, may take her rightful place, the first in the land. May God hasten that happy day.

HURON.

MEAFORD.—The Feast of Harvest.—On the very day of the full moon in September, the Feast of Tabernacles, many of our churches were keeping their harvest festival. On Sunday, Sept. 24th, the congregation of Christ church, Meaford, joined in this