

trations at Burials (See Synod Report 1891, page 39.) also exclude lay ministrations in the Churches of the Church of England? VI. It is open to any member of the Rural Deanery to bring forward any matter for consideration bearing upon the interests and the work of the Church.

St. James the Apostle.

The new addition to this Church was formally opened on Sunday last by special services, when the Church was crowded to the door, even the aisles being occupied with chairs, and many wishing accomodation being unable to get in. The musical portion of the service was well rendered by the large choir connected with the Church, under the direction of Mr. Harriss, the organist. The Lord Bishop of Huron preached both morning and evening, and at the afternoon service the Rev. John Ker, B. D., Rector of Grace Church.

St. Martin's.

Harvest Festival Services were held on Sunday last, the church being beautifully decorated and a fine musical service rendered. The Bishop Designate of Mackenzie River preached at evening Service. A special children's Service was held in the afternoon when the church was filled. The offering during the day towards liquidation of the debt on the church amounted to \$470, \$30 of which was raised by the children.

Lachine.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held in St. Stephens Church, Lachine, on Sunday, October 11th.

On the afternoon of the day before, a goodly number of willing workers met together to arrange the large quantity of flowers, fruit and vegetables, that had been so liberally supplied by the congregation.

A noticeable feature of the decorations was the abundance of sheaves of picked grain, arranged in the middle and at each side of the East window, in such a manner as to carry out the design of the beautiful reredos, which was decorated with sheaves of wheat and bunches of grapes.

At the back of the Holy Table was a large bunch of grapes interspersed with carefully selected ears of wheat. Four vases of beautiful cut flowers adorned the altar, while at its foot was placed a trough filled with flowers, reaching all across the front and terminated at each end by a pot of luxuriant maiden-hair ferns.

Perhaps nothing was more striking than the number of splendid hot-house plants, which completely filled up the open frame work at the entrance to the choir, the earthen pots being entirely hidden by evergreens and fruits.

The nave was not neglected. Windows, font, lamp-standards and posts were beautified, with flowers, grains and foliage so that at every turn a pleasing sight was presented to the eye.

The services were cheerful and hearty. The singing has much improved during the past year under the careful training of Mr. J. Campbell, organist of St. Martin's Church, Montreal. The psalms were chanted at Evensong when the church was crowded, chairs being brought from the Hall to accommodate the worshippers.

Thanksgiving sermons were preached both morning and evening by the Rector.

On Thursday evening the Regular Annual meeting of St. Stephen's Guild was held in the Church Hall, when the reports of the various chapters in operation were adopted, and the general officers for the coming year elected. The

reports were most satisfactory. The Guild has done much to advance the church's work in the parish. It is to be hoped that its influence may be extended during the coming year by the addition of other chapters. Efforts are being made to start C. E. T. S. work, a branch of the Women's Auxiliary, a chapter of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood, and a parish Reading room.

Dunham Ladies' College.

The friends of this Institution will be glad to learn that it is intended to re-open the College for boarders and pupils immediately after the New Year. The Rev. R. D. Mills, M. A., presently Rector of Cowansville, has accepted the position of Principal of the College, and from his experience and learning the success of the Institution ought to be assured. It is intended to provide board and tuition without advanced extras at about \$150.00 for the scholastic year; and it is proposed to give sound instruction and definite Church teaching besides supplying a refined Christian home for the pupils who may attend it. It is earnestly to be hoped that Churchmen throughout the Diocese of Montreal will now throw their active and energetic aid in favor of their own Diocesan Ladies College, and make it what it ought to be under proper management, the centre for the education of girls in the Diocese of Montreal.

A circular asking the attention of the clergy to the intended opening of the College has been issued by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

Diocese of Ontario.

The Lord Bishop of the diocese is expected back early in November, and will, it is expected, immediately commence a Confirmation visitation.

The Rev. E. A. W. Hanington, of St. Bartholomew's, Ottawa, sailed from England on the 9th inst., much improved in health, it is believed. He will be heartily welcomed, as he was greatly missed during the past three months.

Diocese of Huron.

Ailsa Craig.

The Rev. Merton Shore and wife have lately returned from a four months visit to the old country and much benefitted in health. A Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held in the church a few days ago. As is always the case here when the Rev. W. J. Taylor of St. Marys (who was the preacher) comes, the church was crowded, though the weather was unpropitious. The building was tastefully decorated, under the supervision of Mrs. Shore, and the whole service was a hearty one.

Ingersoll.

A Harvest Thanksgiving service was held in St. James' Church on the 20th ult. The church was neatly decorated with fruit, flowers and grain. The Rev. W. E. Hughes of Wingham preached an appropriate sermon. The congregations were large and the service throughout most interesting. Rev. J. H. Moorehouse, Rector, is a successful and faithful pastor.

Amherstburg.

Christ's Church had a narrow escape from total destruction on the 24th. A little after 10 P. M. fire was discovered in a lamp room under the stairway. The fire company was quickly on the scene and by earnest work succeeded in extinguishing the flames before very serious damage

was done. The cause of the fire is unknown, but a bad feeling exists in the town and suspicions are pointing towards an incendiary.

The Bishop is to officiate at Riply on Sunday the 25. He will (D. V.) open the new church in Kingsville Nov. 1st, Co. Essex.

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A service of praise was held last evening in connection with the usual week day service at the Memorial Church. The prayers and lessons were read by Rev. Canon Richardson and Rev. Wm. Shortt, and an address on the subject of "Praise," was delivered by Rev. Canon Davis, of South London. His remarks were eminently appropriate and earnestly delivered. Mr. Harry Pudicombe, the organist of the church, conducted the musical exercises, which were excellent in every respect. There was a full attendance of choir and boys, and the harmony and tone was very good throughout. The service opened with the singing of the rooth Psalm. The Canticles were sung to select services. The anthem "I Will Sing of Thy Power," with solo by Mr. H. C. Simpson, was very heartily rendered. During the offertory Miss Lillywhite sang very sweetly a sacred selection. After the sermon the whole choir sung with much effect, "Hark the Sound of Holy Voices." The entire service was very successful.

The Guild of St. John the Evangelist Church held their annual meeting on the evening of the 8th inst. The attendance was large. The rector, the Rev. W. T. Hill, brought before the meeting a proposal for placing the Guild upon a different footing, viz., that this Society in future would apply to all parish organizations, each separate organization being regarded as a chapter of the Guild with its own particular work. A further proposition was made that entertainments of all kinds be dispensed with as a means of raising money for church purposes, as a systematic and voluntary giving was more in accordance with the teaching of the Bible and the spirit of Christianity. After a full consideration of these questions a motion was put in accordance with both and fully agreed to. Hence in the future this parish will be freed from all such questionable ways of raising money and come down to first principles. This branch of the general Guild in future will be styled "The Women's Church Aid," with the following officers duly elected:— Rev. W. T. Hill, President; Mrs. Complin and Mrs. Shanly, Vice-President; Miss Zimmerman, Treasurer; Miss G. Imlach, Secretary. Com.

Hyde Parke.

On Sunday the 11th the Rev. Canon Davis preached a thanksgiving sermon in the church of the Hosannah. The neat little edifice was tastefully decorated with fruit, flowers, &c. The congregation was very large so much so that all could not get seats. The offerings presented amounted to \$52. The Rev. Mr. Diehl, the Incumbent took the service and is doing a good work throughout the mission.

Blenheim.

The annual harvest thanksgiving service was held in Trinity Church, Blenheim, on Thursday evening 24th ult. The church was very tastily decorated with green fruits, vegetables and flowers. The Rev. Rural Dean Wade of Woodstock, preached a most impressive sermon to a large congregation. The singing on the occasion was exceptionally good. When the offertory was being taken up, Miss Beling of Windsor, sang a solo "Consider the Lilies," with good effect. Mr. A. N. Bell also filled his position as organist in a very able manner. The offertory was in aid of the building fund.

Diocese of Algoma.

The Bishop of Algoma requests that his correspondents will address him, until further notice, at "The Arlington," Toronto.