

thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High." Bishop Lewis pronounced the benediction.

After the service in the Church, the members of the Synod attended a Social given by the ladies of the congregation. Songs were sung by the Rev. E. P. Crawford and Gorman, and Mrs. Deacon, and piano solos were given by Miss Sutherland and Miss Booth. A very pleasant evening was spent, and before its termination a hearty vote of thanks, was tendered to the ladies.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

EAST YORK.—The quarterly meeting of the Clergy of the Rural Deanery of East York, held at Port Perry on the 11th and 12th instant was one of the most pleasant and profitable, and the attendance was the largest held for years. The clergy present were the Rev. Rural Dean Fletcher, M.A., of Unionville; J. Cary, D. D., Port Perry; J. Middleton, B.A., Oshawa; J. Davidson, M.A., Uxbridge; J. Vicars, R.A., Cannington; James H. Harris, Brooklin; A. Hart, Markham; F. J. Lynch, Sunderland, and J. Creighton, B.D., as a visitor. The regular business meeting was preceded by evening service at the Church of the Ascension on the 11th, and early Communion on the 12th. There was a large congregation and hearty service in the evening, and a very goodly number of communicants the next morning, though the weather was not favorable. Two hours of the morning session were spent in reading and considering the appointed portion of Holy Scripture—Hosea the first three chapters. In this exercise the thorough scholarship of Dr. Carey proved of great help to the junior members. Afterward arrangements were made for holding the annual Missionary meetings in the various parishes. An essay, read at the afternoon session by the Rev. J. Davidson, on the appointed subject, "Special Forms of Missionary Effort suitable to our Deanery," was a thoughtful, carefully prepared paper, full of practical suggestions. He laid greatest stress on the necessity of the Church reverting to the practice, sanctioned by her Founder, of associating two or more clergy in the work of each mission, for the sake of mutual sympathy, counsel and encouragement; for as "iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." The members of the Chapter, while expressing concurrence in this view, did not find how to put it into operation. Besides lack of means, there is a great scarcity of men offering for work in country parishes and missions; the younger clergy evidently preferring to work in the cities and towns; hence older clergy are often compelled to remain unaided in the charge of large districts, for the thorough working of which they are physically unable. The most feasible plan for extending the ministrations of the Church in this Deanery seems to be the more general and systematic employment of Divinity students and lay readers, under the supervision of the clergy in charge. It was thought that this might be done without entailing any large additional charge upon the Mission Fund.

After discussing various topics of interest to the Deanery this most pleasant and profitable meeting was brought to a close. The visiting clergy were most hospitably entertained by the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Carry and members of the Church at Port Perry.

GRAFTON.—The Lord Bishop of Toronto consecrated the new chancel of St. George's Church, on Sunday the 23rd inst. At 11 a.m., after robing in the vestry, the Bishop, the Venerable Archdeacon of Peterborough, who is Rector of the Parish; the Rev. Dr. Bethune, Head Master of Trinity College School, Port Hope, and the curate of the parish, proceeded to the Church door, where the request to consecrate was read. Then commenced the service

of consecration, the Bishop and clergy reading alternately the 24th Psalm, as they moved up the centre aisle and took their places in the chancel. After the sentence of consecration had been signed, Morning service to the end of the Third Collect was taken by the curate. The Bishop celebrated the Holy Communion and preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion, at the close of which his Lordship congratulated the congregation in their possession of the new chancel, and pointed out the analogy which the chancels of Christian churches bear to the Holy of Holies in the ancient Church of God.

A large number of communicants partook of the Holy Eucharist.

In the evening the Rev. Dr. Bethune preached, and it is much to be regretted that many were prevented from being present owing to the unfavorable change of weather which set in early in the afternoon. Both services were bright and hearty. Much credit is due to the organist, Miss Drake, and to the members of the choir for their faithful rendering of the canticles and hymns.

The new chancel, which has been erected by the Ven. Arch. Wilson, in memory of his wife and daughter, is a very important addition to the church. It is 18 feet deep by 16 feet wide, with room to organ chamber and vestry. The choir is raised one step above the nave, and is provided with sittings for about twelve. The Sanctuary is elevated two steps above the choir. The floors and steps of both are covered with a carpet of neat ecclesiastical design. A want hitherto unsupplied is provided by a small credence niche in the south wall. The east end contains a handsome memorial window, erected by Mrs. Vernon, of Peterborough, a former parishioner, to the memory of her late husband, Charles Henry Vernon, Esq., who for many years was churchwarden. This window, executed by the well known firm of Spence & Sons, of Montreal, is divided into three sections. The centre contains a parcel representing the Saviour blessing little children, with sacred monograms above and below. The side sections contain emblems of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Communion—represented by a font with dove descending upon the water, and chalice with ears of wheat and clusters of grapes,—in north and south sections respectively. The spaces, at opening of the arches, are filled in with angel heads, silent witnesses of the worship offered to Almighty God in His Church on earth. The effect of the whole is very pleasing and is much admired. The altar has been remodelled and the expenses of enlarging it, and of providing an altar-cloth has been generously met by Mrs. (Dr.) Halliday of Peterborough, also a former parishioner. The beautiful work on the cloth itself is a labour of love, by the same deft hands, who, two years ago, did a like service for the new church at Centreton. To these good ladies, Miss Barnum, the Misses Cameron and Miss Drake the church is now in possession of an altar-cloth which will compare favorably with many to be found in well appointed city churches. The altar linen too, which has been in use for upwards of 40 years, has undergone a transformation at the hands of Miss Drake and her sister, Miss Lizzie Drake, rendering it more chaste and becoming for the sacred purpose for which it is required. A handsome lamp has recently been suspended in the chancel. This is the gift of Mrs. Clitheroe, of Grafton.

While these improvements were being brought about, a gallery at the west end of the nave, no longer required, was removed, seats arranged giving centre and side aisles, a roomy vestibule and better heating arrangements provided.

TORONTO.—The C. E. W. M. S. of Canada.—The Annual Meeting of this Society will be held in St. George's School-room, Toronto, on Monday before Advent (Nov. 21), at 8 o'clock. All members and men and women associates,

are requested to attend and to bring their friends.

The Corporate Communion will take place at St. Albans Cathedral, on the 3rd Monday in Advent (Dec. 11), after the eleven o'clock service; preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

St. Alban's Cathedral.—On Tuesday evening, October 18th, was held the first meeting of the Cathedral Branch of the Church of England Working Men's Society of Canada; the room was well filled. Brother Lancelot Band, President of the Branch, was in the chair. After the Rev. J. G. Lewis, Chaplain, had said the office, His Lordship the Bishop gave a most interesting lecture upon early Christianity in England down to the consolidation of the Church under Theodore. Capt. Pocock, R.N., the President, spoke to the brethren upon the solemnity of the Promise they had made in the name of the Blessed Trinity; that there were two principle ways of "Spreading Church principles, on the basis of the Book of Common Prayer." First, by living the life of the Church, letting their light shine before men by personal holiness, training their own children, in the family life and in the world; and secondly, by study of the Holy Scriptures, Church, doctrine, and history, so as to be able to give a reason for their Faith. They as Churchmen had a double witness to bear against Roman Catholicism on the one hand, and against Protestant error on the other. Brother Doyle, Vice-President, then addressed the Branch upon general subjects connected with the Society which they had just joined, after which an hour was pleasantly spent; tea, coffee, and other refreshments, with songs and recitations; besides the above officers of the Supreme Council, there were present Brothers Andrews, V.P., and Jose, Secretary; also Bro. Redway, Ex. Com., St. Stephens Branch. At a meeting of this Branch held on October 19, Brother Thos. Andrews was elected President; Capt. Pocock, N.N., Vice-President; Douglas Sutton, Secretary; Bro. Fox, Treasurer; Rev. C. B. Konrich, Chaplain *ex officio*. The immediate work of the Branch being to assist in the Mission being held in the Parish, all other business was postponed.

St. Matthias.—The Mission at St. Matthias' Church, Bellwoods avenue, is being conducted by two clergymen from Boston, Mass., Rev. A. C. A. Hall and Rev. H. M. Torbert, who are members of a widely spread and intensely evangelical brotherhood—the Society of St. John the Evangelist. Rev. Father Hall, the senior priest at the St. Matthias' Mission, who is also the Superior of the order in America, conducted a very successful "retreat" in the Trinity College School, Port Hope, during last July; while Rev. Father Maturin, a zealous "Cowley Brother," preached to a large congregation in Holy Trinity about seven years ago.

The Mission services at St. Matthias' were begun on the 21st ult., and have grown in interest and attendance steadily, the great mass of the people gathering at the evening services, when Father Hall delivers some excellent discourses on the vital necessity of repentance. On week days there are seven services, which include five "instructions," when one or other of the devoted priests addresses the congregation on some essential of true religion. On Sunday 23rd ult., at 3:30 p.m., addresses were delivered to boys only, and at 4:30 p.m. Father Hall preached to men on "Skepticism." On Saturday evening, 29th inst., at 8 o'clock a special service was conducted for "young women." The Mission will continue until November 3rd, and the parochial clergy confidently expect that much good wheat will be garnered as a result of this faithful and conscientious sowing.

St. James' Cathedral.—The Young Men's Association has been reorganized for the season, the following officers being elected:—Patron, Rev. Canon Damoulin; Hon. President, Rev.