

dar of the Book of Common Prayer." A discussion followed, in which the Rev. W. S. Isherwood (Wellingtonborough), the Rev. H. C. Williams (St. Chad's, Haggerston), Mr. Athelstan Riley, Mr. W. Antrobus Luning and others took part. The chairman said that they had hoped for the pleasure of welcoming at that meeting their friend Dr. Hicks, the Bishop-elect of Bloemfontein, who was a vice-president of the society, and it had been their intention to present him with a set of Eucharistic vestments. They would all of them regret that the Bishop-elect was unavoidably prevented from being present, having to attend a meeting at Leicester the same evening in aid of his future diocese. The Bishop-elect, in a brief letter, expressed his thanks for the generous sympathy which the society was manifesting in behalf of his work. The vestments were on view and were of white silk. A cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Warren and the chairman terminated the meeting.

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

QUEBEC.

The Bishop-Elect.—Word has been received from the Rev. Andrew Hunter Dunn, vicar of All Saints, South Acton W., London, England, stating that he has made arrangements to sail from Liverpool on Sept. 1st by the Allan "S. S. Parisian," and expects to reach Quebec on the 9th or 10th. The consecration will, it is expected, take place in the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Quebec, on Sunday, Sept. 10th. On the following day the new bishop, together with the other bishops who may be here to take part in the consecration service, will leave for Montreal to attend the triennial meeting of the Provincial Synod.

Honours.—At the 44th commemoration of the restoration of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, held on the 28th and 29th June, before giving the toast, Floreat Domus, the warden, Rev. Canon G. F. Maclear, D.D., read telegrams from Augustinians in Canada and Newfoundland. He also announced the Honorary Fellowships had been conferred on the Metropolitan of Canada, the most Rev. Dr. Medley, Bishop of Fredericton, the Bishops of Guiana, Cape Town, Calcutta and Central Africa, as also on the Rev. Dr. F. J. B. Allnatt, Professor of Divinity in Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Quebec, the Rev. Dr. Pilot, of St. Johns, Newfoundland, and several others. Among the distinguished company present at the commemoration was the Rev. A. H. Dunn, Bishop Elect of Quebec.

MONTREAL.

PORTLAND.—On Wednesday the 13th, the Ladies' Guild of Christ Church held their annual meeting. About thirty partook of the Holy Communion, the congregation afterwards adjourning to the hall, where they held their meeting and partook of light refreshments. The report was very encouraging, showing that over \$40.00 had been collected in fees and a goodly number of articles are in readiness for a bazaar to take place shortly (D.V.) in aid of the parsonage fund. This mission scattered among the mountains north of Buckingham and twenty miles from the capital, though little known, is steadily progressing. During the past two years, under the care of Rev. W. T. King, a church shed has been built, a piece of ground procured and a parsonage is now in course of erection thereon. A new church has also been built at Blanche Lake, 7 miles away, the work of a loving and devoted people, though only a small community of farmers on a small scale, and some of them only beginners. They have accomplished this with little or no outside help, and set a good example to many congregations in more favourable circumstances. There is a good and growing congregation, but the great drawback has been the lack of a parsonage, and this because unable to provide one. This will be obviated when the building is completed, which will take about two hundred dollars more; this will afford permanent residence and opportunity for good permanent work in building up both the congregation and individual souls in spiritual life. The people are doing their best and are worthy of every encouragement.

ONTARIO.

The Bishop of Ontario held a confirmation in Holy Trinity Church, Williamsburg, on the morning of Wednesday, the 20th of July; the rector of the parish, Rev. M. G. Poole, presented the candidates, thirty-one young people, and one adult, making in all thirty-two persons who received the Apostolic rite of laying on of hands. The Rev. G. Anderson assisted in the services, carrying the pastoral staff. The following day His Lordship confirmed the same number of candidates at St. David's Church, Wales,

when the Rev. G. V. Rollin presented the candidates, and the Rev. M. G. Poole carried the pastoral staff, and assisted in the services. The weather was very fine and the churches were crowded, and at both places the bishop delivered most able and earnest addresses, appealing to the hearts of the young soldiers of Christ.

KINGSTON.—The mission of Stafford, vacant since the removal of the Rev. Mr. Smitheman, has been visited by Rural Dean Bliss, with the result that for the future it will be entirely self-supporting. The report received by the bishop gives great satisfaction, and the example set by the faithful laity of Stafford will no doubt stimulate other parishes similarly circumstanced to go and do likewise. Three services were held on a Sunday by the rural dean, very large congregations being present, and on the following day a business meeting of the congregation was held in each church, at which many families were represented. The previous determination of many in each congregation not to sign until they knew who was to be sent, did not manifest itself at all, every churchman, and several churchwomen present, signing the new list for larger amounts than ever before offered in the mission, one large-hearted old gentleman heading the list with twenty dollars, a thing unheard of in the annals of the Church in Stafford, where the average yearly subscription heretofore has never exceeded six dollars. The list now reported shows many names at fifteen, twelve and ten dollars. Some sixty families were not represented at the meetings, and on each of these the Rural Dean called, accompanied by one of the wardens, with the result that at the end of the work the amount was reached which promoted Stafford to the rank of a self-supporting parish. Thus has Rural Dean Bliss exemplified the working of his scheme for the improvement of the condition of the missionary clergy, as proposed and carried at the recent session of synod. The result certainly goes far to justify his contention that the sufferings of the clergy from the inadequacy of their support are capable of alleviation, if not of entire removal, by the active labours of those on whom devolves the responsibility of seeing that their brethren do not suffer from insufficiency of income. In the Renfrew Deanery six missions have been thus visited by the Rural Dean. In five of them the missionaries are now benefiting from an increase of over fifty per cent. to their incomes, and the sixth, Stafford, has relieved the mission fund of a yearly drain of \$150 or more, and increased its subscription list from a trifle over three hundred to very nearly eight hundred dollars. Figures soon run up, and when it is observed that the increase alone in these six parishes amounts annually to \$1,389, and that the six clergy in charge of the same are benefited to that extent, the practical side of Rural Dean Bliss' scheme is apparent to all. He has worked out almost every detail of the scheme in his own deanery, so the contention of some that it was impracticable loses all force. If workable in one deanery, it is not too much to expect it could be worked in another, and clergy who may be enduring great discouragement as a consequence of insufficient support cannot do better than call upon their Rural Dean to visit them without delay, as indeed he is required to do by the recent resolution passed in synod. Not only will their stipends be increased, but in some instances, like the present, benefit will accrue to the mission fund, where it is sadly needed. Well done, churchmen and churchwomen of Stafford; the diocese greets thee, and thou art promoted in honour. Look well to thy laurels.

SHANNONVILLE.—On Thursday, 7th July, the Lord Bishop of Ontario visited the parish to administer the rite of confirmation to a class of 18, including one young lady, a convert from Methodism, and two married men. The village had the day before been startled to its very foundation by the sudden death of the wife of the churchwarden, but though sadness reigned in all hearts, yet the church was well attended by all denominations. The hymn, "We love the place, O God," 242 A. and M., was sung as the clergy entered the church: Rev. D. F. Bogart, Rural Dean Stanton, Rev. G. A. Anderson, Rev. T. Godden, rector Rev. F. Powell, who carried the Bishop's staff. Then the Lord Bishop. The Bishop's address was remarked by all present as beautiful, full of sympathy for the bereaved, and good advice for those about to be and also for those who had previously been confirmed. One new feature was observed, the rector walked in front of the candidates and received the Holy Communion with the newly confirmed. Everything about the service was thoroughly churchly. The young girls with white caps, showed that they had been taught that no women should appear with their heads uncovered. Such a service cannot soon be forgotten, all agreeing that it was the finest that has ever been in the parish.

BALDERSON.—It is encouraging to hear of such zeal for the continuity of the Church of England as

is prompting the use of our own sequence of colours. Perhaps in time there will be zeal for the continuity of the Church's life within the many who do not know enough to appreciate plain matins. There is great need for men trained to preach repentance, who will go out and take the work now carried on by Methodist and other revival preachers. It is wrong to denounce these men altogether. They try to serve people who are unfit for surplices and stoles, chants and psalms. If they preach false doctrine, the result must be laid to our charge, who stand by stiff and stark with correct theology. It is cruel to laugh at the unfortunates. Why not step out and do the same work with as much earnestness but more knowledge? Why keep sending priests to ask men to come to church who don't know the first principles? In consequence many are not gained who would soon take hearty part in informal services, and gradually become subdued even so far as to be experts upon the proper colours and Gregorian chants. If it was necessary for St. John, clothed in camel's hair, to prepare the way for the Church, it is equally necessary for some to prepare the way for the priests by plain and ready preaching. Can we not get and train men to do this heavy fighting? The wrestling would not be unworthy of our best athletes.

TORONTO.

NEWMARKET.—*Choral Union.*—A very successful meeting of the choirs belonging to the Church of England in the Deanery of W. York was held at St. Paul's Church, Newmarket, on Thursday, July 14th. Choristers were in attendance from Aurora, Oak Ridges, King, Vaughan, Lloydstown, Holland Landing, Sharon, Bradford and Coulson's, beside the choir of St. Paul's. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 11 a.m. by the Rural Dean, Canon Farncombe, assisted by Rev. C. R. Bell, Mus. Bach. A large number of the members of different choirs received the Eucharist. The hymns, responses, &c., were sung in a manner that would have done credit to a well trained city choir. The convention was called to order by the Rural Dean at 2 p.m. After the opening prayers, a number of questions dealing with important phases of church music were handed in and fully discussed. Then followed an excellent address by Rev. G. F. Plummer in advocacy of choral services where practicable. The service in the evening at 7.30 was fully choral, being sung by Rev. F. Heathcote. The lessons were read by Rev. E. C. Trenholme, B.A., lately appointed incumbent of Holland Landing, &c. An eloquent sermon on the text "They sung a new song" (Rev. v. 9), was preached by Rev. R. J. Moore, M.A., of St. Margaret's, Toronto, who spoke, among other topics, of the full development of earthly gifts, as music, painting, &c., in the world to come. The choir in the evening numbered about 75 voices. Those who took part are to be congratulated on the excellent rendering of every part of the different services. The hymns used were the same as those supplied for the synod services. The anthem was unusually bright, Miss V. V. Miller singing the solo in a beautiful manner, accompanied by a harmony of selected voices, and full chorus by the choir. Too much praise cannot be given to Mr. Plummer for the pains taken in the training of so many singers. He was heartily congratulated on all sides on having accomplished so much in making this second choral festival of the W. York Deanery so complete a success. Mr. Plummer acted as organist, giving by request a short organ recital after the evening service; and was ably assisted by Miss Perkins. Besides the clergymen mentioned Messrs. Mussen, Greer and Sibbald also attended. The visitors showed a lively appreciation of the generous hospitality of the congregation of St. Paul's, who gave their guests both a cordial welcome and an excellent dinner and tea in the school-house. A meeting of the chapter of the Deanery was held, and it was decided to have a Sunday school convention at Aurora, Oct. 18th.

HOLLAND LANDING MISSION.—The parishioners of Christ Church have given a cordial reception to their new clergyman, Rev. E. C. Trenholme, B.A., who officiated for the first time on Sunday, July 17th. The vestry of this church showed some time ago a strong disinclination to be separated from Newmarket, but the new arrangement, by which Holland Landing, Sharon and Mount Albert congregations are now united, promises good results for all concerned. Mr. Trenholme is a graduate in Arts of McGill College, Montreal, where he distinguished himself in natural science, and has since won high honours during his divinity course at Trinity College, Toronto. The Sunday services at Holland Landing are held at 11 o'clock in the morning; Mount Albert at 8.20 p.m., and St. James', Sharon, at 7 p.m.

Messrs. J. E. Ellis & Co., the well-known King St. jewellers, Toronto, have just finished a sterling silver tea service and tray, which is to be presented to

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