

sor Clark. Already there have been preached one on "Reason and Faith," another on "Reason and Revelation," and a third on "Reason and Doctrine." The same gentleman also takes charge of the Friday evening Service at St. George's, and gives expositions on New Testament subjects.

A concert in aid of the piano fund was held on the 1st Nov. Among the performers were Messrs. W. Ross, H. Jacobsen, J. F. Thomson, C. W. Davis, and Messrs. Morgan & McCutchen. The attendance was large. The next plan to raise funds for the piano is to hold an Amateur Art Exhibition.

GRAFTON.—The annual missionary meeting of this parish was held in St. George's Church on Wednesday evening the 24th, the venerable Archdeacon Wilson, the Rector presiding. The meeting opened with the singing of "The Church's One Foundation" and a few appropriate prayers. The Rector then in a few earnest words explained the object of the meeting and introduced as first speaker the Rev. Mr. Roy, D. C. L., of Cobourg, who delivered an earnest and impressive address, setting forth the necessity of united action in the mission work of the Church. The next speaker was the Rev. W. F. Campbell, B. A., the newly appointed missionary agent of the Diocese. Mr. Campbell ably and eloquently set forth the duty of all Churchmen to aid in extending the ministrations of the Church amongst the heathen in foreign countries and also among the poor destitute settlers of our own country. He dwelt at considerable length upon the work of the two great Missionary Societies in England, the S. P. C. K. and the S. P. G., and pointed out that the income of those two great Church Societies had exceeded the united incomes of all other Protestant Missionary Societies to the extent of \$44,000. The addresses were listened to with profound attention, and a most favourable impression made upon the minds of the congregation, as evinced by the collection, which was double that of last year. Indeed we feel that this old Parish, which has so long exhibited a deep interest in mission work, was greatly benefitted by a visit from the agent of the Missionary Society of the Diocese, who seems to be eminently fitted for his duties; and we heartily wish that his efforts may be abundantly blessed by a large increase to the funds of the Society. After the meeting several prominent members of the congregation were invited to meet the clergy at the Rectory, where a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent.

ITEMS.—The Rite of Confirmation was administered at the mission of Woodbridge on November 4th.

At the Thanksgiving Services held in St. Bartholomew's Church, Toronto, the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. P. Lewis, of Grace Church. His text was Rev. xxi., 5: "I make all things new." The Church was very prettily decorated with flowers, berries, fruits, grain, and autumn leaves. The Service was fully choral.

A very successful temperance entertainment took place at St. Luke's Ashburnham, on the 15th inst. Over 200 persons were present, and several new members joined.

All Saints' Church, Kings, was recently opened after undergoing extensive repairs and alterations.

The corporation of Trinity College has purchased a block of land adjoining the College for \$10,500.

The Rev. P. Tocque takes occasional services at the Asylum and Central Prison.

There is to be an entertainment at All Saints' School House, Toronto, on the 7th of November. A committee has made arrangements for holding these fortnightly during the winter.

All Saints' Day will be observed at St. Johns, Peterboro, as the Anniversary of the re-opening and restoration of the Church. Twenty clergy are expected from all parts of the Diocese.

St. Lukes' Church, Toronto, has a weekly deficit of \$29, the offertory which should be \$80 weekly only amounts to \$51. The total debt on the Church is \$12,700.

DIocese OF HURON.

THE Episcopal Election, which was held on the 17th of October, has resulted in the choice of Very Rev. Maurice S. Baldwin, D. D., Dean of Montreal, as the third Bishop of Huron. Dean Baldwin is popular in Montreal both as a preacher and as a bold worker in his Parish. In coming to the Diocese of Huron, he has a wide field in which to exercise his office, and a splendid opportunity to do a good work for the Church and its Divine Head. The Diocese of Huron has ceased to be the preserve of one party in the Church, and the various schools of thought are represented here as well as elsewhere. As the Bishop of the Diocese, he will be cordially welcomed by all shades of opinion, and if he proves, as we have every reason to suppose he will prove, himself to be a friend and a sympathizer with men of all parties, he will have a useful and prosperous episcopate. The following letter of acceptance has been received by Dean Boomer:—

THE RECTORY, MONTREAL, Oct. 22, 1883.
To the Very Rev. Dean Boomer, Chairman of the Synod of the Diocese of Huron:

Very Reverend and Dear Sir,—I have just received your official communication announcing my election by the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Huron to the vacant Bishopric. Please convey to the members of your Synod my deep sense of the high honour they have conferred upon me by making me the object of their choice. I fully recognize the Divine Headship of the Lord Jesus Christ; I believe that I see in the action of your Synod the result of His sovereign will. I should have felt compelled to decline so exalted an honor, or to occupy a position so fraught with innumerable trials and anxieties as that to which in His Providence I have now been called. In his name alone I, therefore, accept, believing that as He has called, His grace will be sufficient for all my need, and that the wants of the Diocese, vast as they are, will be fully supplied out of His inexhaustible fulness.

I am supported, too, by the hope that in the discharge of the various duties of my most responsible office I shall be sustained by the general sympathy and fervent prayers of the Diocese, on whose hearty co-operation and effectual good-will I trust I can implicitly depend.

Again, repeating my high sense of the honor done me, I remain, dear Mr. Dean, yours most sincerely,

MAURICE S. BALDWIN.

ANOTHER of the senior clergy of this Diocese has passed away in the person of Rev. J. Kennedy, Rector of Adelaide. He was one of the original Commuted clergy, and was known as a hard worker, and a faithful pastor.

REV. Mark Thrubull has been appointed to the Mission of Kirkton in place of Rev. E. N. English now Principal of the Hellmuth Ladies College.

THERE are a number of vacant missions in this Diocese at present, and the coming Bishop will need men with which to supply them.

DIocese OF ONTARIO.

CARRYING PLACE.—*Harvest Thanksgiving*—The Annual Thanksgiving Service, which is now a recognized institution in this Parish (Ameliasburg) took place on the 19th October. The Church was, as usual, very prettily decorated, a description of the design of decoration may be briefly given as the absence of all design, which is on these occasions the most pleasing to the eye, especially when associated with a great abundance and variety of natural productions. Advantage was taken of the Morning and Evening Services following to deepen the special lesson of the festival. By particular request, the Service was again repeated on the evening of Tuesday, 23rd; on each occasion the congregation, though not large, was more numerous than expected, in view of the

changeableness of the weather. The most pleasing feature of these Services is a manifest increase of serious attention conveniently evidenced in the yearly increase of the offerings. In this Province, the custom pretty generally prevails, of each clergyman selecting and setting apart for Thanksgiving the day which seems to be the most convenient to himself. This is one result of Sectarian disorder. The proclamation of a day of *General* Thanksgiving by the Government begins to look in consequence somewhat absurd, especially so is it in view of its own carefully worded preamble its church spoliation bill, commonly called the "Clergy Reserves Act," in which we are informed that, "Whereas, it is desirable to put an end to all semblance of connection between Church and State, etc., etc." How much more solemn, impressive, and effective would be the influence of the teaching of the day, if every voice in the Dominion was raised unitedly to heaven in one common confession, petition and thanksgiving. In view of this state of disorder ought not the Church of the Dominion to point out the better way by issuing its mandate through its Metropolitan to all the members to observe the day to be appointed by united counsel?

THE election of the Venerable the Dean of Montreal, by the Synod of the Diocese of Huron to the Bishopric of that Diocese is regarded at Ottawa as a judicious one for Huron, and so far as your correspondent has heard, the choice has awakened a general note of approval. The Bishop-elect is scholarly, a fine preacher, is possessed of great earnestness, and will, I trust, prove a wise administrator.

SUNDAY, the 21st of October, being the day appointed in England for intercession for the Church Sunday Schools, was duly observed at the Capital. The children of the various Sunday Schools, both city and suburban, met at their respective school rooms or churches at 2.30 p. m., and with their superintendents, teachers, and librarians, and also most of the clergy, marched thence in procession to the Church of St. John the Evangelist. The Bishop of Ontario and the Archdeacon of Ottawa walked with the Christ Church Sunday School. At three o'clock, the hour named for the service, the Church was crowded to excess, many of the boys having to stand throughout the entire service. The following Sunday Schools were in attendance, viz:—Christ Church, St. John the Evangelist, St. Alban the Martyr, St. Bartholomew's, St. Pauls', and Trinity of Archville. The Rev. H. Pollard said the Litany Service after which addresses were delivered. The Rev. J. J. Bogert spoke to the infantile minds, the Rev. W. J. Muckleston to the grown up boys and girls, followed by the Archdeacon, and the Bishop who spoke of Sunday Schools and their work generally. The remarks of Mr. Muckleston were highly appropriate to the occasion and seemed to impress the children very deeply. Appropriate intercessory prayers were used. The offertory was in aid of the library of the Sunday School at Green's Creek.

Mr. R. J. Wicksteed, D. C. L., of Ottawa, has been giving a series of lectures with stereoptican illustrations through the medium of a most powerful lantern using the Oxy-Hydrocalcium light, in aid of Church work in several missions in the county of Renfrew, including Arnprior, Beachburg, Rockingham and Combermere. The lectures were of a highly instructive character and were also a rare instance of the aid science lends art to achieve its triumphs. Dr. Wicksteed defrayed his own expenses and spared neither money nor pains to provide himself with the best apparatus to make his lectures worthy of public patronage. They gave much instruction, as well as pleasure to the congregation he visited and at the same time aided them in their Church work. The lamp used in the lantern is the latest London patent and was imported expressly by Dr. Wicksteed.

On Sunday morning, the 21st of October, at