

a famous Mission preacher, and must be a mighty power for good in any community. His strong appeal on women's behalf will gain for him the chivalrous regard of all people. We say that if the advice be followed, and the sins seen in their heinousness, Spring Hill will be better and purer, and girlhood, womanhood, manhood, homes and churches will owe a lasting debt of gratitude not only to those who brought the gentleman here, but especially to the reverend gentlemen themselves.

The result of the work was certainly a deepening of the spiritual life; an increase in the number of communicants; some important outside additions to the Church; and last, though not least, proof that our dear old Church of England was fully alive to the work of evangelizing the masses; and that her machinery was fully capable of competing with outside agencies. Spring Hill will ever remember the Missioners with gratitude, and already the cry, no less from members of other religious bodies than from our own people, is: "When will you bring them again? They have done Spring Hill good." *Deo Gratias.*

#### CAPE BRETON.

The thirty-third meeting of the Sydney Rural Deanery was held at Baddeck on Tuesday, Sept. 28th. At 11 o'clock Matins was said by Rev. R. D. Bambrick; a celebration followed, the Rural Dean, Rev. D. Smith, being celebrant. The sermon was preached by the Rural Dean, on St. Luke xix. 45-46. The Chapter met at 3.30. After prayers, a portion of 1 Tim. v. was read in the original, and commented upon at length. A paper on "Parish Work" was read by Rev. R. D. Bambrick. It was resolved to discuss this paper at the next meeting. A proposal of the Rural Deans regarding the time and place for the meetings of the Deanery was adopted. Next year and afterwards the meetings will be held in the following order:—Sydney, North Sydney, Baddeck, Cow Bay, Louisburg, in the months of January, March, June, August, October, respectively. At 6 o'clock the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held at Cow Bay on November 3rd. At 7 o'clock evensong was said by the incumbent, Rev. S. Davies, and a sermon on "Angelic Ministrations" preached by Rev. R. D. Bambrick.

#### DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. STEPHEN.—The twenty-second anniversary of the consecration of Christ Church was celebrated on Wednesday, Sept. 29th, the festival of St. Michael and All Angels. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 7.30 a.m., and at 7.30 p.m. there was evensong in the church, with a sermon by Rev. J. W. Millege, of St. David, and a short address by Rev. B. E. Smith, of St. George, Rural Dean. Arrangements had been made for a picnic in the afternoon to welcome the Rector, who has just returned from England, with health greatly improved, but the weather was unfavorable, and the picnic had to be postponed.

Christ Church has recently adopted the system of weekly offerings in envelopes, for the expenses of the parish. The system is very satisfactory in its results, and is meeting with general favor.

#### DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—Sermons in favor of Christian Union were preached on Sunday last by Rev. Dr. Allnatt, in St. Matthew's Church, and by Rev. M. M. Fothergill, in St. Peter's.

The meetings of the Ladies' Auxiliaries in connection with St. Matthew's and St. Peter's Churches, which were interrupted during the summer months by the absence from town of most of the ladies composing them, were resumed last week. The attendance was gratify-

ing, and increased interest was manifested in the work.

St. Matthew's Church Sunday-school has outgrown the limits of the building in which it has been held for so many years past, and the boys classes are now held in the Sunday-school building near St. John's gate, erected by the late Jeffrey Hale.

Rev. M. Trotman, late curate of the Cathedral, who recently resigned his position, left town last week. Nothing has yet been decided with reference to the vacancy, but there is a movement on the part of some members of the congregation to ensure for Mr. Trotman's successor the title of Co-Rector, with right of succession. Some little apprehension is experienced of a dead-lock on this point between the Rector and the congregation.

The Rev. Robert Ker, Rector of Trinity Church, has resigned his charge in this city, and notified his congregation of his intention to leave Quebec at the end of the month, to assume the incumbency of Mitchell in the Diocese of Huron. It remains to be seen who, if anybody, the Bishop will be asked by the congregation of Trinity to appoint as Mr. Ker's successor. We understand that suit was taken for the recovery of overdue interest, and also for the balance of the purchase price of the Church, amounting to \$4,000.

BERGERVILLE.—The ladies of the congregation of St. Michael's Church, Bergerville, held a fancy sale the other day in the Bishop Mountain School-house at Bergerville, in aid of domestic Missions, at which the sum of \$425 was realized.

#### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

FRELIGHSBURGH.—*Harvest Home Festival.*—The annual parish rejoicing on Saturday, 2nd instant, was very largely attended. The weather at the earlier hours of the day was forbidding, and doubtless deterred many at distant points from starting out. Nevertheless the sacred edifice, appropriately decorated, was fairly filled. The service was a hearty one, with a bright and very complete musical programme by the choir, most of the canticles for the occasion being set musical compositions of pleasing character. The sermon by the Rev. J. G. Norton, M.A., was highly appreciated by the audience, and was eminently appropriate and well considered. He expressed great pleasure at this, his first visit to the Eastern Townships, and many urged the early renewal of the privilege and profit of his ministrations. At the close of the service, the assemblage, to the number of upwards of two hundred, repaired to the Memorial Hall, where festive surroundings greeted them, and long lines of tables, laden with unquestionable indications of barns filled with plenty, more than satisfied the most fastidious taste or consuming hunger.

There were present, in addition to Canon Davidson, the Rector, and the Rev. J. G. Norton, the Revs. J. Constantine, M.A., of Stanbridge East, John Ker, Rector of Dunham, and Frank Allen, M.A., Rector of Philipsburg, all of whom took part in the service. The reunion was all that could have been desired, and gave that healthy satiety which longs for and is always ready for repetition.

LACOLLE.—On Friday evening, the 1st of October, a Confirmation service was held here by his Lordship Bishop Bond. The candidates were presented by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Garrett. The beautiful service was, as usual, made most impressive by our good Bishop's wise counsel and loving words of advice to all, and the congregation being large, many could profit by them to their future good and usefulness in God's service. All the newly confirmed partook of the Holy Communion: a happy response to their Rector's teaching and prayers for them. The service concluded at half-past

nine, the congregation remaining till after the Benediction, though they were told that all who wished to leave might do so during the singing of the last hymn before the Holy Communion. The music, vocal and instrumental, was very good; the floral decorations were very brilliant in bloom and effect. The Bishop saw for the first time the new communion service and organ; he admired both as suiting well the artistic little Church of St. Saviour.

Dr. Beers, of Montreal, has kindly delivered a lecture here for the benefit of the Church of St. Saviour, on the evening of the 11th instant, his subject being "St. Anne de Beauport." The evening concluded with an oyster supper.

#### DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

OTTAWA.—A ten days' Mission is to be held here, beginning on Thursday, November 11th. The clergy of the city and suburbs are all united in this, and laymen are cordially invited to co-operate with them. There will be a special preacher for each congregation, and daily morning and evening services will be held in the several churches.

St. Bartholomew's.—The Rev. Mr. Hannington has been presented by the members of his congregation with a cassock, a cincture, a set of stoles, and a B. A. hood, all of English make and of the very best material. Mr. Hannington, in publicly thanking the congregation, said that he would ever remember and prize their gift as an expression of their esteem and affection, and that it possessed for him a much greater value than its cost in money, because it had come unsought and unexpectedly from such loving friends.

PARISH OF NORTH GOWER.—*Osgoode Station.*—This little village, on the line of the old St. Lawrence & Ottawa Railway, was the scene of a very interesting ceremony which took place there on Sept. 18th. This parish being one of the largest in the diocese, and the congregations finding that the incumbent was unable to minister to the numerous Church people under his charge, they very generously came forward and placed \$600 a year at his disposal to employ the services of a Curate. A man was soon found, the Rev. J. F. Gorman, who came out from St. Augustine's in May, and who has proved himself a most energetic and willing worker. As an evidence of the wisdom of this step, we can point to increased services: for whereas there were only three services held on Sundays before, now there are six and sometimes seven, and wherever a service is opened large numbers of people are found to attend. Still further, six months ago the average Sunday attendance was four hundred, and now it has exactly doubled that number, while a stronger proof still that the Spiritual Life is being strengthened is shown from the fact that at one little church in the parish, viz., St. John's, Wellington, the average number of communicants has risen to seventy out of a congregation of three hundred. The extra Sunday services which were commenced at the two extreme ends of the parish, viz., Pierce's Corners and Osgoode Station, have already taken definite shape, and the members themselves have determined to build a church in each of these places.

Saturday, the 18th ult., was the day appointed for the laying of the corner-stone of the first church in Osgoode Station. The day was beautifully fine. The early train from Ottawa conveyed the Hon. Thos. White, Minister of the Interior, and Senator Clemow, who were to take part in the several events of the day. Punctually at 10.30, a large number of people having assembled around the building site, the clergy proceeded from the school-house near by, while the choir sang the ever-inspiring hymn, "The Church's One Foundation." The Rev. C. P. Emery took the