

such questions as pertain to the strengthening and the spread of Christ's kingdom, the Church. The first paper was read by the Rev. D. T. Floyde, of South Mountain, and the subject, "The pressing needs for definite teaching concerning the doctrine, the history, and the customs and ways of the Church," was dealt with in language and thoughts which could come only from a strong sound churchman like Mr. Floyde. The Rev. R. Archer also gave a very helpful address on Sunday School work, dwelling particularly upon what should be taught in the church Sunday schools, and he advocated very strongly the church catechism as the basis of all Sunday School teaching. The Church has provided the catechism and she requires that all her children should be familiar with the catechism before they are confirmed, therefore both in the homes and the Sunday schools the catechism should be taught. As the Archbishop and several of the clergy were obliged to leave on the 3.30 p.m. train in order to attend the opening of a church hall in the Rev. C. R. Palmer's parish the same evening, the general discussion of the papers was cut short, much to the disappointment of all present. Besides the Archbishop, the following clergy were in attendance at the conference: The Rev. Rural Dean Carson, M.A., of Wales; the Rev. T. J. Stiles, of Cornwall; the Rev. R. Archer, of Winchester; the Rev. M. G. Poole; the Rev. C. R. Palmer, of Newington; the Rev. J. L. Horner, of Aultsville; the Rev. A. D. T. Floyde, of South Mountain, and the Rev. F. M. Holmes, of Crysler. During the Conference a Rural Deanery Sunday School Association was formed, the Rev. T. J. Stiles being elected president, and the Rev. F. M. Holmes secretary. The Revs. R. Archer and G. S. Anderson were appointed delegates to the diocesan organization, which meets in Ottawa on November 23rd.

A mission is being held in this parish at the present time and it is to last eight days in all. It commenced on Sunday last and will close on Sunday evening next. The missionary is the Rev. A. W. Mackay, B.D., R.D., rector of All Saints', Ottawa.

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Toronto.—St. James'.—Mrs. Plumptre, the wife of the rector, gave an interesting address in the Parish House last Monday evening on the beauty and historic associations of many of the cities, towns and villages in the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The lecture was illustrated by lime-light views. Mrs. Plumptre gathered the material for her lecture when attending the Bi-Centenary celebrations at Halifax and Annapolis Royal during the past summer.

St. John the Evangelist.—The 50th anniversary of the opening of this church took place on last Sunday. The Lord Bishop of the diocese preached in the morning and the Rev. Canon Williams, the rector of the parish, in the evening. The Rev. Canon Williams has been connected with this church for the past forty-five years and he is one of the best-known and most popular of the clergy in this city. He is especially in request to tie the marriage knot and he officiates at more weddings during the year, than any other clergyman in Toronto.

Church of the Epiphany.—Special services were held in this church on Sunday last, in connection with the celebration of the 23rd anniversary of the opening of this church. The preachers both morning and evening were the Rev. C. J. James, the rector of the Church of the Redeemer and the Rev. Dr. Griffith Thomas of Wycliffe College, respectively. There were large congregations at both of the services.

Extracts from Report of Head Deaconess, Church of England Deaconess Home, for month ending November 11th.—Miss Hurlbut left us on October 17th, for her new sphere of work in Winnipeg. She writes happily of the kindness of those among whom her lot is cast. Already a house has been rented for the special use of girls and young women, and Miss Hurlbut is therein

installed. She speaks favorably of improvement in her health. In addition to the curriculum mentioned in last month's report, lectures in voice culture at the Margaret Eaton School of Expression have recommenced and we are very grateful for this help. Through the kindness of Canon Plumptre our students have the use of the gymnasium, at the parish house. Some social functions have been held during the month, the most successful being a reception for the Normal students. The reception given by the Executive of the Young Women's Anglican Varsity Club has resulted in additional membership—the club now numbers over forty. Drs. Stenhouse, Thomas, and Adams are all in attendance each week. Twelve clinics have been held, with an attendance of 46 patients. 54 medical visits have been made from the house, and 5 others on our behalf by one of our associates who is a trained nurse. Time is so fully occupied with lectures, that but little remains for parochial work, but all the students do some, and also help at the centre. 360 calls, 136 visits, 17 addresses, and 31 Sunday School classes, has been the work of the past month. Miss McCollum's work is increasing in numbers and interest, more particularly the Young Women's Bible Class on Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. The Tuesday Club is also looking up; assistance is given here by the Varsity girls. A recent sale realized twenty-five dollars. We need more clothing, both old and new. The Friday Evening Club for junior girls is also in working order. Miss Nesbit is in charge, with Miss Marsh as assistant, while Miss McCollum takes the oversight. The Daughters of the King meet regularly on Thursday evenings. One of the members has offered to Archdeacon McKay, for work at Lac La Rouge, and will hear of his decision this week. The station work still claims a worker on Sunday. The need of literature for distribution has been partly met by a gift from the Bible Society. Several inquiries in regard to training have been received, but up to the present no offer of service. On the other hand, we have had a request from Saskatoon, for the services of a deaconess, in connection with Y.W.C.A. work. A recent mail brought yet another request from a worker and the need at Ingersoll has not yet been supplied. Again, two of our workers have offered for foreign service. Who will fill up these gaps? Will our members of the committee make this special need a subject of earnest prayer and effort that so the work be not hindered through lack of suitable labourers?

Peterborough.—All Saints'.—The Ruridecanal Chapter of Northumberland, Peterborough, met in this church on Thursday and Friday, the 3rd and 4th November, on the invitation of the Reverend H. R. Trumpour, M.A., B.D. Evensong was said in the new church at 8 p.m., the preacher being the Venerable Archdeacon Warren. The Holy Communion was celebrated in the chapel of the church at 8.30 a.m., the Rural Dean being the celebrant. The brethren met for business at 9.30 and papers were read by the Reverends J. Bennet Anderson, and M. Carpenter, the curate of St. John's, Peterborough. After the business had been transacted the members present sat down to a luncheon provided by the hospitality of the parish.

Bolton.—Christ Church.—The Bishop of Toronto, on Sunday, November 6th, paid his first visit to this parish and St. Alban's Palgrave. His Lordship took part in the service held at 10.30 a.m., in Christ Church, and preached to a good-sized congregation taking as his subject the Gospel for the Day. He introduced his discourse by congratulating the congregation upon the beautiful appearance of their church's interior, their freedom from all debt, and their generosity in offering to the gift of a horse that the two congregations had recently made to their rector, the Rev. W. S. Westney. His Lordship's sermon, to which the congregation listened with the closest attention, was most eloquent and inspiring, and the people expressed themselves delighted with his quiet dignity and pleasing and affable manner. At the conclusion of the service his Lordship took his position at the door of the church and shook hands with every one passing out of the church. If the members of our congregations

would follow their Bishop's example in his friendly manner towards all who attend their church, the saying that the "Church of England is cold," would be without foundation. In the afternoon the rector drove the Bishop to Palgrave, over the thirteen hills, where a crowded congregation awaited his Lordship's arrival. Punctually, at 3 p.m., the service was opened with a hymn, after which the Bishop took part in the service. Again, his Lordship preached an inspiring and helpful sermon, taking as his subject "The Psalms in Human Life," and explained them in such an attractive manner, that the beautiful arrangement of our Liturgy "that the Psalms are to be read through every month," must have impressed the whole congregation as never before. At the conclusion of this service the Bishop again shook hands with the whole congregation, who went to their homes feeling that they had received great spiritual benefit. Mr. Jeremiah Taylor kindly drove the Bishop to Tottenham, where he was to conduct Divine worship at 7 o'clock.

Brampton.—Christ Church.—The fifth annual Conference of the Archdeaconry of Simcoe was held in this church on October 24th to 26th. There were present at one or more of the sessions the Lord Bishop of the diocese, Archdeacon Ingles, Archdeacon Warren, Canon Tremayne, Canon Walsh, Canon Macnab, the Rev. A. P. Kennedy, Tullamore, Carey, of Washago; Talbot, of Streetsville; Salmon, of Elmvalle; Gander, of Caledon East; Eccleston, of Markdale; Biggs, of Barrie; James, of Craighurst; McGonigle, of Islington; Thompson, of Erindale; Durnford, of Dunkerron; also the Rev. R. H. A. Haslam, returned missionary from India; Messrs. Murphy, and John Keir, of Dixie. Public service was conducted at eight o'clock on the Monday, addresses being given by the Rev. J. H. Talbot, on "Private Prayer," and by the Rev. Mr. Salmon, on "Corporate Worship."

On Tuesday morning a quiet hour's service was conducted by Bishop Sweeny. He impressed upon the clergy most clearly and forcibly the duty which they owe to the Church, to their fellow-men and to God. His closing remarks on "The Walk, Work and Reward" of the clergy were listened to with the deepest interest, and will, no doubt, have an encouraging and stimulating effect.

The first regular session of the conference commenced at half-past two o'clock. The following resolution was adopted. Resolved:—(a) That laymen be admitted as members of the Archdiocesan Conference. (b) That each parish or mission in the Archdeaconry of Simcoe may at a vestry meeting elect one lay delegate to the annual conference who shall hold all the rights, honours, and privileges of a member of such conference. (c) That in those parishes or missions where there are more congregations than one, the lay delegate to the Conference shall be elected by a meeting of the churchwardens of the several congregations to be called for that purpose as soon as possible after the Easter vestry meetings have been held.

Archdeacon Ingles, in his address to clergy reviewed his work in the Archdeaconry since the last annual Conference, recounting the number of visits made to the different parishes and the changes and removals of the past year. He spoke of the Bishop's desire to see the Cathedral completed, urging the co-operation of the Archdeaconry in this important matter. He also reviewed the work of the recent congress in Halifax. An important subject dwelt upon at this congress was the ministry, not only to the souls of men but to their bodies also. The call to the Church is to look to the future for growth and strengthening. She has had a glorious past, but her future, if we obey her Founder's teachings, will be even more glorious. The work of the Church does not belong to the clergy alone, but to the laity as well, one working with the other in loyalty and harmony, helping each other and sustaining each other, to the growth and advantage of the whole Church.

The subject of "Missions in the Archdeaconry" was introduced by Canon Walsh. The object in view is the re-arrangement of the different parishes with a view to making them self-supporting. The general feeling of the clergy of the archdeaconry is that in the wealthy counties of Peel and Simcoe there should be no congregation finding it necessary to make demands upon the Mission Board.

The Sunday School was dealt with in three addresses. Robert Murphy, Esq., who has been connected with Sunday School work for upwards of twenty-five years, told of his success in organizing the Home Department in the parish to which he belonged. This comparatively new department of Sunday School work enrolls as mem-

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