

## Diocese of Fredericton.

### NORTON.

KINGSTON DEANERY.—The spring Chapter of the Clergy of this Rural deanery was held at the rectory, Norton, May 1st. There were a full attendance, including the Rev. E. A. Warnford, rural dean, who presided at all the sessions, and Rev. D. Pickett, H. W. Little, A. J. Cresswell, S. J. Hanford, N. C. Hansen, A. W. Smithers, E. P. Hurley, H. S. Wainwright, D. J. Wetmore. Reports were presented from the hon. secretaries of the Choral union and the Sunday school union. It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the S. S. T. A. in August. Revs. D. Pickett, N. C. Hansen and H. S. Wainwright were appointed examiners for the deanery prize scheme. A committee was also selected to arrange for the next meeting of the Choral union at some place convenient for the gathering of the choirs of the various parishes. At the afternoon session on Tuesday an exegetical paper of the Greek of Hebrews viii. was read by the Rev. H. W. Little, and a practical paper on the same passage by the Rev. E. P. Hurley, which were fully and ably discussed. A service was held in the parish church in the evening at 7.30, which was attended by the parishioners, and an instructive sermon was preached by the Rev. A. W. Smithers on "Some Lessons of the Ascension. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion on Wednesday at 8 a. m., the Rev. S. J. Handford officiating. The church was tastefully adorned with choice flowers and plants, and presented a very pleasant appearance. After a prolonged and busy session on Wednesday, the chapter adjourned with a warm expression of thanks to Rector Warneford and friends for the hospitality shown to the visitors. A standing vote of thanks was also accorded to the Rev. O. H. Weeks, for a handsome contribution of books to the deanery library. It was decided, on the invitation of the rector of Greenwich, to hold the next meeting at Oak Point.—*St. John's Sun*.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND S. S. ASSOCIATION.—The annual service under the auspices of the Church of England Sunday School Teachers Association of the Diocese, was held in St. Paul's Church on Thursday week. The following schools were represented:—Trinity, St. John's (stone church); St. James'; St. Mary's; St. Paul's; St. John Baptist; St. Luke's; St. George's; and St. Judas, there being in all, some 900 scholars present.

The service was a beautiful and interesting one, the music being especially fine. The clergy present were: Ven. Arch. Brigstocke, D. D., and the Revs. de Soyres, Sybald, Mathers, Dicker, Green, Eatough, Samson, Hoyt de Vober, Davenport and Raymond. The special preacher on the occasion was the Rev. S. de Soyres.

The annual examination for teachers of the Church of England Sunday Schools was held on the evening of the 7th. instant, when nine persons presented themselves under the C. E. S. S. I. Regulations.

## Diocese of Montreal.

### MONTREAL.

*St. Luke's*.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese visited this church on Sunday evening, May 6th, and administered Confirmation to twenty-two boys and girls, presented to him by the Rector of the parish, the Rev. T. E. Cunningham, M.A. His Lordship delivered an earnest and practical address to the candidates as also to the congregation.

*Christ Church Cathedral*.—Nineteen persons

received the 'laying on of hands' by the Bishop of the Diocese on the last Sunday in April.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Executive Committee met on May 8th; present: The Bishop, The Dean, Archdeacons Lindsay and Evans; Revs. Canons Norton and Empson; Rural Deans Sanders, Longhurst, Nye and Brown; Revs. Troop, Dixon, Cunningham and Renaud; Messrs. The Chancellor, the Church Advocate, the Treasurer, Dr. Johnson, Walter Drake, E. R. Smith, Hague, White, Bond, Butler.

The meeting opened with prayer by the Rev. H. W. Nye, M.A., R.D.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Canon Mussels apology for absence was announced by the Bishop.

The Treasurer's statements were read by him, showing a diminution in the receipts for the Mission Fund as compared with last year, from both city and country. Four of the former had not reported as yet, and many of the country parishes and missions had not yet responded. No improvement in the financial position of the diocese, however, had taken place so far.

The report of the sub-committee on the possibility of adopting the Quebec scheme was submitted, making different suggestions, and also presenting the action taken in the Synod during the past ten years upon this subject. The report was received and allowed to stand over for further consideration at its next meeting.

The Treasurer reported that circulars were sent out on March 12th as to the necessity of increasing contributions to the Mission Fund, and had only received eight replies to twenty-three circulars sent. Some of the missions responded favorably.

Several applications for increased grants were received but could not be considered, owing to the state of the Mission Fund, and also because they would involve a breach of the principle adopted by Synod as to the grants from that fund.

A resolution of thanks to the committee of the Standard Prayer Book of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U. S., for the gift of a beautiful copy of the Revised Prayer Book sent to it by order of the General Convention, was unanimously adopted.

Some discussion took place as to services for the Lutheran population of the city, in conjunction with like work in Ottawa.

HOME FOR INCURABLES.—The new Home for Incurables, the gift of the Hon. George Drummond, erected on the old Notman property on Sherbrooke street, and entrusted to the care of the Sisters of St. Margaret, has been formally opened, and the Sisters have taken possession, having removed from their former Home, 104 Alexander street. The gift is a noble one. The only regret felt in regard to it, so far as we understand, is, that it is not distinctly for the benefit of the Church of England, although the administration of the work will be under control of the Sisters of St. Margaret.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. Canon Mills, B.D., Rector of Trinity church, who has been seriously ill for some time past, is still, we regret to learn, confined to his house and unable to do duty.

### SHAWVILLE.

RURAL DEANERY OF CLARENDON.—The 20th meeting of this Rural Deanery has been called, and will be held at Shawville on the 23rd of May instant. It will be preceded by Holy Communion in St. Paul's church at 9 a.m., the sermon being preached by the Rev. R. C. Brower. Business meetings will commence at 10.30 a.m.

The subjects for consideration, according to the notice issued, are the following:

1. Report of Lumber Mission: Revs. Brower, Flanagan and Coffin.
2. Report of S.P.C.K.: Rev. F. R. Smith.
3. Report of Sunday School Institute Meeting: Rev. H. Plaisted; and arrangement for next meeting.
4. Report of Rural Deanery Magazine: Revs. Fyles and Flanagan.
5. Report of the "Quebec Plan."
6. Report of time of closing and reporting Parish Accounts.
7. Re-arrangement of Parishes. Is any necessary?
8. The advantages of Mission Services: Rev. W. A. Fyles.

9. Are the interests of the Diocese likely to be served by the continuance of the plan of voting for representatives to Provincial Synod as adopted at last Synod: Rev. W. A. Fyles.

This will be the first meeting at which the Rev. F. R. Smith will preside as Rural Dean. An earnest invitation is given to churchwardens and delegates of Synod within the Deanery, to attend and take part in the meeting.

## Diocese of Ontario.

### LEEDS RURI-DECANAL CHAPTER.

For the better organization and management of Church affairs the Arch-diocese of Ontario—in common with all ecclesiastical dioceses—is divided into sections termed rural deaneries. Each section is presided over by a rural dean. The clergy officiating within such a division occasionally gather together at different places to consider and discuss the spiritual and temporal matters of their respective parishes. In every way much good is derived from these gatherings.

Last week the Ruri-decanal Chapter of Leeds were assembled at Gananoque. The clergy present were Rev. Rural Dean Grout, Lyn; Rev. H. Austin, Rector of Christ Church, Gananoque; Rev. W. Wright, Athens; Rev. T. J. Stiles, Frankville; Rev. C. J. Young, Lansdowne; Rev. O. S. Dobbs, Brockville, Rev. J. W. Jones, Westport, and Rev. Dr. Nimmo, Brockville.

On Tuesday evening service was held in the church and a large congregation was present. The Rev. J. W. Jones intoned the service, the lessons were read by the Rev. C. J. Young and Rev. W. Wright respectively, while Rev. T. J. Stiles preached a very able and practical sermon from Rom. vi: 8. He handled in a scholarly manner the characteristics of a Christian and emphasized the necessity of Christians being true to their profession. The sermon was illustrated by many practical incidents drawn from every day life, and was appreciated by all. The benediction was pronounced by the Rural Dean.

On Wednesday morning the clergy held a meeting at the Rectory and in the evening gave short addresses in the church to a large and attentive audience. The service being over the work of the chapter terminated, and the next day the clergy departed to their several homes.

Missionary deputations for Leeds County were appointed as follows: Brockville—St. Peter's, Rev. T. J. Stiles; Trinity, Rev. Wm. Wright; St. Paul's, Rev. C. French. Gananoque—Rev. G. W. G. Grout. Lyn—Rev. O. G. Dobbs, Athens—Rev. J. H. Nimmo. Lansdowne Front—Rev. G. H. Grout. Leeds Rear—Rev. H. Austin. Newboro—Rev. William Moore. Westport—Rev. C. J. Young. Newboyne—Rev. J. W. Jones. Frankville—The Ven. Archdeacon Bedford-Jones.