

sociation or Guild, and the committee have labored with great energy to make all the details so perfect that there was no hesitation or delay, and everything went off smoothly. The room was very prettily decorated with floral ornaments and emblems of harvest. The attendance was very large, the spacious room being quite crowded. The entertainment was presided over by the Archdeacon, who took the chair. Proceedings commenced with the grand harvest hymn, "Come ye thankful people Come." Miss Patterson sang with much sweetness "The Reaper and the Flowers." A dialogue "The Spirits of Nature," was well read, the young ladies being very tastefully dressed in character. In a solo, "Th' Better Land," Mrs. Wilcock sang in her usual attractive style and was warmly encored. So like wise was a brilliant piano duet "The Steigh Bells." Miss Taylor played several of the accompaniments with much precision and good taste, and Miss Hallett gave a piano solo with excellent effect. A quartette, "All among the Barley," would do credit to any concert room.

A tableau of young ladies dressed in character, representing "Peace and Plenty," was hailed with great applause and it richly deserved it. The National Anthem was given with enthusiasm.

The Archdeacon expressed his gratification at the presence of so large an audience, and dwelt on the various guilds connected with the Church. The class of Bible students consisted now of 92 members, and the weekly attendance during the summer months and fall was very good. A deep interest was manifested by many in searching the Scriptures. The occasional entertainments were got up for the purpose of raising money for the outward painting and adorning of the church, and he trusted a liberal offertory would evince the sympathy of the great audience with their praiseworthy work. Another organization that was working for the internal decoration of the church was the Communicant's Guild, and through the labor of their hands, they had succeeded in getting over \$100 for the object they had in view. The Band of Hope and Ministering Children's League was under Mr. Howard's care in a flourishing state, 110 members being on the list. Their obligation was two-fold, the first being not to do a certain thing, and the second to do a kindly act every day if possible. There was also the Young People's Literary Association that gave its time and thoughts towards procuring a peal of bells for the church, and who had already amassed some \$1,200 towards that object. The Ladies' Aid Society would shortly commence their labors in providing clothes for the poor. Another very useful society is instructing girls in sewing and making their own clothes, presided over by a few kind ladies. In conclusion, the Archdeacon spoke very highly of the obligations all were under to Mr. Howard, for the energy he displayed in organizing and managing the Band of Hope and Ministering Children's League.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

GALT—A Harvest Festival service was held in Trinity Church, on Friday, 11th inst., and was attended by a very large and devout congregation of worshippers. The choir of Grace Church, Brantford, was present and conducted the musical portion of the service. The choir consisted of thirty-four men and boys, exclusive of the ladies, numbering in all nearly fifty voices. We drove from Brantford in waggons, arriving about 6 p.m. The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Ridley entertained them to tea, after which they prepared for Divine service. At 7:30 the bell ceased ringing, and the choristers, in surplices, followed by the clergy, proceeded from the schoolroom into the church by the main entrance, singing as a procession, "Onward Christian Soldiers." The Rev. James Thompson, curate, read prayers to the third

collect, the Rev. F. Ridley, rector, followed with special prayers appropriate to Harvest-tide, and the Rev. Rural Dean Mackenzie, of Brantford, preached a most suitable and edifying sermon. Professor Garratt, of Grace Church, presided at the organ, rendering Psalms and hymns with powerful effect. The Doxology was sung as usual at the offertory—followed with the appropriate hymn "Holy offerings rich and rare, &c."

Immediately after the closing prayer and benediction, the hymn, "Who are these like stars appearing," was sung as a recessional, and the choristers and clergy passed out. The whole service was a fitting thanksgiving and will not soon be forgotten by those who were present. The beautiful edifice, of which Galt is justly proud, was tastefully decorated with plants, fruits and flowers, and a limited but suitable array of grain and vegetables. The Rector is greatly encouraged in his work, and has already enlarged his borders by taking up Mission stations in the vicinity. He has now a valuable assistant in the person of the Rev. J. Thompson, and with an excellent staff of lay readers the whole work of the parish is kept in active operation.

LONDON.—*Memorial Church.*—The large attendance at Memorial Church schoolroom last week proved the interest taken in the work of the Ministering Children's League to be attracting considerable interest. The principal attraction was the fact that an address was to be delivered by Lady Meath, whose interest in children's work has a reputation almost worldwide and who originated the league movement. Rev. Canon Richardson's opening remarks relating to the good which children can and have accomplished were well received. Mrs. Ford stated how a year ago twelve persons had organized the Memorial Children's League. It had shortly increased to fifty and now, although but a year old, had 75 active and nine associate members. They had raised since inauguration some \$272, part of which had been spent on the Convalescent Home, part for buying goods to make up and sell, part for minor charities, and a balance of \$30 was in the bank. A couple of packages were also sent to the Northwest. The Society meets on Saturday to sew and discuss the work. Two other branches of the league had been formed in Ailsa Craig and Dundalk, as a result of the Memorial Branch. Mrs. Boomer said that Lady Meath and herself had visited the Convalescent Home that day, and the visitors had been shown and admired the stitches put into the work by the willing little hands. She desired to thank them again for the work they had done for that institution, and felt convinced that the enlistment of the children's help and sympathy in this direction must bring them closer to the Saviour, and the seed which they were now sowing would, in the fulness of time, blossom out and be sanctified in the full flower of a holy and acceptable offering. She read letters, explaining the objects of the society, and expressed her disappointment that a year ago, when on a visit to the Old Country, she had not been able to call on the founder of the League; but she had learned since that God's delays were not always refusals. Mrs. Boomer also referred to a letter from the Northwest in regard to the parcels sent up there by the children, showing how highly they were appreciated.

In continuation, she said: "The motto of the League, 'No day without a kindly deed to crown it,' leaves a wide scope for loving little hearts each to find its own opportunity for deeds of love and kindness at home and abroad, whilst it permits the promoters of each branch to select any especial object or field upon which to work singly, or conjointly upon any lines which may seem to good to them." Hence, as in Connecticut, where the little ones are affiliated with the organized Association of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions,

so in the Diocese of Huron, Ontario and Quebec, where the W. A. M. A. is doing so large and wide spreading a work these little ones take a sincere delight in lending all the help their little fingers can give to the cause of Missions. This League of Ministering Children is in fact a nursery to the work of the Auxiliary, an initial class as it were to that grand organization of sister workers of older growth, which is making such rapid strides and doing such admirable work in our midst.

The Founder of the League aimed at establishing the fundamental principle that young as they were they were not too young to do something for Jesus, nor too young to deny themselves for the benefit of their fellow creatures, and that whether they tended the sick and suffering at home, or worked for the heathen abroad, they were God's own little ministering children, very dear to His heart."

Lady Meath's beautiful address found an echo in all hearts, although addressed exclusively to the children. It was earnest, simple and bright and calculated to win and hold the interest and attention of the little ones from first to last.

To give a synopsis of it would be to spoil it, for even if space permitted us to give the full matter, we could not give likewise the gracious manner which so added to its impressiveness. Her ladyship left for Hamilton and goes on to Ontario, Montreal and Quebec.

St. Matthew's.—Thanksgiving services were held in this church on the 6th. The church was beautifully decorated with grain, fruit and vegetables. The congregations were very large. In the evening special seats had to be provided in the aisles. The singing was particularly good. The preachers on the occasion were Rev. C. O'Meara and Canon Davis. The Rector, Rev. M. Seaborn is justly encouraged with the progress of the work in the parish.

SUNDAY FUNERALS.—The following is the agreement concerning them by ministers, undertakers and others:

We, the undersigned, ministers and undertakers of the city of London and vicinity agree to discontinue attendance on Sabbath funerals, except in cases of extreme necessity, such as where there is danger of contagion or infection, and then only upon a certificate from the Medical Health Officer of the district certifying that there is such danger and that there is absolute necessity that the interment should take place.

This agreement is to take effect only after all the parties concerned have affixed their signatures, and due notice of the same has been given. Signed by all the clergymen and ministers in the city. Dated at London, Sept. 16th, 1889.

To the above agreement, we the trustees of Woodland and Mount Pleasant Cemeteries, subscribe pledging ourselves not to allow funerals on the Lord's day to take place in our respective cemeteries, except on the above conditions. Geo. M. Innes, Dean and Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral; John S. Pearce and W. J. Reid, Churchwardens.—Trustees ex officio of Woodland Cemetery.

Philip MacKenzie, president; Sam. McBride, Secretary, The Mount Pleasant Cemetery Company.

INGERSOLL.—Thanksgiving services were held in St. James' Church on Sunday, and a Harvest Home on Tuesday, which were among the most successful ever held in the parish. There is the most cheering prospects and unity of feeling in the congregation. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The Rev. John Ker, B. D., Rector of Grace Church, Montreal, and brother of the esteemed Rector, preached two most interesting and appropriate sermons.

A Harvest Home dinner was served on Tuesday. The Rev. Principal Fowell, Rev. John Ridley and the Rector gave interesting ad-