

learned before the classes are formed. The development of a devotional habit among the candidates is most important. He strongly recommended "The Narrow Way." Many important points were brought about in the use of the blackboard and charts.

In closing the meeting the bishop thanked those who had given such careful thought and study to the papers which had been presented, and hoped that all future Conferences of the clergy and laity would be as pleasant and profitable.

Evensong was said in St. John's Church by Rev. H. Pollard, after which the delegates returned to their homes, invigorated by mutual council and contact, and with every confidence in the stability of the Anglican Church.

OTTAWA.—The various committees of the Ottawa Synod were in session last week, considering matters that will come before the Synod at its next meeting in June. The Executive Committee held a meeting at which there were present his Lordship Bishop Hamilton, Rev. Messrs. Bogart, Pollard, Biss, Nesbitt, Low, Waterman, Phillips, Snowdon, Elliott, Samwell, Saddington, Hannington, Stiles, Chancellor Lewis, Colonel A. P. Mathieson and J. F. Orde. A somewhat important report was made in an informal way by Chancellor Lewis on the division of the Diocesan Funds between the Diocese of Ontario and the Diocese of Ottawa. At the last meeting of the Synod, Chancellor Lewis, Judge Senkler and Mr. W. H. Rowley were appointed commissioners to act with commissioners from the sister diocese in reference to the division. Mr. Lewis reported that with the exception of the \$12,000 of the Gainsford Trust Fund that is in arbitration, a satisfactory basis of settlement had been reached. The Rectory Lands Funds are to be divided according to the location of the rectories, and the other funds, including the Clergy Trust Fund, Widows and Orphans' Fund and Superannuation Funds, are to be divided almost equally. The aggregate amount of these moneys that the Diocese of Ottawa will receive is \$192,000. Some matters of detail are still to be arranged, the Chancellor reported, but it is expected that a full division will be completed, and the securities handed over by December 15th. A meeting of the committee on religious education in schools was subsequently held. There were present: Archdeacon Lauder, Revs. J. J. Bogart and H. Pollard, Ottawa; A. C. Nesbitt, Smith's Falls; C. O. F. Bliss, Eganville, and A. Elliott, Carleton Place, and Messrs. W. H. Rowley and J. F. Orde, Ottawa; Col. A. J. Mathieson, M.P.P., Perth, and Mason Mills, Iroquois. The main subject of discussion was the educational scheme, which was referred to the committee at the last meeting of the Synod. The scheme was a recommendation from a western Synod in respect to public recognition of Church schools where qualified teachers are employed, provided, however, that there is an average attendance of at least 30 pupils, and in maintaining a standard of efficiency in secular subjects. There was also a recommendation that religious instruction be given in all schools from 9 to 9.30, to be based upon a common text-book in the ordinary (State) public schools and in the (voluntary) public schools, to be such as the various religious bodies may respectively desire to impart to the children of parents of their own communion. Pupils in either case not to be required to join in religious exercises or receive religious instruction objected to by their parents or guardians. It was resolved, on the motion of Rural Dean Pollard, seconded by Mr. W. H. Rowley, that the committee give its general assent to the scheme, and especially to the provision as to religious instruction in public schools during the first half hour of each day, and that Mr. Orde, the secretary of the committee, correspond with similar committees of other dioceses in Ontario for the purpose of co-operating with them.

DEANERY OF STORMONT.—The fourth annual Conference of the clergy and lay Church workers of this deanery took place at Iroquois, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 24th and 25th, the presence of the bishop on the first day making it especially interesting and successful.

Chapter Meeting.—The proceedings began with a celebration of the Holy Communion in St. John's Church on Tuesday morning at 7.30, the Rural Dean being the celebrant, and the Rev. T. J. Stiles and the bishop, Epistoller and Gospeller, respectively. The service was partly choral, and very reverent and devout. There were 88 communicants. The Chapter met at the rectory at 10 a.m., the following clergy being present: The Lord Bishop, the Revs. Rural Dean Houston, M. G. Poole, C. E. Sills, G. S. Anderson, T. J. Stiles, R. J. Dumbrille, and R. W. Samwell (Chapter clerk). The principal business which engaged the attention of the Chapter was the condition of the county of Glengarry, where there is not a single priest or organized congregation of the Church of England, although there are known to be many Church families in various parts of the county. A very earnest desire to remove the

reproach of this long neglected field was manifested, and as the Synod had sanctioned the setting apart of a grant of \$600 for the support of a missionary for this district, it was felt that a strenuous effort should be made this winter to so increase the income of the Mission Fund that the grant might be available for the beginning of the work in the spring. It was also the opinion of the Chapter that the peculiarly difficult nature of the field required a man of tried ability and experience. The bishop expressed his satisfaction at finding the clergy so deeply interested in the welfare and extension of the Church's work outside the limits of their own parishes, and said it augured well for the future prospect of the Church throughout the deanery and in the diocese at large.

Sunday-School Session.—The Foresters' Hall was well filled with Sunday-school workers and others in the afternoon. The parishes of Osnabruck and Moulmette and Morrisburg were represented in addition to Iroquois. The Lord Bishop presided, and gave a very interesting and profitable address on "Sunday-School Work," in the course of which he said that, to his mind, the only really satisfactory solution of the religious education problem to Churchmen was the establishment of parochial schools where the Church population was sufficiently numerous to make them possible. In the meantime, there was great need of definite instruction in the Sunday-schools of the Church. A paper on "Examinations" was read by the Rev. J. F. Snowdon, and one on "Sunday-school Teaching" by Mr. Mason Mills. An interesting discussion followed, in which the Rural Dean, Revs. M. G. Poole, G. S. Anderson, T. J. Stiles, C. E. Sills and R. W. Samwell took part. The Rev. H. Patton, of the neighbouring diocese, was present, and contributed to the discussion.

Confirmation Service.—In the evening the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation was administered by the bishop to 14 candidates. The clergy robed in the rectory, and walked in procession to the church, where a very large congregation had assembled. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity, many having to stand, but throughout the service, which lasted over two hours, the greatest order and reverence prevailed, although the heat was not a little trying. The bishop's addresses were full of deep spiritual teaching, and so simple that the youngest present could understand and profit by them. They certainly made a profound impression upon the congregation, and the earnest, loving words of their Father in God will not soon be forgotten by those who came forward to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. The music of the service was excellent, and both the rector and choir are to be congratulated upon the smoothness which characterized the service throughout. After the service, a reception was held in the rectory, when a large number of the congregation availed themselves of the opportunity given them of meeting the bishop.

The General Session of Conference was ushered in on Wednesday by a corporate communion of Church workers at 7.30 a.m., the bishop celebrating. There were about 50 communicants, and the service was refreshing and inspiring. The members assembled at the Foresters' Hall at 10 a.m., the Rural Dean presiding. There was a good attendance of the laity in addition to the clergy. The Rural Dean's address on the "State of the Church in the Deanery" revealed, on the whole, a fairly healthy condition of Church life. There were a few points which afforded cause for a little heart-searching, notably a slight decrease in offerings to the Diocesan Mission Fund during the past year, and the neglected condition of the county of Glengarry. He urged all to put forth their strongest efforts on behalf of the Mission Fund during the coming winter. The address was followed by an animated discussion. "Church Entertainment" was the subject of the first paper at the afternoon sitting, presented by the Rev. R. J. Dumbrille. The discussion which followed was of a very lively character, and while allowance was made by several speakers for the peculiarly poor financial condition of some parishes, yet the prevailing feeling of the Conference was that the Church should wash her hands of the many popular but questionable methods of raising money for Church purposes. A resolution proposed by the Rev. R. W. Samwell that "This Conference emphatically expresses its disapproval of all questionable means of raising money for Church purposes, and pledges itself to promote the return to the true Scriptural and spiritual standard of proportionate and systematic giving for the carrying on of the Church's work," was unanimously carried. "Elasticity in Forms of Public Worship" was introduced by Rev. C. E. Sills in a very able paper, although the line taken was of a rather academic character. The subject was discussed in its more practical bearings by the Revs. T. J. Stiles, G. S. Anderson, R. W. Samwell, the Rural Dean and Mr. H. H. Ross. There was by no means an unanimity of opinion on the subject, and after a very lively discussion, it was decided to hold the subject over for the next

Conference. After votes of thanks were passed to the rector and parishioners of Iroquois for their kind hospitality to the delegates and to the Rural Dean for presiding, the session was brought to a close with the Doxology and Benediction. Evensong was held in the church at 7.30 p.m. The Rev. R. W. Samwell read the prayers, the Rev. R. J. Dumbrille the lesson, and capital addresses were given by the Rev. G. S. Anderson and the Rural Dean on "Public Worship" and "Missions" respectively. The weather was cold and stormy, but there was a good congregation. Much satisfaction was expressed on all sides at the success of the fourth Conference of the deanery, and we are encouraged to look forward to the fifth, which will be held at Morrisburg, with bright anticipations.

TORONTO.

ARTHUR SWEATMAN, D.D., BISHOP, TORONTO.

St. Stephen's Church.—Last Thursday evening the Rev. Provost Weich delivered a lecture entitled "The Religious Reformers in the 18th and 19th Centuries." He dealt particularly with the Wesley and Oxford revival. Of the work of Wesley and Whitfield he gave a very comprehensive and fair account, pointing out many excellencies and a few weak points. The attendance was very large.

St. James' Cathedral.—On Sunday, Nov. 29th ult., and the following Thursday, the infant class-room was prettily decorated for the little ones with wheat and Indian corn. On Saturday, the little children brought their thankofferings of flowers, apples, grapes, figs, oranges, bananas, cakes and candies, all of which were arranged in order by their teacher, Miss Atkinson, and Mr. O. B. Staunton, the assistant. On Sunday afternoon, the bishop Sullivan, gave them a most interesting address, which was listened to attentively by the little children, after which the hymn, "We plough the fields and scatter," was heartily sung by all. The collection amounted to 45 cents, and was put on the plate in church and designated to diocesan missions. It was quite touching to see the children bringing their various parcels with such eager delight at being able to bring some small contribution for their thanksgiving offering. The cakes were distributed amongst the wee ones after Sunday-school, and on Monday morning the fruit was taken to some of the invalids in the parish. The self-denial practiced by this little flock should teach many of their seniors a very thoughtful lesson, especially at this season of the year.

Rev. Professor Clark lectured to the Literary Society of Bishop Strachan School last Thursday afternoon. There was a very large attendance both of members of the society and their friends, and the lecture was enjoyed. It was entitled "Literature and Art," and delivered in the professor's usual charming style. The connection between literature and art was strongly brought out and brief mention made of the great men in both.

The Sisters of the Church opened a very successful sale of work and Christmas cards at Broadway hall, Spadina Avenue, last Thursday afternoon. Afternoon tea was given, and in the evening a pleasing programme of theatricals and music was rendered.

The Bishop of Toronto and the Chapter of St. Albans Cathedral have granted the Canon Missioner a year's leave of absence to take up work in England on behalf of the cathedral. As he has been very successful in arousing the interest of Church people throughout the diocese in the cathedral scheme, it is to be hoped he will be equally successful in the Old Country. On Sunday, Nov. 29th, Canon Macnab preached in St. Albans a sermon especially addressed to the St. Andrew's Brotherhood men and based on the words of St. John: "I have written unto you young men because ye are strong and the Word of God abideth in you." The Canon will be the bearer of fraternal greetings from the Brotherhood men of St. Albans to their fellow Churchmen in England. In recognition of her unsparing zeal and efficient work in the Sunday-school of St. Albans, Mrs. Macnab was made the recipient of a handsome leather writing case. The Bishop made the presentation on behalf of the teachers and members of the Bible class. Canon and Mrs. Macnab sail from New York on Dec. 5th. Their address will be S.P.G. House, 19 Delahay St., Westminster, S. W. London.

A special Convocation was held at Trinity University last Tuesday morning, when the degree of D.D. was conferred upon Rev. J. D. Lewis, of the Church of the Reconciliation, New York. The ceremony took place in the library, and the degree was conferred by the Provost in the presence of a few of the professors. Dr. Lewis preached Sunday