

Pigott, churchwarden, Pembroke; Mr. Robert Kenny, lay delegate, Stafford; Messrs. Henry Thomas Hawkins and Joseph Kenny, churchwardens, Stafford; and Mr. Joseph R. Warren, lay delegate, Cobden.

The conference was preceded each morning by a celebration of the Holy Communion.

The Rev. C. O. Carson was elected Secretary. The Rural Dean in his able address dealt with the progress of the Church in the Deanery since the first meeting in 1890; with the Assessment, Bishopric Endowment and Mission Funds and the general work of the Deanery. Reports were presented from the various parishes and Missions, all indicating a healthy state of parish life. They showed large increase—a number of them in the contributions to the Mission Fund; the increase in Pembroke parish, being 35 per cent., and in Stafford about 60 per cent. It was resolved, "That the Rural Dean make a thorough canvass of the Deanery on behalf of the Mission Fund, similar to the one he made last year for the increase of the Clergymen's Stipends."

It was also decided to adopt the following plan for securing contributions to the Mission Fund, proposed by Rural Dean Bliss, and explained as follows:—Let the Diocese be canvassed for three or five year subscriptions to the fund, the canvasser and the parish clergyman together visiting each family and enlisting their promises and stated support. Let the list be left in each parish, and in February or March, when parochial collections were to be made the collectors, instead of having a blank card handed them, would have the card with names of all subscribers and amount to be collected from each. Those who had not signed anything would also be called on by the collectors. This to continue year after year. It did not interfere with our present missionary meetings or other collections. It simply gave the collectors a basis to work on; the canvasser having worked up the interest of the people and got their promises, all the collectors had to do was to call the amount. It would, he felt, work just as successfully as the canvass for the Clergyman's Stipend.

The lay delegates present expressed themselves favourable to the plan and agreed that it was a promising proposal.

PERSONAL.—Rev. William Bedford-Jones, son of the Ven. Archdeacon Bedford-Jones, of Brockville, in this diocese, has been called to one of the Episcopalian churches of Buffalo. For the past two years he has been rector of St. Luke's church, Ithaca, N.Y.

## Diocese of Toronto.

### TORONTO.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—The Bishop of the Diocese laid the foundation stone of a new Church at Fairbanks, a small village on the Toronto City Belt Railway, on the 11th inst. The building is to be of wood, about fifty by twenty feet. It is the result of Mission work carried on by the Students of Trinity College, under the direction of Rev. C. H. Shortt, rector of St. Cyprian's, a parish which has itself been in existence for only two years, but possesses a church and rectory built since the erection of the parish.

### PETERBORO'.

St. Luke's.—The Lord Bishop of Toronto administered Confirmation to 62 persons on Monday the 16th inst. Notwithstanding a down-pour of rain there was a large general attendance, and some of the candidates showed their faithfulness by driving a long distance des-

pite the storm. The Rev. S. C. W. Hedley, B. A., W. M. Loucks, M.A., J. C. Davidson, and the Rector of St. Luke's were all present and took part in the service. The Bishop delivered an earnest and practical address.

St. John's.—Ascension Day was duly marked in this parish by two services; Holy Communion being celebrated at 7.30 a.m., the Revs. C. B. Kenrick and Wm. Loucks officiating. In the evening the service of Evensong was conducted by a full choir. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were sung to festival settings, proper psalms were said and bright Ascension tide hymns were sung. The sermon was preached by Mr. Kenrick from the text, Acts 1, 9, 10, 11. During the offertory Simper's Anthem, "What shall I render unto the Lord" was sung, Masters Maitland, Boswell and Charles Seymour taking prominent parts. The service which was bright and joyous throughout, was brought to a close with the benediction pronounced by the Rector.

## Diocese of Niagara.

### THE LATE GEO. ELLIOTT, ESQ.

The Church in this Diocese has lost an ever faithful, loving and able son in the death of Geo. Elliott, Esq., of Guelph, whose funeral took place on the 14th inst. from St. George's church in that town. He was a prominent and active member of the Synod of Toronto and of Niagara after its separation, which showed its appreciation of his wisdom and abilities by sending him for many years as one of its delegates to the Provincial Synod. He was a high-minded, honourable and truthful man in all business transactions, holding strong opinions of his own and ever ready to maintain them. He did much for the advancement of the town, and was liberal and large-hearted. He was one of the chief founders of the General Hospital in Guelph, the Victoria wing being mainly due to his zeal and liberality. He was a devoted member of St. George's church, to the erection of which (and to the Rectory) he and his sister contributed largely, and, as chairman of the finance and building committee, he devoted much labor and great business ability without stint, fully and earnestly, until both church and rectory are left as a magnificent legacy to the congregation free from all debts or incumbrances. The Rector of St. George's said of him: "In all the relations of life he gave his best talent to his work—heartily as unto the Lord. He was one of the first with whom I became intimate on coming to this parish, and I can never forget the kindness and sympathy and support I have ever received at his hands down to his last farewell. Always faithful and diligent in the fulfilment of his Christian duties as warden and lay delegate in Sunday school and Bible class, while his health permitted, and ever ready and willing to help forward the cause of Christ and His Church. The Holy One once said: 'By their fruits ye shall know them;' gladly can we apply the test to him whose seat among us is vacant. His life was indeed a noble life—and being dead, he yet speaketh. Honorable and upright in his duty to his fellow men, so was he mindful of his duty to God, and ever anxious to draw near His mercy seat for help and strength."

### GUELPH.

St. James.—The Rev. Canon Sutherland, of Hamilton, visited this parish on Sunday, 14th May, and preached eloquent and instructive sermons both morning and evening. The one at Evensong was directly addressed to young men

in general, and the members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew came in for high words of approbation and advice. A large number of young men were present, and all appeared deeply interested in the Canon's outspoken words. Throughout, the services of the day were appropriate to the Ascensiontide season.

The choir of St. James' presented Mr. Wm. Stanley—who has been a member of the choir since the formation of the parish—with a beautiful set of Dickens' works.

The Bishop of the Diocese held confirmations at Acton and Rockwood in the last week in April.

## Diocese of Algoma.

### ALGOMA.

We thank our valued contemporary the *Algoma News* for kindly references. We are always pleased to avail ourselves of its aid as to news from the diocese of Algoma.

Rev H. C. Aylwin has resigned the incumbency of Ilfracombe.

A meeting of the Standing committee of the diocese was held at Emsdale on the 27th ult.

The Rev. C. Lutz, late of St. Alban's Cathedral Toronto, has been appointed to the cure of Sudbury.

The last number of the *Algoma Miss'y News* contains a letter for Mr. A. Sullivan, giving an account of the Bishop's visit to the City of Rome. The editor preceeds it by the following note:

The series of letters which have been written for *The News* by the Bishop and Mr. Alan Sullivan has been of interest to the ordinary reader. The interest is so much greater to the reader as he has at heart the welfare of the diocese and the health of our diocesan. Under the Hand of the Church, we feel that the guiding hand of our Bishop is needed, since it is moved by an experience in this great and scattering territory—an experience which no other possesses. News reaches us that he is fast recovering. After quietly resting until a return of physical strength permitted him to sustain the fatigue of travel, he is now enjoying that complete change of scene and occupation which was quite as necessary to his recovery as was the former rest. Those who know him best know that he could not obtain such unless far distant from us. From the result of his trip to Europe—the recovery of health—we are hoping, not to say convinced, that it is the will of the Head of the Church that the present Bishop of Algoma occupy the office and perform the duties of chief pastor among us again. Be it as it may, we believe that He who sent us to preach the Gospel and to uphold the standard of His Church will sustain us and our successors.

### APOSTOLICAL SUCCESSION.

"A Scottish Churchman, a sound lawyer, (now deceased) found himself seated by a neighbour who used some language of sarcastic contempt of the subject of Apostolical Succession. He did not take immediate notice of these remarks, but after a slight interval said: "By the way, is not Holy Communion to be administered in your Church next Sunday?" "Well, it ought to be," replied the other, "but there is some difficulty; the minister who is to help ours has fallen ill." "Oh," said the Churchman, "suppose I come and administer it." "You!" said the first speaker, in a tone of astonishment, "why, you are a layman." "Oh,