

Rev. J. Lockwood, of Waterford, Rev. Canon Medley, B.A., of Sussex, Rev. G. Gardner, of Hampton, Rev. H. S. Wainwright, B.A., of Kingston, Rev. S. J. Hanford, B.A., of Upham, Rev. E. S. Woodman, B.A., of Westfield and the Rector of the parish, Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath. The Bishop and clergymen robed in the rectory, and entered the church while the congregation were singing "Onward Christian Soldier." Rev. Canon Medley said the prayers, the first lesson being read by the Rev. S. J. Hanford, and the second lesson by the Rev. G. Love. The Service and singing were rendered in a hearty manner. Six candidates were presented by the Rector for the Rite of "Laying on of Hands, and one to be confirmed privately next day. The Bishop then delivered one of his earnest practical addresses to the newly confirmed persons, and to the congregation, which was listened to with marked attention.

MANGERVILLE.—On Wednesday evening October the 2nd., a missionary meeting was held in Christ Church. There was a large congregation present. The service was begun by Hymn 164 H. A. M. being sung as a processional by the clergy and the choir. The clergy present were, The Rev. T. E. Dowling, Carleton, St. John; the Rev. R. Mathers, St. John; the Rev. H. H. Barber, Newcastle; the Rev. B. Shaw, Jemseg; the Rev. N. Jaffrey, St. Mary's; the Rev. G. G. Roberts, Fredericton; the Rev. W. L. B. McKeel, Bright; and the Incumbent the Rev. G. H. Sterling. Prayers were said to the end of the 3rd Collect. The choir sang that beautiful anthem, "Arise shine, for Thy light is come," and the first address immediately followed by the Rev. T. E. Dowling, "The fruits of Intercession." Hymn 217 H. A. M. was then sung by the choir. This was followed by an address from the Rev. B. Shaw, "The reward of Mission work." The service was followed by another missionary hymn, and an address from the Rev. G. G. Roberts, "The growth of the Church in Africa." Then followed another hymn, and an address from the Rev. H. H. Barber, "The duty and privilege of giving." This was followed by that beautiful hymn 370 H. A. M. Then the offertory was taken up, followed by the benediction; hymn 10 H. A. M. was sung as a recessional. The clergy leaving the Sanctuary at the beginning of the last verse, "Praise God from &c." Thus ended one of the most stirring missionary meetings ever held in this Parish. Thursday morning the sun rose clear and bright, and loving hands were early at work, bearing the fruits of the earth to decorate the House of God. Upon the centre of the altar stood a large floral cross; at its base were placed ears of corn and fruit. On each end of the altar were small sheaves of grain, surrounded by various kinds of fruit. Over the altar was a handsome text, "The Harvest is Plenteous." On either chancel wall, the text, "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof." This text was very handsome, being made of red ground, with white letters, and bordered with a wreath of cedar mixed with oats, wheat, and barley.

On each side of the chancel windows, was placed upon the wall, a large inverted triangle, composed of nothing but flowers, these looked very beautiful at night.

On the front of the Pulpit, was a floral cross. The wreathing on the Pulpit was composed of cedar, flowers, autumn leaves, small fruits and grain; the effect was very good.

The approach to the chancel was in part taken up by sheaves of wheat, oats, and barley; the various fruits of the earth, all being intermingled with pots of beautiful plants, covered with bloom. The prayer desk and lectern were beautifully trimmed with ferns, fruits, flowers and grain. The font was very handsome, and the cross upon which the font stands was covered with moss, ferns and flowers. The decorations were particularly neat and beautiful. If time and space permitted I could describe other parts of the church which really deserve mention.

At 10 a.m. there was a communicants' meeting held in the church, and conducted entirely by the Rev. T. E. Dowling, who addressed those present "Upon preparation for Communion." This most excellent and impressive address was listened to with rapt attention both by the clergy and the congregation, and many have been the regrets

that the Revd. speaker was obliged to conclude the eleven o'clock service. All the communicants of the parish, with the exception of 13 were present.

At 11 a. m. morning prayer was said to the end of the third Collect., by the Rev. B. Shaw. The 1st. lesson was read by the Rev. G. G. Roberts. The 2nd. by the Rev. W. McKiel. The ante-communion service was said by the Rev. H. H. Barber. The Rev. T. E. Dowling preached a most excellent sermon to a good congregation, from Ephesians 25:20. The rector was the celebrant, there were forty-six communicants besides the clergy. In the evening there was another hearty service held at 7 p. m. The Rev. B. Shaw preached from Psalm 103:1, 2. His sermon was listened to with great attention by the congregation present. Thus ended our Harvest Thanksgiving Services. May many souls have been strengthened and refreshed.

The offertory which amounted to \$25.60 was set apart for the S. P. G.

#### QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—On Sunday the 20th. Dean Stanley preached in the Cathedral from Isa. 63:1. His sermon was of course an eloquent one. In the course of it among other applications of the passage, he thought it might profitably be applied to the divisions of Christendom, and whilst deprecating their bitterness, he pointed out the advantages to be derived from them. He said:—We may have absolute agreement, every face like every other face, every mind like every other mind, but we should lose the variety of natures, culture and civilization of the richness of Christianity. It has been sometimes said that if the Church of England was perfectly agreed within itself it would stand forever. Much more truly might it be said, that if so agreed, its fall would be close at hand. The truth of God must enter into its rest by generous rivalry, by the eager conflict of soul with soul, of mind with mind. There may be a stream of religious thought, which, like the Nile, diffuses beneficence by its sole strength without tributary aid, but the stream of the highest Christian thought resembles the mighty river which flows beneath the heights, and which derives its force and majesty from the rare fate which has made it the depository and outlet of all the vast volume of waters which, from hidden springs, immense lakes and world-renowned cataracts discharge themselves into its broad channel, and make it the highway of nations. Such is true Christianity, including all the elements of life from the inland seas of remote antiquity, from the rushing torrents of impetuous action, from the dissolving foam and ethereal spray of intellectual speculation, which find their way into its capacious bosom.

—The Lord Bishop informed his clergy that they could select any day between the 20th. and 28th. Oct. as a day of thanksgiving for the late abundant harvest. In this city an excellent custom has been sometime in existence of having one united service at the cathedral. This annual service on the morning of Thanksgiving Day took place on Thursday, and was a grand joint service of praise and thanksgiving. The sacred edifice was well filled on the occasion. All the church clergy of the city occupied seats in the chancel, and assisted in various parts of the service. Mr. E. A. Bishop, organist of the Cathedral, presided at the organ with his accustomed ability, and the choir, consisting of a large number of ladies and gentlemen of the congregation, aided largely in making the service a joyous one befitting the occasion.

The old Cathedral has rarely been so carefully and tastily prepared for a special ceremony. Wreaths of cedar evergreen and other bright foliage were appropriately mingled throughout with the choicest fruits and grain of the harvest. Seldom, if ever, have decorations so perfect been seen; everything was in harmony; a ground work of moss in some parts rendered the whole simply exquisite. The service began with the hearty singing of the 100th Psalm, to the good time-honored tune "Old Hundred." Morning prayer was said by Rev. A. A. Von Iffland, Rector of St. Michael's, special opening sentences being substituted for the penitential ones occurring in

the Prayer Book. The special psalms for the day the 144th, 145th and 146th, were chanted by the choir to appropriate single chants, and the *Benedicite* substituted for the *Te Deum*. Rev. Chas. Hamilton, M. A., Rector of St. Matthew's read both lessons, and Rev. M. M. Fothergill, Rector of St. Peter's, said the Creed and the concluding prayers of the morning service with the special Collects. The Anthem, which was rendered by the choir in a very creditable manner, and appeared to be a most intricate composition, and light and glad some in the extreme, was "Sing unto God and high affection raise." At the conclusion of the morning prayer, the hymn was sung, commencing

"Come ye thankful people come  
Raise the song of harvest home."

The Lord Bishop of the diocese said the ante-communion service, the Rev. Thomas Richardson Rector of St. Paul's, read the epistle, and Rev. G. V. Housman, M. A., Rector of Quebec, the gospel. After the Nicene Creed was sung the hymn commencing

"We sow the fields and scatter  
The good seed on the ground."

His Lordship preached an excellent and appropriate sermon on Prov 3:6, which we regret our limits will not permit us to give in full. The office of the Holy Communion was then proceeded with. His Lordship being assisted in the administration by the Rev. Messrs. Housman, Hamilton, Fothergill, and Van Iffland. Thus ended a really hearty thanksgiving service.

St. Matthew's.—The Harvest thanksgiving service was held in the church on Thursday evening when an eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. C. W. Rawson, M. A., of the Cathedral. The church was very tastefully decorated, the fruit being especially good. The offertories on Thanksgiving Day, are by an order of the Church Society devoted to the Pension Fund for aged and infirm clergymen.

#### MONTREAL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MONTREAL.—A special meeting of the vestry of Trinity Church was held on Thursday, the 22nd inst., to take into consideration the present condition of the church, and advise as to the best means whereby the present financial embarrassment of the church might be overcome. The very Rev. the Dean, Revs. Canon Baldwin, and L. Desbrisays and C. J. Brydges, Esq., were present as well as a large number of the congregation. From the financial report presented, it would seem that the church is in arrears some \$38,000, the payment of which is being pressed for by the creditors. After some discussion, it was decided that it would be better to dispose of the present building, and a committee was appointed to make enquiries to the prospects of effecting a sale.

St. Stephen's Church Association held its annual meeting on Thursday evening, 24th inst., the Rector of the church, the Rev. Canon Evans being in the chair. Addresses were delivered by Very Rev. Dean Bond, Revds. J. P. Dumoulin, L. Desbrisays, and L. H. Davidson, Esq.

The Album intended for presentation to Bishop Oxenden, is on exhibition at Notman's Studio. It contains the photographs of the Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, and those of the Clergy of the Diocese of Montreal. The volume is also ornamented throughout by etchings of Canadian life and scenery, executed by Mr. Pereira of the *Gazette*, which add greatly to its value. The binding is of full Morocco, with raised and illuminated border, the arms of the Diocese and of the Bishops combined, being elegantly worked in gold in the centre of the front cover.

#### ONTARIO.

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OTTAWA.—Carrying out the desire of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, expressed in a pastoral issued to the Church of England throughout the world, a meeting was held in St. John's Church, to discuss the best means of placing Sunday Schools on a better footing.