

the full measure of the seven fold Gifts of the Holy Spirit is bestowed on those who have been baptized, then surely we shall feel that there can scarcely be too early an age for this gift to be sought for our children. As soon at least as they become conscious of what is good and evil, and know what it is to be able to look up to a loving Father in Heaven, and to thank Christ for having loved them, and they can know these things very early if properly instructed, the great object of parents ought to be to guard them as far as possible from the evil, to help them as pure regenerated children of the Heavenly Father, and to make their life what such should be one onward progress of holiness. "Shining more and more" as their intellect and human faculties develop "unto the perfect day." If this is to be, we should not deprive them of one great means of health and strength, until they have had to go forth into the battle, and perhaps in that first assault have been almost mortally wounded. Those who love them will seek to provide them with the whole armour of God before any grave assaults are likely to have found their weak part. If the aid of the Holy Spirit, if the Holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ are needed for the support of maturer Christians in the battle of life they are needed surely just as much if not more, for our children as they go forth into that battle, and as their characters are being formed for good or for evil.

Why do not parents have greater faith in the possibilities of keeping the Baptismal robes of their children unspotted, and make this their aim, rather than while consenting to childish follies, as inevitable, look to their conversion as a thing to be hoped for. There is more power in the simple love and faith of a little child than some are want to think. "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." The Bishop of Lichfield has very well said in one of his Pastoral Letters: "I have learned from my own experience how, even at that early age, [he is speaking of twelve], if they have been carefully prepared, they may receive with a simplicity and earnestness not always found in later years, the loving Grace of God in the 'Laying on of Hands.' And then having received that special Grace, they will ever after have for their strengthening and refreshing, as they pass through the battle with the world, the flesh and the devil, that special communion with their Saviour which is found in the Sacrament of His Body and His Blood.

The Bishop then, is content, in accordance with what he believes the intentions of our Prayer Book to leave the exact age at which children may be brought to the discretion of the God-parents who have the responsibility of bringing them, and to the clergy who must prepare and examine them. He does not wish to make any conditions beyond what is plainly laid down in the Prayer Book.

## Home & Foreign Church News.

From our own Correspondents.

### DOMINION.

#### DIocese OF FREDERICKTON.

The Metropolitan has issued a circular letter to the clergy of the diocese in the following terms:

Jubilee of the fiftieth year of Her Most Gracious Majesty's reign should be loyally and dutifully observed by us, and by our lay brethren. Having lately met the rural deans of this diocese, and having taken their opinions on the subject, I am desirous that June 20th, being the day of the Queen's accession, should be observed in all our churches with solemn prayer and thanksgiving for Her Majesty's long and happy reign. And I request that you will all unite in this service, whether in morning or evening, or both. It seems proper that holy communion should be administered on the morning of that day.

It was also suggested that there should be a general service of thanksgiving in the cathedral at the time, when a large body of clergy and laity will meet together at the assembling of the synod of this diocese, and I hereby name Thursday evening, the 7th of July, as a proper time for this purpose; the service to begin at 8 p.m.

#### MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—At the annual school festival of St. Luke's Church Sunday school last Wednesday evening, the members of the adult Bible class embraced the occasion to present their teacher, Mr. Henry J. Dart, with a very handsome and costly silver ice pitcher, together with an address, as an expression of their high esteem and appreciation. Mr. Wm. Emo read the address, and Mr. Dart, in reply, made a characteristic and happy acknowledgment. The Rev. Mr. Rogers paid a glowing tribute of praise to Mr. Dart's

usefulness and fitness for the responsible position he so worthily filled, and his great assistance in the Sunday school. Mr. Dart has been actively connected with St. Luke's for twelve years, for over seven of which he has taught the Bible class, and it deserves mention, for the encouragement and example of teachers, that during the last year he never missed being in his place a single Sunday, although living nearly two miles away from his work. Such steadfast earnestness is indeed rare.

Sister Sarah, of the St. Margaret's Home, has been presented with the following request:—

"The undersigned having learnt of your intention to separate yourself from the sisterhood of St. Margaret's Home, Boston, Mass., believing that the establishment of an active Sisterhood in Montreal, independent of any outside organization would be of great benefit to the city, respectfully ask your kind consideration of the proposal to establish such an institution, for which your work during the past year with the smallpox epidemic has pointed you out as especially fitted, agreeing if you consent to take up the work among the poor of our own and other towns and cities of the Dominion, in so far as we can to assist you in making it successful."

The petition is signed by over two hundred of our leading citizens, among whom are Sir Donald Smith, Mayor Beaugrand, Mr. R. B. Angus, Mr. Andrew Robertson, Dr. G. E. Fenwick, Dr. T. G. Roddick, and many others.

St. Vincent de Paul.—On Thursday, the 17th inst., the Lord Bishop of the diocese paid his first episcopal visit to St. Vincent de Paul for the purpose of holding a confirmation and of administering the holy communion in the provincial penitentiary at that place. The visit was by the special appointment of the Rev. Mr. Allan, the respected chaplain of the institution, and from first to last, in all its details and particulars, was of the most gratifying character. One of its pleasing features was the marked respect and honor studiously shown to the Protestant Bishop by the Roman Catholic warden, Mr. Ouimet, and all the officials of the same faith in the institution. The services throughout was of the most impressive and solemn character. Twelve candidates were presented for confirmation, seven of them convicts, and five from a few Protestant families in the neighborhood, all of whom, with several more besides, afterwards united in holy communion. The singing, led by a young lady of the neighborhood, who played the harmonium, and who, with her sister was afterwards among the confirmed, and the communicants, was really admirable, and was joined in by the whole congregation in the most hearty manner. All of the Protestant convicts able to attend service were present, and among the number—the somewhat celebrated Vian, unhappily notorious in the annals of crime. But never did the Bishop address a more attentive congregation. Every eye was riveted upon him, and every ear seemed eagerly to drink in the words of eternal truth which fell from his lips.

A short reception was subsequently held at Mr. Allan's, attended by Protestants and Roman Catholics alike, who seemed to vie with one another in doing honor to the occasion and showing respect to the Bishop. Mrs. Allan most ably seconded her husband's efforts by spreading before her guests a most bountiful and excellent repast. Thus concluded a most gratifying and, it is to be hoped, profitable visit, long to be remembered.

In the words of Goldsmith's "Country Parson," of Mr. Allan—now, it is believed, for thirty-eight years connected as chaplain with the institution—it may be said:

"Remote from cities he ran his godly race,  
Nor ever changed, nor wished to change his place."

Christ Church Cathedral.—A sale of the work and fancy goods of the Ladies' Aid Society, in Messrs. Hall & Scott's rooms, 1359 St. Catharine street, was very largely attended, an incentive being the promised presence of their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Marchioness of Lansdowne.

The rooms were handsomely festooned with wreaths of evergreens and smilax, in which roses and other flowers were artistically entwined, and colored fairy lamps lent an additional attraction to the scene. The tables were tastefully arranged and heavily laden with a grand display of fancy and hand painted articles which attracted much notice and drew forth general expressions of admiration. The fair was under the management of Mrs. Chaffee, assisted by Mrs. Jack, Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Macdougall, Mrs. Henshaw, and a staff of able and willing young lady volunteers of the society.

Among those present were noted his Lordship Bishop Bond, Rev. J. G. Norton, Rev. Dr. Norman, Rev. Rabbi Marks, Messrs. M. H. Gault, ex-M.P., Geo. Drummond, F. C. Henshaw, and others.

The flower table was in charge of Mrs. Stevenson

and Mrs. Blake, assisted by a corps of little sprites, tastefully dressed, who dashed here and there through the crowd, and were most successful in effecting sales. The fancy table was under the control of Miss Moffatt and Mrs. Jones. The Young Ladies' Aid Society table, which was in charge of Miss Dougall and Miss Wheeler, assisted by Misses Sanderson, Jerdon, and Caverhill. The refreshment table was managed by Mrs. M. H. Gault, Miss Foster, Miss Chaffee, Miss Skelton. A candy table in connection presented a most toothsome appearance, and the young ladies in charge, Miss Gault, Miss Campbell, and the Misses Chaffee, took occasion to inform their patrons that all their goods were of "home manufacture."

"Rebecca at the Well," as personified by Miss Rosa Gault and Miss Ibbotson, was exceedingly good. The "Fish Pond," was under the charge of Mrs. Henshaw.

Shortly after 3 o'clock the strains of "God Save the Queen" announced the coming of the viceregal party, who were received at the entrance by his Lordship Bishop Bond, Canon Norman, the Rev. J. G. Norton, Mr. George Drummond and Mr. M. H. Gault, while a large number of ladies were drawn up in a circle.

The Marchioness first entered the room, leaning upon the arm of Mr. George Drummond, followed by His Excellency the Governor-General, accompanied by the Rev. J. G. Norton, rector of Christ Church Cathedral, Lady Florence Streatfield, Captain Streatfield, Lord F. Hamilton, Hon. Mr. Anson and others. Having been introduced to several of the ladies present, their Excellencies were conducted to a raised dais, from which His Excellency delivered an address.

At the conclusion of the speech, the viceregal party accompanied by Rev. Canon Norman, Rev. J. G. Norton, Miss Moffatt, Mrs. Skelton, Mr. Geo. Drummond, Mr. F. C. Henshaw and several others of the principal ladies and gentlemen present, proceeded to the refreshment room, where they partook of afternoon tea.

### ONTARIO.

OTTAWA.—Meeting of the White Cross Brotherhood.—A meeting of this society was held in the school room of St. John's Church, on Monday, the 14th of February. After routine business, the President called upon Dr. Wickstead to address the new members present. The Doctor counselled all the members to take part in the discussions of the society. Not to enable them, merely to become adepts in the art of public speaking, or to put their names into print. But by the exercise of their judgment or the relation of their experience to become useful, not only to themselves and their immediate neighbours,—but to utter strangers in their own and foreign countries. For by means of the church papers their words could be made go far and wide. He drew attention to the new society founded in the United States, in 1883, and styled the guild of the Iron Cross. The members were pledged to fight against the spread of infidelity, intemperance, impurity; the three vices which are most destructive to the peace and welfare of the community. Most of those belonging to the Ottawa White-Cross guild had bound themselves to other societies, which, separately, attempted to do the work done by this one society, viz, the Iron Cross guild. He wished the members to consider the advisability of establishing in this city a branch of the army of the Iron Cross.

The Rev. Mr. Serson, of Tamworth, then spoke. He was very glad to be among those who had thus banded themselves together for furthering the cause of Christ. He thought it a wise plan to combine three societies in an Iron Cross guild. He objected to the multiplication of societies,—and he knew that Bishop Lewis had the same objection. He wished the meeting God-speed.

The Rev. Mr. Hannington then explained the objects of the society, and declared "the plan of campaign." He stated that he had received a warm invitation to visit another place and establish a branch. He had also corresponded with other parties on the work of the guild. Mr. W. G. Lampy then rose to his feet. He said that he felt proud to be the oldest member of the guild. He had found that the presence of one of its members had in a mixed company a salutary effect in curbing the tendency to evil speech. To protect the weaker sex was the proud duty of every man. It was consoling to think that when we were dead our work will go on and survive us,—though we may be forgotten otherwise. We, as subjects of the British Empire, ought never to forget that there is a white cross on the Union-Jack or "Old Glory" as it was affectionately called by the soldiers and sailors. We ought never to be satisfied until the principles of the White-Cross Brotherhood were pushed forward and advanced with and beyond the British Ensign,—and had brought all nations under its sway. He hoped that all present would at the judgment day be found enrolled under the banner of Christ. Dr. Wickstead informed the meeting that he had written to five Canadian Universities, proposing that they should give annual lectures on the three

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