

the respected Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, who preached a touching and eloquent sermon on the Epistle for the day. There were also present, and assisting in the services, the Rural Dean (Rev. H. W. Nye), and the Rev. Canon Davidson. The day was a perfect one, "most calm, most bright," and all the circumstances combined to render it "a bright spot in memory's waste."

**MONTREAL.**—*The Cathedral.*—We understand that an effort is being made to secure more thoroughly congregational singing in this Church. The Rector, on the first Sunday in November, announced that Canon Norman had consented to meet members of the congregation for the purpose of practising singing; and the first meeting took place, we believe, on the 4th instant, and was well attended. All success to the movement.

*St. George's.*—The annual meeting of the Y. M. C. Association took place on Thursday evening last, the Very Rev. the Dean presiding. From the report it seemed that the meetings of the past year had been well attended, and that much energetic and useful work had been done by the various committees. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Rev. L. N. Tucker; First Vice-President, Very Rev. Dean Carmichael; Second Vice-President, Mr. W. J. White; Secretary, Mr. W. H. Walkley; Treasurer, Mr. H. L. Jackson.

*St. James the Apostle.*—Rumors are again in circulation regarding impending changes in this parish in the direction referred to some months ago.

**SISTER SARAH.**—We learn with extreme regret that fears are entertained that Sister Sarah may not be permitted to continue the work which she has so successfully inaugurated in connection with St. Margaret's Home in this city. From what we can learn, Sister Sarah is under the control of the Sisters of St. Margaret of Boston, the Mother Superior of which has recalled her to that city. To withdraw her from the work here, for which she seems peculiarly fitted, would be a grave mistake, and we hope wiser counsels may prevail. Why should there not be in this city a *Deaconess Home*: an independent institution. There is surely work enough to be done, and, we fancy, Christian women enough anxious to do it, if opportunity be offered, in connection with a well organized body. A Canon on Deaconesses was passed several years ago, making provision for such work, but thus far it has remained inoperative, to the loss of the Church and of the Diocese.

We understand that the deputation which has been visiting the various Missions in the Deanery of Hochelaga, to explain and enforce the Quebec System, has been well received, and that great hopes are entertained that a much larger measure of self-support may be the result. Were it not for the wretched division and uncertainty as to the future which prevails in the Diocese at large, there is little doubt that the plan would be successful. As matters now are, there is not much inducement to subscribe to anything.

An outcome, we suppose, of the movement for Unity or Church Reunion is the proposal to form a Clerical Association for the city, composed of the Clergy of the Church and of the Ministers of the various denominations. The Dean of Montreal presided at the preliminary meeting, and it was announced that the Bishop was in sympathy with the movement. We hope that this is not another of the "Evangelical Alliance" schemes. There is little chance for real Unity or Reunion in any plan which fails to recognize the existence of the historical Church and Ministry, and the wrongfulness of separation from them.

## DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

**KEMPTVILLE.**—On Friday, Oct. 29th, His Lordship the Bishop of Niagara, acting for the Diocesan, visited Kemptville, attended by the Venerable Archdeacon of Ottawa, to minister the sacramental rite of Confirmation to thirty-six candidates, there being eighteen males and eighteen females, eight of the number being converts to the Church, of whom three had been baptized in the Roman obedience. One of the candidates, who was unable to walk, or stand, or kneel, in consequence of rheumatism, with which she had been afflicted for many years, was brought to church on a chair. Every one seemed moved with something next to awe when they saw the Bishop rising from his chair and, descending the chancel steps, approach the candidate and lay his hand on her head, that she, with the others, might also receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

The Bishop's address was that of a good man, fully alive to the wants of the people. Among other things, he pointed out the very common mistake some persons made regarding Confirmation, dwelling as they too often did on the first part, their own act of ratifying and confirming, apparently forgetful of the more important "coming to be confirmed by God." His Lordship gave a second address, laying down rules for the candidates to guide their life by. All the newly confirmed received their first Communion, some eighty others joining with them at the altar. There were 110 communicants. The Bishop celebrated, being assisted by Archdeacon Lauder, the Rev. Messrs. H. Bethune Patton, W. A. Read, and the Rector. The other Clergy present were the Rev. Messrs. S. Daw, W. F. Gorman and Wyndham Brown.

The Rector requested the candidates to remain in their homes that evening and solemnly meditate on the great privileges that they had entered on, and to make holy resolves for the future; to write down their impressions and resolutions, and place the documents on the offertory dishes the next Sunday, to be presented on the altar, and afterwards to be deposited with the parish priest.

A most successful branch of the "Ministering Children's League" has been instituted in this parish, and it meets every Saturday afternoon for religious instruction and work in St. James' Hall.

The ladies are getting up a grand concert to come off on the 16th Nov.

The Sunday-school children are preparing for their grand Christmas choral service.

**KINGSTON.**—A meeting of St. George's Cathedral Young Men's Association, was held in their rooms on Friday the 29 ult., to re-organize for the season. The following officers were elected:

President—Rev. B. B. Smith; Vice President—N. K. Scott; Secretary—R. Easton Burns; Treasurer—R. T. Burns; Committee—Rev. R. T. Burns; Messrs. I. Sutherland; N. P. Joyner; O. Hooper and H. L. Rothwell.

The association will meet every second Wednesday during the Winter. There will be debates, essays, readings and music.

**BARRIEFIELD.**—*St. Mark's.*—The annual harvest Thanksgiving service was held on Sunday, 31st ult. The church was tastefully decorated with grain and fruit, the music was good, and the services hearty. The Rev. Rural Dean Carey preached an eloquent sermon, at the morning service, and the Rev. R. Burns preached a most impressive sermon, in the evening. As the Sunday appointed by the committee, as hospital Sunday, is inconveniently late, preceding closely the first Sunday in Advent, the rector decided that the offertory at the thanksgiving services should be devoted to the hospital. It was a very liberal one for St. Mark's, amounting to \$14.72. St. Mark's

has thus the honor of leading the way in this good work.

**ODESSA.**—On the 4th the Bishop of Niagara administered the rite of Confirmation to sixteen persons; four males and twelve females at Odessa. His Lordship addressed the candidates at length in a very earnest manner, in course of which he made a very happy allusion to the floral decorations, which were very pretty, especially a large cross which was suspended over the altar. The choir performed their part well, particularly the hymn, "Come Holy Ghost Our Souls inspire." The clergy present and who took part in the service were: Ven. Archdeacon Jones, the Rev. Rural Dean Carey, and Revs. Messrs. Spencer, Prime and Burns. The Bishop left in the afternoon for Bath, en route to Amherst Island.

## DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

**ORILLIA.**—The vestry of St. James' Church have requested the Bishop to appoint the Rev. C. H. Marsh as Assistant Minister.

The vestry has also authorized the Churchwardens to take steps for the erection of a monument at the grave of the late Chief Nanishkung.

**TORONTO.**—*St. George's.*—The work of the Church Army goes on bravely, and is receiving much encouragement. The meetings, both in the open air and in the Mission Hall, Phoebe street, have been well attended. On Sunday, Oct. 31st, at 3:30, a service was held in the Church, at which the Rev. L. Moore, in the absence of the Rector, Rev. J. D. Cayley, delivered a short, stirring and impressive address. Capt. Robertson read the 55th chap. of Isaiah, and several suitable hymns were sung and heartily joined in by the congregation, who by the large attendance gave evidence of their interest in this great work. Services are being held each evening at 7:30 in the Mission Hall.

Rev. A. J. Broughall, of St. Stephen's, assisted at evening service and preached an eloquent sermon. The Church being crowded as usual.

## DIOCESE OF HURON.

**LONDON.**—The opening service of the Sunday school Convention in St. Paul's Church, on the evening of the 26th ult., was largely attended. As previously announced, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese was the preacher, and he selected Deut. vi: 6, as the text for an able discourse in reference to the importance of the Sunday school, as an instrumentality in advancing the cause of Christ on earth. It would be well if all interested in the education of the young would remember these words of the Bishop: "As a minister of the Gospel he could say, that of all the moral shipwrecks they could be called on to witness none were so sad, so lamentable, so utterly hopeless as those where the victims had been educated. They might have passed through universities and scientific schools, but were destitute of that better life which alone could guide and direct the soul, and without which there was nothing left. They could see how many spiritual wrecks there were in the world and could weep over them, but the question was, what was the reason and what the remedy? How many young men were sent out into the world without any solid religious training? Their parents have striven to educate their mind, to teach them that the only God to worship was that of intellect. And what about the spiritual developments? That was neglected—they were helpless and foundering in the storm."

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