

be appreciated. In the arches of the windows underneath is drawn a passion flower, ascending to the apex on both sides of each window. Immediately under the cornice, is painted the Apostles' creed in Latin, running round both sides of the chapel. On the western wall, above the gallery, is emblazoned the school motto, surrounded with rays of flame, upon an azure field. Over the chancel arch is a gold cross, the back-ground intended to represent the midnight sky, the zenith brightened by the moonlight, and lower down studded white stars,—reminding us that as the created moon shines with the light reflected from the sun, so for the church on earth the light by which she is to shine is not to be her own; but that both she herself and the faith she is to hold forth must be shone upon by the Sun of Righteousness. In fact, the whole interior of this beautiful Chapel is something that presents fresh beauties the more it becomes familiar. We do not hesitate to say that we have never seen anything so rich, and yet in no way tawdry or bedizened. The services on Sunday consisted of Holy Communion at 7.30 a. m., at which about twenty-three boys were present, with some others belonging to the school, the head-master being celebrant, assisted by Rev. R. T. Nichol. A second service was held at 11 o'clock, and a third service at 4 p. m., at which a considerable number of outsiders from Port Hope and Cobourg were present. A very eloquent and instructive sermon on the ministry of the Angels, was preached by the Head-master. The service was partly choral, the choir being very full, but being apparently without a recognized leader, there was a hesitancy at times that rather marred the otherwise good effect of the singing. We would suggest to the officiating clergymen that on another occasion they should read upon a much lower note, as their voices appeared rather strained, rendering it difficult to take up the response. We were much disappointed with the organ; certainly so beautiful a chapel deserves a better aid for such a choir as usually officiates at the school services. No doubt a deficiency in this respect is calculated to embarrass any choir. We congratulate the authorities and friends of the school upon the completion of their work, and express the sincere hope that the Chapel may prove a help towards enlisting the hearts of the boys in the solemn services to be held in it for all time to come.—*Port Hope Times*.

The decorative work which is carried out in oil colours, has been very satisfactorily done by Mr. J. Causland's workmen from Toronto, and reflects the utmost credit upon the taste and skill of Mr. Frank Darling, the architect and designer.

DIocese OF ONTARIO.

KEMPTVILLE.—On Thursday, Sept. 20th, the Church people of Kemptville celebrated their annual Harvest Home Festival. Everything went off with great eclat. The church had been tastefully decorated for the occasion. The service was choral. The choir—always good—showed marks of improvement by following some useful hints which had been given it by the talented organist of St. Alban's, Ottawa—Mr. Harris. The preacher in the morning was the Rev. T. Bailey, late of Madagascar, and one of the latest and most promising of the late additions to the Canadian Priesthood. Mr. Bailey was also celebrant, being assisted by the Revs. J. F. Fraser and Lawrence Lee. There were also present, beside the Rector, Mr. Emery, the Revs. Messrs. Jemmett, Mercer and Houston. There was a most sumptuous banquet served in St. James' Hall by the ladies of the Parish, after which there was a feast of music in the hall and on the Rectory grounds. Dr. Ferguson, at the special request of the Rector, gave an admirable account of his three months' trip in the North West; and at the call of the Rector, his old friend, Mr. Cousens, of the Protestant Hospital, Ottawa, gave a lucid account of that Institution. The young people were not forgotten in connection with amusements. All sorts of games were entered into by them, for

prizes, with great zest. There was Evensong at 7.30, when Mr. Jemmett preached an excellent sermon suited to the occasion. The ladies received about \$75 towards the debt on this Memorial Church.

Sunday School Festival.—On Thursday, Oct. 4th, the St. James' Sunday School celebrated their festival. For some years past the young people had been comparatively forgotten in the special festive line. They met at the Hall at 10 a. m. with representatives from Burritt's Rapids and Oxford Mills Sunday Schools. At 11.30 they were formed into a procession, with a great number of banners, large and small, headed by the village band, and marshalled by Mr. Leslie, their veteran Superintendent, they marched through the streets in goodly array. On returning to St. James' Hall, they sat down to a most sumptuous dinner. Several ladies performed on the piano during the dinner. The afternoon was spent in running races and in other athletic sports. Prizes were given to the most successful.

Art School.—Under the patronage of the Rector, Mr. Emery, a School of Art has been most successfully carried on in St. James' Hall during the last three months, under the direction of Mr. Gladsden, a Student of the London, England, School of Art.

UNITED STATES.

The General Convention.

THE sun rose in a cloudless sky on Wednesday, the third day of October, and the merry chimes of Christ Church rang out their harmonies to welcome the gathering of Bishops, Priests and Laymen, who had come to participate in the centenary convention of the Church in the United States.

The Church of the Holy Trinity, in which the convention is in session, is a Norman structure, following closely the Basilica arrangement inside. It comfortably seats 1,400 people. The roof is a trefoil arch, with a large apse at the end, lighted by twelve gold-finished chandeliers. There are twelve cathedral glass windows, soon to be replaced by memorial ones. The polygonal chancel, where the officers of the Convention sit, has a dome, giving the place a cathedral aspect, four carved cherubs forming the pendentives above the arches. Besides the presiding officer's chair there are ten fixed stalls. In front of the whole is the special platform for the Secretaries of the Lower House.

After it had received its guests, the old Church had within its walls a body of men which contrasted strangely with the few who assembled in it a century ago, when the first General Convention of the American Church there sat for laying out the feeble work which to-day figures up so grandly. Then there were present sixteen clergymen and twenty-six laymen, and no Bishop had yet been consecrated. Now, this same General Convention numbers two hundred and five clergymen and two hundred and five laymen, and our Episcopate embraces sixty-four Bishops, twelve of whom have missionary jurisdictions.

It were impossible to fully describe the interest which gathered itself around this opening service. At 10.30 the west doors leading to the tower were opened and the Secretaries, the Revs. Chas. L. Hutchins, Dr. Anstice, Dr. Potter and Dr. Tatlock, entered, followed by the long line of Bishops, who, as they reached the chancel, parted their ranks until the venerable and feeble Presiding Bishop of nearly ninety years old (the last remaining of the many consecrated by the revered Bishop White), came slowly up the aisle, leaning upon two trusted laymen, who helped him to the Episcopal Chair. During the procession the choirs and great congregation sang

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord.

Then all knelt in silence—the stillness was broken by the opening sentences of our dear old Prayer Book, and then followed the regular Morn-

ing Service, the feeble "Primus," or Presiding Bishop, in a clear ringing voice, pronouncing the absolution.

The sermon, a sturdy, practical one, full of real merit, and thoroughly *en rapport* with the occasion, was preached by the Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D., Bishop of Rhode Island.

The sermon done, the Holy Eucharist was celebrated, and this whole great body of men began their important work by first kneeling in sweet submission at God's Board to partake of the Blessed Feast.

It was now 2 o'clock, and the Convention, by invitation of the Churchmen of Philadelphia, lunched at the Aldine Hotel. The hand shaking, the hearty greeting, the expressions of gladness at again meeting each other, from Bishops, Clergy and Laymen, helped to make the occasion a memorable one.

Four o'clock found the members again in Holy Trinity.

Soon the sound of the gavel brought the House to order. The Secretary of the last Convention then formally announced the opening of the Thirty-third General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America.

The Rev. Dr. Beardley, a deputy from the Diocese of Connecticut was re-elected President, and the Rev. Charles Hutchins re-elected Secretary. The Secretary then announced that he had appointed the Rev. Dr. Anstice, and the Rev. Messrs. Miller and Worthington the Assistant Secretaries. After completing organization the House adjourned.

The second day the appointment of the various committees were made.

The papers of Rev. Dr. Randolph, ass't Bishop elect of Virginia, the Rev. Dr. Knickerbocker, the Bishop-elect of Indiana, and the Rev. Dr. Potter, ass't Bishop-elect of New York, were read and referred to the Committee on the Consecration of Bishops.

Several resolutions were offered. One called for a revision of representation in the Convention, so that dioceses with over two hundred churches, shall have three clerical and three lay deputies, with over one hundred churches, two each, and less than that, one each. (At present, every Diocese, no matter what its size, has eight delegates, four of each order.)

Another, calling for substitution of "Holy Catholic," in place of the name "Protestant Episcopal," wherever it occurs in the Book of Common Prayer or Ordinal, or in the Canons and Constitution of the Church. Both were laid on the table.

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Rochester, England, was presented to the House of Deputies, all the members receiving him standing. After addressing the House in a pleasant speech, the Rt. Rev. Preiate stated he had crossed the ocean to be the bearer of a letter from His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, to the Senior Bishop of the American Church.

The House of Bishops convened in the parish building of Holy Trinity Church. The Rt. Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., D. C. L., occupied the chair.

The new Bishops consecrated since the last General Convention were introduced and took their seats. The five Bishops thus received were the Rt. Rev. George Kelly Dunlop, S. T. D., Missionary Bishop of New Mexico; the Rt. Rev. Leigh Richmond Brewer, S. T. D., Missionary Bishop of Montana; the Rt. Rev. John Adams Paddock, D. D., Missionary Bishop of Washington Territory; the Rt. Rev. Cortland Whitehead, D. D., Bishop of Pittsburg, and the Rt. Rev. H. M. Thompson, D. D., Assistant Bishop of Mississippi.

The names of the Bishops deceased since the last General Convention were read, viz.: the Rt. Rev. Dr. Atkinson, Bishop of North Carolina; the Rt. Rev. Kerfoot, Bishop of Pittsburg, and the Rt. Rev. Dr. Talbot, Bishop of Indiana.

The Rt. Rev. Anthony W. Thorold, D. D., Lord Bishop of Rochester, was introduced and addressed the house.