

highest marks, and special prizes given by Mr. Jas. Hodges to the best church worker among the girls and boys, were won by Miss M. Wilson and Master Fred Mason, respectively. The whole work of preparing for the Xmas tree—dressing dolls, soliciting donations, etc.,—was undertaken by two devoted teachers in the Sunday School, Mrs. Wm. Howard and Mrs. Jas. Hodges of Ottawa. Their efforts are felt to be beyond all praise by both priest and people. The chair during the evening was most genially occupied by the incumbent of the parish, Rev. Mr. Green, whose good work in the parish is already bearing abundant fruit.

TRINITY CHURCH. —BILLINGS BRIDGE.

Since the vacancy in the incumbency of this parish, the services at Trinity Church and at the mission church at Cowan's, have been regularly taken by lay readers from Christ Church Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. It is to be earnestly hoped that the vacancy will soon be filled, as lay readers, however valuable as stop gaps, cannot do the work of a clergyman.

DR. BAUM'S LECTURES.

The Rev. Henry Mason Baum, D.C.I., the learned editor of the *Church Review* of New York, on the invitation of the Ottawa Clerical Guild, delivered three lectures on the History of the Church of England in St. John's Hall on the evenings of January 9th, 10th and 11th. The Hall was filled each night by a large and appreciative audience. The recent publication of a Romanist pamphlet entitled "Anglican Claims," in which the Church of England was attacked and the anticipation that these attacks would be ably answered lent to many a great interest in the lectures. The lectures were illustrated on each occasion by large numbers of beautiful lime-light views, many of them copies of famous historical pictures and many photographs and pictures of places of historical interest touched upon in the lectures. The lecturer during the course traced the history of the Church of England from the time of Our Saviour down to the present day, the design of the lectures being to show that the Church of England had always been a true national branch of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, founded by our Lord and His apostles, that she had never in any formal or binding way given up her freedom to the Bishop of Rome or acknowledged the Papal supremacy, although at various times some of her clergy had tried to make her do so, that she had continued from the earliest times to the present day with the same apostolic order of Bishops, Priests and Deacons, in an unbroken continuity, and that she now holds and teaches as she had done for centuries in early times the "faith once for all delivered to the Saints." The lectures were extremely interesting and cannot

fail to do good in teaching our people the true position of our mother Church at a time when she is subject to attacks by those who are not of her communion.

Dr. Baum was unable to leave the city after his lectures owing to a very severe attack of the Grippe. On his recovery he very kindly gave a fourth lecture in St. John's Hall, on "Oriental Discoveries as confirming the Bible," which was copiously illustrated by lime-light views. This lecture was also well attended and heartily enjoyed.

NOTE.—To those who are interested in the subject of Dr. Baum's lectures, we would recommend the careful reading of the little book "Illustrated Notes on English Church History" to be had in two volumes at 35cts. each, at almost any book store. The book is by the Rev. C. Arthur Lane, who has been doing in England the same work which Dr. Baum is doing on this side of the Atlantic, and it practically covers the whole ground of Dr. Baum's lectures.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW. FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Space will not permit a full and detailed account of this wonderful gathering of men, which took place in Ottawa during January, but the following short sketch of some of the more important events of the convention, may help to impress upon us some of the lessons which the convention ought to teach us.

On Thursday, January 18th, the Lord Bishop of Quebec, conducted in St. Alban's Church during part of the afternoon and evening, a Quiet Day of preparation for the Brotherhood men who attended the Convention. It was most encouraging to see the devotion and interest of those who attended especially the members of the Brotherhood and to mark how real the service was to them. The Bishop's four addresses were on the subject "Our Life, its dangers, and how it may be lifted to a higher level." The quiet earnest thoughtful way in which the Bishop placed before the men the necessity for a closer relationship to God, the lukewarmness and hardness of heart which kept us from Him, and the necessity for self-knowledge as a means of closer communion with Him, must have left a lasting impression upon all who heard him.

On Friday morning at 10 o'clock the charge to the Brotherhood was delivered by the Bishop of Quebec in St. John's Church from the text "A good soldier of Jesus Christ." His Grace the Archbishop of Ontario, and Bishop Tuttle of Missouri, were also present, and the church was well filled with Brotherhood men. After the service the business sessions of the Convention opened in St. John's Hall, when the Archbishop of Ontario on behalf of the Diocese, and Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper on behalf of the churchmen of Ottawa, welcomed the delegates in two excellent addresses. The business sessions continued throughout Friday