

MR. KINGSTON.

The Rev. G. M. Kingston has been appointed Incumbent of Penetanguishene. We would willingly have retained him in St. George's, but the Rector felt constrained to give way in order to enable a vacant incumbency to be filled, and besides it would have been unfair to Mr. Kingston personally, to have stood in the way of his advancement. While regretting his removal from our Parish, we heartily congratulate him on his appointment, and pray that his labours in his new sphere may be richly blessed.

EVENING SERVICE BOOK.

An enterprise has been set on foot to meet a want which has long been evident—the difficulty in finding the proper places, and in following the service, which is commonly experienced by strangers unaccustomed to use the prayer book. Messrs. Rowsell & Hutchinson, with the approval of the Bishops, and under the direction of a committee of clergy, have commenced printing the evening prayer in consecutive form, including the psalms for the day in their proper place, and with such other changes as may be required for each Sunday. A certain number of copies are to be issued in each week to the churches who use it, and if it is adopted by a good many churches, as is hoped, the weekly expense will be small. A similar plan has been tried in England, and in the United States, with satisfactory results, and we hope that it will be equally successful here. The first issue was for Sunday, 26th October, on which day it was used in St. George's.

TEMPERANCE NOTES.

At a meeting of the committee held in the latter part of September, it was decided to call the members of the Temperance Guild together every Tuesday evening during the winter. The meetings on two evenings in the month to be of the nature of mission services, one to be a social entertainment, and the other to combine the two classes. The district visitors are asked to cordially invite all to attend these meetings.

The first of the series of mission services was held on Tuesday, 28th October, and was fairly well attended. No doubt, when it is more widely known that these weekly services exist, the gatherings will be larger.

Other meetings of the Guild were also held on the 14th and 21st. On the last named day several persons were admitted to membership.

CHURCH CONGRESS.

It is beyond the scope of our paper to refer at any length to the Congress which has been held in this city in the past month, but we cannot pass over so important an occasion without expressing our gratification at the success which has been attained in a movement so recently inaugurated, and which bids fair to be a very powerful agency for good in bringing men of divergent opinions, of separate dioceses, and even of different nationalities, into harmonious communication and exchange of thought upon religious topics, and in providing an opportunity for public discussion of matters which are excluded from the pulpit, and not within the ken of Synods, and yet are of deep interest and importance to the Church.

IMPROVEMENTS.

A meeting of members of the Congregation was held in the school-house, on Wednesday evening, 29th inst., to consider the scheme for the improvement and decoration of the Church. Designs by Mr. R. C. Windeyer, Architect, for the proposed alteration to the Chancel, were submitted for consideration, and there was a general discussion of the whole matter. The probable cost of construction according to Mr. Windeyer's design, was stated to be \$1,350, but the cost of the decoration of this and the remainder of the Church cannot very well be estimated until it is seen how much can be raised for the purpose by subscriptions. An effort should be made to secure about \$3,000 altogether, including the above \$1,350: of this there has been already subscribed and promised about \$1,000.

The following resolution was passed:—"That in the opinion of this meeting the renovation of the Church is necessary; and also that, if means can be provided, the proposed improvement of the Chancel is desirable." And a committee was appointed to take the matter in hand, consisting of the Rector and Churchwardens, Mr. George A. MacKenzie, and Mr. James A. Watts, with power to add to their number.