

address upon the importance and necessity of confirmation, in which he showed that none could afford to do without it. He proved conclusively from the Scriptures that confirmation was a rite instituted by Christ and used by the apostles in the case of all their converts; that it was not a matter of personal choice, but a matter of the most supreme necessity in the case of all those who professed to be guided by the Holy Scriptures. His lordship also made it very clear that confirmation was the means by which God imparted His Holy Spirit. Many other subjects were touched upon in the course of the address, namely, the duty of regular church attendance, of regular communion, of frequent prayer, of systematic giving, of activity in all Church work. A large congregation had the privilege of learning many new things and of being put in remembrance of some things which, perhaps, we too readily forget. After the laying on of hands the Bishop addressed the newly confirmed a second time, and gave them a few rules for a holy life. The candidates all received their first communion on Christmas Day.

The congregation of Grace Church gave a dinner to a large number of poor families on New Year's Day.

The watch-night service in Grace Church was held as usual, the rector addressing those present upon the necessity of adopting some definite rules as a guide to holy living. Suitable hymns were sung, and a quartette was

rendered by members of the choir. The offertory was presented to the organist.

The members of Grace Church have received with deep regret the sad news of the death of Mr. Johnston, an old and deeply respected member of the Church. Mr. Johnston was among the original promoters of Grace Church, and will be long remembered by those who knew him as a good and most earnest Christian. A telegram was received by the rector from Miss Johnston, California, making the sad announcement, and imposing upon him the painful duty of breaking the news to his son, Mr. E. Johnston. Mr. Johnston has our deepest sympathy in his bereavement.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH.—The Christmas services were attended by large congregations. There were about one hundred and eighty communicants. The music was bright and appropriate. The offertory was a generous one, as usual, and was handed over to the rector.

A meeting of the Magazine Committee was held early in December, to talk over matters in connection therewith. Mrs. Filton informed the ladies present that the magazine has now a fairly good circulation in Ottawa, but with a little more interest and work many new subscribers might be obtained. We hope the city clergy will remember their promise to bring the magazine before the attention of their several congregations, explaining its object and purpose.

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