

one knelt at the chancel-rails side by side with her daughter. The anthem at Evensong was very fine, and was taken from Psalm xxvi.

The following morning, service was held at St. George's Church, Utopia. Mr. Clarke, of Alliston, lately admitted to the Priesthood, said Matins, Mr. Bates read the Lessons, and Mr. Hindes acted as the Bishop's Chaplain. Four candidates were confirmed, making thirty-five altogether, the last four, however, being from the adjoining Mission of Alliston and Angus.

This Church, St. George's, was built in 1873, and was opened for public worship on St. Matthew's day of the same year. Being now entirely free from debt, it was, on last Saturday, consecrated to the service of the Most Holy Trinity. The petition for consecration was read by Mr. Bates, attended by several of the parishioners, at the principal entrance. His Lordship having consented to comply with the prayer of the petition, proceeded towards the chancel, followed by the clergy; the Bishop, and those following, repeating responsively Psalm xxiv. The consecration service was, of course, taken by the Bishop; and (in the absence of the Chancellor) the sentence of consecration was read by the Chaplain. At the end of the Nicene Creed confirmation was administered, after a hymn the Bishop gave his address: then came the Offertory; and, finally, the people were dismissed with the Episcopal blessing.

The hymns were "We love the place, O God," and "All people that on earth do dwell"; the *Venite* and *Jubilate* were taken to single chants, the *Te Deum* and the Doxology to double chants, and the *Kyrie Eleison* to Marbecke's music.

His Lordship's addresses, it is almost needless to say, were models of what such addresses ought to be, being characterized by brevity, perspicuity, earnestness, and affection. That at St. George's had reference not only to confirmation, but contained also an admirable defence of the propriety of solemnly consecrating buildings erected for the service of the Almighty.

BETA.

THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, BATHURST STREET, TORONTO.

The first Confirmation in this church was held on Sunday, October 17, when seven Candidates, after careful preparation, submitted to the Apostolic Rite at the hands of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. The day was very stormy, yet a large congregation assembled. The Bishop preached a beautiful and appropriate sermon from the Gospel of the day.

This Parish has done well since it was set apart. The Sunday School commenced with five, now it amounts to above eighty. The church is a very neat structure, planned by McDougall & Darling; it is provided with every requisite, as Organ, Communion Service, Font, &c. The seats are entirely free, and the whole in one year is almost out of debt. This happy consummation has been brought about through the instrumentality of Marcellus Crombie, Esq., and John Canavan, Esq., Barristers of this city, and above all, through the munificent liberality of William Russell Bartlett, Esq., of Davenport. This gentleman gave the building committee the sum of \$2,000, beside a contribution of \$250, and, in addition, eleven stained glass windows, which add considerably to the beautifying of the sacred structure.

PROVINCIAL SYNOD, RUPERT'S LAND.

On Tuesday, August 3rd, the Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land held its first meeting in St. John's Cathedral. Divine service was held at 11 a.m., when the Litany was read by the Ven. Archdeacon Cowley; the Lord's Supper being administered by the Bishops of Rupert's Land, Moosonce, and Saskatchewan. Immediately after the service was concluded, the Synod was opened by an address from the Metropolitan (the Bishop of Rupert's Land). The Ven. Archdeacon Cowley was elected Prolocutor of the Lower House, and the Rev. Canon Gridale, Secretary. The House of Bishops sent down a draft of a proposed Constitution for the consideration of the House of Delegates. This was taken up, and