

HISTORY OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES OF ENGLAND.

Diocese of Niagara—Rt Rev. T. B. Fuller, D. D., Lord Bishop.

Christ Church Cathedral—The congregation of this church was organized about 1835, and a church was erected in 1837 on the site of the present edifice. The Rev. J. G. Geddes, Dean of Niagara, was in charge of this parish for 44 years, leaving it at the close of the year 1879. The Cathedral is one of the chief ornaments of the city. We regret that we have been unable to obtain the required information concerning this church before going to press. A full description will be given in our next issue.

Church of Ascension—This parish was erected in 1839. The site on which the church stands was the gift of the late Richard Juson; an addition was made to the site by the purchase of an adjoining lot, on which a school house has been erected. The church is built of native stone. Number of sittings 700. The tower contains a peal of five bells. Cost of the church about \$18,000. The late Rev. John Hebden, M.A., was the first rector, and was succeeded by the present incumbent, Rev. James Carmichael.

St. Thomas, corner Main and West avenue. The church is built in the Norman or early English style, and has a very neat and tasteful appearance. It is built of stone. Number of sittings about 400. The Rev. W. B. Curran, incumbent.

St. Marks', Bay street—Was opened for divine service in the spring of 1878. Rev. R. G. Sutherland, rector.

All Saints, corner King and Queen. This beautiful church was completed in 1873, at a cost of about \$15,000—the munificent gift of the late Hon. Samuel Mills. It is built of mountain stone, and has a seating capacity of 450. The first pastor, Rev. R. G. Sutherland, (now of St Marks), was

succeeded by Rev. C. E. Thompson, the present incumbent.

REFORMED EPISCOPAL.

St. James' Reformed Episcopal Church, corner Hunter and Park sts. This, the youngest though not by any means the least of Protestant church organizations, was planted in this city in June 1876, since which time it has grown rapidly both in numbers and influence. The building occupied by this congregation is plain but substantial and capable of seating about 500 persons. The rector is the Rev. J. B. Fitzpatrick, formerly of Jacksonville, Fla., who as a pastor and preacher holds a leading position.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.

Knox Church, corner James and Cannon streets. This is the oldest Presbyterian congregation in the city, having been organized in 1833. The Rev. Alex. Gale was the first minister. The present edifice was erected in 1845. Mr. Gale was succeeded by the Rev. Ralph Robb. This gentleman died in 1850, when the Rev. George Paxton Young, now Professor of Metaphysics and Ethics, Toronto University, was inducted. In 1854 Rev. Robert Irvine, D. D., accepted the charge. In 1856 the church was enlarged by the addition of a transverse wing; and at the same time a commodious stone manse was erected. The value of the whole church property is estimated at about \$30,000. Its seating capacity is about 1,200. Dr. Irvine was succeeded in 1864 by the Rev. A. B. Simpson, who was followed by Rev. W. H. Bennelson, who, on his death, was succeeded by the Rev. John James, D.D., the present pastor.

St. Paul's, (formerly St. Andrew's), James street south. The congregation was formed in 1833. For some time service was conducted in the old Court House, Princes' Square, and afterwards in the wooden structure on