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The necessities of the printing-press prevented more than the briefest notice in our last issue of two interesting events, the visit of the Bishop of Huron, and the Military Parade of the N. B. Brigade of Artillery. We are glad to say that Bishop Baldwin's stay in our city was as enjoyable to himself as to his numerous hearers on the evening of August 30th. On the following day he was taken in a steam-tug through our harbor and up the Falls, and afterwards was shown some more of our scenery in the course of a drive. We hope that his expressed desire to visit us again may find no distant fulfilment. To not a few the most pleasant feature of his visit to us was in his address to the Sunday-school in the afternoon. Taking as his topic the lesson of the day ("Christ at the feast," John vii. 31-44,) he soon proved his mastery over the attention even of the infant class, by the fixed attention and movement of rippling laughter at his playful illustrations. We hope it may be attributed solely to modesty that so few answers were made to the Bishop's questions. But we earnestly hope that, whatever the reason, no ground will ever hereafter be shown for even supposing ignorance of simple and important topics.

On the morning of the last Sunday in August the Brigade of Artillery attended divine service in our church. Even our oldest worshipper can hardly recollect a Sunday when such vast congregations filled the building. The band took but a modest share in the music, owing to an insurmountable difference of instrumental "pitch," but in every way the service was impressive and remarkable. The sermon was preached by Mr. Lloyd, the honorary chaplain of the Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto, upon the text; "*Fear God, love the brotherhood, honor the King.*" He spoke as one who had known the hardships and responsibilities of a soldier's life, and we believe that his words found an echo in the hearts of his hearers, civilian as well as military.

On the 20th of September a special musical service was arranged by Mr. Ford, to illustrate the topic of the evening. The long expected anthem of Boyce, "*Where shall Wisdom*

be found?" was performed in a satisfactory manner, and we feel that it will bear repetition at no distant day. Music of that sterling character needs to be heard more than once before it is understood, and then fully enjoyed. The service by Cruikshank, written in an essentially modern style, formed an effective contrast, equally presented in the choice of hymns, from the ancient *chorale* ("O Sacred Head,") and Ken's Evening Hymn with Tallis's Canon, to Langran's beautiful setting of "Weary of earth and laden with my sin." The service was fitly terminated by a masterly performance of Mendelssohn's Prelude and Fugue in D minor, to which an appreciative, though rather select, number listened with the deepest enjoyment. May it, without offence, be suggested to some of our seat-holders, that they rob themselves of a very great privilege by their hurried exit at the close of the service? The concluding voluntary has indeed sometimes been described as "playing the people out of church." But the organist would easily resign himself to a comparative failure in this respect; and, at the present time, the congregation have much to gain by delay.

The annual meetings of our Societies are usually held in the month of October, and reference to their activity will be found under their respective headings.

The Rector has received an invitation from the Council of Wycliffe College to be present and to give an address at the opening of their new buildings, on the 8th of October. He has accepted the invitation, and will be absent on the second Sunday in that month, proceeding from Toronto to Boston: to witness the consecration of the Bishop of Massachusetts.

Y. M. A.

As the first of November, the time when the real earnest work in this as in all associations connected with our parish work, approaches, it behooves both workers and thinkers to meditate upon, and advise with, their associates as to the nature of the work to be undertaken and completed during the coming winter. That there is a work, most significant in nature, peculiarly adapted to the Y. M. A., and which can most advantageously be performed by its members, cannot for a moment be doubted. Rather would it appear that too much than too little is already presenting itself. And while we would desire to see all which is now confronting the association successfully carried to completion at as early a date as possible, still we would counsel the members in mapping out their winter's task, to first consider the amount of work connected therewith which will have to be performed by themselves in its completion; for should it then appear as over-much to be thoroughly accomplished in one season, we deem it preferable to attempt less, than to permit the old adage relating to those attempting too much to here be verified. At all events, no more opportune time could be found to present these matters to the members than just previous to the annual meeting, when the general plan of whatever to be undertaken will have to be determined.

The establishment of a reading-room as an attribute to the association, is a project which was talked among its