

In Memoriam.

JOHN OKILL RICHARDSON

Entered into rest on the morning of St. Michael and All Angels' Day, at the Finlay Asylum, aged fifty-seven.

The Quebec Cathedral has sustained a great, and to all appearance an irreparable loss in the decease of Mr. John Okill Richardson, who was for twenty-seven years the trusted and efficient Vestry-Clerk. His stalwart and erect frame and his soldier-like bearing must be familiar to all citizens, and the absolute trust reposed in him was most fully justified by his superlative honesty and constant devotion to the interests of the Cathedral and the duties of his position. No one was so well acquainted as himself with the history of the Institution. He had studied its archives, and to him every one looked for information on matters connected with its past. A soldier in earlier days, his military training had bestowed on him that promptitude, methodical accuracy and attention to details, which were so important for the perfectly satisfactory discharge of his duties, and to those duties he devoted his life. His trying illness was of long duration, and was borne with much resignation and patience. It seemed strange that one to all appearance, so vigorous, should be attacked by a fell and insidious disease, and that a valuable career should be terminated when scarcely past the period of middle life. But such was God's will. Mr. Richardson was all his life a member of the Church of England. He was a regular Communicant, firm in his attachment to his Church, and relying on the merits of his Saviour.

DISTRICT NEWS.

MAGOG.

A very successful Sunday School Conference was held at Magog, on Tuesday, 24th September, 1895.

Besides the Incumbent, the Rev. R. C. Tams, M.A., there were present: Ven. Archdeacon Roe, Rev. Canons Thorneloe and Foster, the Revs. A. Stevens, W. T. Forsythe, A. H. Robertson, H. E. Wright, H. S. Harte. We also had the pleasure of welcoming as visitors two clergymen from the Diocese of Montreal, Rev. J. W. Gurland, of South Stukeley, and Rev. A. C. Wilson, of Boston. The Conference opened with a Celebration of the Holy Communion in St. Luke's Church, the Archdeacon celebrating, assisted by Canon Thorneloe. At

this Service the Archdeacon gave an earnest address on the "Religious aspect of the Sunday School."

At 10.45, the morning session opened with Dr Roe in the chair. In the absence of the Rev. T. Blaylock, his paper on "the Duty of parents in regard to the Sunday School" was read by Rev. A. H. Robertson. This paper and the discussion which followed gave a leading thought to the whole Conference, viz., the great importance of parental instruction on the principles of the Church, and the necessity laid upon the Clergy to call the serious attention of all parents, and God-parents to the need and obligation of home training, as a help to Sunday School instruction.

At 12 o'clock the meeting adjourned for lunch, which was served in the Guild Room at the Parsonage.

The Conference met again at half-past one, when the Rev. W. T. Forsythe read an interesting and suggestive paper on "The place of the Sunday School in the Church's System," showing clearly what the Sunday School is and what it is not. After an animated debate on this paper Dr Roe offered a practical illustration of Sunday School work, by giving a model lesson on the Catechism to a class of young people. A discussion followed on public catechising and the use of manuals and books of instruction.

In the unavoidable absence of the Rev. E. A. W. King, the Rev. R. C. Tams gave a novel and instructive address on "Some uses of the Hand in lieu of Blackboard." By using the various fingers as chronological points, Mr. Tams gave a short synopsis of Old and New Testament History in such a way that the main points could be readily remembered. Mr. Robertson, Rector of Cookshire, followed with a short address on Blackboard Work, and the use of "the outward and visible sign charts" in teaching the Catechism.

A paper on "Infant Class Teaching," by Miss Cook, was then read, and a number of useful books on this branch of Sunday School work were shown and discussed. The remainder of the afternoon session was devoted to general topics, such as "The Boys' Brigade," a corps of that useful organization being in successful operation at both Sherbrooke and Magog.

At 7.30, the Church was filled with an attentive Congregation. Evensong with Hymns, and brief addresses to Children by Rev. H. S. Harte, to Teachers by Rev. A. H. Robertson, and to Parents by Rev. Canon Thorneloe, brought to a close the series of meetings.

The kindly and generous hospitality of Miss Tams and the Ladies' Guild gave an opportunity for friendly intercourse which was a very pleasant feature of a most instructive and enjoyable day.

VALCARTIER.

The Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service for this parish was held in the Anglican Church at Valcartier Village, on Thursday evening, September 26th, and was attended by a large and reverent congregation. The Church, at all times very pretty in the interior, was remarkably so on this occasion