

standpoint, which will train the children to be faithful soldiers and servants of Jesus Christ? It is true an attempt has been made at a colourless religious instruction which is not only painfully inadequate itself, but leaves the child completely at the mercy of the whims and eccentricities of his teacher, and also, as is, we fear, too often the case he who is to teach the child of God the "sweet message of Redemption" has but little knowledge of and what is much worse but little faith in the truths which he has to impart.

Alas! how often throughout our land has the cry been heard "Rachel weeping for her children" neglected by parents and guardians who thought a worldly education all-sufficient, and have over looked all higher culture, and have sent forth their children into the world, unguarded and unprotected, to be a prey of every evil spirit whether it be heretical or infidel.

Surely it is well that we should to-day, thank God for the success which has attended the efforts of Sunday School workers, and as a people pray that that success may be increased an hundred fold. God helps us to be strong. God help us to be wise and prudent at this hour, in which, above all others, we need to train our children in the old paths that they may walk in them, to impart to them that Faith which was once for all "delivered to the saints," that they may cherish and live in it unto the end.

Let us strive as a people to be disciples of Jesus Christ, and resolve to learn more and more of His Holy Religion. Let us not be satisfied with a mere rudimentary knowledge as is too often the case. Let us endeavour to extend the influence of our Sunday School, and open up to them a much wider field; so that the youth of our community may have as intelligent an idea of Christianity as we are careful that they shall have of the world and the things in it which perish with the using. Let us see to it, that our Sunday School are fully equipped and assisted with means and helpers to carry on so glorious a work. Let us not think that any form or method of instruction is "good enough" and "quite suitable for children." There must be no indefiniteness in our teaching if that teaching is to be of any value in moulding the life and character. Let the Church be set before the child in all her fulness. Keeping back no part of the "deposit of truth" and breaking away in no particular from her sacred traditions. Let parents forget to say that there is "time enough" to teach the child, "time enough" to send the child to Sunday School, "time enough" to teach the child reverence, respectfulness, devotion, love for and endurance of "Holy Service." There can never be "time enough" to teach a child. Never "time enough" to sow in the tender soul, bursting forth into life that seed which must grow unto life eternal. Let parents remember their grave responsibility, and by their daily walk and conversation by their faithful attendance at Divine Service, by their reverence for all holy things, set their children a good example as members of the Church of the Living God. Let parents help on the work of the Sunday School by seeing that the lessons are well learned at home, and above all that they are put into practice in the family circle afterwards. Let them teach their children to respect their teachers and to appreciate their work for them, rather than to ridicule and lightly esteem as is too often the case. Again, let teachers realize the great responsibility they have taken upon themselves, and strive prayerfully and devotedly to do their noble duty, endeavouring in the Spirit of Christ to lead the tender souls committed to their care on to greater holiness. This must ever be the one great object of all religious teaching. Useless will be all Sunday School work if instruction be the only thing aimed at, and that which is so much higher a good and Holy life be forgotten. Teach a child the influence and learning each Christian truth has upon his own life and he will profitably learn its importance as a matter of faith and the necessity for its continual remembrance. Let us all, both teachers and parents, feed our children upon the wholesome doctrine of the Church of Christ, and bring them up in their ways teaching them to know and love the Church's services, to sing the Church's hymns, to enjoy the Church's music, and to pray and live upon the Church's prayers. And above all let us keep before our eyes the great object of all our endeavours, which is to bring children into living organic union with their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to guide them with a mother's hand from the banks of the River of Baptism, to the Mount of Holy Communion with their God.

Surely, dear brethren, we have heard upon the mountains afar, the thunder of the feet of coming generations! Oh, parents and teachers! Oh, people of God! strive prayerfully, earnestly, and unceasingly so to train your children now that you may hear the old, the glorious truths renewed in every generation, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who bring good tidings, who bring the gospel of peace. God help us to look forward to the future, and to build for it by training our children in the faith and knowledge of God, that there may ever be in the Church of Christ a people firm in the imperishable Faith, fruitful in every good work and

acceptable and well-pleasing in the sight of our Heavenly Father." Amen.

Home & Foreign Church News.

From our own Correspondents.

DOMINION.

QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—Thanksgiving Day.—In this diocese the day set apart as a day of General Thanksgiving by the Governor-General-in-Council, is the one which is also very generally observed by the various Anglican Churches, and this year was no exception to the rule. United services were held at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in the morning, and at St. Matthew's in the evening. In the Cathedral the decorations were very handsome, and much admired; the altar and pulpit being exceptionally pretty. Over the altar was the inscription "Thou visitest the earth and blessest it," and at the west end "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness," the letters forming the latter being composed of grain. The clergy present were His Lordship the Bishop, Very Rev. Dean Norman, Canon Richardson, rector of St. Paul's, Rev's L. W. Williams, and R. H. Cole, of St. Matthew's, A. J. Balfour, M.A., rector of St. Peter's, and the Rev. G. G. Nicholls, M.A., rector of Holy Trinity, Levis.

The service which was fully choral was remarkably well rendered by those who took part in it, and I am pleased to say that of the many services I have attended in the Cathedral, this was the brightest and most hearty that I have ever seen there. The first part of the prayers were intoned by the Rev. Mr. Nicholls, and the concluding portion by the Rev. Mr. Cole, both of whom are good musicians, and gave the service a grand effect. The first lesson was read by the Rev. A. J. Balfour, and the second by Canon Richardson. The musical portion of the service was under the direction of the talented organist, Mr. E. A. Bishop, and was admirably rendered, particularly the *Te Deum* by Williams, and the Anthem, the words of which were taken from Psalm cxlv., the 9th and following verses. The sermon was preached by the rector, the Very Rev. the Dean, and was a very eloquent and scholarly discourse from the text taken from Psalm cxlv., "Thou openest thine hand and fillest all things living with plenteousness." The preacher concluded with an able appeal on behalf of the Pension Fund of the diocese, to which the offerings on this day are always devoted. The service was concluded with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, at which His Lordship officiated as celebrant, and the Rev. Messrs. Williams and Petry as Epistoler and Gospeller, and a large number partook of the sacrament.

St. Matthew's.—The day was begun in this parish by a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m., and a united service of praise and thanksgiving was held at 8 p.m. At this service the congregation was the largest ever seen in the sacred edifice, every available seat being occupied long before the service began, and many were obliged to stand. The Guild of Bell Ringers were on hand early, and rang forth several merry peals from the sweet-toned chime of bells. A full choir under the direction of Mr. W. A. H. Cuff, the organist and choirmaster, rendered the music selected with devotional sweetness. An auxiliary choir of ladies seated in the nave augmented the voices of the choiristers. The clergy present were His Lordship the Bishop, and Canons Richardson and Von Iffland, Rev's L. W. Williams, rector, H. J. Petry, A. J. Balfour, and G. G. Nicholls.

The service was fully choral, and the first part was intoned by the Rev. Mr. Nicholls, the concluding portion by Rev. Mr. Balfour. The rector read the first lesson and Canon Richardson the second. The sermon from the text Jeremiah v. 24 was preached by Canon A. A. Von Iffland, rector of St. Michael's, and was a very able and instructive one. Immediately after the presentation of alms the *Te Deum* was sung as a solemn act of thanksgiving to Almighty God, the whole congregation taking the eastward position, after which His Lordship pronounced the Benediction, and the procession of clergy and white-robed choiristers wended their way through the sacred edifice singing a recessional hymn.

The decorations were, as usual, very tasteful. The altar with its magnificent white frontal, and the font were exceedingly handsome. The window sills were covered with flowers and vegetables, and pot-plants surrounded the handsome carved pulpit. In the chancel stood a large sheaf of wheat, and the screen was very tastefully decorated with grain and fruits. A fine display of various kinds of vegetables was made at the west end of the Church. The pretty silk banners of the Bands of Hope and Mercy were also displayed

there. The collection which was given to the Pension Fund was a very liberal one.

Memorial Window.—A handsome memorial window manufactured by an English firm who have already supplied 18 such windows for this Church, was erected in St. Matthew's Church last week by Robert Hamilton, Esq., D.C.L., in memory of his daughter Mrs. C. P. Dean, a valued member of the parish who entered into paradise two years ago at Pascadena, Cal., and who is buried there.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—Christ Church Cathedral.—On the festival of All Saints there was an early Communion, at which service the Dean gave an earnest and eloquent address to the Lay Helper's Association,—in answer to the objection that this Society will cut the ground from under the feet of the clergy, the Dean, says, there is nothing of the kind to fear if the clergy are faithful and teach the laity to do faithful work. Considering that the service was held between 8 and 9 o'clock, the attendance was good.

St. George's Rectory, Nov. 4.—The Dean read an excellent paper on the "Visitation of the Sick" before the Bishop and the city clergy. The Dean contended that if he were to be of service to the sick man he must know his trouble, his secret, sin, otherwise how could he advise the sufferer how to get help,—a broken bone must be set,—but this can't be done without touching the part affected. The Dean favoured deaconesses for work among women. A useful discussion followed.

Your correspondent can confirm this testimony anent the value of woman's work among women. During the dying hours of the late Mrs. Guy, at the Western Hospital, recently, the worthy matron was by her bedside. The dying mother prayed aloud that her life might be spared to her young family, for she was a widow. Miss Oswald, knowing her state, put her hand on the patient's forehead and said: "Father! Thy will be done!" soon afterwards the dying woman repeated the prayer thrice, "Father! Thy will be done!" and before the dawn she had passed away!

St. Stephen's Church.—Bishop Bond was announced as preacher at the Thanksgiving Service.

St. Jude's Parish.—Mr. Mudge, the Sunday School Superintendent, gave notice recently that it is proposed to establish a branch of the "Ministering Children" in the parish.

COTE ST. ANTOINE.—The students from the Sabrevois Mission attended and sang some French hymns, etc., at the St. Matthias thanksgiving service, there was also a thanksgiving service at the Mackay Institute.

At the Church of St. James' the Apostle, on last Sunday, the special musical service for the Harvest Thanksgiving consisted of Harris's Festival, *Te Deum*, the anthems being taken from Hadyn's "Creation."

Trinity Church.—Bishop Bond and Rev. G. O. Troop were the morning and evening preachers on last Sunday. Special music also was rendered to mark the Harvest Thanksgiving services.

St. Thomas' Church.—Last Sunday evening the Rev. Mr. Massey preached an interesting sermon to a large congregation, taking for his subject "Counsels for young men." He spoke of the number of young men in the city, their importance, their dangers, their temptations, and counselled them to take heed to their ways and avoid bad company, late hours and intoxicants. He recommended them to take the Book of Proverbs and the Sermon on the Mount for their daily guide.

"Evangelists and Evangelistic services" was the subject of an interesting paper and discussion at the last minister's meeting. A father asked an evangelist to speak to his son about his soul; have you spoken to him yourself, and have you prayed with him? No, I have done neither yet. Then don't expect me to do your work! The father, accordingly went to his boy's room and told his errand. The lad answered that he had often thought about religion, but no one had ever spoken to him about his soul. The result of the interview was blessed, and the boy became a full member of the Church. Moral. Don't devolve duty that you should do on others!

ONTARIO.

BROCKVILLE.—On Sunday last, Rev. E. P. Crawford, M. A., occupied the pulpit of Trinity church both morning and evening, and the very large congregations which filled the sacred edifice on both occasions gave ample evidence of the deep affection which