

On Thanksgiving Day there was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and matins and celebration with a sermon, by the Bishop at 11 a.m. The offertory was devoted to the funds of the Children's Hospital.

The Very Rev. the Dean spent Thanksgiving Day in Prescott as the guest of Rev. H. B. Patton, the rector. He celebrated the Holy Communion and preached in St. John's Church at the Special Thanksgiving Service.

G. F. S. NOTES.

The Girls' Friendly Society meetings, which so far, have not been well attended this autumn, showed a marked improvement in numbers at the December meeting. About thirty were present, and four visitors gave in their names as candidates for admission to the Society. The monthly meetings will be of the same character as last year's, instruction and amusement being combined. We are promised short lectures on botany, geology and nursing, and at our January meeting each member is invited to bring a friend. We hope to send off a Christmas parcel to Combermere at the Bishop's recommendation, and anyone interested in that mission may bring their offering to St. George's school-room on the 5th January.

The Church of England day-school has opened this autumn with an excellent staff of teachers, and with twenty-six new pupils. The school-rooms are so well filled that the advisability of building an addition to the school is under consideration.

THE QUIET DAY FOR WOMEN.—The seventh "quiet day," held in Christ Church on the 1st December, was, so far as its framework was concerned, almost identical with those which preceded it. Some of the small alterations were not improvements; 9.30 was a less convenient hour for Matins than 10, and 5 o'clock was found a little late for Evensong for those who were some distance from their homes. The five addresses given during the day were peculiarly well arranged and forcible, so that one carried away from each address some definite thought on the "pathway of holiness." The conductor, while evidently familiar with the accepted text-books on the spiritual life, gave us his thoughts and counsels with a freshness and originality that impelled those who listened not only to hearken, but to obey. None of us will forget the analogy between the material and the spirit: a cross is a bar set at right angles to another bar; so our individual crosses are caused by our wills being at right angles to God's will, when our will

comes to be in complete harmony with His, there will be no more cross for us. Apologizing is simply owning that we are wiser to-day than we were yesterday. Why are we Christians not more ready to humble ourselves so far? God never advises, He commands; and when he speaks to us, we are taught what our response should be by a woman—by the mother of our Lord, in her wonderful summary of the whole duty of the Christian. "Whatever He saith unto you, do it."

St. George's Church.—"The Bible," that was the subject from which Rev. Mr. Snowdon preached an earnest and eloquent sermon on Sunday morning Dec. 6th. The text used was "And when I looked, behold an hand was sent unto me; and lo, a roll of a book was therein." It was taken from Ezekiel 2 and 9.

Rev. Mr. Snowdon entered a strong protest against the unfortunate fact that many people were placing confidence in the statements of so-called scientists and higher critics who were casting discredit on the old book. Many persons took the words of these critics for granted and made no investigation for themselves. "The old book," said Mr. Snowdon, "has stood criticism and examination for hundreds of years and it invites it yet."

For many reasons the Bible was entitled to close scrutiny. The book at least was respectable, and had the endorsement of some of the greatest and grandest men, such as Bacon, Shakespeare, Milton, etc. It had withstood the attacks of the greatest intellects for 2,000 years, and its power remained as mighty as ever. Rev. Mr. Snowdon likened the action of the people who would do away with the Bible to the small boy who tied the pointer on the barometer to point to "fair" so that he might have nice weather for his holiday on the morrow. The actions of both were equally foolish and childish.

In closing, Rev. Mr. Snowdon pressed upon all people the importance of taking the word of God as the guide and guide of life.

The Rev. O. Throsp, of Montreal, conducted special services at St. George's during Advent season.

The Lord Bishop held confirmation service early this month, and administered the apostolic rite to a large number of candidates. The Bishop's addresses were listened to with reverent attention by a large congregation.

St. John's Church.—Archdeacon Lofthouse, of the N. W., lectured on his work to a large audience gathered in the School House of St. John's on Wednesday evening the 25th ult.

The Rev. A. W. McKay is conducting a ten days' Mission in St. James' church, Hull.