

the head of affairs, we have all the utmost confidence and the fullest assurance.

Services were also held in the evening at St. Luke's Church, at Cote St. Louis Mission, and at the Church of the Redeemer, Cote St. Paul.

At all the leading churches of the different denominations services were also held, some of them characterized by beautiful floral decorations and by artistic and churchly music. It is encouraging to note the advance which is being made amongst our dissenting brethren in this respect, and specially to find that our Canticles are coming more generally into use. From the reports given in the daily papers of these services, we find that at Erskine Church (Presbyterian) the service was choral; at St. Andrew's (Presbyterian) and Emmanuel (Congregational) the *Te Deum* formed part of an elaborate musical service, and both churches were decorated, the former with the choicest fruits and flowers, arranged in an artistic manner, and the latter with smilax and chrysanthemums. The Rev. Dr. Stevenson, one of the most eloquent and gifted preachers of this city, is the pastor of Emmanuel, and the Rev. J. Edgar Hill of St. Andrew's.

#### DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

WARDSVILLE.—At the last meeting of the Church of England Temperance Society, which was an "open" one, there was a very large gathering, the basement of the Church being crowded. The meeting opened in the usual manner with singing and prayer, the Liturgy of the Society being used. After the reading of the minutes, a short statement of the work was given, showing that this Branch is in a most flourishing condition. After this a programme of songs, recitations, &c., was thoroughly enjoyed. The Band of Hope gave two pieces capitally, one of them to the tune of "One more river to cross," and "That is Prohibition," causing much merriment. The Rev. F. Newton, of Bothwell, gave an excellent address upon Total Abstinence. This gentleman is Vice-President of the Society, and the incumbent, Rev. W. J. Taylor, President. The meeting closed with the benediction.

CENTRETON.—This little village, occupying a quiet and secluded spot among the surrounding elevations of land, about seven miles north of Grafton, was the scene of an important and joyous event on Sunday, Nov. 1st. The Anglican church, which has been in course of erection during the past summer, having been completed, was on All Saints' Day formally opened for the worship of Almighty God, by the Ven. Archdeacon Wilson, M.A., rector of the parish. The service, which was held at 11 o'clock a.m., began with Hymn 215, "The Church's one foundation," and was closed with a celebration of the Holy Communion. Morning Prayer was read by the curate, Rev. E. J. Harper. The Rev. Dr. Roy, of Cobourg, read the lessons and preached from 1 Tim. iii. 15, "The Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." The office of the Holy Communion was taken by the rector, assisted by the curate.

Evensong was held at half-past three o'clock, beginning with Hymn 217, "Thy kingdom come, O God." The prayers were read by Dr. Roy, and the lessons by the curate. The preacher at this service was the Ven. Archdeacon Wilson.

Both services were made bright and attractive by the hearty manner in which the canticles and hymns were rendered by the choir, under the leadership of Miss Cross, of Fenella.

The church was crowded both morning and afternoon by very attentive congregations. Fully three hundred people were present at each service. The offertories, which amounted to nearly \$75, were in aid of the building fund of the church.

The church, which is 54 feet by 30 feet, is built of red brick, with facings and ornaments of white brick and composition stone. The

walls are relieved by slightly projecting buttresses, which, instead of terminating in the usual way, unite towards the top in the form of a curve, thus forming a series of arches, which has a very pretty effect. A square tower, 9 feet by 9 feet, supported by buttresses of two stages, is carried up at the west end to a height of 40 feet. From this rises a graceful spire, 35 feet, which gives a height to tower and spire of about 85 feet. The entrance to the building is through this tower, and the interior is all that could be desired in a neat village church. It consists of nave and interior chancel, 16 feet wide by 15 feet deep, with north and south vestries. The walls are wainscotted up to the window sills, and the plastering lined in imitation of cut stone. The ceiling of the roof of nave and chancel is of brown ash, placed diagonally, and divided into panels. The church is well lighted, there being four windows on each side and two in the west end. These are filled with ground glass of appropriate design, with a border of colored glass. The east window is divided by mullions into three lights, which are at present filled with plain glass. The seats are made of brown oak, oiled, with metal castings for the ends, and are arranged in two rows, leaving a central and two narrow side aisles. The altar is approached by three steps, two at the entrance to the chancel and one at the railing. It is covered by a handsome cloth, presented by the Ven. Archdeacon Wilson, and worked by the following ladies of St. George's congregation, Grafton, viz.: Miss Drake, the Misses Cameron and Miss Barnum. A Bible, Prayer Book and altar service, quarto size, bound in Russian leather, were obtained on very liberal terms from Messrs. Rowsell & Hutchinson, Toronto. Four beautiful markers, neatly worked, were presented by Mrs. Col. Rogers, of Grafton. Through the exertions of Miss Holland and Miss Maggie Stewart, sufficient money was collected to purchase a Communion set (from M. S. Brown & Co., Halifax,) which was used at the opening service. To Miss Brewster and Miss Beatty are due our hearty thanks for procuring carpets for the chancel. And for the outlay on an altar cloth we are indebted to Mrs. D. H. Taylor and Miss Florence Creighton, who kindly solicited subscriptions for the same. We are still in need of a font, and linen for the proper celebration of the Holy Eucharist. One great acquisition to a church we possess in a fine-toned bell, weighing upwards of nine hundred pounds. Through the untiring zeal of Mr. Slade, one of our building committee, this fine bell was placed in position and in readiness for our opening services.

On Monday, a grand farmers' harvest dinner was given, from 4 to 6 o'clock. The proceeds, which amounted to upwards of \$100, went towards paying off the debt on the church. In the evening a musical service was held, at which addresses were made by the Rev. Dr. Roy, of Cobourg, and Rev. R. H. Harris, of Brighton. The cost of this church, which has a fine basement yet unfinished, and in which it is intended to place a hot-air furnace, will amount to about \$2,500, and it is a matter for great thankfulness that only about \$400 remains still to be paid.

Much credit is due to Mr. Chappell, the contractor, who so faithfully carried out the details of plans and specifications.

KINGSTON.—A meeting was held in the St. George's Hall, on the 6th, for the purpose of forming an association of the young men of St. George's Cathedral, for the promotion of social intercourse and mental improvement. The Rev. Buxton Smith occupied the chair, and there were present the Rev. Mr. Cooke, Mr. Walkem, Q.C., Dr. Smythe, Q.C., Mr. Muckleston, Mr. Mills and several others. It was resolved to form an association for moral and literary purposes, to meet fortnightly, during the winter, and to be called the St. George's Young

Men's Association. It is proposed to devote the first part of each evening to instruction in Church history and kindred matters, and the latter part to the reading of essays and papers, and the discussion of interesting subjects. The elder gentleman present promised assistance in the form of papers and essays. It is expected the Association will be productive of much benefit in many ways. The officers elected are as follows:—President, Rev. Mr. Smith; Vice-President, T. Mills; Secretary, Stanley Henderson; Committee—Messrs. T. Merritt, E. Loucks, A. Gildersleeve, B. Dupuis and A. Petrie.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.—At a largely attended meeting held in St. Paul's school-room on the 6th, the following were elected officers of St. Paul's Parochial Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary:—President, Mrs. A. Spencer; Vice-President, Mrs. T. C. Wilson; Treasurer, Mrs. Garrett; Secretary, Miss Hentig. Representatives from St. Paul's on Committee of city branch—the Mesdames Beard, Scobell, LeRicheux and Short; girls and young women's committee—Misses Metcalfe, Gaskin, McLean, Godfrey, L. Shibley, Spencer, E. Reid, Kirk, Wilmot, Kane and M. Horsay. The meeting adjourned to Friday evening, next after service in the school chapel at 7:30.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—The regular monthly meeting of the above society, held at Kingston on the 10th inst., was largely attended. The Rev. J. K. McMorine presided. Addresses were delivered by the president, Rev. Mr. Burns, and Arthur Chown. The musical portion of the programme consisted of songs by Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Ford, Miss Smith and Mr. Keely. The meetings of this society are becoming deservedly popular.

#### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION.—The Sunday-school Committee of this Diocese are endeavoring to awaken a general interest in Sunday-school work. They now propose, if possible, to hold a Convention in Toronto some time in February next. Circulars respecting this project have been sent to several of the clergy and laity throughout the several rural deaneries. A list of subjects suitable is proposed for papers and discussion, which it is hoped will be both comprehensive and practical. The following is a partial list:—"Home Preparation by Teachers—How to secure it;" "Home Preparation by Scholars—How to secure it;" "Sunday-school Music;" "Sunday-school Picnics and Festivals;" "Sunday-school Prizes—What, why and by whom to be given;" "Mistakes in Sunday-school Teaching;" "Infant Class Teaching and Management;" "How to secure Discipline and Obedience in Sunday-schools;" "The Best Use of Sunday-school Offertories;" "The Sunday-school Library, its Contents and Management;" "Object Teaching in the Sunday-school;" "Sunday-school Records and Registers;" "Children's Services;" "Normal Classes;" "Teachers' Meetings;" "How to Retain the Elder Scholars," &c., &c. Without doubt such a gathering would be productive of much good, and would greatly help all interested in our Sunday-school work. We sincerely hope the intentions of the Committee may be fully carried out.

AUGMENTATION IN STIPENDS.—Some facts in connection with the salaries of the clergy in this diocese ought to be known to the public generally. They show more than anything else the need of some practical scheme such as the joint Committee on Augmentation is now attempting to carry out, with the view of remedying the sad state of affairs at present existing. Let it be remembered this scheme has been adopted by the Synod, and the Bishop, clergy and laity are all thereby pledged to support it.