

Holy Spirit and help me to serve Thee all the days of my life; for the sake of JESUS CHRIST my LORD and SAVIOUR. Amen.

2. Almighty God, Heavenly FATHER, Who of Thy great goodness didst make me Thine OWL child in Holy Baptism, and dost in Thy love purpose to give me yet greater gifts, I thank Thee for all Thy love to me, and for the many helps that Thou givest me. Help me I pray Thee to use them and to fight bravely against my faults as Thy soldier. Do Thou make me more and more fit for the great gift of Thy HOLY SPIRIT to strengthen me, and give me grace to continue Thy faithful and obedient servant, that I may receive the most Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of my LORD JESUS CHRIST. Bless me, O God, and keep me Thine for ever; for JESUS CHRIST's sake. Amen.

8. Say on your knees the hymn beginning, "Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire," in the service in your Prayer Book for the ordering of Priests. The Collects of the Prayer Book are a storehouse from which you should largely draw—using them not only now but all your life.

Remember finally, that nothing can make up for the wilful neglect of the Public Worship of the Church.

HINTS FOR CONFIRMATION DAY.

Your Confirmation Day is a very solemn one. Keep by yourself as much as you can and avoid noisy friends. Spend it in prayer and in thinking much about the great gift you receive from God, and your solemn promises.—Go quietly to Church, attend carefully to the service and to the Bishop's address. He is God's minister and speaks to you in His name.—Before you go up to the altar, say, "O Lord God Almighty, I am unworthy of the least of all Thy mercies, yet of Thy goodness I beseech Thee come unto me by Thy Holy Spirit, and bless me for Jesus' sake. Amen." When the Bishop lays his hands on your head, follow with your heart the words he utters and say "Amen."—On returning to your seat, kneel down, and say, if you have time, the *Te Deum* and Psalms 108, 116 and 145.

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Diocesan Intelligence.

MONTREAL.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

MONTREAL.—St. James the Apostle.—Choral Litany on Sundays at 4 o'clock has been discontinued for the summer months.

ORDINATIONS.—Of the four young men coming up for Deacon's Orders in June in this Diocese, three are Bachelors of Arts, McGill University. Of the three gentlemen coming up for Priest's Orders one is a McGill graduate, one a St. Augustine's man, and one an associate of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College. The candidates for Deacon's Orders are all students of our Diocesan Training School.

ADAMSVILLE.—It is stated that the Missionary at this place, Rev. C. G. Kilner, goes shortly to a post in the Diocese of Ontario. Adamsville will miss Mr. Kilner.

St. John's, P. Q.—It is stated that the Young People's Association of St. Stephen's Church, Montreal, intend to give a concert in St. John's on the evening

of the Queen's Birthday. Mr. Neil Warner will also give some readings. We trust the undertaking may be a success every way—indeed we are almost sure it will be.

ONTARIO.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

NEW EDINBURGH.—The Rev. E. A. W. Hanington with great pleasure acknowledges receipt of subscriptions from the following in response to his circular letter. These subscriptions have been received since last acknowledgment. It is hoped that as there are a large number of the clergy who have as yet made no reply, they will be reminded of the same and feel disposed to respond.

Most Rev. the Metropolitan; the Lord Bishop of Niagara; Rev. E. Wood, Montreal; Canon "Bolton"; Rev. J. Langtry, Toronto; Rev. C. Paterson, Aurora; Rev. W. B. Armstrong, Welford, N. B.; Dean Grassett, Toronto; Rev. Mr. Kerr, Sandy Beach; Rev. Mr. Richey, P. E. I.; Rev. G. Hallen, Toronto; Rev. H. Winterbourne, Halifax; Rev. C. P. Abbott, Rev. C. M. Harris, Marmora; Rev. J. Ker, Glen Sutton; Rev. W. H. Street, Bathurst; Rev. Chas. Bancroft, Montreal Diocese; Rev. R. Shreve, and T. T. M., Nova Scotia; Rev. C. Groucher, N. S.; Rev. Dr. Nicoll, Liverpool; Rev. J. Downie, Morpeth; Rev. J. Roy Campbell, N. B.; Rev. Ecklin, Bath; Rev. Millidge, N. B.; Rev. G. J. Harding; Rev. C. W. Rawson, Quebec; Rev. G. Townshend, Amherst; Rev. Mr. Stephenson, Perth; Rev. Mr. Caswall, Millbank; Rev. F. D. Brown; Rev. R. Fletcher; Rev. Provost Whitaker, Trinity College; Rev. Professor Jones, Trinity College; Rev. C. Bethune, Trinity College School; Benjamin Jones, Esq., Toronto; O. H. Whitby. May 10th, 1880.

TORONTO.

The Synod will meet on Tuesday the 8th of June.

The Bishop of Toronto has licensed the Rev. Edward Ransford to be assistant Curate of the parish of St. Matthew and St. Bartholomew.

The Bishop purposes holding an Ordination in Toronto on Sunday, 6th June, prox. Intending Candidates for Holy Orders are requested to send their names to the Rev. Canon Stennett, Examining Chaplain, Cobourg. They will be required to present themselves for examination in Toronto on Wednesday, 2nd June, and to be furnished with their *Si quis* and letters testimonial.

OSHAWA.—We understand that J. Cowan, Esq., has offered to enlarge and renovate the church at his own expense if the congregation will build a school house.

VICTORIA HARBOR.—This is one of the Stations in Mr. French's Mission. We are glad to learn that a great interest is taken in Church matters here. A Sunday School has been started. Mrs. and Miss Campbell, Mr. Fraser and others are active workers in assisting in the good work.

CONFIRMATIONS.—On Sunday morning the 9th, the Lord Bishop held a confirmation in St. John's Church, when 11 persons were confirmed. Also on the evening of the same day, at St. Matthias, 17 persons—11 males and 6 females—were confirmed.

On Sunday, the 16th, his Lordship confirmed in All Saints, at Mattina, 33 persons; at Evensong in St. Bartholomew's, 18 persons.

St. THOMAS.—The offertory in this Church has more than doubled since Easter.—A very large class for confirmation meet each Friday night to prepare for the sacred rite.—The practice for the Sunday services is well attended, and the churchwardens are doing everything to foster and cherish the flock they have in charge; and cheer the Incumbent in his work. The little congregation of St. John's, Runnymede, in connection with this parish, is still well forward.—The ordinary attendance is about fifty-six.—On Ascension Day—the first time the little flock had an opportunity of attending the services of the Church's festival there was a gathering of thirty-six.—A large confirmation class is collected here, and under preparation. Too much praise cannot be given to Mrs. Murray of Bloor Street, for her fostering care of the Sunday School—now thirty-two in number—and also the choir, which meet every Wednesday at the Church for practice.—Mr. Westmacott of Gerard Street, superintends the Sunday School of St. Thomas, which, under his careful and zealous management is doing an excellent work among the little ones.

NIAGARA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

HAMILTON.—Christ Church Cathedral.—A very pleasant time was spent last evening in the school room of Christ Church Cathedral. There was a large assemblage of members of the congregation and of the Sunday school, as there was a double cause for the gathering—to bid farewell to Rev. Canon Givins, who has had charge of the parish for some time past, and at the same time to welcome Rev. C. H. Mockridge, the new pastor.

The chair was taken by Mr. W. Birkett, who read the following address:—

To the Rev. Canon Givins, D.C.L.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—As our new pastor is about to assume charge of this Church and parish, to the temporary care of which you were appointed by the kind consideration of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, we cannot permit you to retire from the position you have so ably filled, without expressing in the warmest manner our high appreciation of your services.

The duties that have devolved upon you, owing to the peculiar circumstances of our parochial affairs, were both onerous and difficult, but by your kind and judicious course of action we feel assured, you have overcome many difficulties and prepared the way for a happier state of things.

We must not even in this short address pass unnoticed the lively interest you have shown in our Sunday school. The value of your labors in this part of your work will not soon be effaced, and we are sure will be remembered with the liveliest feeling of gratitude and affection by young and old.

Your official connection with our parish we hope will not terminate that intercourse with you which has given us so much pleasure and we will look forward to your visits that we may welcome you amongst us.

May a gracious Providence, we fervently pray, spare you many years to continue your zealous efforts in the cause of Christ and His Church.

H. T. Ridley, T. J. Mason, Churchwardens. W. Birkett, Supt. Sunday School.

Christ Church, Hamilton.
5 May, 1880.

REPLY:

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—I receive with sincere thanks your kind but too flattering address on retiring from the temporary charge of your parish. It is now four months since, at the special request of my old and valued friend, your Bishop, I ventured to undertake it; and, though deeply conscious of my shortcomings, I feel grateful that I have been enabled, in a measure, to meet the emergency.

My duties have been rendered pleasant by the kind manner in which I have been received by you all. I shall ever esteem it as an honor and privilege to have taken a part in your beautiful and well ordered services. As you have alluded to my connection with your Sunday school, I would observe that from my early youth I have felt a special interest in this noble enterprise, and the older I grow the more deeply do I feel its importance. I am thankful to receive your assurance that I have aided the present excellent staff in restoring your school to its pristine efficiency. I have great satisfaction in handing it over to your new pastor, whose experience as a teacher will soon make it a power in advancing the interests of the parish. If we desire to cope successfully with the manifold evils that surround us we must train up the young from earliest years "in wisdom's ways," and much of this may be done through the Sunday school.

I congratulate you on the appointment of a pastor who stands so high in the sphere he has left, and I trust he may prove an instrument in God's hands of gathering in this Church a large and united flock over which he may long preside.

My brief sojourn amongst you has caused me to feel a warm interest in your welfare, and if spared I shall look forward with pleasure to occasional visits, that I may witness and rejoice in your prosperity.

And now, in bidding you farewell, I would commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among them that are sanctified through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

SALTHER GIVING.

Rev. James Carmichael and Rev. Mr. Mockridge addressed the assemblage briefly, and soon after the proceedings were brought to a close.

HURON.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

DELAWARE.—The subscriptions for the new Church mentioned in our issue of the 22nd ult., amount to nearly sixty thousand dollars.