

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON

**FAIRVILLE, St. John.**—*Church of the Good Shepherd.*—The Church of this place is steadily working on endeavouring to win souls into the great army of All Saints. A short time ago we held our Harvest Festival and Thanksgiving services. The Church was beautifully decorated in a manner suitable to the occasion, reflecting much credit on those who lent willing and ready hands to decorate God's House.

At the early celebration, at 8 o'clock, forty-three partook of that heavenly food; and at Choral Celebration at mid day there were twenty seven. Thus doubling the number of communicants of the previous year. May we ever thank God for his bountiful goodness to us. At the Choral Evensong a full church greeted and assisted, by their presence, our pastor, who, led by Divine guidance, pointed out many a lesson useful to life eternal to be learned from the proper use of the Harvest Thanksgiving.

On Sunday, the 6th Nov., we were much pleased to have his Lordship Bishop Kingdon among us, to help us to celebrate the Anniversary of the opening of our new Church, and to administer the Rite of Confirmation.

After Mattins conducted by the Priest in charge, Rev. J. C. Titcombe, Holy Communion was celebrated by his Lordship, who also preached an able and instructive sermon from the text "He that over cometh shall be clothed in white raiment and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life," Rev. iii, 5. 48 communicated.

After Choral Evensong the Confirmation service was conducted by the Bishop assisted by the Pastor as Chaplain in the presence of a crowded congregation. His Lordship very appropriately and instructively addressed the congregation and candidates from the text "Bring forth the best robe and put it on him." After the address the candidates were led to the Bishop by their pastor who lovingly knelt beside each during the Laying on of hands, after a few words of encouragement and warning, the blessing was pronounced, and we separated thankful to Almighty God for his bountiful goodness to us and with the inward prayer that we may soon have another such a glorious and soul stirring service.

## DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

**MONTREAL.**—*Thanksgiving Day.*—Seemed to be observed with even greater attention than heretofore by all denominations save the Romanists. Why they should fail to take part in the act of National Thanksgiving it is hard to say; but the faithful observance of it on the part of their fellow citizens has attracted the attention of the French press; and *La Patrie* (one of the leading papers) noting the day, says:

"The City Hall, the courts and the banks are closed—the speculators on the Stock Exchange and Corn Exchange have also suspended their operations. Services have been held in the different Protestant churches of the city, and a large number of Protestant business men have celebrated the day by taking part in these religious ceremonies.

The English evening papers have not appeared, and in many of the Protestant churches collections have been made for the benefit of the various Protestant institutions; among others the Protestant Insane Asylum, the House of Refuge, the General Hospital, Missions, and finally, the poor.

The streets in the English commercial quarter were deserted, while the fashionable streets of the West End were filled this morning with a compact crowd of citizens, accompanied by their families, on their way to the various churches of their faith.

Several institutions have chosen this day for their festivals, and dinners and other rejoicings have taken place in consequence."

At *Christ Church* (Cathedral) there was a

well rendered musical service with Processional and Recessional Hymns; the sermon being preached by the Rev. Canon Mills, Rector of Trinity Church.

At *St. George's* there was full morning service, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese being present and delivering the sermon. The Dean was too unwell to be present.

At *St. Martin's*, there was both morning and evening service; the Rev. Canon Ellegood, of St. James the Apostle, preaching at the former, and the Rector at the latter.

At *St. James the Apostle*, the Rev. G. O. Troop, rector of St. Martins, officiated: the service was choral and well rendered.

At *Trinity*, service was held in the evening, the Rector Canon Mills preached; the offertory being for repairs to the Church.

At *St. Stephen's* morning service was held; the Archdeacon officiating. In the evening he did duty at *St. Luke's* for the Rev. Geo. Rogers, who has not yet completely recovered from his severe illness. Services were also held in St. Jude's, St. Thomas, and Grace Church, Point St. Charles.

Services, in which music largely predominated, were also held in the several denominational churches; several of them being also decorated with fruit and flowers.

**ST. GEORGE'S Y. M. C. A.**—The annual meeting of this Association was held on Thursday evening in St. George's School House, the Right Rev. Bishop Bond presiding. There was a large attendance of members and friends. The annual report showed that during the year seventeen ordinary meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 27. Twenty-four new names had been added to the roll during the year. The parlor and reading room had been opened, and were furnished and provided with all that goes to make up a most attractive evening resort for the members of the association and their friends. The works of the various committees were noted, viz.: The Mission Committee, consisting of Messrs. W. W. L. Chipman, Parker, Dartnell and Dunn, have carried on the Iberville Street Mission, which was in a very satisfactory condition; the hospital wards and library committee, and the hospital service committee, which had satisfactorily carried on their work during the year.

The Treasurer's report showed the total receipts of the year to have been \$318.63, disbursements \$315.53, leaving a balance on hand of \$3.10.

**ST. JUDE'S CHURCH ASSOCIATION.**—This Association held its annual meeting in the lecture hall of the Church on last Thursday evening. The Rev. J. H. Dixon, rector of the Church, occupied the chair. The Treasurer's report showed a balance in favor of the Society of \$37.63, after expending \$324.40. Addresses followed interspersed with songs, piano solos and recitations. A most pleasant evening being spent.

We understand that the Lord Bishop of Huron was in the city on Sunday last, and took part in the service at St. Jude's in the morning and at St. George's in the evening. His many friends will give him a cordial welcome without doubt.

## DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

**TRINITY UNIVERSITY.**—The Annual meeting of the Corporation was held on Wednesday, 9th inst.

Present:—The Bishops of Toronto and Niagara, Archdeacon Dixon (Guelph), Archdeacon Jones (Napaneo), the Provost of the Dean, Professors Boys, Clark and Roper. Revs. Dr. Davies, Canon Brent. A Broughall and J. D. Cayley, Hon. Chancellor Allan, William Ince, S. J. Vankoughnet, Q.C., James Henderson and J. A. Worrell.

The standing committees and officers for the year were appointed, also the examiners in the faculties of divinity, arts, medicine, law and music.

A letter was read from the Bishop of Niagara, intimating that His Lordship had nominated Mr. Edward R. Martin, Q.C., of Hamilton, as a member of the Council.

A recommendation was received from Convocation that the Corporation be requested to establish at the earliest possible moment an honor course in modern languages.

The Corporation adopted the recommendation and resolved to carry it into effect as soon as the fees made payable by members of Convocation shall have reached a sum sufficient to cover the extra income required.

The Executive Committee presented the Educational report for the past year, showing the total number of undergraduates in the various faculties 355, men reading for honors 19, total number of degrees conferred 122.

The Provost presented a memorandum on the subject of the establishment of a College for women in affiliation with Trinity University, and on motion a resolution was adopted approving of the establishment of such a College as outlined in the Provost's memorandum.

A Committee was also appointed to further the carrying out of the proposal, to report at the December meeting of the Corporation.

Votes of thanks for gifts of books to the library were presented to the Rev. J. Ker, Rev. Dr. Bethune, and Mr. S. J. Vankoughnet Q.C.

Professor Clark and Mr. Elmes Henderson, were elected Esquire Bedells for the ensuing year.

## CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

The *Church Press* (N.Y.) says:

A popular service is one in which, in some way the people are, more than is the usual case, either interested or made participants. Usually the phrase, a popular service, means one more numerously attended than usual. But, taken in any of the senses, it is the people who make it popular.

Now, there are various ways, but especially these three, in which "the people" may be cordially benefited by public services. One is that they may be encouraged to give voice, in duly appointed ways, to their religious feelings. Another, that the singing may also be the people's—not the choir's. And another, that the English used in preaching may be theirs, too.

Preaching over the heads of the people can never interest them. Singing away from them never can. Taking everything from them and giving it to the "chief talker" of the day and occasion never can, will or did. Worship being the people's should be popular—"common."

The *Living Church* asks:—

What would be thought of a merchant who should buy goods with no ability to pay for them, and demand that his creditors should furnish customers and make the goods sell? When the day of accounting came he would be prosecuted for fraud. Yet some vestries "call" rectors and offer salaries out of all proportion to their resources, depending on the popularity and personal effort of the pastor to secure his pay. He is expected somehow to "boom" the finances of the parish, even if he neglects the cure of souls. If he fails, he must stand the loss and move on. It would be interesting to have the statistics of churches built, debts paid, organs bought, and improvements made out of the unpaid salaries of the clergy. It is not so everywhere, but we know of cases where the clergy support the parishes, and their contributions by way of unpaid salaries in a few years amount to thousands of dollars.

*Church Bells* contains a letter from Earl Nelson.