

Diocese of Fredericton.

St John.

Rev. Canon Brigstocke, president of the Church of England Sunday School Teachers' Association, presided over a well-attended public meeting held Monday evening, 19th Oct., in the school room of Trinity Church under the auspices of the Association. Excellent addresses on Sunday school work were made by Rev. C. P. Hanington, Rev. R. W. Hudgell and Mr. V. W. Tippet.

Trinity Church.

A pleasant and successful conversazione, under the auspices of the Young Men's Association, assisted by the Young Women's Guild of Trinity church, was held Thursday evening in the school room. After a brief address by Rev. Canon Brigstocke, an excellent musical programme was carried out. Some of the best singers took part, and the new Y. M. C. A. orchestra rendered several selections. Light refreshments were served. The entertainment was a very pleasant one, and it was greatly enjoyed by the large audience present.

St. John the Baptist.

The Rev. J. H. Geare, who succeeds Rev. J. M. Davenport in this parish has arrived with his family. Mr. Geare is an Englishman, but has been for three years in the diocese of Delaware.

Dalhousie.

On Sunday, Oct. 11th, at St. Mary's Church, after Evensong, the Rector constituted the Alpha chapter of the "Daughters of the King," in this Diocese, according to the prescribed ritual of the Order. The members of the Chapter stood in a line at the entrance to the chancel, and were received, singly, into the order, by the Rector, and at the same time were invested with the silver cross. The officers of "St. Mary's Chapter" of the Daughters of the King are: Mrs. James Simonds, president; Miss Katie Bateman, secretary; and Miss Mamie Moffat, treasurer. This Order is not to be confounded with the King's Daughters which it antedates in organization. It is a Sisterhood whose membership is confined to the Anglican Church. Besides undertaking to assist the Rector generally in his work, it has two obligatory vows—constant prayer for parish work and constant endeavour to bring women to the church services. Its lines of work are parallel to those of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. St. Mary's Chapter, Dalhousie, is No. 69, and consists of ten members.

The Council of the Order (of which the heads of Chapters are *ex-officio* members), will be convened at St. Bartholomew's Church, New York, on Thursday, Nov. 5th. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 11.30 with a charge by the Chaplain of Alpha Chapter (No. 1) the Rev. Ralph W. Kenyon B. D. The business meeting will be held at 2 o'clock, in the Parish Rooms. Arrangements have been made for the entertainment of the visiting members of the Council.

Is this order represented in any other Canadian Parishes?

Diocese of Montreal.

Montreal Christ Church Cathedral.

It is stated that the Rev. Mr. Capel, presently doing duty at Sorel in behalf of the Rev. Canon Anderson, M. A., has been chosen as Assistant Minister of this Parish, in place of Rev. G. Smith, B. A., resigned. Mr. Capel will enter upon his duties in Advent.

St. Georges.

The Very Reverend The Dean of Montreal commenced on Sunday afternoon, the 18th inst., his course of lectures to young men upon "The light thrown by Science on the book of Genesis." There was an attendance of from 200 to 250 men at the opening lecture, which was most interesting, and so admirably arranged as to be easily followed and the chief heads thereof remembered by those present. The Dean stated that the object of his lectures would be to refute a very common opinion that Science had discovered some things that threw discredit on the word of God, whereas every new discovery of Science bore out its incontrovertible truths. In the lecture in question he referred chiefly to the Bible itself, and explained that although not a Scientific book in the ordinary sense, yet as a revelation from God, who was Himself the source of all knowledge, it could not be in contradiction with true Science or knowledge, and that if, as was true, unscientific language was used in the Bible in regard to natural phenomena, it was only in order to bring the truths set forth, within the comprehension of ordinary people, who were not accustomed to use and little understood scientific language. This was recognized by the greatest modern Scientists themselves in their own writings, to which the same objection might be taken as that advanced in this connection against the Bible. He also pointed out the necessity of making a clear distinction between scientific *hypotheses* and scientific *verdicts*; the number of the former of which was legion whilst the latter were comparatively few. Many a scientific *supposition* had never advanced beyond that state: He was sure that all Scientific *verdicts* would support and strengthen Biblical statement. He referred in illustration of Scientific hypotheses and truths respectively, to Darwin's teachings in regard to organic life as a supposition, and to the discovery in the ruins of Nineveh of tablets supporting the truth of the Biblical narrative verified by Science as true, as a scientific verdict. These lectures take place every Sunday afternoon at three o'clock and are open to all men.

Hudson.

On Saturday, the 17th October, the Rev. James Pyke, Incumbent of the parish of Hudson and Como celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood and of his appointment to this parish. In recognition of his long and fruitful services, a deputation from both congregations waited on Mr. Pyke in the evening of that day and presented him with an address expressive of the appreciation and affection and accompanied by a sum of \$180.00. On the 18th October Mr. Pyke preached in St. James, Hudson, from Ps. 77, v. 5, giving a general review of his work during the period of his incumbency.

St. Johns.

At a vestry meeting of St. James Church held last week the names of Rev. W. C. Bernard of Adamsville, and Rev. C. J. Boulden, late of Berthier, were ordered to be submitted to the Bishop of Montreal with the request that he should appoint one of them to the vacant Rectorship of St. Johns. His Lordship has since appointed Mr. Boulden to the position.

Rev. J. F. Renaud, late Rector of St. Johns, was recently presented with an address, and a purse of \$120 by the members of the Congregation.

Montreal, St. John the Evangelist.

The beautiful rood screen in course of erection in this Church has been further adorned by four handsome wrought iron grilles, placed in position last week. They are the design of Henry Vaughan, architect, Pemberton Square, Boston. It is doubtful if a finer specimen of wrought iron work can be found in this country. The firm of Messrs. J. C. Spence & Sons are at present illuminating the grilles. The screen, composed of stone, marble, wrought iron and oak, has been in course of erection for some years, and the funds for the purpose have been raised solely through the energetic efforts of the Ladies' Guild of Ste. Anne. Although much has yet to be done, a strong effort will be made to complete the screen by Easter.

Messrs. Warren & Son, of Toronto, are building two organs for this church. The grand or west-end organ is a gift to the church and will, when completed, cost nearly five thousand dollars. The action will be electric, the organ being played from the choir.

The various Guilds are already organized for the winter's work and a season of useful parish activity is expected.

This church has from its earliest foundation been *free* in the most literal sense, the seats *not even being allotted*, and its revenue is derived entirely from the free-will offerings of its people. The Rector is the Rev. Edmund Wood, M. A., who has held the position and the affections of his people ever since the formation of the parish, and indeed prior to that event; having commenced the work as a mission or chapel of Christ Church Cathedral in the Mortuary chapel in the old burying ground on Dorchester Street, now Dufferin Street. Thence the congregation proceeded to the brick church corner of Dorchester and St. Urbain which it occupied until it was found necessary in order to accommodate the members attending, to erect the beautiful church above referred to on the corner of St. Urbain and Ontario streets. Few men have had greater prejudices to contend against than the Rector of St. John's: few have more successfully overcome them and few if any have seen the work in which engaged grow more surely and abundantly. There is now connected with this parish an excellent parochial school under the care of Rev. A. French, B. A., occupying handsome buildings of his own connected with the church proper, and forming a handsome and attractive block. There are four Clergy connected with the Parish, and an active staff of lay workers.

Rural Deanery of Clarendon.

Notice has been given by Rural Dean Naylor that the 15th meeting of the Rural Deanery will be held at Hull, P. Q., on Thursday Nov. 5th, next, commencing with administration of Holy Communion at 9 o'clock a. m., in St. James Church. The Deanery is evidently a live one as is seen from the questions submitted for consideration. Amongst others there are the following:—

- I. Are the Provisions of the last Diocesan Synod sufficient to secure the proper keeping of the Parochial Registers? (See Synod Report 1891, page 36.)
- II. Can the offices of Churchwarden and sidesman be made available for the work of the church in this age and country as suggested by canon 90, of Constitutions and Canons Ecclesiastical, adopting such suggestions to the circumstances of the present day?
- III. Shall the Clergy of this Rural Deanery act upon the suggestions contained in the close of the report of the Committee on the Lord's day observance? (See Synod Report 1891, page 86.)
- IV. Shall the Clergy of this Rural Deanery act upon the suggestions contained in the second section of the Report of the Church of England Temperance Society? (See Synod report 1891, page 87.)
- V. Does the principle laid down by Dr. Davidson regarding lay minis-