

and the Soprano solo, of Mrs. Dr. Russell, in the anthem deserves special notice.

The ante Communion service was taken by the Lord Bishop, who was assisted by the Rev. H. J. Petry, curate in charge of the Cathedral. The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. H. Cole, curate of St. Matthew's Church, and was a masterly and eloquent discourse, and claimed the very closest attention of the congregation. The preacher took for his text the words, "A sower went forth to sow." The choice language, the earnestness of his manner, and the poetic beauty of his language made a very deep impression on the whole congregation. Mr. Cole is a preacher of rare abilities, and is bound to make his mark in whatever portion of the globe he may labor. A liberal offertory, followed the sermon, which is to be devoted to the Pension Fund of the Church Society. The service closed with an administration of the Holy Eucharist.

**St. Matthew's**—In the evening the United Service was held in this Church, which was crowded to overflowing. This otherwise pretty edifice was still more so on this occasion owing to the very tasteful decorations. The font was ornamented with amilax, &c. In the chancel immediately in front of the altar rail was placed a large sheaf of grain. On every window were placed miniature sheaves of grain alternated with bright colored fruits. The splendid silk banners of St. Matthew's "Band of Hope" and "Band of Mercy" occupied prominent places in the decorations. The surprised choir was very large, and the following clergy also were in attendance: The Lord Bishop Rev. L. W. Williams, Rector. R. H. Cole, Curate, E. Botwood, Episcopal Commissary of Newfoundland and Rector of St. Mary's Church, St. John, Nfld. R. W. Colston, of Angus, H. J. Petry, T. Richardson, A. A. Von Imland, G. H. Parker, of Compton, W. S. Vial, and R. J. Fothergill. The service was full choral Evening Prayer being sung by the Rev. Mr. Cole (who is a splendid musician), the first lesson was read by Rev. E. Botwood, and the second by Rev. R. W. Colston, while the latter portion of the prayers were taken by the Rector. The singing of the choir was remarkably good, particularly the *Te Deum* which was sung as a special act of thankfulness and praise, immediately after the presentation of the Alms.

The sermon which claimed the close attention of the vast congregation, was preached by the Rev. A. A. Von Imland, Rector of St. Michael's Church who took his text from the words, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God, and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." The preacher referred to Harvest Thanksgiving as an annual and united grace for our food. He dwelt on the duty of gratitude, and thanking God for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life, and concluded by an earnest appeal in behalf of the Pension Fund of the Diocese, to which the collection which was (as is usual in St. Matthew's), large, was devoted.

**WINDSOR MILLS**—The Ladies' Association of St. George's Church, held their Annual meeting on the evening of the 22nd inst. The following were elected as Executive for ensuing year:—President, Mrs. Hardy; Vice-presidents, Mrs. Riff, Mrs. Wm. Robinson, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Long; Sec. Treas., Mrs. Ball. Women's Auxiliary Committee; Mrs. McLean, Miss Allan. Work Committee; Mrs. Riff, Mrs. Long, Miss Charlotte Riff. Entertainment Committee, Mrs. Robinson, Miss Allan, Miss McHenry, Miss Victoria Riff, Miss Palson, and Mr. Stevens, Senior Warden.

The following accounts for year closing were submitted. Collected at meetings, \$43 25; Socials and entertainments, 43; Sales of useful and fancy articles, \$26 75; Collected by President for poor fund, \$7 00—total \$120. Expended as follows:—Rent of house for Missionary, \$75; towards horse and shed for Church, \$25; poor fund, \$9.50; Women's Auxiliary, Quebec,

\$6 50; toilet set presented to Mrs. Williams et her visit with Lord Bishop, \$1—total \$120.

The thanks of the Association were tendered to Mrs. Williams for sale of useful articles sent for the sale. The Incumbent called the attention of the Ladies to making their meetings instructive and entertaining by introducing readings and recitations. The suggestion was at once acted upon by appointing a Committee to look after that branch of the work. With thanksgiving to the Almighty for the many blessings vouchsafed during the year, and the singing of the National Anthem in commemoration of the Jubilee of her Gracious Majesty the annual meeting of the Second year came to a close with the kind feelings and good wishes of all.

**NEW CARLISLE**—As I very seldom see this place mentioned in your valuable paper, I thought perhaps you would like the few items of interest I now send you, although New Carlisle is only a small town, still it has lately seen a good deal of stir. The Roman Catholic held a very successful bazaar on the 25th of October and four following days, realizing the handsome amount of over \$960, and as they had all along very kindly helped the Protestants in anything of theirs going on, they in return assisted them, knowing how much better it is to keep up the friendly spirit that has existed between them for so many years. On the Thursday following (3rd of Nov.), the young people of Paspebiac Church (Church of England) had a Concert, realizing about \$116 which was considered very good coming so soon after the bazaar, and what helped to make it more successful was an "Election cake" for which four young ladies were named to collect for it, Misses Clapperton, Le Gallais, Young and Caulfield, and whoever collected the most money received the cake in return. The fortunate one was Miss Clapperton, who although not belonging to the place still received the most. The proceeds realized from the Roman Catholic bazaar, is intended to go towards building their Church in this place, and the \$116 from the concert is, I understand going towards the stipend of the Rector of New Carlisle and Paspebiac, which seems to be a strange way of paying one who should be paid by the willing contributions of the members of his two congregations, especially as they number over 130 families who could pay him well enough if they liked, and keep concert money and pew rents for Church purposes, but I suppose it has to be done to keep a resident minister in this place. The Presbyterians are a very united congregation of about 30 or 40 families who all work together to further the interests of their Church, and are quite an example in that respect. They have a fine Sunday-school presided over by Mrs. George, the minister's wife, who is assisted also by a staff of teachers, and several children belonging to the Church of England have found their way into it, not having a Sunday-school of their own, for, I believe, now over a year, which is much to be regretted as they are not brought up in the doctrines of their own Church; but it is hoped that things will mend in New Carlisle later on, and that they will have soon one of their own. The Presbyterian held their Thanksgiving service on Thursday last the 17th, and the Church of England on Sunday the 20th, when a collection was taken up in the latter for the Pension fund of this Diocese.—M. E. C.

#### DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

**KINGSTON**.—Divine service was held in the different Churches on Thanksgiving Day. The congregations were very fair.

The meetings of the Diocesan Committee were held last week. During the past six months \$1700 was collected for foreign and domestic mission purposes. A uniform system of Sunday School lessons was adopted, being the same re-

commended by the general conference at Toronto.

The half yearly report of the Mission board showed a balance on hand of \$4782 95. There was paid to Missions \$4506 25.

A grant of \$500 was made to the Bishop for the purpose of opening new Missions in the Counties of Carleton and Frontenac.

**All Saints**.—On the 22nd, the Bishop of Ontario conducted confirmation service in All Saints' Church. The building was crowded, several of those present having to stand in the aisles during the evening. The clergymen present were: Ven. Archdeacon Landon, Rural Deans Nashitt and Baker, and Rev. Messrs. Smith, Cooke, McMarine, Burke and Burns. The service was intoned by the Rev. Mr. Prime, and the candidates for confirmation, six males and four females, were presented by the rector to the Bishop who made an interesting address, speaking to both candidates and the congregation. He alluded to the building of the church twenty five years ago, saying that it was erected for the especial benefit of those who came from the country, and were accustomed to the high church service. The first pastor was the Rev. Mr. Windsor, who has since gone to his rest. The singing by the choir was very fine. The service was brought to a close by the Bishop pronouncing the benediction.

Mr. Peshon Dodd has been appointed organist and choir master of St. George's Cathedral.

The St. George's Cathedral Young Men Association has been reorganized and has commenced auspiciously.

Ven. Archdeacon Evans preached in St. Paul's on the 20th, at both services.

#### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

**Toronto**.—*S. S. Conference*—We are favoured with the following additional particulars as to the work of the late Conference. The scheme of S. S. lessons adopted consisted of 52 lessons on the Collects, and 52 selected lessons on the Life of our Lord; the Collect lessons being based upon the work of Rev. John Kyle, and the Scripture lessons on the two volumes of Eugene Stock's well-known lesson notes.

This scheme it was decided, to print and distribute to the Bishops of this Ecclesiastical Province and to the delegates appointed to attend the Conference with the request that they would present the same before their Diocesan Sabbath School Conference for consideration; and that an adjourned meeting of this Conference should be held at the St. Paul Hall, Montreal, on Tuesday, April 10, 1888, to consider any alterations that may be suggested.

As to Examinations it was recommended that they be held in December on the Sunday School Institute lessons for the previous year. That there be two grades of certificates for the teachers and for the scholars, and, that the subject for examination in December, 1888, be: Teachers Grade I—1st Samuel and the Collects from Advent to Easter. Grade II.—1st Samuel and Collects from Advent to Septuagesima. Scholars—Grade I.—Joshua and the Collects for Advent Sunday, Christmas Day, Epiphany, Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. Grade II.—Joshua and the Church Catechism to end of the Creed. A Committee was appointed to report to the next meeting of the Conference at Montreal, on the subject of certificates to successful candidates.

The Annual service of the Toronto (Anglican) Church Sunday-School Association for Sunday-school workers, was held in the evening at St. Philip's Church, the sermon being preached by Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, of St. Luke's Church, Ashburnham, and being a most interesting, eloquent and practical discourse. The text was 1 Timothy ix. 10, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee."

Among the clergymen present were:—Rev. John Pearson, Holy Trinity; Rev. J. D. Cayley,