

be to train them up in the rules and hopes of that family: to make them good children of the Family of God, imbued with the principles which governed it. That in consequence the teaching given should not only be a knowledge of and a love for the Saviour, but also following the charge given to godparents by the Bishop at the close of the Baptismal service, be such as would prepare them for Confirmation; that passing through it and being trained up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, they might become entitled to the privileges and status of full grown members of the family, and be in reality good churchmen and churchwomen. He impressed upon those present not only the inadvisability of neglecting or ignoring the Church's system and year, but also the grave responsibility assumed by those who omitted so to do, and the serious danger to the Church.

The members of the Institute met together Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. After prayers Mr. Gosselin read a paper on 'The relation of the Bible Class Teacher to the school and to the clergyman.' A discussion followed, in which the principle that Sunday School Teachers are simply representatives of the clergyman who alone is responsible for the whole teaching of the Sunday School from beginning to end was again enforced by the Dean and Dr. Davidson, and others.

A teacher who sets himself in opposition to the teachings of the Church and clergymen should not be allowed to teach. What the clergyman should say is 'It grieves me but we must part company. I am the captain of this ship and I mean to sail it.' To secure uniformity of teaching it would be well for every parish to adopt the Toronto scheme of lessons.

The Rev. F. R. Smith gave an illustration of Topical teaching, taking Jacob for his subject.

The Rev. T. E. Cunningham read a paper on the subject of catechizing and the question was fully discussed by the Dean of Montreal. Catechizing he maintained should be a 'harvest of teaching' and should take place every six weeks. To make it of any use you must have a systematic form of teaching, your scholars must be arranged in convenient form with the teacher at the head of each class; you must have perfect silence, a proper basis of teaching, and know each scholar by name. Do not catechize as if going to a funeral.

In answer to the questions propounded through the 'Question Box' the following interesting facts were elicited:

In teaching large infant classes you must teach mostly by the eye. In small classes you can teach verbally with success. Great carefulness and impartiality are required when reward cards and prizes are given.

Sunday School teachers meetings constitute the best means of bringing the teachers into touch with the views of the clergyman.

In the afternoon Dr. Davidson gave an address on the Baptismal Covenant. Referring to the Baptismal office, and to the catechism, he said that teachers should have a distinct idea of what Baptism really means; before which the child is clearly regarded as belonging to a family or state inimical to God, and this he must renounce. There is therefore a clear recognition of original sin; and in bringing the child into a new kingdom, pledges must be made before the child can be received into that kingdom. Then the child becomes a child of God, and through its sureties makes a vow of absolute renunciation and of obedience. Brought into the family of Christ it must obey the rules of that Household and bring no dishonor on the family name.

In the discussion that followed, the Dean said, I belong to a Church which enables me to go to the greatest sinner and say, 'Child of God come back to your God.' 'Belonging to the same family I can call him brother.' Dr. Davidson explained how 'the Fatherhood of

God can be made a great comfort to children brought up in the midst of sin.' In teaching them we can convey comfort by saying 'you are a redeemed child of God, look up to Him and He will take care of you.'

The Dean of Montreal next gave an address upon the Creed: How to teach it and make it interesting. We must have right views as to the object and meaning of the Creed. Younger scholars should learn the text, and receive general information about it. In teaching it to older scholars, I would connect it with its history; e.g., How old is it? By whom used? Used the world over since Apostolic days. Repeated by men of every tribe, and every tongue. Used in grand cathedrals, in the Catacombs, and in the lonely cells of monks.

The necessity of preserving unity of faith, accounts for its existence. It is a key note of union between teachers separated from each other by the broad expanse of continents.

There is almost a fairy life to fall back upon, in bringing before scholars the records of the Creed.

We should also impress them with its spiritual aspect. It is an epitome of the foundation points of the whole Bible. See the value of retaining our creeds. You cannot get a boy, preparing for confirmation, to study or understand the whole Bible. I say 'my boy you must master the Creed. It gives the great foundation thoughts of revelation.'

1. As a child I believe in my Father, God Almighty.

2. I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ my Saviour.

3. I believe in the Holy Ghost my comforter who can draw me to Christ.

4. I believe in the Holy Catholic Church which He came to found and of which I am a member.

Considered thus, the Creed will be a lamp on that boy's study of the Bible to the end of his life. In retaining the creeds the Reformers handed down to us the richest legacy they could leave to the Church of God.

In the discussion that followed, it was pointed out, that, another way of teaching the Creed is by living it.

The Institute was closed by a service in St. Paul's Church, Tuesday evening 7th inst.

The Dean addressed the children, showing how they could help on the work of the Sunday School by obedience, punctuality and faithful study at home, of the lessons assigned them by their teachers. In an address to the congregation, he gave instances of some marvellous results that had been accomplished through the instrumentality of the Sunday School. It was against the genius of the Church of England to always expect immediate results. We should sow the seed and wait for God to give the increase. Only let us have faith and then the spirit and power of God will go with it, even if laboring in the darkest dens of vice.

Dr. Davidson gave an address on the teachers preparation. He said the truest type of manliness was that which approached nearest to the great and only type of true manliness Christ Jesus Himself.

1. The teacher to be successful required above all things, a heart made pure by the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ.

2. The teacher must carefully prepare by study as well of the Sunday School lesson as of Scripture, ever seeking the teaching of the Holy Spirit.

3. The teacher must have steadfastness of purpose to be able to bear up under dispiriting circumstances.

4. Must have a love for the work and for the Great Head of the Church, Jesus Christ the Redeemer of the world.

Our list of Subscribers in Winnipeg, Brandon, and other centres in the Northwest might be much enlarged by local effort. Favorable terms will be made with local canvassers.

## DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

**THOROLD.**—Harvest Thanksgiving services were held in St. John's Church, on the 30th ult., the preachers being Rev. R. Ker, of St. Catharines and Rev. Dr. Mackridge, of Toronto. Both sermons were very thoughtful and instructive productions, and were gratefully received by the congregation. The offertory collections amounted to \$89.89. This sum goes to swell the fund for increasing the seating capacity of the church.

On the 10th inst., a large number of the members of the congregation and their friends assembled in the Sunday school building to listen to a missionary lecture from the Rector, Rev. P. L. Spencer. The audience were taken in imagination on a tour around the globe and shown the principal mission stations of the Church. The lecture was illustrated with 100 optical lantern views, many of them the products of amateur photography. Special stress was laid on missions in Algoma and the North West; the lecturer concluding with a minute and interesting description of a visit he had recently paid to the Shingwauk Home. He expressed deep sympathy with Rev. E. F. Wilson in his present trying circumstances, and asked the audience to do their utmost through the Women's Auxiliary and other channels to assist that clergyman. A collection of silver offerings was then made, the money, which amounted to \$9, being devoted to Mr. Wilson's work.

## DIOCESE OF HURON.

**BIDDULPH.**—St. Patrick's.—The congregation worshipping in St. Patrick's Church, Biddulph, observed their annual Thanksgiving service on Sunday, Oct. 12th, at 2:30 p.m. There was a large attendance of devout worshippers, including several strangers, who appeared much interested in the services. The chancel, prayer desk and pulpit were very tastefully decorated with flowers, fruit, grain and vegetables. Special hymns, besides an anthem during the offertory, were rendered effectively by a large choir of young people, under the direction of Miss Jeannie Davis as organist. An appropriate sermon was delivered by the incumbent, Rev. H. D. Steele, from Psalm cxvi. v. 12. The offertory was larger than usual.

**MITCHELL.**—The King's Sons and Daughters are holding their meetings fortnightly. The Womens' Missionary Association have just sent a large bale of clothing, &c., to Rev. Mr. Frost, of Manitoulin Island. Miss Howard, niece of the late Rector, is still officiating as organist of Trinity Church, coming over from St. Mary's each week. For several reasons it will be difficult to obtain a suitable clergyman for this parish.

**INGERSOLL.**—A pouring wet day was that chosen for the Harvest Thanksgiving services here. The sermons were preached by the Rev. W. J. Taylor. The congregations were good. On the Tuesday evening a tea was given in the basement of the Church, and a service afterwards held in the Church, when the Rev. Canon Richardson, and the Rev. F. Newton gave addresses. The Rev. J. H. Moorhouse, the Rector, officiated.

**DELRWARE.**—A sacred concert was given in Christ's Church, last week by the choir of St. Matthew's Church, London. The choruses and anthems were well rendered and highly appreciated.

**SARNIA.**—During the absence of Rev. T. R. Davis M.A., and family from town during the holidays last summer, the Rectory was entered by burglars and pretty thoroughly ransacked. Some time after, a burglary was committed in Port Huron, the thieves were caught and when