

One of the most important events in a church year is the presentation of candidates for confirmation. It marks an addition to the working force of the church of great interest, and often of permanent value.

The Confirmation.

The fourth Confirmation held in St. Paul's church since I began my duty as Rector of the Parish of St. Paul's, Halifax, was held the 2nd Sunday in Advent, 1894, when 64 candidates were presented to the Bishop and afterwards received their first communion. Of the candidates fifteen were married people. The average age was twenty years. Thirteen were from other Christian bodies. All were carefully prepared, and personally visited (save one) and professed privately that they had decided for Christ, before they were presented.

On Monday evening December 17th, 1894, a meeting of the candidates was held in the Argyle Hall when I presented the cards to them and gave them a few words of counsel and help.

I may say of the class that it has given me the greatest pleasure to observe that all of them with one or two exceptions have been faithful in attending the Holy Communion regularly since. We would also call attention to the fact that the average age of the candidates was much higher than usual, showing that all were of sufficiently mature age to thoroughly understand the solemnity of the responsibility they were about to undertake.

The names of those confirmed at this confirmation were:

Mrs. T. C. Jones.

Mrs. Davidson.

Mary Cottrell Mahon.

Mary Preston.

Mary Aide-aide Joet.

Maggie Long.

Francis Mary Miller.

Alice Louise Murray.

Rebecca Boutilier.

Lillian Dorothy Fenton.

Mrs. Coe.

Mina Louise Sword.

Florence Ida Gaetz.

Annie Lithgow.

Mrs. Crichton.

Mrs. DeYoung.