

Ben, the eldest son of the late Lieut. Col. Wilgress, R.A., died in patience and resignation to the divine will on the 13th inst., at the ripe age of eighty years. He was universally respected, as was testified at the funeral, being followed to the grave by Roman Catholic and other denominations; several of our clergy were present, including the Lord Bishop of Montreal, Revs. Canon Fulton, Rural Dean Renaud, Edmund Wood and Arthur French, of St. John the Evangelist, Montreal.

The last solemn rites were performed by the Rev. H. J. Winterbourne, Rector of the parish. During the service in the Church the choir chanted Ps. 90, and sang the hymns, "Now the Labourers task is o'er" and "The Saints of God their conflict past," followed by the *Nunc Dimittis* as the body was borne out of the Church which the deceased loved so well. At the request of members of the family the sacred edifice was arrayed in festal hanging, four vases of beautiful flowers being on the re-table. On the following Sunday the services had special allusion to the solemn event, appropriate hymns being sung, and sermons preached by the Rector. The morning discourse was founded on the text, "Lord, Thou hast been one dwelling-place from generation to generation," in which reference was made to the deceased who had ever been unfailing in attendance at the services of the Church, and a constant and devout communicant. The Rector remarked that "For half a century or more Mr. Wilgress was a regular attendant in this hallowed house, and acted for many years in the capacity of Churchwarden, being also a representative for this parish in the Diocesan Synod until the present year, when failing health and strength obliged him to resign that office. Among many excellencies of life and character I might mention his kind and courtly manner, his almost passionate fondness for young people and children, his generous and liberal contributions to any cause or object which enlisted his sympathy, and his warm hospitality to which the speaker can bear grateful witness. During his last illness he was patient and resigned to the will of His Heavenly Father, and we humbly hope and believe, he now rests in the peace of the Paradise of God. He has gone to his account, and a voice comes from that newly-made grave to-day, only a few yards from this pulpit, and says to each one of us, 'Follow me only as far as I followed Christ'; 'What faults you saw in me, take care to shun, and look at home, there's something to be done.' Yes, there's something to be done yet in amending, by God's grace, what is amiss in each of our lives and character."

May we individually make that prayer of the old Law giver and our own while life lasts, "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom,"—the wisdom of getting ready for eternity.

#### DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

**KEMPTVILLE.**—The day set apart for Intercession in connection with Sunday-schools throughout the world, was duly observed in the Patton Memorial Church, Kemptville. The Holy Communion was offered in the morning and a special address was given by the rector, Rev. Mr. Emery, to Mothers; in the afternoon there was a large attendance of Children at a special service for them when the Rector delivered an address suited to them. The venerable superintendent, Mr. Leslie, at the request of the Rector, made a few valuable remarks. The children's offertory was devoted towards starting a Sunday-school library for Powagen, a place in the Algoma diocese to which some of the Kemptville Churchmen have gone to reside, and where there is no Church service. In the evening the Rector specially addressed the Fathers.

On the day of general Thanksgiving there were good congregations; the Holy Eucharist

was offered, and the children were catechized twice, both at the morning and evening services. The offertory was devoted to work in the diocese of Qu'Appelle.

The parish Sunday-school is in a very flourishing condition and showing constant signs of improvement. The "Ministering Children's League" is in a healthy condition; there were no less than seventy-five present last Saturday. They are hard at work making up underclothes and other articles, for the convalescent Home in Ottawa. The children of the League gave an entertainment last month, when they realized fifteen dollars.

**LOMBARDY AND PORT ELSLEY.**—This parish which has been vacant ever since the resignation of the Rev. A. J. Fidler through ill-health a year ago, has just been filled by the appointment of the Rev. R. W. Rayson. It has two churches, Holy Trinity at Lombardy, and St. James at Port Elmsley; both were considerably beautified by the exertions of the late Incumbent, and are well fitted for reverent and dignified services, the women of Lombardy having insisted on a chancel being built when the old frame church was veneered with brick. There is a strong band of faithful laity and a good choir at Holy Trinity, and a fair choir which can be made into a good one by a little patient work at St. James. Fortunately the new Incumbent has had many years experience in choir work and teaching, and will be able to build on the foundations laid by his predecessor.

Money is to be raised to build a parsonage and a considerable sum is already in hand, chiefly from a sum left by will for the good of the parish. This is a way of helping on Church work which is worthy of imitation in other parishes.

#### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

**TORONTO.**—The new Church of St. Augustine's corner of Spruce and Parliament sts., was opened on Sunday, the 11th inst., with special and appropriate services; large congregations attended and the Church was beautifully decorated with flowers. Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m., and at 11 o'clock the formal opening took place the service being full choral, and the Lord Bishop of the Diocese the preacher; the Rector, the Rev. G. J. Taylor, and Rev. Mr. Gurd both took part in the service. The Bishop preached an admirable sermon from the text Ps. lxxxvii. 3, in which he referred at length to the Apostolic and Historic character of the Church of England; he also explained the position taken by the Lambeth Conference on the question of the Reunion of Christendom, and in concluding his able discourse said: "Our Church people in this land do not take the pride which they should in their Church; they do not inform themselves as to her History and her record; in the face of the over-whelming numbers of non-conformists around them they are rather disposed to assume an apologetic attitude. This need not be so. The Church in this diocese, and especially in this city, has no cause to be ashamed of its record. This is the *seventieth* new Church which has been opened in the Diocese during the *nine and a half* years of my Episcopate, and the *thirteenth* in the present limits of the city.

I rejoice with you to-day, and offer you my sincere congratulations on the successful completion of a great work. You commence your new life as a congregation to-day; I exhort you, brethren, to take a pride and delight in your Church. Be zealous for its honour. Remember that it is in your hands and keeping; what you are as members of the Church, the reputation of the Church will be. Above all things pray that God may be present in all the ordinances of His house by His Holy Spirit; and then, with the Divine blessing on the min-

istration of the Word and Sacraments, you will have the true marks of the true Church of the living God. This Church will fulfil in its measure the picture of Jerusalem and be a joy to many, and win the praise of the faithful, which is the due of every Church that is faithful to its Divine type. "Glorious things are spoken of Thee, thou city of God."

At the close a liberal offertory was taken up, and the Holy Communion was celebrated.

In the afternoon Rev. J. D. Cayley sang the service, and Rev. T. W. Paterson preached a sermon. In the evening Rev. John Pearson, of Holy Trinity, officiated.

**TORONTO—St. Matthias.**—During Advent the Litany will be sung on each Wednesday at 8 p.m., in the Church, followed by a sermon, 1st Wednesday, Rev. C. H. Shortt; 2nd Wednesday, Rev. R. J. Moore; 3rd Wednesday Rev. Rural Dean Swallow.

There will be Evensong with Address each Friday at 8 p.m., in the Chapel.

On All Saints' Day, the Choir paid a visit to St. Matthew's Church, De Grassi Street and sang Evensong. The Church was filled, and the service was very hearty. The Rev. George Natrass preached.

On Thursday, December 13th, the Girls' Friendly Society, assisted by some friends, will hold their Sale of Work. The proceedings will be enlivened by music, vocal and instrumental. It is hoped that members of other congregations, will patronize the Sale very liberally. The articles to be disposed of will be found useful for Christmas presents.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the C. W. M. A. desires to inform the Church people of Canada generally, and others who may take an interest in the subject, that she is constantly receiving applications for gifts of surplices for the poor parishes both in Algoma and Toronto dioceses.

The funds of the Society will not at present allow any more of these very necessary articles to be furnished gratis and she therefore earnestly asks contributions for this purpose. Address Mrs. O'Reilly, 37 Bleecker Street, Toronto.

#### DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

**NORVAL AND STEWARTTOWN.**—Sunday, Nov. 4th, was an eventful day in this parish, when the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Niagara, administered the Apostolic rite of Confirmation to twenty-five candidates, nineteen in Norval, and six in Stewarttown. There was a choral celebration of the Holy Communion in Norval, following confirmation; at which there were sixty-five communicants, including the newly confirmed; His Lordship was the celebrant, assisted by the incumbent, the Rev. H. A. Bowden, as server; there were overflowing congregations at all the services; the offertories were large. The Bishop's addresses were greatly appreciated by all, and deeply impressed the candidates (several of whom had been members of other denominations), and were full of wise and loving advice.

His Lordship, during his short stay in Norval, was the guest of Mrs. James Pettigrew. He dined on Sunday at Mr. Wm. Thompson's, Ashgrove, and took tea at Col. Murray's, in Stewarttown, and was hospitably entertained.

The Church in Norval has undergone considerable repairs and alterations of late, including a new pulpit, reading desk, and credence table; and the Ladies' Aid Society (late formed) have furnished a very handsome vestry, new carpet and Episcopal chair, all of which were sorely needed. Too much praise cannot be given to Miss Buchanan, the indefatigable Secretary of the Ladies' Aid, through whose exertions the new vestry was initiated and completed. The musical arrangements on Confirmation day were ably carried out by our estimable organist, Miss Annie Pettigrew,