

Cathedral of the Holy Trinity.

A brass Eagle Lectern was used for the first time in the above Church on Christmas Day, 1895. It is a Memorial of the late revered Bishop Williams. The mass of the Clergy in the Diocese, in addition to members of the Cathedral congregation, contributed to the cost. The Lectern is simple but handsome in design, and is enriched by a band of jewels about half way down the shaft. The bird itself is a splendid piece of workmanship. It is extremely realistic, and reflects much credit upon the skill of Messrs. J. & R. Lamb, of New York, already favourably known to residents of this City. The whole Lectern is much admired, and harmonizes well with the general style of the Church.

The New Scheme of Bible Study for Protestant Schools.

What this new scheme is exactly may be seen by referring to the October Number of last year's *Diocesan Gazette*, and no doubt those who wish for a few copies of this scheme will be able to procure them by writing to G. W. Parmelee, Esq., Education Department, Parliament House, Quebec City. It will be seen at a glance that, while the Old Testament History may still be learnt from Dr. Maclear's smaller Old Testament History, which is on the list of authorized Text Books, the New Testament Instruction is expected to be given from the Bible itself. And it is moreover the earnest desire of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Education, that, as far as possible, the children shall themselves find the select passages and shall read them in Class and receive the explanations of their Teachers, answering questions, &c., until they are fully conversant with the Text and its meaning. And with this object the Bible stands, as it certainly should, upon the list of authorized Text Books. We trust

therefore that all true friends of the young will take an interest in this matter and will help the schools in their immediate neighbourhood to a sufficient store of the most precious volume in the world. School Commissioners cannot perhaps provide Bibles for their schools, any more than other Text Books, but they can encourage the Teachers to have the Bible used, as any other Reader is used and to assist the pupils in laying hold of the meaning.

And if the School Commissioners do this, it would be no very large matter for a friend of Bible Education to give to a School a few dozen copies, or less, as the case may be. By writing to the Rev. E. J. Stobo, Bible House, Y.M.C.A. building, Quebec City, and by sending cash with order, complete Bibles will be sent at 15, 20 and 25 cents each, and New Testaments at 3, 5 and 10 cents each, and of course at higher prices. A New Testament, French and English, will be supplied for 60 cents, and Greek and English for 55 cents: also a French Testament for 15 cents and a Greek Testament for 35 cents. These prices are below cost, and yet the local Committee of the Bible Society for the sake of bringing God's word to the eyes and ears of the young, is willing to supply these Books carriage paid to our Country Missions. We earnestly trust that many of our readers will take up this matter at once. In some cases it may be as well at first to write for specimens, (enclosing the money for them) and then to find out with the approval of the Teacher, which children already possess a Bible of their own, which they can bring to school, and also to invite all who wish for a copy of the Bible or New Testament like the specimen shewn, to bring in the necessary cents, with which to make the purchase. A little time and interest given to work like this throughout our Diocese would be very profitable: nay, it would, with God's blessing, work wonders.