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N. B.—There will be no Bible Class on the 8th inst., as Professor Clark is to preach at a Thanksgiving Service in Hamilton on that day.

### THANKSGIVING DAY.

THE day after our Annual Thanksgiving the newspapers generally contain a notice to this effect: "Yesterday being Thanksgiving Day was observed as a public holiday." The monstrous inconsistency between what is and what ought to be does not seem to occur to the writers, or they might recall people to a sense of duty. Surely such notices ought to run somewhat in this fashion: "Yesterday having been proclaimed as a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the Harvest, the people of the Dominion flocked to their respective places of worship, to offer thanks and praise for their many and great blessings." But such a statement would not be true. The people of this country seem to say with one consent: "Here is a holiday: let us enjoy ourselves. Let who will go to Church." Accordingly we hear of some Churches arranging for a combined service, that here and there at least there may be respectable congregations. The duty of thanksgiving is a task so irksome that only a handful out of each congregation can be found to perform it. The conduct of the nine unthankful lepers is faithfully copied year after year by Christians. Contrast with this the way in which the Jews kept their feast of ingathering. The whole population ("thou and thy son, and thy daughter, manservant, maidservant, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow,") kept a solemn feast unto the Lord for seven days. Seven days, while we think that we are doing well if we spend the tenth part of one day in a service of thanksgiving. It is true that there is generally a good congregation in St. George's on the day, and a fairly good offertory for our Missionary Diocese, but both are small indeed when put beside the standard of what ought to be. This year the

sermon will be preached by Canon DuMoulin. As it is the first time that he preaches in St. George's he will no doubt be greeted by a large congregation. The extent of our thankfulness will be shown by the amount of our Thank-offering. Indeed the offerings this year ought to be unusually liberal, by way of showing our appreciation of the Bishop of Algoma's noble act of self-denial in choosing rather to remain in that Diocese than to accept the more easy and pleasant post in Huron.

### CHURCH PARADES.

The subject of Church Parades has been a good deal under discussion of late by ministerial associations and in the secular press. As St. George's has been a favourite Church with the Militia, we may very properly devote a little of our space to a brief consideration of the question. By the Militia Regulations Commanding Officers are enjoined to arrange, as may be practicable, for the attendances at Divine Service of the men under their command. The object of this regulation may possibly be a subject of discussion, involving its interpretation, but it has come to be pretty generally considered as making it the duty of militia corps, although not in barracks or camp, to assemble at intervals, during their annual training, for Divine Worship in the same manner as the regular troops. It has frequently been stated that on such occasions there are young men who are brought face to face with Divine things to which otherwise they are almost complete strangers. And we have good authority for the statement that these services exercise much influence for good, not only on such men, but on the happily much more numerous class whose church-going is habitual. To the non-military observer the march of a military corps to Church may perhaps seem as if little else than a noisy show, but to those who take part in it there is a peculiar solemnity in a parade which is especially distinguished from all others in its equipment, formation and surroundings. To the thoughtful soldier the "Church Call," which is played by the band on the parade ground, is as much an invitation to the House of Prayer as is the Church bell to a civilian. If clergymen could but realize the value as a religious and moral influence of properly ordered and conducted Church parades, they would gladly aid and encourage them, even at the cost of a little temporary excitement in the Sunday School.