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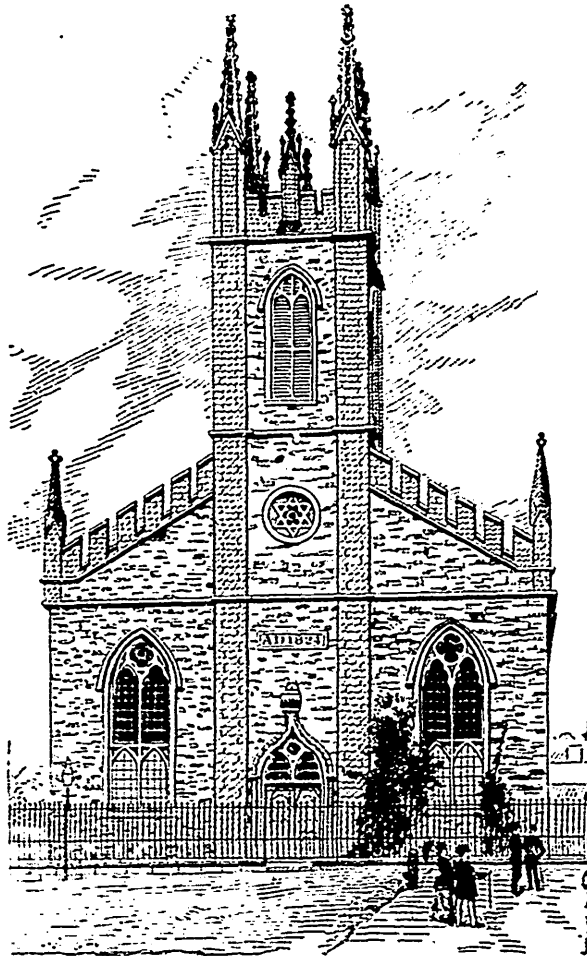
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### PARISH NOTES.

LAST month our parish experienced a loss which if not entirely unexpected, was none the less serious, in the removal of Mr. W. J. Wilson who, for so many years, has been a prominent helper in our Sunday School. He brought to his work in this capacity some of the best qualifications, a practical knowledge of education, patience and sympathy, and (above all) that attribute without which no zeal or intelligence avails, a desire to gain the souls of those committed to his charge. The loss to the teaching staff will be long felt, even though a very efficient substitute has been found in Mrs. J. S. Armstrong, who undertakes charge of the vacant class during the present winter. Our own sense of personal loss must not prevent us from congratulating Mr. Wilson upon a deserved and congenial appointment to the Geological Survey of Canada, a career for which his remarkable scientific attainments as a geologist abundantly qualify him. A handsome copy of the Teachers' Bible was presented to Mr. Wilson upon his departure, with a letter from his colleagues. His reply will be found in another column.

DURING the month past the Rector paid a visit to Toronto and Boston. In the former city he had the privilege of taking part in the opening of the new buildings of Wycliffe College, and of delivering an address at the public meeting. In compliance with the request that has been made from several quarters, the address (in substance) is given in our columns.

OWING to the illness of the Secretary of the Y. M. A., it was impossible to draw up a plan of winter lectures and entertainments before the end of the month. As it was desirable to enter at once upon the work of raising money to pay the current debt of the Sunday School, the Rector gave a

lecture on Thackeray in the school room on Thursday, Oct. 29. The full plan of future lectures and other entertainments will be published shortly, and we feel sure that our congregation will heartily support all the efforts that will be made, in order that next year may see the debt expunged.

THE Annual Thanksgiving Service will be held on the day appointed by the Governor General, November 12th, beginning at half-past seven. The offertory will be given to the Diocesan Church Society. Special music suitable for the Harvest, as well as the general thanksgiving, will be arranged by Mr. Ford, and it is hoped that our choir will be represented in its full strength on this occasion. We are sure that every member of the congregation heard with pleasure the announcement that the Oratorio Society had appointed Mr. Ford as their director. None could desire an occasion more grateful than the performance of the Jephthah and the Hymn of Praise to inaugurate the highest function of musician's work.

### THE CHURCH CONGRESS.

The annual English Church Congress met this month at Rhyl in North Wales, and was very largely attended. The papers and speeches are reported fully in the last number of the *Guardian*, and it is evident that both were above even the high average of excellence. The discussion upon 'Biblical Criticism and the Church's Gains thereby,'—(a topic which would hardly have been so worded a few years ago,) was remarkable for the virtual unanimity of the eminent scholars who took part in it. The old indiscriminate sneers at and denunciation of *all* criticism applied to the Scriptures were conspicuous by their absence, and even Mr. Lias, who represented the most conservative views, gave his adhesion to all the principles for which true criticism contends, and summed up in these remarks:—

"Let not the humble and devout student of Scripture be afraid of what is going on, or stumble if some of the beliefs he has cherished in an age of less searching investigation should prove to be ill founded. Critical science may modify our belief in the date of this or that part of God's Word. It may discover traces of composite authorship in a work we have hitherto considered homogeneous. It may call upon us to recognise signs of later editing in a book, the whole of which we had believed to be of vast antiquity. It may point out to us interpolations where we had been taught to admit nothing of the kind. We may find that some portions of Scriptures stand on a higher moral and religious plane than others. But these discoveries do not in the least affect the claim of the Bible to be our authoritative teacher on the question of God's dealings with His creatures."

Another most fruitful discussion was upon Church Music, and the paper read by Mr. Hylton Stewart, late Precentor of Chester Cathedral, should be distributed to every church choir in English speaking countries. We have only space for one quotation:— "A thoroughly good chant book is greatly needed; but as no two men agree upon the merits of a chant, it is not likely to be supplied. I would therefore recommend each choir to make its own MSS. collection from

the abundant material supplied by the various books, none of which in themselves can be considered thoroughly satisfactory. In our hymn-singing we have greatly improved, but we still fail lamentably in the matter of *time* . . . - St. Anne's and Melcombe, and others of a similar type, are tunes with a history of their own, and require different treatment to that of more modern ones. They are hard to beat even in this nineteenth century, full of broad harmony and melody as they are, and they stand out in contrast to the trash we are sometimes compelled to listen to. In Mission churches and Mission meetings it is necessary to indulge in that which catches the ear, as the saying is, but in our *bona fide* Church worship, we need tunes of a bolder and nobler class. We should abolish all sing-song melodies as being over emotional and sentimental, and give more reverent attention to the words of the hymns, choose them with reference to the special teaching of the day, show more judgment in the selection of the tunes, when other than those set to the words are necessary, and more consideration for the congregation in the matter of "pace." If this be done I see no reason why we in England should not rival the effects which many of us have heard produced by the singing of the chorales in the Minster of Cologne. With regard to the singing of anthems in parochial worship, all I would say is, leave them out altogether except upon the higher festivals; generally speaking their performance will not recoup the organist for his trouble in rehearsals, nor will they minister to the help of the congregation. It may be well to keep a few in practice, as an inducement to the regular attendance of the choir; but I would far rather use the bait of a small work such as Sir John Stainer's *Crucifixion*, Mr. Lee William's *Last Night at Bethany*, or perhaps Spohr's *Last Judgment*. Something of the kind is needed, for one of our great difficulties is to get our men to practise; they will not give up a weekday night for hymns and chants only, and can we expect them to? Moreover, these "works" come in very useful for "special services," and are often highly appreciated by choir and people. I wish our Church composers could be induced to write more of them."

As usual the eloquent Dean of Rochester played a conspicuous part at the Congress, his witty utterances proving a very desirable relief to the too solid mass of the ordinary clerical deliverances. His speech in the debate on Church Music is deserving of serious attention, as it takes a side which certainly is not without numerous and earnest adherents. He said:—"There has been in my time a marvellous development of Church music. I can remember a time when a Bishop, afterwards an Archbishop, informed certain of his clergy that it was not lawful to chant the Psalms except in cathedrals; when a dear old lady said to me, "My husband and I were always High Church, but we could not go any longer to St. Barnabas's, when they began to sing the Psalms"; when it was known to the congregation in St. Peter's, at Marlborough, that they were going to have an anthem, because the choir left the church for "The Six Bells" inn, on the other side of the way, to fortify themselves beforehand with liquid refreshments, in vulgar parlance, to wet their

whistles. I can remember a time when the music in our village churches was a sore trial to him who had a keen sense of humor or an appreciative ear for music, and caused much perturbation of spirit, as when

"The wedding guest, he beat his breast,  
For he heard the loud bassoon."

I have lived to see the "singing galleries" go down, and with them the bassoon, and the big fiddle, the clarinet, and the flute—not without some sadness of regret, for the influence of music is always good, and these instruments kept many a man in happy content at home. I do not lament the elimination of Tate and Brady, or of those vain repetitions, "O turn my pi', O turn my pi', O turn my pious soul to Th .." There has been, I say, a wonderful progress in the last half-century, and, on the whole, an admirable improvement in the quality of the music and in the behaviour of the musicians; but it seems to me, notwithstanding, that our zeal in some cases has outrun our discretion. A feverish, insatiable craving for organs has become an organic disease. No one admires that glorious instrument, reverently played by a skilled musician, more than I do. It is indispensable in our cathedrals and great churches; but when you find a huge, second-rate instrument occupying a large space in a small church, like a Clydesdale cart-horse in a perambulator, thumped by an amateur who has taught himself, with all the stops out, the result is almost as painful as when the college organist at Oxford, in his drunken imbecility, sat on the instrument and played upon the stool. I would much rather hear the voices overpowering the organ than the organ overpowering the voices. What we want is, all the impressive effects which an organ can produce, the pathetic sweetness, the resounding grandeur, when it is played alone; but when it accompanies the voice, a subordinate assistance, a help to the choir in leading the congregation. Another hindrance to congregational singing arises from the injudicious introduction of elaborate anthems and of difficult tunes for hymns. When, as in our cathedrals, there is the talent and the culture, music should be heard occasionally in the highest perfection of the art, and though the congregation cannot join they will hear to their edification, if it be reverent, spiritual, as well as artistic and refined. I say *if*, because I have suffered much from anthems which have been evidently written for the praise and glory of the composer. As for hymns, I have endured yet more painful, almost shameful, disappointment, when preaching to great congregations, tunes have been chosen which hardly more than a score could sing, and I was told by the clergyman who made the selection that he was educating the taste of the people. He had about as much hope of success as the man who was teaching a weathercock to crow. Let us have elaborate music occasionally, when it can be had in perfection; but as a rule let us have simple but impressive melodies in which all may join. We have heard how this may be done. Let us go home and do our best, in our churches, to practise that which we have heard. God has given to us all the most perfect instrument for prayer and praise, that grand organ the vocal organ (of which the *vax humana* stop is a very feeble counterfeited), and it is the duty,

as it should be the delight, of every Christian man and woman to say with the Psalmist—"My heart is fixed, my heart is fixed—I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have."

### WYCLIFFE COLLEGE.

The public meeting to celebrate the opening of the new buildings of Wycliffe College was held on the 8th of October last. The *Evangelical Churchman* of the following week contains a good account of the meeting, but we are enabled to furnish at greater length the address delivered by our Rector, who followed Sir Daniel Wilson and the Bishop of Huron. He said:—"No kindly euphemism on your part, Mr. Chairman, or reticence not less kindly, can conceal from me the reason why a stranger in this city, and a comparatively recent settler in this Dominion, is granted the distinction of addressing this assemblage. I know well that it is the vicarious honour you pay to the memory of one of whom I am the unworthy successor, one who, during a ministry of fifty years, maintained those principles which Wycliffe College was established to promote, and after its creation was to the end of his life its zealous and consistent adherent. If it were the custom of modern times, as it was the custom of ages past, to confer—not general degrees, but those particular and individual titles which summed up a man's 'personal equation,' then surely upon GEORGE ARMSTRONG, the faithful minister of the old 'Stone Church' in St. John, might have been conferred the same appellation which the acclamation of the Christian world bestowed upon your patron, John Wycliffe, —that of the 'Gospel preacher,'—*venerabilis doctor evangelicus*.

How well I remember the occasion when I first heard of Wycliffe College. It was one of those pleasant visits to my University, when one meets with old friends and new acquaintances, and renews the happiest memories of a student's life. And the talk fell upon the subject of the value and influence of names attached to churches or institutions, and we admitted the utility as well as the grace of the ancient dedications to the memory of God's saints. We deplored that in Cambridge, the university of mathematics *par excellence*, no college was named after Isaac Newton, and I recollect pleading how hard it was for myself to conjure up any enthusiasm for either of the co-founders of my own college,—whether for Bishop Gonville, most obscure of unreformed bishops, or for Dr. Caius, the ambitious and time-serving court physician, who is best recollected for his prudence in carefully preserving the Romish vestments in his college, after Queen Elizabeth's accession, with regard to a possible reaction; and for a tawdry Renaissance monument in our chapel, with the proudly concise inscription: "*Caius sui*."

And some one reminded us that not only at Oxford, but also in Canada, a theological seminary had been dedicated to the name and memory of Wycliffe; and then one among us whom all revere, far beyond Cambridge limits, said: "*That is a great name to live up to.*"

Yes, a great name truly; but not altogether a name to be

recollected by Englishmen with unmixed feelings of satisfaction. More than thirty years ago, the English editor of Wycliffe's works spoke bitterly but truly of him as "one of the greatest of Englishmen to whom his countrymen have been singularly and painfully ungrateful." And it is not quite satisfactory that we should owe to German scholars, Lechler and Loserth and Buddensieg, the best work that has been done in recent times to make his works accessible to his own nation. One is reminded of the equally ungrateful treatment of the great classical scholar, Joseph Scaliger, by the French. Here, indeed, the explanation is not far to seek, Scaliger was a Protestant; and literary criticism in France has been deflected to use no harsher term, by the influence of the Roman Church, and especially of the Jesuits, upon all secondary education. But how much more is the disgrace when the person in question was the representative of his countrymen's national struggle and loftiest aspiration, a statesman as well as a theologian, a great Englishman in a great age, as well as the pioneer of future Reformation.

It may have occurred to some of us how wonderfully that many-sided life of Wycliffe is the very model of the theological student's career. First, we see him mastering the learning of his time, absorbing that *curriculum* of education which, if it seems defective to us now, seems also like a mighty skeleton, deficient in flesh and blood, but not in grandeur of dimensions. We see him as the independent student, not merely committing to memory the text and gloss of Lombard's Sentences, but making his own *Summa* of divinity, based indeed upon the philosophy that he learned from his master, the great realist Bradwardine, but marking a mind ripe for advance into fields as yet untrodden. Then we see him as the man trained to practical business, managing the affairs of the two colleges over which he was called successively to preside, and qualified later to act as the representative of his country in the delicate and complicated negotiations with the Papal See. Shall I not say also that in other respects he is our type and example—in being misrepresented and defamed, denounced as a disloyal churchman, as a sectarian, as a heretic? And yet he never loses that perfect charity which can recognize the possibility of good even among hostile ranks. I know of no more beautiful utterance than that you may have read in the fourth part of the *Trialogus*, when after his life-long strife with the mendicant orders, he yet recognises that "from among their ranks, by God's illumination, men may arise, converted to the pure religion of Christ, and destined to edify the Church." How wonderfully was the prophecy fulfilled in the 16th Century! He seems to fail in his own age, you must seek his immediate spiritual heirs not in England but in Bohemia; but the seed had been sown, he had finished his course, for he was one of those whom "the Lord would choose and appoint, that they should go and bear fruit, and that their fruit should endure."

Is not that a worthy patron for this College? Does not that name inspire some among you, graduates or undergraduates of Wycliffe, to consecrate yourselves to his vindication, to recover and edit the works still lost, to erect a monument more durable than marble to that great memory? Yet it

would be no light task. He who would undertake it must first master the curious lore of the middle ages, for Wycliffe was a true reformer, who had learned all that his own age could teach him, and so was able to go beyond it, and teach posterity. He must study his subject in the literature of the day, poetry and miracle play, as well as the folios of realism and nominalism,—he must understand the political issues which divided Europe, the western empire, the still growing power of Rome, the constant struggle of free nationality against ecclesiastical usurpation. He must not paint an idealized portrait. Wycliffe was a man of the world and a politician: and the aroma of scholastic philosophy never departed from his writings. Luther could call him "*der spitfindige Wycliffe*." Melancthon could point out theological errors in his system; but these great men did not understand one who was their equal in all respects, they could not grasp his point of perspective, nor do justice to the inevitable conditions of a career belonging to a period of transition.

If you can paint that portrait faithfully, you will not lack your reward. You will have merited well of the institution which is honoured with Wycliffe's name; you will have done service to theology, in the highest degree; you will have merited well of our Reformed Church, of English literature, and of English history.

And now, when I pass from the safer ground of historical retrospect to say a word about the institution reopened this day, I feel the natural difficulty, shrinking from the presumption of a stranger's advice or opinion, and also from the manifest unfitness of mere conventional civilities on this solemn occasion.

May it be said that some of our wisest and most experienced teachers have sometimes feared the erection of theological seminaries, not only because they deem that a theological faculty is the necessary part of an ideal university, but because such institutions sometimes breed a narrow class of intelligences, theological *coeteries*, the encouragement of Shibboleths, rather than the strength and evangelical catholicity which marked the great masters in theology. But whatever ideals of a perfect university may still float in the imagination, none can deny that Ontario, under existing circumstances, has solved the difficult problem practically as well as munificently. Your great university, closely surrounded by her theological satellites, will communicate to them her scientific spirit and her catholic breadth of survey, nor will she be ashamed of those *alumni*, who pass from her curriculum to this college, in order to consecrate themselves to the study of what was once called the Queen of Sciences.

One word more I fain would add, as a witness to the help which Wycliffe gives to more distant parts of our dominion.

Last evening, at the social meeting of students past and present, reference was made by a friend and colleague of my own, to religious deadness in our diocese of Fredericton.

His own modesty prevented him from testifying to the admirable work done by the few Wycliffe graduates who at present are with us. But I differ somewhat from his diagnosis of the evil. For the labours of my brethren in the diocese, especially those in rural parishes, however widely the

theology of most of them differs from my own, I have no feeling but a wish that my work may be as efficient. You know the old monkish maxim, which advised each inmate to "do his work *taliter qualiter*, but always speak well of the Prior." It happens to me often to say that of which my "Prior" does not exactly approve, and to do some things not in accordance with his own practice, but (as he will not hear me now) I cannot refrain from saying that it would be well if all of us would so spend our life, in ceaseless industry, in entire concentration upon our ministerial works, that at the age of 87, we might have some portion of the many sided culture, ripe literary judgment, and the absolute self devotion of John Medley.

Send us more of your graduates indeed, but you must send something else from Ontario. Send to our Protestant laity something of your energy and your persistent purpose, that when a vacancy arises, they strive to fill it,—not by a narrow party man, but by one who will preserve and transmit the faithful teaching of old, the gospel which our Church of England maintains, the comfort of our Loyalist ancestry, and the only safeguard of our church's existence.

And now I conclude with the earnest wish for the prosperity of this college. *Stet fortuna domus*, may that be true for many a generation among you! And if those words need a more christian paraphrase to besit the place and the occasion, let these replace them: "For my brethren's and companions' sakes I will seek thy good."

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

The following appointments have been made by the Rector to the vacant classes in our Sunday School. Mr. Wilson's class will be in charge of Mrs. J. S. Armstrong, as long as she remains in our city. Miss Seely takes the place of Miss Ina Brown, and Miss Lester of Mr. Leonard Tilley. Miss Ketchum has consented to act as assistant to Mrs. Daniel.

The annual examination will be held this month. The juniors will be questioned *à-la-voce* on Sunday, November 15th, the seniors will answer written questions on a day to be announced hereafter. By the result of the examination, any grading will be decided, in which the suggestion of the teacher will exercise great weight. It is hoped that all seniors will offer themselves for examination. Those who, for any reason, seek exemption, must apply for it through their teachers.

The Rector desires very earnestly to impress upon the members of our Sunday School the need for more accurate and audible utterance of the responses in our Church service. A very great improvement will be needful before even a moderately satisfactory standard is obtained. Another *desideratum* is the adoption of a suitable hymn book, in type less trying to the eyes. An admirable plan has been suggested by the Rev. Allan Daniel, namely, the stencilling of the words of a hymn on a large sheet, suspended on a frame, so all present can clearly follow it. As a collection of some twenty or thirty is all that is required for Sunday School purposes, such a plan would seem to unite economy and efficiency and will merit our serious consideration.

During Miss Turnbull's absence, her place at the S. S. organ was kindly supplied by Miss Wilson, who also took the Church organ at the monthly service. We are fortunate in being able to rely upon such efficient aid.

An important meeting of Teachers was held in the vestry-room on Friday afternoon, October 30th, the Rector presiding. The announcements above recorded were communicated to the teachers, and an interesting discussion ensued as to the method of the forthcoming examination, and other details of work. It was resolved that the monthly services be discontinued, so as not to break into the sequence of Sunday classes so frequently. A quarterly service in the church will be held in future, as well as the long established annual service on the evening of Trinity Sunday. It was also resolved, upon the request of Mrs. Merritt, that the infant class be dismissed separately, as is the custom in Trinity Church.

In connection with the tribute paid to the past services of Mr. Wilson, the Rector expressed his regret that none at present could be found to supply his place. He mentioned a conversation at Toronto with S. H. Blake, one of the highest authorities on Sunday School work, on the subject of a superintendent's qualifications. Mr. Blake's opinion was that five years' experience as a teacher, *at the very least*, was indispensable for appointment to such an office. But the Rector felt he could count, for the present, upon the hearty cooperation of all his teachers, and believed that, among his present colleagues, before very long, a fit person could be found to whom he could eventually hand over the full management of the Sunday School. It was also resolved that one prize be given in each class at the forthcoming examination.

#### Ladies' Society of Church Workers.

The Ladies' Society of Church Workers are busily engaged preparing for the sale which they intend holding on the 3rd and 4th December. They have made an appeal to all the ladies of the congregation for assistance, and hope it will meet with a ready response. They expect to have some very beautiful fancy work. A large supply of good aprons, is always a feature of the Stone Church sales, and this one will not fall short in that respect. An additional attraction will be the 10 cent table, on which all articles ranging in price from 10 to 50 cents will be placed. Among them will be many novelties, and exceptionally good value will be given for the money. The candy table will be well stocked with the choicest of home made candies, and afternoon tea, and ice creams will be ready for those who wish them. On the 3rd, a "high tea" will be served in the Association room, and as all the delicacies of the season will be provided, it is hoped that a very large number of the members of the congregation will be present. As is generally understood, the proceeds of the sale will be devoted to reducing the debt on the School House.

#### Y. M. A.

##### Lecture Course and Debating Club.

A special meeting of this Association was held on the 23rd ult. in the school room, and several matters of importance

were then discussed. It was decided to arrange for a course of entertainments for the coming winter. Although all matters of detail have yet to be decided upon, the course will in all probability include one or two concerts, beside the lectures, and it is intended to close the course with a *conversazione*. The entire task of making all the necessary arrangements, securing the talent, fixing the dates, etc., has been left in the hands of a committee consisting of G. G. Ruel, F. O. Allison and E. H. Turnbull. As soon as the programme can be arranged, programmes and tickets for the course will be offered to the public; while those who prefer to secure tickets for the several events as they occur, can do so at a slightly advanced rate.

A proposition to organize a Debating Club in connection with the Y. M. A. was also submitted. The promoters of this scheme were of the opinion that its adoption would not only be the means of awakening a greater interest in the debates, but would give them a more exalted motive, by allowing the views of others than members of the Y. M. A. to be there expressed. It is intended to permit persons who are not members of the congregation or even of the church to join the club and take part in its transactions. The meetings of this club need in no way interfere with the regular meetings of the Association, its business or its entertainments.

They would be two separate and distinct organizations, excepting that the one would be conducted under the auspices of the other, and the President and Secretary of the Y. M. A. shall hold the same offices in the club that they occupy in the association.

A committee consisting of Rev. J. deSoyres, H. C. Wetmore and G. G. Ruel, was appointed to draft a constitution and bye-laws, and to report at the next regular meeting, after which, a more complete idea of its workings can be obtained.

The annual meeting will be held on the first Friday in November. This will be the 6th, not the 8th as was stated by mistake in our last issue.

#### S. M. B. A.

Since the general meeting held last month, the principal event has been the organization by Mr. H. C. Tilley of a branch of the Boys' Brigade. Twenty-four members enlisted, and have regularly attended drill in the schoolhouse. The summer season concluded with a reverse on the cricket field, the third and deciding encounter with the Rothesay School ending in defeat. This time our eleven was weak, H. Sancton, Swann and McLeod being absent: while Rothesay played their full strength. Next summer we may hope for some exciting matches, and we trust that the reawakened taste for cricket will not expire.

The following are the officers in command of the brigade: Captain, S. Payne; 1st Lieutenant, E. Roach; 2nd Lieutenant, N. Sancton. As yet but three drills have been held and little beyond the work of organizing has been accomplished. However all appear to be very enthusiastic in the movement, and judging by the progress already made, there is no reason to doubt that before spring the company will have 50 mas-

tered the difficulties of the drill as to make a very creditable appearance on parade, and will have received noticeable benefits in physical developments from the exercise which the drill so admirably furnishes.

**QUESTIONS.**

[Answers to be sent to the Rector before the 20th of the month. Two prizes will be awarded at Christmas.]

1. State briefly what you know of the family at Bethany. On what occasions did Jesus visit them?
2. What names did Jesus give to Himself in the later (x-xvii) chapters of St. John's gospel?

[Correct answers received from B. H. 3\*, and A. L. C. 3\*\*]

AMHERST, N. S., Oct. 15, 1891.

DEAR FRIENDS,

Permit me to thank you most heartily for your kind words and valuable gift presented to me on severing my connection with you as a teacher in the school. I desire further to thank you for your kind support, sympathy, and forbearance while I had a part in the management of the school, and for the uniform good will and friendliness shown me during all the years I have been associated with you.

I will ever look back with pleasure to the Sunday afternoons spent in St. John's Church Sunday School, and will pray that the instruction imparted there in the past as well as that which will be in the future, may through the influence of the Holy Spirit bring forth abundant fruit in the noble, pure and christian lives of those taught.

I am yours very sincerely,

W. J. WILSON.

Members of the congregation will be glad to learn that Messrs. Swann & Weldon have copies of the portrait of Rev. G. M. Armstrong, now in the vestry room, on a reduced scale. Many will be desirous of obtaining this memorial of our late beloved Rector.

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