

mittee inform each diocese of the sum which it is expected will be granted to that diocese, but this is only provisional, as it may be reduced, if necessary. This provision cannot but be very helpful. How it contravenes any basal principle is a puzzle. The Executive Committee is only dealing with its own—that is, with funds entrusted to it. It has been always a great disadvantage in our mission work that the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Province of Canada avoided responsibility by guaranteeing nothing. There may be some difficulty at first when the income is uncertain, but even then it would be well to have something to work up to, and at the most the grant may, according to the terms of it, be reduced if the necessary funds are not forthcoming. So I trust the Executive Committee will, as far as possible, apportion what is necessary for the work which it feels should be undertaken. If our people do not furnish them with the funds, then the work must be reduced and any debts paid, but the funds needed are for more likely to come if a definite sum is put forth as necessary to fulfil obligations. The scheme of the General Synod may prove very defective and need in time to be amended, but I trust the dioceses will give it a full trial and endeavour to make the best of it till the General Synod, after sufficient experience, has the opportunity of reviewing it. It cannot but be very fatal not only to any united action of the Church, if dioceses take up a position of isolation and opposition. The scheme provides for an Executive Committee composed of the Bishops of the Upper House, and two clergymen and two laymen elected by each Diocesan Synod at each regular meeting thereof. It lies then with the Synod to elect two clergymen and two laymen.

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

MONTREAL.

WILLIAM B. BOND, D.D., BISHOP, MONTREAL.

Montreal.—A special service was held at All Saints' church last Tuesday evening. The choir of Grace church, Point St. Charles, was present, and took charge of the musical part of the proceedings. The Rev. Dr. Ker preached from Luke iii. 10, the words of the text being, "What shall we do?" The subject of this discourse was the importance of personal religion, illustrated especially by the life and character of John the Baptist and his power of causing people to meditate upon their spiritual condition. The offertory was devoted to the aid of the extension fund of All Saints' church.

'W.A.' Item.—The 11th annual report of the Toronto Diocesan W. A. is received, and the encouraging comparison of results of work in 1896 and 1897 evokes hearty congratulations for what has been achieved, a fitting sequel to the motto of Toronto W. A.: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." The pamphlet is unfortunately just overweight, so that every posted copy bearing only a one-cent stamp, will involve a two-cent fine for insufficient postage.—"Verbum Sap."

TORONTO.

ARTHUR SWEATMAN, D.D., BISHOP, TORONTO.

Port Hope.—Speech day at Trinity College school has always been held as a sort of red-letter day. The Holy Communion was celebrated in the school chapel at 7.30, and later, at half-past ten, morning service was said there, a congregation which filled the chapel being present. The Provost of Trinity College, Rev. Herbert Broughall, and Dr. Bethune assisted at the service, and an eloquent and practical sermon was preached by the Rev. Prof. Worrell, of the Royal Military College, one of the old boys, whose name stands on the roll of honour of the school as the head boy

of 1868, and also as having won the first Foundation scholarship in 1868 at Trinity University, as well as the Wellington scholarship in the same university in 1890, and again in the following year. Prof. Worrell took for his text the words: "Add to your faith, virtue," and in well-chosen words spoke to the boys of the necessity of cultivating the true spirit of religion, which is another word for true manliness. He dwelt upon the fact that courage was not bravado, and said "that boy was not showing true courage who wilfully puts himself in the way of anything which he knows full well will be a temptation to him, such a line of action showing rather moral recklessness than courage." The Port Hope boys have a good name to sustain wherever they go. Prof. Worrell quoted the well-known words to the boys who were leaving school and going out into life, "Help those who need help, and keep yourself straight." The singing of the boys' choir was excellent. The prizes were presented in the School hall by the Provost of Trinity University. We are sorry we have not space to publish the prize list.

When the prizes had all been given Provost Welch was called upon to speak. After expressing his great pleasure at being present for the first time, and his congratulations to the staff and the boys who had done so well, he spoke of the great value schools of the kind were to the national life, developing, as they do, not a uniform type of boy, but many types, and instancing the records won by noted men here and in England who had passed through like schools. Mr. E. Martin, Q.C., of Hamilton, followed, introduced by Dr. Bethune as "an old friend" of the school. This Mr. Martin acknowledged to be true, saying that almost since 1878 he has had sons as pupils in the school. He then spoke encouragingly to the boys who had not been successful in winning prizes, telling them that they had at least gained habits of study and perseverance that would benefit them in after life, when, if they so determined, they may win good success in their chosen careers. The Rev. W. C. Allen, of Millbrook, spoke as an "old boy," and a former master, of the benefits he had gained from the school, in both relations. Mr. Allen's name appears on the honour roll as having won the Wellington scholarship at Trinity University in 1870. The last speaker was Mr. H. H. Strathy, of Barrie, whose son is the head boy of the year, and who spoke particularly to the boys who are leaving school and going out into active life. The head master then expressed his thanks to the members of the teaching staff, and his great regret at the departure of Mr. Fryth for Lennoxville, where he will fill an important position. Then, after singing a verse of the National Anthem, the Provost pronounced the benediction. A very recherche lunch was served in the large dining-room for the school and the visiting guests, who were very numerous.

NIAGARA.

JOHN PHILIP DUMOULIN, D.D., BISHOP OF NIAGARA.

Queenston.—The regular summer meeting of the Rural Decadal Chapter of Lincoln and Welland was held in this charming place on July 6th. There were present Ven. Archdeacon Houston, of Niagara Falls; Canon Bull, of Niagara Falls South; Canon Mackenzie, of Chippawa; Canon Gribble, of Port Dalhousie; Rural Dean Spencer, of Thorold; Rev. W. J. Armitage, of St. Catharines; Rev. M. W. Britton, of the same place; Rev. P. W. Smith, of Fort Erie; Rev. R. H. Archer, of Stamford; and Rev. S. J. Woodroffe, of Homer; besides Rev. G. B. Bull, incumbent of Queenston. After Holy Communion in the Brock Memorial church, the clergy proceeded to a shady spot near the monument and entered upon the business of the day. Gen. ii. 1-3, was read in Hebrew by Rev. Canon Gribble and considered by the members. Eph. vi. 5-9 was read in Greek by the Rural Dean and carefully examined by all present. Rev. M. W. Britton led in the study of the clause, "He ascended into heaven" in the Apostles' Creed. After an excellent lunch, prepared by a committee of ladies,

and spread out in another leafy bower, the members listened to two extremely well-written papers by Canon Mackenzie and Rev. S. J. Woodroffe, on "Evolution," a general discussion following. The evening was devoted to a service in the church, with addresses on the "Religious Aspect of the Jubilee," by Rev. Canon Bull and Rev. M. W. Britton. This meeting of the Chapter was one of the most delightful and edifying deanery gatherings in the experience of those present. Rev. Dr. Roy, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., attended the morning session, and helped to make the occasion profitable. The congregation at Queenston hope to add to the church, before a distant date, a substantial tower, thus completing this fine sacred edifice.

Cayuga.—Opening services in connection with the new St. John's church on Friday, 2nd, and following Sunday, and which was concluded Friday evening, when the Rev. Mr. Forneret, of All Saints' church, Hamilton, preached. The new church replaces an old frame structure erected in 1853, and which, though endeared to many in the congregation by early associations and memories, had long outgrown its usefulness. Service was last held in the old building on Trinity Sunday, 1896, and on the first day of July, 1896, the first stone was laid, and although during the progress of the entire building, which is of a most massive and costly nature, no undue haste was used, yet the sacred edifice was sufficiently advanced to permit of the laying of the corner-stone on the 20th July by the Lord Bishop of the diocese, the impressive ceremonies of which were duly mentioned at the time in our columns. Under the loving superintendence of the rector, the Rev. Mr. Francis, to whose devotion and self-sacrifice the congregation owe the splendid "House of Prayer," in which nothing mean or tawdry has a part, the good work proceeded without accident or mishap for six months, when, on Advent Sunday, the 29th November, service was held in the basement of the church for the first time, and then just one year and a day from the laying of the first stone, the opening services began. We do not know the cost of the building, but we understand that no mortgage is to rest upon the church, and that the debt, if any, is trifling, and has been met again by the devoted self-denial of the rector, until he is relieved by the payment of the balance of the subscriptions. The building is of solid grey stone, with square tower, belfry and battlements of old English style of a true ecclesiastical type; the interior is finished in polished red oak, the seating in keeping of natural oak, with lectern, pulpit and arch of oak, rich in church carving, while the walls are tinted a delicate green, relieved by a stencil pattern. Everything throughout is of the best, while the handsome electric chandeliers, the beautiful memorial windows and the costly pipe organ, all bespeak the interest, the faith and attachment of the congregation. Of the special gifts to the church we might mention the stone font, by Mr. Gifford; the brass book-rest, by Judge and Mrs. Snider; the two memorial windows in the east gable by Miss Blakeney and other members of the family; the children's memorial window in the centre of the chancel; on the right, the window from the Willing Workers, in memory of the Rev. B. C. Hill, the first rector of the parish, and on the left the window of the local Masonic lodge; the brass alms dish from the relatives of Mrs. Francis, in England; the lectern, by the Rev. Mr. Arthur Francis; the oriel window, by Mr. Harry Francis, and the oak railing under the screen, by Miss Francis, three of the children of the rector. On Friday evening the church was crowded. The rector, who was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Scudamore and the Rev. Mr. A. Francis, preached ably from the text, "My house shall be called the house of prayer." On Sunday morning and evening the Rev. Mr. Mackenzie was the preacher, and notwithstanding the intense heat, the congregations were very large. Mr. Mackenzie is not a stranger to us by reputation if he is in person. Possessing a high standard of oratory, he is a powerful thinker. His sermons were masterpieces of logic, new, concise, original and to the point. He said a great deal in a

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