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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

FREDERICTON.

HOLLINGWORTH T. KINGDON, D.D., BISHOP, FREDERICTON.

His Lordship the Bishop administered the holy rite of the laying on-of-hands at St. James' Church, St. John, on the evening of the 4th inst. Thirty-two candidates were presented.

The rector of Fredericton has been successful in organizing a branch of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, in connection with Christ Church. Another Chapter is very soon to be instituted to work for the benefit of the cathedral congregation.

ONTARIO.

J. T. LEWIS, D.D., LL.D., ARCHBISHOP OF ONT., KINGSTON.

FRANKTOWN.—The Lenten and Easter services in the parish church were well attended, especially those held during the week. Holy Week was observed as well as possible by daily evensong with litanies, and addresses on the "Words from the Cross." Holy Thursday was marked by a special address upon St. John vi. 52-56, being a plain statement of the teaching of the Church and Holy Scripture, with reference to the nature and practical necessity of the Holy Communion to the life of the soul. On Good Friday, twenty-five partook of the Blessed Sacrament in the parish church, and a good congregation was present at the special service at 2.30. Evensong was held in St. John's at 7. On Easter Day, celebrations were made in the two outside churches; and the usual afternoon service in the parish ended the day. At the annual vestry meetings, Messrs. D. McCarthy and John Fleming were elected wardens of the parish church, both of whom have large experience in that capacity. At St. John's, the same gentlemen remain in office. At St. Bede's, Messrs. Geo. Leach and Wm. Lever are wardens. Lay delegates for the parish same as last year. The parochial collection for Diocesan Missions, just sent in, reached \$148.50, one dollar more than last year. In this collection the parish church was well up to its average with a contribution of \$51.50, but St. Bede's, for good reasons, was a little behind last year. St. John's, our smallest congregation, gave \$62.50, about three times as much as in 1892, a sign of growth in Churchmanship. A new driving shed is being built in the parish churchyard at which our men are working with a will. A kind letter has been received from the Archbishop urging upon us the necessity of paying up our subscriptions to Ep. End. Fund, and stating that as soon as possible the election of a Bishop will be held in accordance with Canon xxiv. 2, 3. This parish has suffered slightly, during the past three months, from the inroads of Plymouthism, by which a few (who were strongly impregnated with that heresy a few years ago, but had returned to the Church) have been led to join themselves to those who anathematize the Church as apostate. It is interesting to relate that the soil was prepared here some years ago for Plymouthism by a free distribution of "A Life in a Look," a pamphlet by the present Bishop of Huron. The man who is now working as an avowed Pym., at that time posed as a preacher of the pure Church of England doctrine, using the above pamphlet as a text book. At some future time I will crave space in your columns to give a few extracts from that book, with observations thereupon. At present, I would simply say that opposed by the works of such men as their Lordships of Huron and Liverpool, together with your Toronto contemporary, the country priest has but little chance of gaining even a respectful hearing. The plain English of the Prayer Book has little weight with their lordships and their admirers. One sometimes needs a large measure of faith in the Divine mission of the Church to enable one to labour on with patient hopefulness. Sometimes the narrower discipline of a Protestant sect seems attractive beside the go-as-you-please, say-what-you-like, teach-what-you-feel state of affairs which obtains, from spire to coal-hole, in the Church to day.

EGANVILLE.—The annual vestry meeting of St. John's Church took place in the Parish Hall on the evening of Easter Monday, there being a good attendance. The auditors' report showed that exclusive of the clergyman's stipend and church collections, the sum of \$910.87 had been received and expended on improvements and in paying a former debt. Of the receipts \$400 was borrowed money. The debt due was this sum of \$400 and \$150 yet due for improvements. The receipts included \$211.41 received from the Ladies' Guild, \$21 from the Mite Society, \$134.10 offertory at the re-opening of the church, and \$51 offertory on Easter Sunday. The clergyman's report was very encouraging both as to

the spiritual as well as the temporal work of the parish. From his report it appears that there are 117 Church families in the parish, nearly all of whom he had visited twice. The number of communicants had increased from 35 to 123, and the attendance at St. John's Church had so increased that additional seating was required. The sum of \$820.17 had been paid him on account of his salary, of which Eganville, including Mink Lake, had paid \$712.06, and Lake Dore \$108.11. The special collections for missions, etc., amounted to \$101.84. The Christmas offertory was \$47.22. The debt on Lake Dore church has been reduced from \$270 to \$149. The total amount received for all Church purposes in the parish, exclusive of borrowed money and of the amount paid to the Episcopal Endowment Fund, was \$1,618.90. The incumbent reported that the parish had now raised itself from a mission to be self-supporting, and would now be known as the Rectory of Eganville; that the parish was now the first in number of church members, second in stipend paid clergyman and third in number of communicants in the Deanery of Renfrew. The report was considered by the vestry of importance to the parish, and a resolution was unanimously passed requesting the rector to read it at a near Sunday morning service. Votes of thanks were passed to the Mission Board of the diocese for the aid they had given to the parish since its first organization, to the churchwardens, to the Ladies' Guild, and Mite Society. The following officers were elected: Churchwardens, Thos. Warren and R. Reeves; sidesmen, Thos. G. Board and C. W. Reeves; lay delegates, J. Reeves for three years, J. A. Acton for two years, and Wm. J. Mills for one year.

ERNESTOWN MISSION.—A very harmonious vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday at the church of St. Alban the Martyr, Odessa, and a most satisfactory financial statement was rendered. All the liabilities for the year have been met and the churchwardens begin the new year with a cash balance in hand of \$19.84. Mr. Harvey Shaw resigned his position as people's warden, and Mr. W. J. Woodruff was elected to fill his place. Mr. J. K. Booth was re-appointed as clergyman's warden. Before the meeting closed, the Rev. Mr. Dibb was presented with a very handsome solid-oak chair accompanied by a congratulatory and appreciative address. Mr. Dibb was completely taken by surprise and cordially thanked the vestry for this token of their esteem and good will, and hoped that the good feeling which has existed between pastor and people during the past three years might still continue, and that the mission, under the blessing and guidance of the great Head of the Church, might increase and prosper more and more.

TORONTO.

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

St. Matthias.—The Rev. Richard Harrison, the founder of this church, has been ordered by his medical adviser to take a complete rest of some months. His duties as rector have so far been kindly supplied by the professors of Trinity University. The congregations have been exceedingly good, and as is their wont, joined heartily in the services.

St. Martin's in the Field.—Vestry Meeting.—Churchwardens—Thos. Needham, J. Doane. Delegates—Messrs. Ffoikes, Thos. Needham, J. Doane. Sidesmen—Messrs. Mackay, Barrett, Dunlevy, Baylis. Parochial Tribunal—Messrs. Baylis, Hailton. Auditors—Messrs. A. Mackay, Albert Baylis.

PETERBORO'.—At the adjourned vestry meeting of St. John's Church, the letter of resignation of Rev. C. B. Kenrick, who has for four years very satisfactorily and devotedly filled the position of curate, was read. Mr. Kenrick has been appointed to the rectory of St. Mark's Church, Port Hope. He has done a splendid work among young men and boys in Peterboro', and his departure is very much regretted. The vestry passed the following resolution: Resolved.—That this vestry has learned with unfeigned regret of the resignation of the Rev. C. B. Kenrick, who, during the six years of his curacy, has been indefatigable in the discharge of the important duties which have devolved upon him, and who by his lively interest in the boys and young men of the parish, and by his constant intercourse with and unceasing hospitality to them, has, it is felt, been able to lead many of them in the path of rectitude, not only by the inculcation of manly virtues, but by an example of patience and amiability. This vestry cannot permit Mr. Kenrick to depart from Peterboro' without expressing its deep appreciation of his untiring devotion to his work, which, they believe, has in no small measure contributed to the present satisfactory condition of the parish. The excellence of the choir of St. John's has become a by-word throughout the diocese, and this is entirely due to Mr. Kenrick's skill and tact as a choir-master. While

congratulating him upon his well-deserved promotion to the position of rector, although accepting much smaller emolument, the vestry feel that Mr. Kenrick has again evinced, as he has throughout his residence among us, his complete unselfishness and disregard for pecuniary considerations when concerned with a call to his Master's service. The vestry will long keep in affectionate remembrance the years that Mr. Kenrick has passed in this parish, and they unite in the prayer that God's richest blessings may rest upon the work in which he is about to engage.

The Bishop of Toronto has received the following letter from the Bishop of Newfoundland in acknowledgment of the subscriptions sent him, in aid of the distressed:

St. John's, Newfoundland, April 17th, 1895.

MY DEAR BISHOP,—I have just sent Mr. Kemp a formal receipt for the cheque he has forwarded, \$894.38, but I wish to write also to yourself to express my sincere thanks for your great kindness in making an appeal to your diocese, which has resulted in this handsome contribution to our funds. I am very grateful for this generous token of sympathy with my clergy, in the embarrassing position in which they are placed by the financial troubles which have befallen this colony. We have not forgotten that your diocese helped us most liberally after the disastrous fire of 1892. You have laid us under a further obligation by again coming so promptly to the rescue. The effects of the crisis are widespread, and as affecting the stipends of the clergy will continue for some years to come. Believe me, my dear Bishop, very faithfully yours,

LEWELLYN NEWFOUNDLAND.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto.

St. James' Cathedral.—The opening sessions of the ninth annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to Missions, was held in the school-house, Wednesday, 1st. At 11 a.m. those of the delegates who had already arrived attended Holy Communion in the cathedral. Following this a brief session was held in the school-house. The real business of the meeting commenced with the afternoon session, which was called to order at 2.30, by President Mrs. A. E. Williamson. At that time the school-house was crowded. Mrs. Davidson, second vice-president, delivered the address of welcome, and Mrs. Gibson, Norwood, made a suitable reply. The annual reports, of which the following is a synopsis, were presented: Treasurer's total receipts, \$7,682.95. This sum included some \$500.02 raised by "the cent-a-day" scheme. There is a substantial balance on hand. Secretary's—number of senior branches in the diocese, 102; junior branches, 32; a total of 134. Twelve new life members were added during the year, and there are now 66 life members. Total senior membership, 3,329; an increase of 275 over the preceding year. The branch outside the city with the largest number of members, is Cobourg (83). Collingwood follows closely with 80. In Toronto, St. James' leads with 119; St. George's second, with 115. A most important event during the year was the affiliation of the Ministering Children's League of the diocese with the junior branch of the Auxiliary. It has already proved a stimulus to both organizations. A life member—Mrs. Gilmore—one of the most active workers of the auxiliary, died during the year. The action taken by the synod at its meeting in June in appointing a sub-committee of its Missionary Board to confer with representatives of the auxiliary with a view to unity of action and otherwise recognizing the importance of the work being done by the organization, was favourably commented upon. Dorcas Society, during the year, received many bales, containing 10,577 garments, which were sent out to various mission fields. In this department also a sum of \$1,809.05—not included in the treasurer's report—was spent for materials and freight. Literature—the Literature Committee reported that the Leaflet, published in the interests of the organization, has now a circulation of nearly 8,000, and that as a means of arousing enthusiasm in and spreading a knowledge of the work, it is a most successful enterprise. Junior branch—three new junior branches were opened since last summer. There are now 32 junior branches, with a total membership of 820. They gave \$475.14 to missions, and expended \$114.91 on material for bales of goods and for freight. The reports were adopted unanimously. The president then delivered her annual address. It was brief but eloquent and appropriate. The progress made during the year was commented upon, and in conclusion she hoped that a still greater advance would be made during the current year. Mrs. Hodgins read a very interesting paper on "Corea," dealing with the customs of the people, and the missionary work in that country. In the evening the delegates attended a full choral service in the cathedral. The sermon was preached by Rev. Prof. Clark from the text, "She hath done what she could." During his sermon the rev. gentleman very eloquently eulogized the work being done by the Women's