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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

MONTREAL.

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MONTREAL.—*Christ Church Cathedral, Mar. 4th.*—The sacred cantata "The Daughter of Jairus," composed by Sir John Stainer, was rendered last Tuesday evening by the choir of Christ Church cathedral. A few minutes after eight o'clock there was not a vacant seat in the whole cathedral. The opening voluntary was followed by two choruses by the choir, "O be joyful in the Lord," and "How lovely are the Messengers," both sweetly rendered. The soloists in the cantata were:—Soprano, Miss Cláribel Reynier of Emmanuel Church choir; tenor, Mr. J. C. Barlow of St. Paul's Church choir; bass, Mr. Ernest J. Chambers of the Cathedral choir. The accompanist was Mr. John B. Norton, organist and musical director of the choir. The programme, including as it did some of the masterpieces of the highest class of Church music, was a good test of the capacity of the Cathedral choir, which has been completely reorganized since the present organist and musical director was appointed.

FARNHAM.—*Feb. 25.*—The Clerical Union of the district of Bedford met in Trinity Church hall. The Rev. Canon Mussen, M.A., rector, presided. An interesting part of the proceedings was a paper read by the Rev. W. P. Chambers of Knowlton on "Uniformity in the Conducting of Public Worship." The discussion following was participated in by the Rev. Canon Davidson of Frelighsburg, and the Rev. C. G. Rolit of Stanbridge East. The next meeting of the Union will be held at Farnham on April 6.

POINT ST. CHARLES.—A concert was given in the Grand Trunk Ry. Literary and Scientific Institute hall last week under the auspices of the young ladies of Grace Church. The programme consisted of various selections of vocal and instrumental music, all of which gave great pleasure.

HOCHELAGA.—A pleasing entertainment was given last month in the hall of St. Mary's Church, by the Cathedral Band of Hope. The hall was comfortably filled. The rector, the Rev. H. Jekill, presided. The programme consisted of instrumental and vocal music, dialogues and a kazoo band, which added greatly to the evening's pleasure. Before dispersing, refreshments were served to those entertaining. Much credit is due to Miss Phillips, leader of the Cathedral Band of Hope, for the excellent programme provided.

ONTARIO.

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

GANANOQUE.—*Christ Church.*—The Ven. Archdeacon Bedford Jones, of Brockville, Commissary of His Grace Archbishop Lewis, visited this parish on Wednesday, 24th February, to interview the laity of Christ Church with a view to the placing of an associate rector in charge of the church in consequence of the ill health of the present esteemed rector. Under this arrangement Mr. Auston would become rector emeritus, and although at times taking part in the services of the church, would take no part in the management or work of the parish. The archdeacon met some 25 or 30 of the leading laymen in Mr. Carroll's office on Wednesday evening and steps were taken in the above direction.

LANSDOWNE FRONT.—The ladies of St. John's Church held a most successful social at the St. Lawrence Hall, Thursday evening, Feb. 18th. After all had partaken of a bountiful supper, a good programme was presented. During the evening Mr. Murray, the photographer, of Brockville, took a flash light exposure of those present.

PITTSBURGH.—Rev. Dr. Nimmo, of Brockville, and Rev. Mr. McTear, of Maitland, were announced to hold the annual missionary meeting at the Church of the Herald Angel, South Lake, on Tuesday, 2nd March.

MAITLAND.—In the absence of Rev. Mr. McTear, who was on a missionary deputation, Judge McDonald, licensed lay-reader, conducted services in St. James' Church, Maitland, Sunday evening, 28th February.

BROCKVILLE.—*Trinity.*—In the absence of the Rev. Dr. Nimmo, who was speaking at Kingston on behalf of Diocesan Missions, the Rev. G. R. Beamish, M.A., curate of St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, took the services and preached at Trinity Church, Sunday, Feb. 28th.

NAPANEE MILLS.—The annual missionary meeting held in St. Jude's (English) Church was well attended. Rev. Prof. Worrell and E. J. B. Pense, of Kingston, addressed the meeting and were very much appreciated; at any rate as a result of the speaking nearly everyone doubled the subscriptions of last year.

NORTH HASTINGS.—Rev. E. Costigan held missionary meetings at Ormsby, Coe Hill, Faraday, Bird Creek, Reeve's, Maynooth, Whitechurch and Mont-eagle, North Hastings.

KINGSTON.—*St. James.*—At the close of his sermon in St. James' Church, on Sunday morning, February 28th, Rev. J. K. McMorine, speaking of "Christian Love," paid a loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. Penn, wife of Mr. E. J. B. Penn, treasurer of the Diocese of Ontario, who had passed away on the morning of the same day.

St. George's Cathedral.—Missionary meetings on behalf of Diocesan Missions were held on Sunday, Feb. 28th. Rev. Dr. Nimmo, of Brockville, preached in the morning, and Rev. Mr. McTear, of Maitland, in the evening. The collections were about 80 per cent. in excess of last year, being about \$80 as against \$60 last year.

St. James.—Rev. Dr. Nimmo, of Brockville, gave an address on behalf of Diocesan Missions on Sunday evening, Feb. 28th.

BARRIEFIELD.—*St. Mark's.*—The collections on behalf of Diocesan Missions on Sunday, Feb. 28th, were greatly in excess of former years.

OTTAWA.

CHARLES HAMILTON, D.D., BISHOP, OTTAWA.

CHRYSLER.—The Rev. R. L. M. Houston, M.A., rural dean of Stormont and rector of Cornwall, visited this parish and made a very successful canvass of the congregation of St. John's in order to renew the subscription list for the clergyman's stipend. The new list is dated from Nov. 15th, 1896, and is made payable half-yearly for three years. On Wednesday, 25th ult., Mrs. Houston, wife of the rural dean, and organizing secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary for the deanery of Stormont, organized a branch of the W. A. in this mission. After a short service in St. John's and an interesting and instructive address by the rural dean, Mrs. Houston took the chair and proceeded to organize. Fourteen ladies (the whole meeting) enrolled themselves as members; officers were elected and the meeting adjourned, all singing the Doxology. The new auxiliary held their first meeting on the following afternoon at the parsonage. The new president took the chair and the meeting opened with the regular form of prayer. Delegates to the annual diocesan meeting were appointed, a cordial vote of thanks tendered to Mrs. Houston for her kindness in so efficiently discharging her duty as organizing secretary, and the meeting was closed with the doxology. Much enthusiasm is evinced among the ladies in this new undertaking, and we confidently look forward to good work being done by this branch of the W. A. for Christ and His Church.

Clergy Trust Fund Dispute.—The dispute over the \$12,482 claimed by the Synod of Ottawa from the Synod of Ontario as a result of the divisions of the Trust funds, upon the erection of the Diocese of Ottawa, has been adjusted by J. A. Worrell, Q.C., the sole arbitrator. Under what is known as the "Macaulay Award," the Church Society of Toronto paid the Synod of Ontario \$3,024, subject to the Synod's agreeing to set aside \$9,400 to meet the payments of the bishops and the archdeacon of Ontario. The Synod never set aside the sum, but paid interest on the \$9,400 of the Commutation Trust Fund. The award gives to the Synod of Ontario the \$3,024, subject to the trusts and conditions under which it was paid to the Synod of Ontario by the Church Society of Toronto, under the Macaulay Award, and directs an equal division between the Synods of Ontario and Ottawa, of the balance of \$9,408, after the deduction of some \$5,700 to be retained by the Synod of Ontario to cover incomes of the bishops and archdeacon.

TORONTO.

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

St. Albans Cathedral.—The Rev. Provost Welch will preach each Sunday evening in the Cathedral during Lent.

St. Stephen's.—The annual concert was held in the school-room on Monday evening, March 2nd. The attendance was good. The proceeds will go to defray Church expenses.

Grace Church.—A concert was held in the lecture room on Monday evening. It was a very pleasing entertainment. The proceeds were for the choir fund.

St. James' Cathedral.—The Lenten noonday services are held in this church by Bishop Sullivan.

St. Matthew.—The teachers of the Sunday school gave a tea and social evening in the school house on DeGrassi street last Monday evening, to which they invited the parents of all the scholars, of whom a large number attended. The superintendent, Mr. Johnson, presided. The Rev. J. Scott Howard, the rector, stated the object of the gathering, which was the first of its kind in connection with the church, was to make the parents acquainted with one another and with the teachers, and to understand the working of the school. There are 500 scholars in attendance, with an average attendance of 400. The senior scholars attend in the school-house and the juniors in the church rooms.

Church of the Epiphany.—The choir master, Mr. Wm. Wedd, Jr., has been presented with a silver mounted baton as a slight token of the appreciation of his services.

St. Clement's.—On Thursday evening of last week the Rev. John Osborne and Mrs. Osborne gave a farewell At Home in the school-house to the members of that congregation before leaving for Honolulu. During the evening the members of the congregation and also the members of the choir testified to their affectionate regard for their former rector, and for Mrs. Osborne, by the presentation of three very handsome gifts as souvenirs of the years they had spent so pleasantly together. Street Commissioner Jones, in well-chosen words, on behalf of the congregation, handed Mr. Osborne a beautiful silver-topped travelling bag, while Mrs. Osborne was given an equally beautiful case of silver-handled scissors. The organist on behalf of the choir then presented a richly engraved travelling clock, and a large copy of "Hymns, Ancient and Modern," bound in Russian leather. Mr. Osborne replied to both addresses in feeling terms, and expressed grateful thanks, and the sincere regret felt by Mrs. Osborne and himself at parting from those with whom they had been so closely linked for the last few years.

Church Boys' Brigade.—All who are interested in work amongst boys will have a good opportunity of seeing something of our biggest Church organization for that purpose, on Thursday, March 11th, when all the companies of the Church Boys' Brigade within reach of Toronto are to assemble in the Horticultural Pavilion at 8 o'clock. The lord bishop will occupy the chair, and there will be a programme of music, and short addresses by Rev. Rural Dean Sweney, J. C. Roper, and H. C. Dixon, on boys' promises, besides some of a more military character, by Cols. Otter and Denison, and Major Manly. There will be some fencing again, as at last year's meeting, and some stereopticon views of Camp Sweatman (1896.) There is no price of admission, but a collection to defray expenses will be taken up.

Lecture at Trinity.—The Convocation Hall of Trinity College was about three parts full Saturday afternoon, February 27th, when the Rev. Dean Rigby delivered the first of a series of lectures dealing with the two great Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. This lecture was entitled "The Story of Cambridge," but as he warned his hearers at the commencement, the lecturer did not confine his remarks entirely to his alma mater, but dealt rather with the rise and growth of universities during the early history of Europe, confining his remarks about Cambridge to the latter part of his lecture. The Dean dealt in the first instance with the word "Universitas," and showed how the word university at the first did not of necessity mean a seat of learning, which is the general significance of the term given to it at the present time and for many years previously. He told his audience that in early times the word university was another word for the term guild, and simply meant a number of persons banded together to protect the interests of the body as a whole. Thus, at one time, a university of coachmen existed. The lecturer during the course of his remarks spoke at some length in regard to the rise of the two earliest universities of any size in Europe, viz., those at Bologna and Paris, as also of the earliest medical college in existence in Europe at Palermo, and he said that the records of that university, which existed in the 10th century, clearly showed that women were amongst its students. He caused a general laugh when he referred to some of the, to modern ears, curious rules which were in existence at the university of Studium Generale at Bologna, where instead of the Senate or teaching staff of the university making rules for the guidance of