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To the Very Reverend the Dean of Niagara and Mrs. Geddes, on the occasion of their golden wedding, September 23, 1891.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR AND MRS. GEDDES.—A few of your old friends cannot permit this auspicious anniversary to pass without an assurance on their part of the thankfulness and gratification it gives them that a merciful Providence has spared you to enjoy this the fiftieth anniversary of your wedded life together.

They hope that your lives may be further prolonged to be a stay and comfort to each other, and beg your acceptance of the purse of gold which accompanies these good wishes, their only regret being that the gift so very feebly and inadequately expresses the love and admiration which prompts it.

(Signed).

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Martin, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. H. McLaren, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. McGivern, Mr. T. H. Stinson, Mrs. Gourlay, Mrs. Thomson, Mr. J. J. Mason, Mrs. P. D. Crerar, Mrs. L. Baldwin, Mr. C. M. Counsell, Mrs. G. S. Counsell, The Bishop of Niagara, Canon and Mrs. Sutherland, Dr. and Mrs. Ridley, Mrs. Winer, Mrs. Burnet, Mrs. Brega, Mrs. Peter Grant, Mrs. Caddy, Mrs. William Carey, Mrs. Lottridge, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. M. O'Reilly, Miss Ferris, Mrs. Jeffrey, Mrs. Charles Stiff, Mrs. Ussher, Mr. R. Land, W. R. Macdonald, Mrs. Doolittle, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Hoodless, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Foote, Mrs. Lister, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Ainslie, Mrs. Quarry, Mr. C. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Cahill, Dr. F. O'Reilly, Miss Birss, Miss Mathews, Mrs. Maitland Yonge, Mrs. Swain, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKelcan, Mr. H. Browne, Mrs. Polo, Mrs. Armstrong, Miss McNab, Mr. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. E. O'Reilly.

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NEW HAMBURG.—*St. George's Church*.—The third annual anniversary services were held in this church on Sunday, Sept. 13th. All the services were well attended and the offertories for the reduction of the church debt, liberal. Particular attention had been paid to the chancel decorations, which were simple but effective. A low chancel rail was decorated with grain and scarlet berries; the prayer desk, lectern, etc., were treated the same way. A small sheaf of wheat and the brass altar vases, filled with scarlet and white flowers, gave a bright appearance to the sanctuary. The morning service commenced at 11. The musical portion of the service was well rendered and an able extempore sermon was preached by the officiating clergyman, Rev. G. C. Mackenzie, of Brantford, and was a clear and forcible entreaty to hold fast the faith once delivered to saints and maintain the marks of the Christian Church, and to expect the blessings which follow the use of apostolic practice and doctrine. Celebration of holy communion followed. The children's service at 3 p.m., opened with the hymn, "Lord, a little band"—and the address to the children was an instruction on the "Church Catechism." At the evening service the church was filled, and the sermon from the text, "God is a spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth," was a clear and forcible exposition of the necessity of forms in Christian worship.

MEAFORD.—The Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held in Christ's Church, Meaford, on Sunday, Sept. 20th, and in every way the people sought to express their gratitude to God for the many blessings He has bestowed on us during the past year. The church, which was beautifully decorated, was crowded at each service; the services were hearty and the music was good. The Rev. C. E. Thomson, M.A., Rector of St. Mark's, Toronto Junction, preached two excellent sermons, which were listened to with the greatest attention. The offertory amounted to ninety-three dollars.

Consolidation of the Anglican Church.—The special committee appointed by the Bishop of Huron to consider "the plan of the Winnipeg Conference on the consolidation of the Anglican Church in British North America," met in the Chapter House, London, on September 25th. There were present the Bishop, in the chair, the Very Rev. the Dean of Huron, the Venerable the Archdeacons of London and of Grey, the Reverends Canon Smith, W. A. Young, Alfred Brose, G. C. Mackenzie, and R. McCosh, Messrs. V. Cronyn (Chancellor), A. H. Dymond, Judge Ermatinger, Charles Jenkins, W. J. Imlach,

and I. F. Hellmuth. His Lordship the Bishop, in presenting the subject for discussion, defined the course which the debate should take, and earnestly commended the matter to the wise and sympathetic consideration of the committee. After a very full and general discussion, it was unanimously resolved as follows: "That this committee recommend the scheme adopted by the Winnipeg Conference to the favourable consideration of the Synod, and that delegates be elected to attend the proposed General Synod to be held in Toronto in Sept., 1893, but that the delegates be instructed to endeavour to obtain amendment of the proposed plan in respect of representation by increase of numbers, and, if possible, by the adoption of the principle of equal representation from each diocese, as well as of vote by dioceses, and for the calling together of Provincial Synods (with defined powers) only when necessary in the opinion of their Metropolitans. A committee was also appointed to draft a series of resolutions for submission to the Synod, giving effect to the above resolution.

LONDON.—The treasurer of the Extra-Cent-a-Day-Fund for the Diocese of Huron, acknowledges with thanks the sums of \$3.65 from Mrs. Boomer, and \$3.75 from Mrs. J. T. Wright.

Lay Work in Huron.—In connection with the annual meeting of the Huron Anglican Lay Workers' Association, a Diocesan Lay Workers' and Sunday School Convention is to be held in the school room of Trinity church, St. Thomas, on the 28th and 29th October. A committee consisting of the officials of the Lay Workers' Association and the Synod Sunday school committee has the arrangements in hand. The Bishop of Huron has given the proposal his cordial approval, and will preside at the convention.

British and Foreign.

It is understood that the Bishop of Martizburg is not likely to leave his diocese before next year.

The second spandrel of the choir in St. Paul's Cathedral is now in process of gilding. A new window has been added to the clerestory of the choir, representing the prophet Daniel.

Nashotah has received the valuable theological library of Bishop Knight, as a bequest. One of the most urgent needs of the seminary is a new building for the safe keeping of the library, which is too valuable to be left in danger of loss, but which at present is far from being fireproof.

We are glad to hear that on July 30th, Bishop Crowther, who has been suffering from a severe cold, with paralysis on the right side, was so much better that he was able to transact important business, and was preparing to resume his correspondence.

The Marquis of Normanby, who is now in Ireland, has, owing to his appointment as Canon Residentiary at Windsor, now formally resigned the Chaplaincy of All Saints' Church, San Remo. He will resume his duties at Windsor this month.

The Royal Society of Antiquaries are about to place a monument over the grave of St. Patrick in Downpatrick churchyard.

A memorial to the late Mr. Quinton, who was killed at Manipur, is to be raised in the parish church of Enniskillen in the form of a stained glass window. Among the subscribers is the name of the Bishop of Calcutta.

The work of the Church Missionary Society among the Indian tribes of North-Western America is well known to the Society's many friends. The Indians of the Queen Charlotte Islands, using the Haida language, have recently had the Gospel of St. Matthew translated for them by the Rev. C. Harrison and printed by the Bible Society. This is the first portion of the scriptures printed in that language. A grant of 401 copies was made recently, and with it were sent 400 copies of the Slave Acts and Epistles, for the use of the tribes along the Mackenzie River.

Cardinal Lavigerie, speaking of his mission to the Sahara, says: "I have sent six missionaries into the desert; all have been martyred. Probably the same fate awaits some of those now about to go there. That there should be no mistake as to the nature of the sacrifice they were making, when their bishop

was being consecrated, I had the cathedral at Algiers draped within and without in purple, and over the door was inscribed the utterance of an ancient French bishop: 'Go forth, soldiers of Christ, to triumph over death.'"

At the recent Elsteddfod, the Rev. Father Ignatius, of Llanthony Abbey, delivered an address on the ancient Cymric race, and urged the Welsh to foster their traditional symbols more in the future than they had done in the past.

The *Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette* says that "some people think bishops spend lives of easy leisure. The following summary of three months' work performed by the Bishop of Ossory will go far to prove the contrary:—Twenty-five sermons in the united diocese, besides others in Waterford, Elphin, and Glandelagh; three councils, three synods, nine boards of nomination, three confirmations, two ordinations. The labour of all this is intensified by the unfriendly arrangements of two railways, owing to which it is impossible to get from Kilkenny to Enniscorthy in time to transact business or to return the same day. It is, in fact, a more easy journey to go through Dublin."

With regard to the reported election of a bishop by the Colensoite schism in Natal, the Rev. Canon Churton writes: "The see of Maritzburg, according to latest information, is still occupied by Bishop Macrorie, who has not sent in his resignation. After that step, it must be accepted by the bishops of the Province before it is valid. Then the vacancy is certified to the diocese. Then the elective assembly is summoned, and an election will be made without reference to the Colensoite body, except so far as individual members of the assembly may vote as they think may be most conciliatory to those malcontents."

The Rev. H. Whittaker, who has for several years been minister of the Reformed Episcopal Church at Peterborough, has announced his intention of resigning his charge, with a view to receiving orders in the Church of England at the hands of the Bishop of Worcester, in which diocese, it is said, Mr. Whittaker will work after ordination. During Mr. Whittaker's pastorate at Peterborough, extending over several years, he was deservedly respected by his people and residents of the city. Some months ago he expressed a desire to resign the charge, but at the earnest solicitations of the congregations he continued his ministrations amongst them.

At St. Paul's Cathedral the chapel space behind the chief communion-table and reredos at the east end of the choir has hitherto been used as a robing-room at ordinations and as a sort of enlarged choir vestry. Now the chapel is to be fitted up for service uses. The monument of Dr. Liddon is to be placed in this chapel. The new communion-table will make the fourth in the Cathedral, as, in addition to what would in former days have been termed the "high altar," there are tables in the Chapel of St. Faith in the crypt, where the Lay Helpers' and other services are held, and in the side chapel, better known as the Morning Chapel, where the early administration of the Holy Communion now takes place.

It seems probable that Bishop Macrorie's avowed intention of promoting reunion, which he announced as the reason for the resignation of his See, may fail to have the effect he wished and hoped. It will be remembered that we recently announced the election of the Rev. William Ayerst by the "Council of the Church of England in Natal," i. e., the Colensoites, as their bishop. Further information tends to show that this action was taken in the face of, we may almost say in defiance of, negotiations which might have led to the reconciliation of the Colensoites with the Church. Such action alone would show that Dr. Macrorie's hopes were fallacious; but this is not all: there is something even more serious. It is asserted that the Colensoites are making overtures to three bodies which are undoubtedly schismatical, presumably with the intention of joining one or another of them. How far these transactions have gone, and how far the spirit which prompted them was in earnest, we do not know. They seem, however, to indicate clearly that unity with the Church must not be looked for at present.

The Episcopal Church in Virginia has made good progress in the last eleven years in its work amongst the coloured people. In 1879 there was only one coloured clergyman in the whole diocese, and not over two hundred communicants. There was then only one coloured Episcopal church in the state, St. Stephen's, Petersburg. There are now in the diocese of Virginia seventeen coloured clergymen, and fully