

[June 11, 1885.]

DOMINION CHURCHMAN.

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on the morning of June 2nd, on the S.S. "Canada" for Port Arthur.

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ONTARIO.

DESERONTO.—A very successful entertainment was given in the old white church last evening by the members of St. Mark's Church. The Broom Brigade and Boy Zouaves, trained by Mr. Hoppes, late of the U. S. A. regular army, went through their evolutions to the delight of every one present.

BROCKVILLE.—*St. Peter's Church.*—This year Whit Sunday marked a triple anniversary—the Pentecost, the adoption of the Prayer Book, and the nativity of our beloved Sovereign. In view of the unusual celebration, the ladies decorated the church with beautiful flowers. A large floral shurb bearing a V. R. in white, surmounted by a crown in yellow was suspended on the reredos above the altar. The holy table was also decorated in a becoming manner with handsome bouquets. The gasaliers and the pillars under the choir-pier had their share of the "flowers of the field," while the lectern, reading desk and pulpit were handsomely garnished with the choicest cut flowers. The font was particularly beautiful. A hemispherical frame of perforated material was set upon the top of it, and this was covered with blossoms of the white trillium, (Trinity flower) the stems dipping into the water beneath, the whole appearance being that of a large white half-ball. The font was presented to the church by the Sunday school children in 1849, and is a handsome piece of carving. The services both morning and evening were unusually fine, and were well attended. Music appropriate to the triple anniversary was sung—the National Anthem at the close of the evening prayer. The decorations were much admired, many staying after service to inspect them.

Organ Recital.—During the past winter the gentlemen of the choir decided to arrange for an organ recital, to take place in the Church. The event was finally fixed for Wednesday, May 27th. The services of Mr. C. A. E. Harriess, organist of Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, was secured. This gentleman, although but twenty-three years of age, has earned for himself a good reputation, and is possessed of high attainments. He furnished nine numbers, mostly of a severely classical nature, which he played with a masterly skill and ease. Miss Mills, of Iroquois, an unusually talented young lady, (and a pupil of Couture of Montreal), furnished a solo "In verdure clad," and sang in the duett "I waited for the Lord," from the Hymn of Praise, delighting her audience both times. Mr. Allan Turner, contributed "Leo Rameaux," in an artistic and happy manner, and Mr. Howard, of Morrisburg, rendered the solo "Nazareth," creating a most favourable impression on his first appearance in Brockville. The last vocal piece on the programme was by the Rev. E. P. Crawford, whose reputation is at least Provincial. He sang Gonond's "There is a green hill, far away," in his truly inimitable and pathetic manner, quite carrying all hearts with him. The choir did itself credit in the rendition of two selections. The attendance was large and fashionable and was greatly delighted—the universal verdict being that the event was the best of the kind ever given in this town. As the recital took place in the Church, there was of course no charge for admission, but a collection to defray expenses was taken up, and resulted in a considerable surplus, which has been devoted to the purposes of the choir. As the recital was not got up with the idea of making money, the result has been more than satisfactory.

OTTAWA.—The first vestry meeting of the congregation of St. George's Church was held in the school room last evening at 8 o'clock, and was largely attended. The newly appointed rector, the Rev. P. Owen Jones, occupied the chair, and the meeting was opened with prayer, after which the rector made a short address, referring to his appointment and to the very favorable auspices under which the church had entered upon its career. Mr. W. E. Hodgins was appointed secretary of the vestry. The minutes of former meetings of the congregation, building committee, churchwardens, and treasurer, were read and confirmed.

The rector appointed Mr. C. S. Shaw as his churchwarden, and on motion of Major Tilton, seconded by Capt. Lee, Major Walsh was unanimously chosen as the people's warden for the ensuing year.

The stipend of the rector was fixed at \$1,800 per annum, and the sum of \$400 was set apart to provide for the musical services of the church.

Messrs. C. Magee, Jas. Adamson, C. S. Shaw, K. Arnoldi, Geo. Burns, F. W. Avery, W. Mosgrove, J. G. Butterworth, and Capt. Lee, were elected as a finance committee, and to act as sidesmen. Messrs. Canbie, Magee, Adamson, and Shaw, were appointed as trustees of the church property, and a unanimous

resolution proposed by Major Tilton, and seconded by Mr. Arnoldi, was passed, pledging the vestry to indemnify the trustees for any obligations they might incur in connection with the transfer of the church property.

Capt. Perley, Geo. Burns, and V. C. Nicholson, were then appointed lay delegates to the Synod, and after passing votes of thanks to the provisional committee for their services, to Lady Tilley, Miss Lee, and E. C. Baker, M.P., for valuable contributions to the church furniture, and to the chairman, the meeting adjourned.

The proceedings were marked with great unanimity and enthusiasm.

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TORONTO.

ORPHANS HOME.—The annual meeting of this institution, was held on the 2nd June, at which the Bishop of Toronto presided. The children were present, and their healthy looks testified to the good work done by the management. In the thirty-fourth annual report the lady managers expressed their deep sense of gratitude to a kind and over-ruling Providence for the many blessings vouchsafed to the Home during the year. Throughout this period it had been almost entirely free from any serious illness, and quite so from infectious disease. The number of inmates in the institution at one time had been 157. Since June last year 82 children had been admitted, 34 removed by relatives, 6 apprenticed, and 1 adopted. The average number for the year was 148. It was satisfactory and encouraging to hear good reports of the children who had left the Home to be apprenticed. Many of the children were improving fast in those things which would be useful to them in after life. The larger girls who were able assisted the cook, housemaid, and laundress in their several duties. Many of those who were formerly inmates and are now doing well, write to friends of the institution expressing their gratitude for the thoughtful care and shelter given them in childhood.

The report of the treasurer Mrs. Cowan, showed the receipts to be as follows:—Balance in hand from last year, \$1,287.66; from investments, \$2,267; contributions from relatives of the children, \$1,535.97; from the lady managers, \$1,309.96; city grant, \$1,250; subscriptions to building, \$1,205.43; Government grant, \$902.38, miscellaneous receipts, \$671.92; Orange Association, \$277.78; Christmas gifts in money, \$74; total, \$11,932.70. The total disbursements amounted to \$10,946.38, among the items being amount paid mortgages, \$3,004, and interest on the institution, \$1,849.48. The balance on hand is \$986.37.

LIBERAL TEMPERANCE UNION.—A meeting of the National Liberal Temperance Union was held at Toronto on 2nd June, Mr. Cattinach in the chair. The hall was crowded to the doors, and among those on the platform were Rev. Prof. Clarke, of Trinity College, Professor Goldwin Smith, Rev. Richard Harrison, Prof. Richardson, Messrs. Drayton and J. G. Mowat. After the Chairman's opening remarks, Rev. Prof. Clarke was called upon to speak, and was received with loud applause. He said that as the friends of the union had the cause of temperance at heart, it was painful to them to appear as opposed to another organization whose object was also the promotion of temperance by another method, that of prohibition. He had been a total abstainer, and he had then held the same views as to prohibition as he did now. He believed thoroughly in self-denial himself, but he did not believe in imposing his theories of self-denial on others. When a teetotaler he had said it was his duty to be a total abstainer, but he never said to others that it was also their duty to be total abstainers. The great necessity in a movement of this kind was to get men to think for themselves, as there was danger of being carried away by a cry. It was difficult for a Christian Minister, if he had a congregation the majority of whom were prohibitionists, to speak his own mind if he had an opinion of his own which ran counter to the ideas of those whom he had been commissioned to instruct. But it would be a great danger to the Christian Church if her teachers would not be independent. It pained him to think that he was going to impose upon the poor man a restriction he did not impose upon himself, and this is what he would do if he supported the Scott Act. It seemed to him a serious thing to pass laws which would not be enforced, which made men law breakers, and therefore had a tendency to demoralize the community. Addresses were also delivered by Rev. R. Harrison, Prof. Richardson, Prof. Goldwin Smith, and others.

In connection with the above, we may state that a very able American journalist called upon us a few days ago, and said that he had visited a number of places in which the Scott Act was in force, and he found by personal observation and enquiries, that the drinking in these places was excessive, that there

was open defiance of the law by most respectable classes, that private houses were practically used as bar rooms, that drinking clubs were organized and held in the rooms of young men, and that the regard for law as law was a common theme of contemptuous jocularity.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.—The following sums have been paid into the Synod office since Easter:—Parochial collection Diocesan missions, \$591.01; Widow and Orphan fund (per H. Rowell) \$25; Divinity Students' Fund, \$14.50; Domestic mission (Assension Day collection) \$63.16; total, \$693.67.

TORONTO CHURCH S. S. ASSOCIATION.—The first annual examination of teachers by the above association, on the papers of the "Church of England S. S. Institute," was held in St. James' School House, on Tuesday, June 2nd, by the local secretary, Mr. C. R. W. Biggar. The number of candidates was but small, but the answers were exceedingly good. The papers sent out were:

For the first hour.—Holy Scripture.—St. John chapters i. x.

For the second hour.—Prayer Book.—The Communion Service and the second part of Church Catechism, from "How many Sacraments hath Christ ordained in His Church," to the end.

For the third hour.—A sketch of a lesson: (1). St. John i. 43, 51, "A guileless Israelite." (2). St. John ii. 13, 17, "The house of Prayer."

The following is a copy of the paper on the Prayer Book:—

"CHURCH OF ENGLAND S. S. INSTITUTE."—*Teachers Examination, 1885.*—Second hour.—Book of Common Prayer. Subject: The Communion Service and the second part of the Church Catechism. Time for this paper: One hour. The candidate may select any five but not more than five questions from this paper.

1. Enumerate the part into which the Order of the Administration of the Lord's Supper may be divided?
2. Give the history and meaning of the word "Sacrament" and show that the Holy Communion agrees with the definition of a sacrament given in the Church Catechism.
3. Write out the last answer in the Catechism, and give, in a parallel column, quotations from the Communion Service illustrating each clause.
4. Give a brief history of the Nicene Creed and mention the special errors it was designed to controvert.
5. For what festivals are there Proper Prefaces in the Communion Office? Quote one of them.
6. Write out the "Prayer of Humble Access" and specify any Spiritual allusions contained therein.
7. Give and explain the answer to the question "What is the inward and spiritual grace" of Baptism?
8. Explain any five of the following:—"Church Militant," "Bishops and Curates," "Ghostly counsel," "Mortification of the Flesh and Passion," "He is the very Paschal Lamb," "Supplications and prayers," "Pomps and vanities," "Sureties."

Immediately after the examination the papers were sealed and transmitted to the General Secretary of the institute, Mr. John Palmer, 18 Serjeant's Inn, Fleet Street, London, England.

A CORRECTION.—In our report of the last meeting of the Toronto Church S. S. Association, it was incorrectly stated that there were twenty-three teachers present from St. Matthew's Sunday School. It was the Sunday School of St. Matthias which should have received credit for this large representation.

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NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—*Meeting of Synod.*—The annual meeting of the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara, and the first since the consecration of Bishop Hamilton, commenced on the 4th June. The members of the synod met in Christ church cathedral school-house and marched in procession to the cathedral in the following order: Lay delegates, choir, deacons, priests, canons, the Bishop, with the Rev. R. S. Radcliffe, of Mount Forest, bearing his pastoral staff in the rear. The procession moved up the centre aisle singing, "The Church's one Foundation." Morning prayer and litany were said by Revs. A. W. Macnab, Canon Ried, Canon Houston, and Dr. Mockridge. The Holy Communion was then celebrated by the Bishop, assisted by Archdeacon Dixon as epistoler, and Archdeacon McMurray as gospeler, Archdeacons McMurray and Dixon, Rural Deans Bull and Belt, and Canon Houston assisted in the distribution. "The Church's one Foundation" was also the recessional hymn. After the service the Bishop took the chair in the school-house and called the Synod to order. The election of officers was the