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in some neighbouring school, which they hope to find more congenial and perhaps more lax in discipline, and where they will be cordially welcomed, and not urged to return and manfully acknowledge their misbehaviour and the teacher's justice and wisdom. Unruly scholars know well that other schools will gladly receive them, should they apply for admission, and institute no scrutiny into their conduct, or the causes which induced them to seek a change.

For this unhappy state of affairs the selfish spirit of rivalry and competition is mainly responsible.

Every right and honourable effort to increase the usefulness and widen the influence of the school bears impress of heaven's approval. The training and educating of the young for Christian service is a glorious work, the possibilities of which are immeasurable. Let us determine, then, that all work shall be conducted on Scriptural lines and in conformity with God's holy will. Let us work and pray for the expulsion of the unholy spirit of selfishness from our schools, and sink deep in the minds of the scholars this important and much-needed truth, that the privilege of being a member of the Sunday-school, and sitting at the feet of an earnest and godly teacher, is a privilege which takes rank among the very highest, and the enjoyment of which calls for deepest gratitude.

There are several other defects which I shall do little more than mention, as this paper is sufficiently long already. Following my order, then, I would mention as the

Fourth.—The irregular attendance of some of our Sunday-school teachers. A Sunday-school teacher habitually irregular in attending school, taxes the patience of the superintendent, deadens the interest of the scholars under his charge, and should either resign or reform. A school in which the majority of the teachers are of this undesirable type is not likely to manifest any spiritual or numerical signs of progress. If the teachers exhibit little or no interest in the class-room, their scholars cannot be expected to do otherwise.

Fifth.—The deplorable lack of male teachers. This is a serious defect, and, I am ashamed to confess, greater and more marked in the Church of England schools than those of other denominations. The majority of our leading laymen never enter the Sunday school room during the hour devoted to the religious instruction of the young, and evince no interest in the work whatever.

Sixth and Last.—A weak and inefficient discipline. In many schools the imperfect and loose discipline is a fruitful cause of inattention, irreverence and misbehaviour, and officers and teachers are confronted with difficulties in their efforts to correct these evils much greater than those encountered in our day-schools and colleges, chiefly because they do not receive that parental support in their efforts to secure attention, and maintain order and enforce study, that is accorded to teachers in our secular institutions of learning. Contrast the discipline in our day schools with the discipline in the average Sunday-school, and you cannot resist being very unfavourably impressed with the defective nature of the latter. In the former the discipline is excellent and strictly enforced, in the latter it is deficient and more honoured in the breach than the observance. In theory we hold that to educate the young in the doctrines of our most holy faith, is of the first and highest importance, but in practice we deny the soundness of that much neglected theory.

Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS

QUEBEC.

ANDREW H. DUNN, D.D., BISHOP, QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—According to the statistics, which should have been furnished from the diocese of Quebec to the Provincial Synod at its recent session in Montreal, but which were not then forthcoming, the Bishop of Quebec has during the last three years ordained twelve deacons and eight priests. He has also received six clergymen from other dioceses. Leaving the eight priests out of account, it is evident that eighteen new clergymen have been accepted and employed in the diocese; but nine were during the same period transferred to other dioceses, and two of our older clergy passed away to their rest, leaving consequently an increase of seven, so that the whole number of clergy, including those engaged at Bishop's College, Lennoxville, and also including six retired clergy, who are now receiving pensions, and also including the bishop himself, is now seventy-two. During the three years the number of new churches built has been thirteen, the number consecrated eleven and the number of burial grounds consecrated nine. The number of baptisms has been: children 2,148, adults 186, making in all 2,334; and during the same period the bishop has con-

firmed 2,249 candidates, of whom about 600 were upwards of twenty-one years of age. According to the latest return made by the clergy, the whole number of souls belonging to the English Church is 21,622, and of these 7,511 are communicants. There have been in the three years 509 marriages and 1,361 burials. There are 91 Sunday-schools with 337 teachers and 3,374 Sunday scholars. The sums raised by our parishes during the three years are returned as follows: For Parochial objects, \$180,529.06; for Diocesan objects, \$61,897.57; for objects beyond the Diocese, \$14,636.66, making a total of \$257,063.29. These statistics are certainly most encouraging—and they are all the more so, when it is known that in all essential respects each year, as it has come, has shown a steady growth beyond the preceding year. And since the whole system and result is the growth of only little over fifty years, it is truly marvellous to be able to point to the fact that in a new and far from wealthy country, with little over 20,000 members of our Church, there is support for seventy clergy. And it is no less wonderful to be able also to point to the still more important fact, that, owing to the constant and devoted labours of good, earnest clergymen, each with a comparatively small though widely scattered flock, there is so high a percentage of confirmations and so large a proportion of communicants. Most truly indeed, therefore, may it be said, that there is a strong and earnest call not to slacken in making the very utmost efforts, but rather to thank God and to take courage.

MONTREAL.

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

MONTREAL.—A very pleasant congregational "social" was held in the hall of St. Simon's Church, when a purse of money and an address, of which the following is a copy, were presented to the Rev. Samuel Massey, in token of appreciation of his services as rector. Mr. Massey, in reply, delivered a short address, and in appropriate words warmly thanked the congregation for their kindness and commended them to God.

From the members, congregation and friends of St. Simon's Church, St. Henry, to the Rev. Samuel Massey, on the occasion of his retirement from the pastorate of said church:

We hereby wish to tender our sincere thanks to you for your long and arduous, yet loving, services rendered to us and to this community. It gives us exceeding pleasure that you have remained with us so long, and we are all highly satisfied with the work you have accomplished, especially when we take retrospective glances at the past. In your retirement we feel that we have lost a great inspiration for good in this part of the city. However, we believe that you will still be with us in spirit, though not in body, and we know that the good work you have so well done will not stop, but go on and on forever. You well deserve the rest you are about to take, and we pray that it may be peaceful and happy, and that the remaining years of your life may be the crowning ones. Will you kindly accept this purse, not for its intrinsic value, but as a small token of our love for you. And now, that God may bless you and keep you forever within His fold, is the wish and prayer of this church.

St. Henry, November 15th, 1895.

Signed by the wardens of the church for the congregation.

ONTARIO.

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

MORRISBURG.—If there is any parish or mission that would care to receive second-hand leaflets, kindly apply to Rev. G. S. Anderson, rector of this parish.

TORONTO.

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

St. Stephen's.—The formal commencement of the new buildings which are being erected, was made on Saturday afternoon, 23rd November, by the rector, the Rev. A. J. Broughall. After himself turning the first sod, the rector read the service of the Church of England usual for such occasions. Work in digging the foundations was then actively engaged in by the members of the Young Men's Bible Class, who have undertaken the construction for the benefit of the parish, and at 5 o'clock the workers were entertained to a tea in the Sunday-school given them by the ladies of the Young Women's Bible Class. The building will be of brick, two stories in height, containing on the ground floor a gymnasium, shower bath, etc., for the young men, and class rooms on the floor above. A very pleasant beginning was thus made of an important work in this energetic parish.

Divinity Degrees.—The Board of Degrees in Divinity of the Church of England in Canada, established by the Provincial Synod, met Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the See House, the Bishop of Toronto presiding. There were present Rev. Canon Henderson, D.D., of Montreal; Rev. Provost Welch, D.C.L., of Trinity College, Toronto; Rev. Prof. Allcott, D.D., of Lennoxville; Rev. Canon Sheraton, D.D., of Wycliffe College, Toronto; and Rev. Canon Mockridge, D.D., Secretary of the Board. The following candidates were passed: For first B.D., Rev. T. H. Hunt, M.A., King's University, Windsor, N.S.; Rev. John C. H. Mockridge, M.A., Trinity University, Toronto; Rev. Lenox I. Smith, Trinity College, Toronto; Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, M.A., King's University, Windsor, N.S. For voluntary preliminary, Class I., R. L. Weaver, B.A., Wycliffe College, Toronto; Class II., Cyril A. E. J. Anderson, Huron College, London; R. A. Robinson, Wycliffe College, Toronto.

Mrs. Catharine Palmer, widow of the late Archdeacon of Toronto, died at the residence of her daughter in Dublin, Ireland, on Nov. 4th. Her death was quite sudden, she having been out and at church on the day previous. Although she has been absent from Canada for a number of years, she will be mourned by many friends in Toronto and Guelph, who have retained the esteem and affectionate regard for her which was the almost universal tribute accorded to her exceptional excellence of character and amiable disposition by those among whom she lived for so many years. Archdeacon Palmer was rector of Guelph from 1832 until about twenty years ago, when, having failed in health, he was obliged to resign his charge, and went to reside in England, and subsequently in Ireland, where he died in 1881, and where Mrs. Palmer has since resided.

The Doctrine, Worship and Discipline Committee of the General Synod met last week in the Synod office, to make arrangements regarding the holding of special forms of services. There were present the Bishops of Toronto, Huron and Niagara, and Mr. Charles Jenkins, of Petrolia. No definite decision was arrived at when the meeting adjourned.

ORILLIA.—The Irish Society.—I am directed by Canon Greene to acknowledge the receipt of \$2 from Mr. G. H. Timbury, Shelburne, for the Irish Society. G. H. H.

PORT HOPE.—A very handsome carved oak reredos has been erected in St. Mark's Church, in memory of the late rector, the Rev. J. S. Baker, by his widow and Miss E. K. Rowell and G. Elare Avery, B.A., lay assistant to Mr. Baker at the time of his death.

NIAGARA.

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

HAMILTON.—The fifth annual meeting of supporters of St. Peter's Infirmary, or Home for Incurables, was held on Wednesday afternoon in the basement of the Public Library building. Bishop Hamilton presided and those present were: Messrs. Adam Brown, Stuart Strathy, H. Bull, C. S. Wilcox, Miss Whitcombe, Mrs. Staunton and Miss L. A. Chowne. Rev. Father Geoghegan, warden of the Infirmary, was also present. He presented a lengthy report, from which the following is taken: "It is with feelings of profound gratitude to Almighty God that the fifth annual report of St. Peter's Home for Incurables is presented. The work has not been without anxiety. From a financial point of view the prospect of the institution living through the first five years was not promising. The conviction that the Home would meet a felt want without intruding upon or crippling any of the necessary and excellent charities existing in our city, and firm faith that God would bless the enterprise, was the only capital available with which to project the enterprise. In the five years the sum of \$17,348.74 has been expended. The foundation is laid for what may yet be a great charity, bringing blessing and comfort to a large class of weary and worn sufferers, who are every year becoming more numerous along the highway of life. While modern improvements have removed burdens in some directions from the shoulders of the toiling multitudes, yet the struggle for existence never was keener than it is to-day. The speed at which we are living is developing a nervous tension of which our fathers knew nothing, and increasing the number of our mental and physical wrecks. What are we to do under the conditions? Christianity, and civilization, the fruit of Christianity, has but one answer. Do as your Master did. The State has been doing this in many directions, and helping it to be done in all directions. Yet there must ever be room for Christian benevolence. A few faithful collectors have stood by their work and done it well. There are several gentlemen in the city whose unsolicited subscriptions and kind and encouraging words have been as showers to a thirsty land.