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## Poetry.

### LULLABY.

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Baby, what do the blossoms say  
Down in the garden walk?  
They nod and they bow in the twilight grey:  
Pray, can you hear them talk?  
They say, "Oh, darling! by bright,  
We are going to sleep; good night! good night!  
For the lullaby breezes have come to sing  
How God takes care of every thing."  
Sleep! sleep!

Baby, what does the robin say?  
Do you hear his evening song?  
He sits and sings his sunset lay  
With a heart all blithe and strong.  
He sings, "Good night, my baby dear;  
Sleep soft, sleep well, and do not fear.  
For somehow I know, as I sit and sing,  
That God takes care of every thing."  
Sleep! sleep!

Baby, what does the cricket say?  
Do you hear his measured voice?  
He says, "The sun has gone away,  
And I've come out to rejoice;  
For the cold dew falls upon the grass,  
And the fire flies whisper as they pass,  
'Cricket, cricket, come out and sing  
How God takes care of every thing."  
Sleep! sleep!

Baby, what does the katydid say?  
Do you hear its hoarse loud tone?  
It says, "I sleep the livelong day  
In my nook so clean and lone;  
But now the stars no more are hid,  
And I'm telling them what my Katy did—  
Katy, my daughter, who loved to sing  
How God takes care of every thing."  
Sleep! sleep!

Baby, what are your mother's words,  
As you nestle upon her breast?  
She says, "Come hither, my sweetest of birds,  
For you must seek your nest;  
The flowers and the robins have gone to sleep;  
The crickets and katydids their watches keep;  
And your mother will sit by your cradle and sing  
That God takes care of every thing."  
Sleep! sleep!

## Ecclesiastical News.

### CANADIAN.

#### DIocese of Montreal.

The following form of prayer was used in all the churches of this diocese last Sunday, by order of the most Rev. the Metropolitan.

Instead of the Psalms of the day, one of the following was read: Psalm 103; 118; 124; 140.

Instead of one of the lessons for the day, one of the following was read: Exod. 15 to v. 19; Isaiah 12; Isaiah 25; Isaiah 26; Acts 4 to v. 31; Phil. 4 to v. 14.

Immediately after the collect for the day, the following collect was used:

O Heavenly Father, who art the Giver of all our blessings, our Helper in the time of trouble, and our Deliverer from every danger, we desire to offer up our humble and hearty thanks unto Thee for Thy late mercies vouchsafed unto us. Thou hast graciously delivered us from the hands of our enemies; Thou hast brought to nought all their unholy devices, and driven them back from our borders with shame and confusion of face.

We praise Thee for Thine especial mercy to our soldiers; for having guarded and protected them in the hour of danger, so that the enemy could do them no violence. We thank Thee, also, for the preservation of our own lives, and for the safety of our homes. And we desire to acknowledge that we owe this, not to any wisdom or prudence of our own, but to Thy great and undeserved goodness to us, and for the sake of Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Before the general thanksgiving the following prayers:—

1. Let us thank God for peace and deliverance from our enemies.

O Almighty God, who art a strong tower of defence, &c.—See Book of Common Prayer.

2. Let us pray for our country.

O Almighty God, look in mercy upon this country in which Thou hast cast our lot. We thank Thee that Thy blessing hath hitherto rested upon us; that we have enjoyed peace and plenty; that we have been mercifully freed from foes abroad, and from enemies at home. And now we look up to Thee as our Defence and our Shield; for there is none other that fighteth for us, but only Thou, O God. We pray Thee to take us and ours under Thy special care, and to keep us evermore in perfect safety, none making us afraid.

Above all preserve to us O Lord, the blessings of Thy Gospel. Make us a people fearing Thee and working righteousness; and grant that true religion may flourish and abound among us.

And since it is our duty at all times to give thanks unto Thee, so especially it is our desire to do so at this time, when Thou hast so graciously blessed us. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name; evermore praising Thee, and saying, Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

3. Let us pray for our Queen and the Royal Family.

O Lord our God, who upholdest and governest all things in heaven and earth, receive our humble prayers for our beloved Sovereign, and all the Royal Family, especially for His Royal Highness Prince Arthur, who now among us; that they, trusting in Thy goodness, protected by Thy gracious hand, may continue before Thee in Thy love and favour; and may hereafter, through the mediation of Christ our Saviour, who art with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. Amen.

#### DIocese of Quebec.

##### ST. MATTHEW'S CHAPEL.

The ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the chancel and transept, which is now being added to the east end of this chapel, took place on Thursday last with becoming solemnity, by the Lord Bishop of this diocese, assisted by a number of the clergy, in presence of a large gathering of the congregation and other citizens.

St. Matthew's free chapel was originally erected by the late Dr. Mountain, Bishop of Quebec, who, for fifty years, preached the gospel to the poor on the spot where this church stands. The first building was of wood, and afforded accommodation to a very limited number. After the disastrous conflagration in 1845, a stone building was erected. In it the services of the church were conducted by the Rev. A. W. Mountain, M.A., Oxon, son of the late Bishop of Quebec; and, subsequently, by the Rev. Henry Roe, B.A., as curates of the rector. When the chapels in the parish of Quebec were erected into independent charges in 1863, the Rev. Henry Roe was appointed the first incumbent, and, in 1868, was succeeded by the Rev. Chas. Hamilton, M.A. The hope is entertained that, at no distant day, the main building may be renewed and an aisle added on the south side of the church.

The following clergy were present: The Right Rev. J. W. Williams, Bishop of Quebec; Revs. G. V. Housman, M.A., rector of Quebec; C. Hamilton, M.A., incumbent of St. Matthew's; Ernest King, B.A., assistant minister of St. Matthew's; R. G. Pless, minister of St. Paul's, Quebec; C. Wetherall, B.A., chaplain to her ma-

jesty's forces, Quebec; M. M. Gill, of St. Peter's, Quebec; J. S. ... chaplain, Quebec; W. King, ... vester; A. J. Woolryche, of ... Church, Levis; A. Balfour, B.A., ... minister, Levis; G. H. Parker, of ... A. A. Von Iffland, M.A., of St. ... Quebec; J. Kemp, B.D., of ... Jas. Boydell, B.A., of Bourg ... Mathers, assistant minister of St. ... Quebec.

The bishop, clergy, wardens, builder and choristers approached in procession from the church, singing the 100th psalm. After suitable prayers had been said by the bishop, and singing of the 244th hymn, the senior churchwarden, Mr. H. J. Pratten, read a brief history of the church, engrossed on parchment, which he deposited it, with coins and newspapers of the day, in a glass bottle, hermetically sealed, which was placed in the cavity prepared for it in the corner-stone. The inscription on the plate was as follows:—

"On this 2nd day of June, in the year of our Lord, 1870, and the 33rd year of the reign of her Majesty Queen Victoria, Sir John Young, Bart., being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, and Sir Narcisse F. Belleau, Kt., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, this corner-stone of an addition to St. Matthew's Free Chapel, consisting of north and south transepts, chancel and chancel, is laid by the Right Rev. James Williams, D.D., Lord Bishop of Quebec, the Rev. Charles Hamilton, M.A., Oxon, being the incumbent, Messrs. Henry Joseph Pratten and Cephalus Judge, churchwardens, Mr. William T. Thomas, of Montreal, architect, and Messrs. Hatch & Co., contractors."

The junior churchwarden, Mr. C. Judge, then handed a very pretty silver trowel to the bishop, who smoothed the bed of mortar, on which the stone was at once laid. As the stone was about to be laid, the bishop said:—

"In the faith of Jesus Christ we place this corner-stone, in the name of God the Father, the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. Amen."

"Here let true faith, the fear of God, and brotherly love ever remain. This place is consecrated to prayer, and the praise of the most holy name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who ever liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen."

The bishop then addressed those present as follows:—

"The corner-stone of this chancel, in honour of which we have patronized Him to prosper this our work; and with well-grounded assurance we believe that upon this our work, thus begun in Him, the protection of His blessing will descend, and that upon the same, if it be continued and ended in Him, His blessing will rest and remain. It has often been remarked, that not those plans and institutions which have been perfected and completed by the ingenuity of human contrivance come the most surely to a healthy ripeness; but those which, springing out of the necessities of the case, and waiting upon the designs of Providence, grow, by time and circumstance, from small beginnings, by a natural growth. And on this ground, a glance at the past history of St. Matthew's church will give a hopeful prospect of its future. It had no ambitious, no vainglorious commencement; neither was it of man's designing. Humble and unnoticed, it grew up—a way-side plant, rooted in the wants of the people; watered by the dew of God's blessing. The history of its origin, as you have heard from the document which has just been read, and as I have been told by those old enough to remember, is briefly this: The late Bishop of Quebec, then rector of the parish, was used to gather in an humble room a few simple folk from the surrounding suburb, that he might preach to them, as he knew so well, and as he loved so well, to preach, the unsearchable riches of Christ. The Lord was with him; and as the congregation increased the church was enlarged. And now, for many a year, under pastors more than one, whom God has gifted with grace to divide rightly the word of truth, and faithfully to minister to his people, the worshippers have multiplied until the present building is no longer sufficient for your needs. Those needs God has put it into the hearts of them that are the stewards of His riches to supply. And again the church is enlarged. In every stage, and through all the course, its growth has been a natural growth, and a healthy one. With good reason, then, and with much thankfulness, may we take to ourselves the assurance, that as the good hand of our God has been upon this undertaking in the days that are gone, so it will continue to be in the times yet to come. In the alteration of the structure, care has been taken to provide that, if, hereafter, further enlargement should be needed, further enlargement may be had. In the mean time over 170 new sittings have been added. And the sittings, one and all, throughout the church, are free. High and low, rich and poor,—all equal in the sight of God;—here we meet, as equals, on the common ground of our common brotherhood in Christ. Long ago it was declared that the house that should be builded for the Lord must be 'exceeding magnificent.' Well, magnificence comes within the scope neither of our designs nor of our means; but we have good hope that the measure of decent comeliness to which we can attain will be not unacceptable to Him after whose honour we strive. We honour Him in giving of our best for His service. And if we honour Him, He will honour us,—honour us by His presence in this holy house,—honour us by His presence in the

hearts of his worshippers, for this, after all, is His most glorious temple—not made with hands—a spiritual building—built up of the souls of the saints, knit together by the power of the indwelling spirit."

The 241st Hymn was then sung by the choir; after which the Incumbent addressed the Bishop as follows:—

"Mr. Loan,—In my own name, and on behalf of my people, I desire to thank you very briefly for the kind words of encouragement which you have addressed to us, and for the earnest prayers which you have offered to God, imploring His blessing upon this our work, of which you have now laid for us, the corner stone. The brief resume of the history of this church which has just been deposited in the corner stone, has reminded us all of the close and intimate relationship which subsisted for nearly half a century between this congregation and your lordship's predecessor. As founder of this church, as rector of the parish, and as bishop of the diocese, he always manifested the deepest interest in all that concerned the well-being of the congregation of St. Matthew's. Our claims upon your lordship are, of course, much more limited. We have only a right to your attention as bishop, in common with all the other congregations in the diocese. But I have happiness in acknowledging here the large share of generous sympathy and the acts of real kindness, not known to all, which you have shown to this congregation. I trust that we shall always possess your confidence, and that you will long be preserved to join with us in our worship of Almighty God, with comfort and satisfaction. The occasion which has brought us together would naturally lead us to recall the past and to speak of those who have, from time to time, been connected with this church, but our proximity to this busy street makes it inconvenient that I should speak at much greater length. I must, therefore, be content to remind myself and all who hear me that amongst the brightest and most valuable associations which this congregation can cherish, must always be those which are connected with the gentle life and winning words of him whose record is that for nearly 50 years he preached the gospel to the poor on this spot."

The bishop then gave the benediction, and the clergy proceeded to the church through the cemetery, and returned to the vestry in the same order as they had arrived. The weather was most auspicious, and the attendance was as numerous as the arrangement of the locality could possibly accommodate.

#### DIocese of Toronto.

The clergy of the rural deanery of Northumberland meet to-day at Hastings, the Holy Catholic Church on its relations to the State.

ROBERT ROGERS.—Rev. Mr. Rogers thankfully acknowledges the following sums towards the Church at Port Ryerse:—

Mrs. Fry, Toronto..... 10s 0d.  
Mrs. Hancox, Bath..... 10s 0d.  
Robt. Baldwin, Esq. Toronto..... 10s 0d.  
31st May, 1870.

PORT DALHOUSIE.—The members of this congregation have had two or three adjourned vestry meetings lately, in order to look into their financial position. The auditors appointed to examine all receipts and disbursements connected with the erection of the new church, have presented a very full and satisfactory report. It appears that the church, with extra expense of windows, fencing, new furniture, carpeting, &c.,—cost the sum of \$3,499.78. The amount collected by subscriptions and donations amounts to \$2,487.22, leaving a balance of \$1,013. Of this sum \$700 has been borrowed on reasonable terms, and paid over to the contractor; and the balance of subscriptions still unpaid more than cover the balance of debt. Steps have been taken for the immediate collection of these outstanding subscriptions. With respect to the money borrowed, the pew-holders are to be urged to give as much each Sunday in the offertory as they conveniently can in accordance with the Apostolic directions. The auditors say in conclusion:—"We find that the parish is under heavy obligations to friends in St. Catherines and elsewhere for very liberal donations, which not only lightened the burden of local subscribers, but gave us confidence to proceed with the erection of our very commodious and beautiful church." It appears that although at present the Port is in a depressed state, yet all the pews have been rented, and 10 or 12 applications have been made for pews when vacancies occur. The pewholders all express their anxious desire to accommodate every one wishing to attend church. Altogether we think that for a rural congregation, and not by any