

which cause division and avoid them," and put any comment upon them in the form of a syllogism for the reverend gentleman's consideration. St. Paul directs Churchmen to avoid those who cause division; Reformed Episcopalians, Plymouth Brethren and other sectarians are causes of divisions, therefore Churchmen should avoid them. But Churchmen cannot avoid them if they attend the meetings of the Canadian Bible Society; therefore Churchmen should not attend the meetings of the Bible society. There are a few dilemmas here; Mr. Archibald can take any horn he chooses.

ONTARIO.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

RICHMOND.—The following address has been presented to the Rev. A. C. Nesbitt, rector of Richmond:

Reverend and dear Sir,—We the churchwardens and vestry, on behalf of your congregations in Richmond, Marlborough and Goulbourne, feel much pleasure at the opportunity which the present occasion affords, of unitedly expressing our appreciation of your pastoral services amongst us since your appointment to this parish by the Lord Bishop.

During the two years you have labored here, your course has been marked by untiring anxiety, which has elicited this spontaneous expression which we now accede, and of which as a token, we ask you to accept at our hands this beaver coat, with which we present you, praying that you will long be spared to wear it, and to proclaim, as you have always done, fearlessly and uncompromisingly the doctrines of the old Catholic Church, and hoping, reverend sir, that both Mrs. Nesbitt and yourself may enjoy God's blessing resting on you, during your journey through life, and wishing you many happy returns of the approaching joyous festival of Christ's Holy Church, believe us to be sincerely and respectfully yours, T. V. Lyon, H. A. Bennett, Churchwardens; Miss Carrie Hill, Mrs. M. E. Lewis, Miss E. T. Scott, Committee. Richmond, 12th December, 1879.

Reply.—To the Churchwardens and Committee—My Dear Friends—This handsome and useful token of the esteem in which you hold your Priest, I accept with delight and great satisfaction. The feeling of delight and satisfaction is deepened by the knowledge of the fact that this offering is made by the whole parish, composed as it is by the three congregations of St. John's, Richmond, Marlborough and part of Goulbourne. In your well conceived and happily expressed address you mention your satisfaction with my, as you term it, fearless and uncompromising teaching of the Catholic faith. Well, my dear friends and parishioners, this pleases me intensely, especially in these times, when so many are fond of nothing definite in religious belief, a result of the divorce effected in the minds of many between divine truth and the divinely organized witness, keeper and interpreter of that truth, the Holy and Apostolic Church. With God's help, I intend to be in the future even more fearless and uncompromising in life and teaching, for never in the history of God's Church was it more necessary than in this bewildered and sect-ridden portion of the 19th century. This beaver coat, I suppose, is symbolical of how you wish me to work—"to work like a beaver." Well, I shall try to imitate that celebrated Canadian. You were very kind in your special mention of Mrs. Nesbitt. On her behalf I thank you very sincerely, and would simply say that she does take a good deal of interest in her husband's welfare, which she knows to be very intimately bound up with his parish. Wishing you much happiness and joy in the approaching holy season of the nativity of the God-man, our Divine Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, I am affectionately your friend and Priest.

A. C. NESBITT.

The Rectory, Richmond, 12th Dec., 1879.

Mission Deputations for the Rural Deanery of Lanark and Renfrew. Number three has not yet been arranged.

Deputation No. 1.—Rev. K. L. Jones, Convener, Rev. R. D. Mills, Ashton, Wednesday, January 21st, 7 p.m.; Carleton Place, Thursday, 22nd, 7.30 p.m.; Ennisville, Friday, 23rd, 7 p.m.; Balder-

son's Corners, Monday, 26th, 7 p.m.; Lanark, Tuesday, 27th, 7 p.m.; Bathurst, Wednesday, 28th, 7 p.m.

Deputation No. 2.—Rev. Stearne Tighe, Convener; Rev. G. W. G. Grout, Renfrew, Tuesday, January 6th, 7 p.m.; Arnprior, Wednesday, 7th, 7 p.m.; Galetta, Thursday, 8th, 7 p.m.; Pakenham, Friday, 9th, 7 p.m.; Antrim, Tuesday, 13th, 7 p.m.; Almonte, Wednesday, 14th, 7 p.m.; Clayton, Thursday, 15th, 7 p.m.

No. 3 not yet filled.

Deputation No. 4.—Rev. A. W. Cooke, Convener; Rev. R. J. Harvey, Smith's Falls, Tuesday, January 13th, 7.30 p.m.; Pike Falls, Wednesday, 14th, 7 p.m.; Lombardy, Thursday, 15th, 7 p.m.; Montague, Orange Hall, Friday, 16th, 7 p.m.; Franktown, Sunday, 17th, 10.30 a.m.; Prospect, 3 p.m.—C. P. EMERY, Rural Dean.

The P. O. Address of the Rev. E. W. Beaven is Brockville.

TORONTO.

St. John's, Runnymede.—The vestry meeting in this mission was held on Friday, 19th inst. Messrs. Murray and Kennedy were appointed churchwardens; Mr. Miller, delegate; Messrs. Wellsman and Carter, sidesmen; Mr. George Vaughan, librarian.

Church of the Ascension.—On Sunday last the Lord Bishop of Toronto held an ordination in the Church of the Ascension, when Mr. Henry Grasett Baldwin, B.A., was admitted to the order of deacon. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Canon Givens—who has been in charge of this church during the vacancy—who also read the morning prayer. His Lordship preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon, from St. John xx. 21. It being understood that Mr. Baldwin is to be appointed to the incumbency of this church (erected as a memorial to his late father), a large concourse of friends, in addition to the ordinary congregation, filled the church, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. The musical portion of the service, under the new organist, Mr. Bayley, was well rendered. Mr. Baldwin preached in the evening to a large congregation.

Haliburton.—A social tea and concert on behalf of St. George's Sunday School (addition to the library having been much needed) was held on December 12th, 1879. The table was handsomely represented with all the luxuries of life. After a sumptuous repast, the following was presented to the audience; Duet, Miss Crawford and R. S. Johnston; Glee, Sunday School children; Solo, Miss Wastle, was well rendered, displaying her full, rich soprano; Semi-chorus, "The Spirit Tree," exhibiting Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Goodness, Faith, Meekness and Temperance, had a very pleasing effect; Solo and Chorus, "The Shaking of Hands," by Miss Dover and R. S. Johnston, was very appropriately given; instrumental music by Dr. Low and Miss Crawford was skilfully performed; the singing of Mrs. Colman and Mrs. Croswell was very well executed; the dialogues also added much to the entertainment, and the reading by Mr. Wastle was particularly well rendered, exhibiting much culture as a reader; National Anthem. Proceeds brought the sum of \$17 total.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections, &c., received during the week ending December 20th, 1879.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—October Collection.—Collingwood, \$18.00; St. Matthias, Toronto, \$1.39; North Orillia and Medonte: St. Luke's \$4.00, St. George's \$1.50; Aurora, additional \$1.00; Apsley, St. George's, 98 cents, St. Stephen's, 46 cents; Ashburnham, \$24.00, Otonabee \$4.87; Batteau \$5.25, Duntroon \$4.00; Grace Church, Markham, \$5.50, Stouffville \$2.81. **Annual Subscriptions.**—Rev. Isaac Middleton, \$5.00; Rev. Dr. O'Meara, \$5.00; Rev. John Farucomb, \$5.00.

MISSION FUND.—Thanksgiving Collection.—Collingwood, \$18.55; St. Matthias, Toronto, \$2.11; Darlington, Bowmanville, \$6.62; Enniskillen, \$2.00; Grace Church, Markham, \$6.85. **July Collection.**—St. Matthias, Toronto, \$3.05. **Missionary Meetings.**—Bradford, \$5.15; Middleton, \$1.60; Coulson's Corners, \$1.25.

TRINITY COLLEGE.—On the 18th inst., the annual Convocation of Trinity College was held for conferring degrees in Arts and Medicine, &c. Having not attended these Assemblies for some years, we were very agreeably surprised to witness so interesting a ceremony, and to find the young gentlemen in the College, seniors and freshmen, so many in number as they were, and above all inspired with such intense love and zeal for their Alma Mater as they appeared to be on that occasion.

The Chancellor, the Hon. G. W. Allan, most worthily filled the chair. On his left was the Provost, having recently returned from his visit to England. His Lordship, Bishop Sweatman, occupied a seat to the right of the Chancellor. Professors Jones and Boys, and the Rev. A. J. Broughall sat on the left of the Provost. There were present also many dignitaries of the Church, both of this and other dioceses in Ontario.

The body of Convocation Hall was densely filled with the friends and patrons of the College from the city: the number could not have been less than 300, of whom more than half were ladies. And, if according to Milton

—"Ladies' bright eyes

Rain influence and judge the high emprise," then the young gentlemen who competed for prizes had all the inspiration upon them which the chivalrous contestants for public honours can have. Before the Chancellor and the Professors entered the hall, the young gentlemen of the College filled the gallery in full force, and entertained the assembly with the usual humorous songs, witticisms and extravaganzas which constitute the programme on Convocation days in the Colleges of Cambridge and Oxford, and the principal colleges of the United States, Yale, Harvard and Columbia. The performance evinced no lack either of ability or spirit. This is one of the traditional usages of the youth at British Colleges, and is considered a part of the freedom of the English subject as it exhibits itself in College life.

The Chancellor, whose personal ability and honourable social position would grace the highest offices, delivered an eloquent address of moderate length. He said "he was gratified to witness on this occasion the largest assemblage of friends that he had ever seen on Convocation Day; showing an increase of interest and confidence in the College. He was glad also to observe an increase in the number of the freshmen entering the College this year.

He would remark that there had been an enlargement of the Curriculum as far as the College Council had possessed the means of enlargement.

It would afford pleasure to the friends of the College to know that the Scientific Department of the College had been recently much improved, and it would shortly receive a large gift of valuable Scientific apparatus.

The college, he said, had done good work in the past; the Graduates would compare favorably with those of any other College in the Country. The young men who had gone out from the College to embark in the several professions had creditably sustained the honor of the College. Yet the institution was but young and would need enlargement. A movement had been commenced some time ago to endeavour to increase the number of Professorships in the College. This end would be attained as the College acquired the means to accomplish it.

He then addressed the Provost, welcoming him again amongst us, and congratulating the College upon having him once more in his old place, even though it should be but for a short time. It must be to them always an unequalled pleasure to have him with them—though but briefly—him who had been their first and only Provost as yet, him whose whole professional career had been bound up with the life of the College. This sentiment was received with most enthusiastic and prolonged cheering, by the students of the College.

The Chancellor finally addressed his Lordship, Bishop Sweatman, soliciting from him the same earnest and faithful patronage of the College which his predecessors in the Episcopal office had always given.

This concluded the Chancellor's address, which was very warmly applauded by the young gentlemen of the College.