

this their sorrow, and may from henceforward enjoy long life and prosperity, and that no more wasting nor destruction should be heard within their borders, and that Her Majesty with her princes and councilors may be exalted and their kingdom established forever. May the Almighty bless and comfort her and all the royal family and fulfil in them that which is written, "As one whom his mother comforteth so will I comfort you, and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem," and may our eyes see and our hearts rejoice in the building of our holy and beautiful house. So be it. Amen

Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL. *St. Margaret's Home.*—The report of St. Margaret's Home for the year ending Dec. 31, 1891, has been issued, and is very satisfactory. It states that the donations in money have been double those of any previous year, and the other donations have been most generous. The subscriptions to the building fund have also increased over those of the previous year. While there is a small income from the paying patients, it is necessarily variable, and not nearly adequate for their support, so that the Sisters are largely dependent upon outside aid for carrying on the work. Early in the year the house then occupied, 660 Sherbrooke street, having been sold and being wanted for other purposes, it became necessary to look for other quarters, and, after a long and anxious search, the present dwelling, 104 St. Alexander street, was secured through the kindly interest of the Hon. G. A. Drummond. In the beginning of May the patients were comfortably removed, the difficulty of transporting such helpless sick ones being overcome by the kind assistance of Dr. Kirkpatrick. This necessitated additional expenditure, but the outlay incurred was more than met by a "Butterfly tea" got up by the "Sewing Bee." It is a matter of regret, the report adds, that the home is not large enough or sufficiently financially strong to receive more patients, as the house is invariably full, and applicants have to wait a long time until a vacancy occurs. The year was commenced with a debt of \$607.78, but it had been reduced to \$235 at the close, with the winter's coal account, about \$150, still due. Tabular statements appended to the report show that the donations to the building fund, including \$371.46 on hand at the beginning of the year, have amounted to \$1,066.84, which has been deposited in the bank. On January 1, 1891, there were in the home 16 patients, and there have been admitted during the year 14, making a total of 30. Of these there have died during the year four, and returned to friends seven, leaving 19 in the home on Jan. 1 last.

Boys' Home.—At the monthly meeting of the Anglican city clergy, held in the Synod Hall on March 21, 1892, the Lord Bishop presiding, it was resolved, "that the Lord Bishop and clergy beg to tender their sincere thanks to Ven. Archdeacon Evans and Dr. L. H. Davidson for appearing in their interest in the investigation lately made into the affairs of the Boys' Home, for the trouble they have taken in connection with the investigation, and generally for the admirable manner in which they carried out what was felt both by them and us to be a most unpleasant yet necessary duty."

Mission Services.—Mrs. Baeyertz, an Evangelist from Australia, originally a Jewess, who was converted in the Church of England, has recently been holding a mission in Montreal, which was very largely attended by all sorts and conditions of men. Her addresses, which were delivered with fluency and clearness, embraced among others the following subjects, viz: The 2nd Advent, the Judgment, the Passover, the Day of Atonement, and Personal Holiness. Mrs. Baeyertz leaves for England, via New York, 13th April, per S. S. Teutonic.

Palestine Exploration.—Rev. Canon Roberts, R. N., addressed a large audience at St. George's Church Hall on March 14. The Lord Bishop was present, and the Dean was chairman; the lecturer had a good array of maps and diagrams to illustrate the subject. Among the results of the Society, 440 places mentioned in the Bible had been identified. The diagram showing the place of the crucifixion is most impressive; first, Golgotha, or a place of a skull (from its appearance and likeness); then the city wall is shown in the diagram to be in the relative position of the shoulders of the body, and lower down is the great quarry, from which the huge stones of the temple were hewn, weighing from 80 to 100 tons, where might be seen

(the lecturer pointed out), a combined emblem of the crucified one whose side was pierced for us:

"Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee."

And hence was the temple built, the Church of Christ. The lecture was of the greatest interest, and was listened to with much attention and appreciation. Principal Henderson moving and Rev. Mr. Tucker seconding a cordial vote of thanks to Commissioner Roberts for his capital lecture and diagrams. The reverend gentleman has been appointed secretary of the Palestine Exploration Society. Address, Hudson, P. Q.

ONTARIO.

ARNHEM. The Ven. Archdeacon Lauder, Commissary to the Lord Bishop, having appointed the Rev. A. H. Coleman, M.A., rector of Richmond, to the charge of this parish, he was formally inducted by Rural Dean Bliss, on the evening of March 17th, in the presence of a congregation that filled the church. The Rev. C. T. Lewis, mission priest of Calabogie, read the lessons, and the Rural Dean preached an appropriate sermon. The service was very impressive, and highly appreciated by the congregation, the remark being made that it was a great contrast to the prevalent custom of allowing the clergyman to enter upon his duties without any formal introduction. The following morning there was a celebration of the Holy Communion, at which thirty or forty joined with their pastor in this, his first celebration amongst them.

The Bishopric of Jerusalem.—Bishop Blyth has asked assistance from the Canadian Church towards his work in Palestine. I beg respectfully to recommend the clergy to ask for offerings in their churches on Good Friday, in behalf of the Jerusalem Bishopric Fund, which is worthy of the sympathy and support of all earnest Churchmen.

J. S. LAUDER,
Commissary of Bishop of Ontario.

WESTPORT.—The children's guild of St. Alban's Church, Ottawa, have presented a very fine marble font to St. Paul's Church. It is a very good piece of work, and the Anglican community of Westport feel very proud of the new addition to their beautiful church. The font was used for the first time last Sunday morning, when two adults and two infants received the holy sacrament of baptism in the presence of a large congregation.

The Bishop of Ontario and Mrs. Lewis were in Egypt still at last advices. They have secured passage for Canada from Liverpool for the first week in May.

CALABOGIE MISSION.—This newly formed mission has just received its first official visit from the Rural Dean; in fact it is the very first occasion that a Rural Dean has ever visited the outlying stations. It was only in June last that this district was set apart by the Bishop as a new mission field and a resident clergyman appointed in charge. To a great extent it was a venture of faith. The Rev. Charles T. Lewis was licensed to this mission, and took up his headquarters at Calabogie. Scarcely had a week elapsed before a tour of inspection throughout the mission was commenced. The outlook was by no means bright, nor was it in any way encouraging at first. The long distances and horrible roads only tended to give it a blacker aspect. However, nothing daunted, the missionary, with prayer and perseverance, laboured on, trying by God's help to do his duty faithfully.

What is the state of affairs now after nine months' labours? The Rural Dean upon his arrival recently found that the work accomplished by the mission priest was: Three permanently established congregations, and several for occasional services; one church completed, and another being commenced; and in addition to this sixteen persons having been presented for confirmation in October last, and who received the Apostolic rite at the hands of the Bishop of Niagara, acting on behalf of the Bishop of Ontario. The Rural Dean was extremely gratified at finding so much done and such manifest signs of life existing throughout the mission—not only at headquarters, but at distant outposts also.

The Rev. Forster Bliss, R.D., began his visitation by addressing the people in St. Mary's, Calabogie, on Sunday, March 13th. Notwithstanding the severity and stormy character of the weather then prevailing, there were large congregations both morning and evening. The offertories were on behalf of the Mission Fund. Intense interest was taken in the straightforward, plain, and earnest appeal made to the people by the Rural Dean in his addresses setting forth the work of the Church at large and in this particular district. The utilization and the requirements of the Mission Fund were ably set

forth. The people were very much impressed with the clear and practical way in which the Rural Dean presented the wants of the clergy in the way of support and of larger offerings for the Mission Fund.

Next day the Rural Dean drove around from house to house visiting all the families attached to St. Mary's congregation. He received a very hearty welcome, and it was indeed surprising to observe the cheerful readiness with which the people signed the subscription list for the priest's stipend. The response was far larger than even anticipated.

The remainder of the week was taken up in visiting outlying posts and holding services thereat. The trip was not undertaken without much personal inconvenience. Through the kindness of one of the church-wardens, the mission priest secured the loan of an additional horse to drive with his own. The two horses having been harnessed, were attached to a home-made wooden sleigh—called an "operngo cutter," but generally known as a "jumper"—and away they started for Dacre and Newfoundland. It was with the greatest difficulty that the first seven miles were travelled. Time after time were the horses up to their haunches in deep snow. In places the snow blockade was most formidable. The horses (both young and spirited) acted admirably well. As they proceeded on their journey the roads began to improve. By evening twenty miles had been accomplished and a halt made for the night. Next morning, the horses refreshed, another start was made. An hour's drive and the foot of the mountain was reached, leading up to Newfoundland.

Within half an hour the log house was reached wherein service is held for the Esmond congregation. The settler and his family came out and gave the Rural Dean a most cordial welcome. Dinner was quickly provided in the kitchen. This repast being over, the tables were cleared (and subsequently taken out of the house altogether) and preparations were quickly made for the service. Seats were provided in the way of lumber placed on boxes. Shortly the sleighs began to arrive, bringing with them men and women to the service. The kitchen soon became inconveniently full. The greatest reverence and rapt attention prevailed throughout the service, which was both bright and hearty. Prayers were said by the Rev. Charles T. Lewis, who also led the singing. A very interesting and plain address was then given by the Rural Dean, who explained the object of his visit. He congratulated the people attached to this congregation for their zeal in commencing to build a church. After the conclusion of the service the Rural Dean sat behind a table with the subscription list, ready to receive names. It was exceedingly pleasing to observe the prompt response of the people in coming forward to sign the subscription list. One by one they came forward (young men and young women as well as heads of families) and went up to the table where the Rural Dean was sitting, and signed for various amounts towards the clergyman's stipend. Whilst the congregation was dispersing busy hands were getting tea ready before the departure of the clergy. The horses were not forgotten. After bidding adieu another start was made. It did not take very long in descending the mountain, and when the valley was reached the horses made good speed. Dacre was reached in ample time for service in the school-house at 7.30 p.m. Here the congregation was cosmopolitan, consisting of members of the Church of England, Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists. The singing was most hearty. Another able address was given by the Rural Dean, who gave a brief historical resume of the advance of the Church during the last hundred years in Canada. The subject was treated carefully, and though plain and to the point, gave no offence to those present belonging to other denominations. The offertory on behalf of the Mission Fund was very good indeed. After service a similar scene was witnessed as at Esmond—many coming forward to sign the subscription for clergyman's stipend. Both at Esmond and Dacre the amounts promised towards priest's support were larger than ever anticipated.

These last two services were the first missionary meetings ever held in these backwood townships. The last service was over by 9 p.m., but not the travelling. Another 41 miles had yet to be traversed before noon next day, in order that the Rural Dean might be present to induct a newly appointed rector to an adjacent parish. The night was clear and frosty and the horses keen and fresh; the thermometer registered many degrees below zero. About 10.30 p.m., the moon having risen, another start was made. The bells rang out merrily as the "jumper" crunched along the crisp hard snow. Away went the horses up and down hill, slackening their pace every now and again upon entering canals cut through the deep snow; whilst in these the horses were, in places, completely hidden from view without. By midnight nine miles had been travelled. Shortly before 2 a.m. the village of Renfrew was sighted, and then in a short time the stopping place was reached and the horses quickly stabled. The Rural Dean, with icicles covering his beard, resembled the proverbial "Santa