

views of doctrine, which have perhaps, only lately suggested themselves to our own minds.

—*The Bishop of Argyle.*

#### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We must again ask our friends to write on one side of the paper only, and to avoid sending us letters written on the back of circus posters. We have one before us that, if laid ready for work upon by the printer, would cover nearly half the type boxes in use, and thus compel him to lift the MS. at every word. The writing is so obscured by the display printing on the other side as to be almost illegible. It is not fair to send us paragraphs and letters that we cannot read without straining the eyes. It is thoughtless cruelty to send MS. that a compositor cannot read without intense irritation and obnoxious comments on his tormentor. Had Job been editor of a Church paper or a type setter thereon he would never have had a reputation for patience. The good man is merciful to his beast, surely we editors and printers have some claim upon the compassionate regard of our fellow christians. We beg then, our friends, to write on clean, white paper, however common its quality, to write on one side only, to write as plainly as they can, to re-write portions that are interlined, to use sheets about the size of note paper, and to be as brief as possible.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

Many accounts of the first settlers in Canada have been given to us, describing their condition in life in the "Old Country," and that in which they found themselves in the new. The sudden change of all their surroundings, both temporal and spiritual, the old passing away for ever, leaving its traces in myriad historic forms, the new standing on the threshold of the future pregnant with lore to fill the historic page. Even now, before a century has passed, traditions come down from Canadian pioneer life impatiently awaiting the skilled brain of the good novelist, and the soaring spirit of the poet, whilst one's shelves begin to feel the weight of the all too meagrely written history of our youthful country. Brave and noble have been the lives of our pioneers as they plodded hard to make a living for themselves, and to carve out homesteads for their children.

Amongst the best of our pioneers stands out in bold relief the late Mrs. Robert McGinlay, of the third line of Fitzroy. She came to Canada about 75 years ago. Born in Ireland of parents true and honest in their own lives, because of the virtue which sustained them in their effort to be true to God and the King, she was in every sense a helpmeet for her husband, who preceded her to Paradise by some 28 years; often with loving self-denial aiding him in work not meant for women. She raised a large family, teaching them by word and deed that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," as she strove daily to do her duty towards God and her neighbor. For many years she was deprived of the fostering care of her mother, the Church, yet she remained steadfast and true, being too well taught and too deeply rooted in Divine truth to be "carried about with every wind of doctrine." The day which saw the arrival of the first ambassador of Christ to take up his permanent abode, was one of greatest joy to her. Ever to the front in helping on God's work, she was ready to lay her offerings at the Master's feet for building churches to His honor, and houses for the greater comfort of His priests. With willing heart she did her part in maintaining the services of the sanctuary, and in "strengthening the stakes and lengthening the cords" of the Church she loved so well. The poor and needy were not forgotten. The writer of this brief account will ever bear in memory the reverent consideration she had for him as her minister for many years, and the loving hospitality she extended to him and his for several months after the destruction by fire of the parsonage, whilst her frequent offerings proved the readiness with which she had learnt to sacrifice her worldly goods in grateful acknowledgment of

"spiritual things." Always in her place at church, joining in prayer and praise, she was mindful of the great command "Do this in remembrance of Me." Awed by His Presence she bowed before the Holy Altar, as she stretched forth her hands to receive the life-giving sacrament. She abhorred parade both in religion and worldly business. In every sense a religious woman, she would frequently withdraw to her room for meditation and prayer, making the midday hour one of those refreshing seasons. Last Feast of the Ascension found her in her parish church at the early seven o'clock celebration of the Divine mysteries, as was meet for one who at the ripe old age of 88, was waiting to sing her "Nunc Dimittis." So at last the 27th day of August dawned upon the earth, bringing the light of the sun, lighting up her venerable and calm but tenantless form, now waiting the last offices of mother Church, whilst the light of the sun of righteousness shone on the faithful and unfettered soul, now numbered amongst "the spirits of just men made perfect." Members assisted in showing due respect to the sacred remains, as they were lovingly committed "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life."

Their hearts brimmed full with requiescants, whilst the prayer went forth from the lips as well as the heart, that the time might soon come when the fulness of the elect should be gathered in. With regard to our dear sister we may sum up the manner of her daily life in the words of the poet:

"I would not see but in Thy sight,  
I would not walk but in Thy light,  
Or work a work, or speak a word,  
Or think a thought without my Lord."

Whilst her friends and especially her children left behind "Will rise up and call her blessed."

#### DEATH OF DR. NELLES.

We record with deep sorrow the death of the Rev. Dr. Nelles, of Victoria University. To the Wesleyan body the loss is irreparable. Men like our departed friend are few in any land. In Canada he stood high in honour in the front rank of our honourable men. Dr. Nelles was to the last a student, his mind being drawn chiefly to mental and moral philosophy, which have an unending fascination to all intellects of a higher class. Like most deep thinkers he was rich in humour, and his most serious thoughts were tinged with the light of a refined imagination. But Dr. Nelles, strong in brain, was stronger in the higher gifts of the spiritual nature, he challenged the reverence and love of all to whom his nobility of soul was revealed. His sincere good will to the Church of his fathers was no secret. We believe that the Catholic Church of England excited in his heart yearnings that, had he been born later, would have led him to throw in his lot with us. His advice to churchmen given at a public gathering at Trinity College was that of a wise, large-hearted, statesman-like Christian. He there strongly condemned division in educational work; this brought upon him the lash of party zealots, which however we heard him laugh at in his quiet, gentle way as too insignificant for serious notice.

While memory holds its seat in those who knew Dr. Nelles his will ever be fragrant with love. The bereaved family have our sincerest sympathy.

### Home & Foreign Church News.

From our own Correspondents.

#### DOMINION.

##### MONTREAL.

*St. George's Church.*—The general meeting of all the societies in connection with woman's work was held in St. George's school room. Dean Carmichael presided over a largely attended meeting and made the following appointments to office in the different societies:—

District Visitors' Society—Treasurer, Mrs. Carmichael; secretary, Miss Janey S. Evans; visitors, Mrs. Mackay, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. C. D. Day, Mrs. Denoon, Miss Evans.

The Dorcas Society—Directress, Mrs. Carmichael; treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Downes; secretary, Miss Evans; collectors, Miss Crawford, Miss Evaleen Smith, Miss

White, Miss Forbes, Miss Ramsay, Miss Alice McDonald, Miss Alice Mills, Miss Hill, Miss Lindley, Miss Muir.

Mother's meeting—Committee, Mrs. S. H. Evans, directress, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Springle, Mrs. Swan, Miss Bickley, Miss Walklate.

Provident Fund—Secretary, Miss Bickley, treasurer, Mrs. L. T. Skelton.

Band of Hope—Manager, Mrs. Albert Holden; secretary, Miss Ada C. Clark; treasurer, Mrs. MacNab; committee, Mrs. Neild, Mrs. Lilly, Mrs. Symons, Miss Macdonnell, Miss Ada Bickley, Miss Ferguson, Miss Lamplough, Miss Alice Clark, Miss Yarker.

Young Ladies' Missionary Society—President, Mrs. Carmichael; manager, Miss Durnford; secretary, treasurer, Miss Cole.

Industrial School—Managers, Mrs. C. D. Day and Mrs. Adams; committee, Miss Daley, Miss L. Williams, Miss S. Williams, Miss M. Shepherd, Mrs. McPherson, Miss Ada Bickley, Miss Bond, Mrs. Esdaile. Girls' Friendly Society—Parochial secretary, Mrs. L. T. Skelton; working associates, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Skelton, Mrs. Parnell, Miss A. Williams, Miss McDonald, Miss Freddy, Miss Skelton, Miss S. Williams.

Mrs. G. F. C. Smith, Mrs. Bond, and Mrs. Binmore were added to the list of honorary associates.

The Dean stated that all the societies opened their year's work free of debt and each with a fair balance in favor to begin work on.

#### ONTARIO.

*Deseronto.*—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, the services in connection with the opening of the above place of worship took place and may be said to have been of a very successful character. The morning service with special collects, psalms, etc., was conducted by the Rev. Rural Dean Stanton, B.A., Rector, the special lessons being read by the Rev. Robert Atkinson, Curate. A very eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. Rural Dean Carey, of Kingston, who took for his text, Genesis, xxviii. 16, 17.

He especially referred to the valuable services of Mr. Godfrey Colp, and Mr. George Field. He thanked them in the name of the diocese for having erected one of the most handsome churches in the whole diocese of Ontario. Holy Communion was then administered and there was a large number of communicants. The evening service was conducted by the Rev. Robert Atkinson, assisted by the Rev. Rural Dean Stanton, and the Rev. G. A. Anderson. The Rev. Rural Dean Carey preached a very impressive sermon from Psalm xxvii. 4. Both the services were largely attended, especially in the evening, when the sacred edifice was crowded. Much praise should be bestowed upon the organist, Mr. E. A. Rixen, and choir for the very effective manner in which they performed the musical portion of the service.

The church is Gothic in design and substantially built of stone, is 54 ft. long and 32 ft. wide, and will contain sitting accommodation for 300 people. It presents a handsome appearance, situated as it is on a high eminence, from which it commands a splendid view of the surrounding scenery. The windows and arches are plain, but decidedly Gothic, and the roof is high pitched with windows of Flemish style in design. The interior is very comfortable and cheerful, the roof presenting a fine appearance, being suitably stained with oil and the four windows looking remarkably well. There are three handsome memorial windows, the first of which is dedicated to the memory of Florence Gertrude Adams, daughter of W. G. and Minnie Egar, who died Sept. 20th, 1875, aged 8 months, and represents a lamb guarded by the pastoral staff with the words of our Lord, "For of such is the kingdom of heaven." The second contains the name of Elizabeth Naylor, and represents the baptismal font, and states that Mrs. Naylor died on June, 19th, 1874, aged 84 years. The third window, also very chaste in design, was presented by Mr. Geo. Stanhope and several friends in memory of their loved ones. We understand that several other memorial windows will shortly be put in. The altar arrangements were designed and carried out by Mr. Geo. Field, and reflect much credit upon that gentleman's skill and workmanship. Mr. Field has very efficiently served as architect and clerk of the works. The work of the completion of the upper part of the church has been carried out by Messrs. G. Smith, of Deseronto, and Longman, of Napanee, plasterers, and A. Oliver, joiner. The total cost thus far has been \$6,000. The present debt on the church is about \$800. Total amount realised by Sunday offerings and proceeds of socials, was \$110. It is the intention of the ladies of the Guild to hold monthly reunions during the winter months.

*Barrie Field.*—The annual harvest thanksgiving service was held in this church on Sunday, Oct. 2nd. The building was beautifully decorated with grain, fruit and flowers, and the service was very hearty.