

and I will sing with the understanding also."—1 Cor. xiv. 15. The apostle makes no distinction, and evidently assumes that forms may be used in both cases.

But there is no need to depend on grounds of reason alone—we have both precept and example in the Holy Scripture for the use of forms, abundant, clear and direct. Under the old dispensation the public services were wholly liturgical, *i.e.*, according to fixed forms. This is now universally granted—even private prayers were according to forms, as Edersheim and other recent writers on Jewish customs clearly show. Our Lord regularly attended the Temple service, He never objected either to its ritual or to the forms in use, nor did He ever hint that any other supposed simpler or freer way of worship would be set up by Himself or His Apostles. As a matter of fact we know that no change was made in the mode of prayer and praise. Animal sacrifices came to an end when the one Great Sacrifice was offered; the ceremonial observances of the law which our Lord fulfilled in Himself ceased when He had fulfilled them; but public prayer or praise He did not alter nor abolish. He added one service—the memorial sacrifice of His Death and Passion, the Holy Eucharist, to be used as a continual remembrance of that one atoning Sacrifice, which the burnt offerings and oblations under the law had continuously forshorn—a service from its very nature requiring a special form of administration; and the earliest Prayer-books we have are all forms for the celebration of the Holy Communion. Again, our Lord Himself lays down a condition of acceptable public worship, which would be wholly impracticable unless forms of prayer were used. We often hear His gracious promise quoted, "Where two or three are gathered together in My name there am I in the midst of them;" but the teaching of the preceding verse is seldom noticed, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven."—St. Matt. xviii. 19. And no two persons could agree on any matter without considering it beforehand. They must know what they are to ask for before they ask it, and this supposes an agreement as to the words and the form in which they are to present their petitions.—G. B. A. in the *Scottish Guardian*.

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Home & Foreign Church News.

From our own Correspondents.

DOMINION.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia will meet in Halifax on the 6th day of July next to elect a successor to the late Bishop.

MONTREAL.

Christ Church Cathedral.—The long promised and often deferred introduction of a surpliced choir is at last a reality in this Church, to the great satisfaction

of all the earnest members of the congregation. As soon as the organization of the choir is perfected there will be nearly fifty men and boys, and an auxiliary choir of thirty ladies. Such a choir body of singers under the direction of their zealous choir-master, Professor Couture, who is an earnest member of the Church, should render fully and religiously the master pieces of our grand old cathedral services.

The annual picnic given by the temperance school of the Cathedral Band of Hope on Saturday 1st, was in every sense a complete success. All met at the Synod Hall at 11 30, where busses were waiting to take them to the grounds of the Athletic Club House company at Cote des Niegues, and a lovelier and more fitting spot for a picnic could not have been made choice of. The caretaker was most obliging, and invited the teachers to go over the club house, which is a very fine building, beautifully kept and replete with comfort. After doing full justice to an excellent repast, the young people amused themselves in various ways until the excitement of the races commenced. The successful competitors were:—Mabel Berry, Nellie Spiers, Maud Terriot, Annie Jacobsen, Edith Maguire, Lydia Morrison, John McHarg, Fred Phillips, Frank Lessier. The prizes were then given, after which the youngsters were treated to a generous supply of cake and lemonade, and then all took their seats in the 'busses, and thus was brought to its close a day which will long be remembered with pleasure by the members of the temperance school of the Cathedral Band of Hope.

The members of the Church in this city are very much afraid that they may soon lose Canon Norman. His name is constantly before the public as the possible successor of the late Bishop Binney. He has all the qualifications necessary to make him a large minded prelate, with intense devotion to the Church which he so faithfully served all these years. This diocese can ill afford to lose his services at this critical period.

Trinity Church.—On Trinity Sunday, his Lordship Bishop Bond held an ordination in this Church. The assisting priests were Rev. J. F. Renaud, Canon Simpson, and Canon Mills, the Rector. His Lordship, choosing as his text 1 Corinthians iii. 10, "According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon," preached therefrom an earnest sermon, in which the duties and offices of those who sought to be admitted to the diaconate or priesthood were clearly set forth, as was also the necessity of such orders in the Christian Church, and the obligations of the people towards their minister, to whom their salvation was entrusted, was commented upon. The following were ordained to the priesthood:—James Senior, Wm. Sander, B.A.; N. A. Fitzroy Bourne, Geo. Forsey, Nelson P. Yates, and Jean Roy. The following were made deacons:—G. Smith, R. B. O'Sullivan, W. Harris, and N. A. Meek. Rev. Mr. Forsey was formerly a Wesleyan Methodist minister and is now serving very acceptably to the Church in the parish of Cowansville. Mr. G. Smith, who passed the best examination, is a graduate of Bishop's College, Lennoxville. The examinations took place three or four weeks before the time of the ordination. This plan now adopted in many English dioceses, although inconvenient to Candidates living at a distance, has many advantages, and might profitably be introduced generally in the Church.

St. George's Church.—The annual meeting to receive and read the reports of the various parochial societies connected with woman's work, was held in St. George's school-house last week, the Very Rev. Dean Carmichael in the chair. The meeting was opened with singing and prayer, and the Dean read the reports in the order of the age of each society.

The District Visiting society, which has lived a life of careful, yet generous liberality for forty-nine years, reported, through Miss Janey Evans, the parish as divided into eight districts, under eight lady visitors. During the year the poor were regularly visited, all real cases of distress met, the pensioners of the church were comfortably provided for, and the sick, as far as possible, attended to, thanks to the continued kindness of Dr. Molson. The income of the society from sacramental and special offertories amounted to \$1,200.69, the expenditure to \$988.06, leaving a balance to continue the work through summer of \$212.62.

The Dorcas Society, which provides clothing for the poor, reported, through Miss Evans, thirty members, meeting for work from October till Lent, an income of \$281 and a balance of \$188 to carry on the

work till next meeting. Thanks were given to the subscribers, Mrs. Mackay, Mrs. Gilmour and Geo. Nield for donations. This society has been in unbroken existence for forty-seven years.

The mother's meeting, which aims at relieving the Dorcas of all cases able in a measure to help themselves, by purchasing material at reduced prices, and doing the work either at home or at the meetings, reported, through Miss Beckley, an increase of funds through the Provident fund, and the general prosperity of the work. Receipts, \$199.27; balance to credit, \$31.59. Thanks were given to Miss Lizzie Evans and Mrs. Harrison for giving the Bible lesson at each meeting.

The Provident fund, which endeavors to promote habits of saving amongst the poorer members, reported, through Mrs. L. J. Skelton, the amount deposited with interest accrued at \$100.

The Band of Hope, under the management of Mrs. Albert Holden, assisted by ten ladies, reported through Miss Ada C. Clark, a large increase in the roll, an average attendance of eighty-four children at the weekly meetings. A series of instructive addresses suited to children, by the manager, Mrs. Albert Holden, and creditable compositions by some of the boys and girls on the subject of temperance. This society, which has been in existence for fourteen years, and has since its formation taken over 2,000 pledges from children, confines its membership to boys and girls, each member ceasing to be counted as such when passed the years of childhood. The income amounted to \$25.33, and the balance in hand \$5.80.

The Young Ladies' Missionary society, under the management of Miss Durnford, reported the funds placed at their disposal by the dean as amply sufficient for all needs, and also a marked increase in membership. During the winter ten boxes of clothing and other useful articles were sent to the families of missionaries, seven to missionaries in the diocese of Montreal and three to Algoma. The receipts for the year amounted to \$141.20, expenditure \$125.41, balance to credit \$15.79. The dean stated that he had money in hand to add to this balance when the society resumed work.

The Industrial school.—This society, under the management of Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. Adams, meets each Saturday to teach young children sewing and other useful household arts. The attendance this year was larger than any of the past years.

The Girls' Friendly society, under the management of Mrs. L. J. Skelton and ten working associates, reported twenty-four members and three probationers. The meetings were well attended all through the winter and work done by the members for the diocese of Algoma. The receipts for the year amounted to \$59.45, expenses \$36.69; balance to credit \$22.76.

After the reports were read, the Dean stated how thankful he was to read the record of woman's work done in the parish, and above all to find that every society had, after paying all debts, a balance of cash on hand.

The Rev. Mr. Tucker also expressed his satisfaction at the work done, and spoke of wider fields of usefulness in the future. The total amount of money accounted for was \$2,005.

ONTARIO.

OTTAWA.—Handsomely done. At the regular monthly meeting of the Ottawa Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Association, the committee appointed to solicit contributions towards 'The Jubilee Thanksgiving offering to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of Algoma,' presented their report which showed a total amount of \$300.

BAY OF QUINTE CLERICAL UNION.—The meeting of this Clerical Association, which took place this week in Napanee, was in all respects highly successful. There was an unusually large attendance of the members from the district, which extends from Kingston to Trenton, the chief interest on this occasion arising from the presence of the Provost of Trinity College, on the invitation of the Archdeacon. The union met in the school room of St. Mary Magdalene's church on Tuesday, and that day was devoted chiefly to a discussion of the prospects and development of the University, of which the Provost is the Principal. It is well known that since the arrival of so distinguished a scholar and divine as Dr. Boddy, one of the most eminent of young Cambridge Fellows, there has been new life and vigor infused into Trinity College, and both students and funds have steadily increased. He is evidently one of those men who can inspire enthusiasm into the minds of others, and this country is fortunate in having the benefit of his leadership in the important matter of higher education. On Tuesday evening there was a full choral service in the church, and those who were absent missed a spiritual and intellectual treat in the two addresses delivered by the Provost and by the Rev. J. W. Burke, Rector of Belle-