

THE CANADIAN CHURCHMAN.

"Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the Old Paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."
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COMMON PLACE BOOK.

THE ANGEL'S BRIDGE.

When'er a rainbow slept along the sky,
 The thoughtful child expected Angel bands
 Would glide along its gorgeous path of light,
 With half furled wings and meekly folded hands

For he had dreamed the rainbow was a bridge,
 On which came bright ones from the far off shore—

A strange and pleasant dream—but he believed—
 And his young heart with love's sweet faith ran o'er.

How full of dreamy hopefulness his face,
 How many tender welcomes filled his eyes,
 When for celestial visitants he watched,
 In mute and holy converse with the skies.

The saintly child grew wan and weak:
 And as he lay upon the bed of pain,
 One day of storm, he only gently said,
 "When will the 'Angel Bridge' reach down again?"

In musie, trance while gazing on the clouds,
 A flood of sunlight lit the humid air,
 And springing forth as if from God's own arms,
 A lustrous rainbow shone divinely there.

A tender smile played o'er the child's pale lips—
 "Down the bright arch the white-robed Angels come,

O, see their shining pinions!—their sweet eyes!
 He said—and 'mid their soft embraces, floated home.

PARTAKING OF CHRIST.

CHRIST having Adam's nature, as we have, but incorrupt, deriveth not nature but incorruption, and that immediately from His own Person, into all that belong unto Him. As, therefore, we are really partakers of the body of sin and death, received from Adam; so except we be truly partakers of Christ, and as really possessed of His Spirit, all we speak of eternal life is but a dream. That which quickeneth us is the Spirit of the Second Adam, and his flesh that wherewith the quickeneth.—Hooker.

DEVOTION.

A devoted heart is like a warm spring gushing through an iceberg. As the spring melts its way through the ice, so the spirit of zealous piety bursts through all opposition and worldliness, and pours out streams of holy and permanent influence on the world at large.

COME TO CHRIST.

Go, become Christ's disciple: every one who wishes is permitted; every one's past sins are forgiven from the moment that he resolves to conform to the precepts and example of his Saviour. He hath said, "Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out." Him that cometh to Me in humility and patience, I will in no wise cast out. In no wise, in no resentment of any crimes, not even of blasphemy and infidelity previous to his coming, will I exclude from the light of My doctrine, from the benefits of My Atonement, from the glories of My kingdom.—Bishop Horsley.

MAN'S NATURAL UNDERSTANDING.

Man's natural understanding is so darkened that he can see nothing of God in God, nothing of holiness in holiness, nothing of good in good, nothing of evil in evil, nor anything of sinfulness in sin. Nay, it is so darkened that he fancies himself to see good in evil, and evil in good, happiness in sin, and misery in holiness.—Bp. Beveridge.

DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY.

He that goes about to speak of the mysteries of the Trinity, and does it by words and names of man's invention, talking of essences and existences, hypostases and personalities, &c. may amuse himself, and build a tabernacle in his head, and talk something, he knows not what; but the good man, who feels the power of the Father, and to whom the Son has become wisdom, and sanctification, and redemption, in whose heart the

Spirit of God is shed abroad,—this man, though he understands nothing of what is unintelligible, yet he alone understands the doctrine of the Trinity.—Jeremy Taylor.

A RARE OCCURRENCE.

A learned clergyman in Vermont was accosted in the following manner by an illiterate preacher who despised education.

"Sir, you have been to college, I suppose?"

"Yes, sir," was the reply.

"I am thankful," rejoined the former, "that the Lord has opened my mouth to preach without any learning."

"A similar event," replied the latter, "occurred in Balaam's time; but such things are of rare occurrence at the present day."

Colonial News.

At a meeting of the Senate of the University of Toronto, held on Saturday last, a list of three candidates for the Professorship of English History was submitted for the decision of the Government. The candidates are the Rev. Henry Esson, Mr. Robertson of the Normal School, and Dr. Andrew Wilson, of Edinburgh.

On Tuesday morning last, as the stage running between this city and St. Catharines was within a few miles of the village of Stoney Creek, one of the wheels suddenly got into a mud hole by which the driver was pitched off and thrown under the wheels, which passed over both his legs, one of which was broken. The driver taking out his handkerchief tied his leg up, and getting on to his box again, drove the horses to Hamilton, and after delivering up his charge, took them round to the stables. He was there assisted down, put to bed and medical aid sent for, and we are happy to say is doing well. The driver's name is Richard Waters.—Hamilton Gazette.

The Cornwall Freeholder says that Mr. James Macdonell, a highly respected inhabitant in the neighbourhood of St. Andrews, who was making some repairs in his mill on the 27th ult., was found by some persons stretched on the floor in a pool of blood. Assistance was immediately given but too late. On examination it was found that a small wound had been inflicted on the inside of the right knee.

About eight o'clock on Tuesday evening last, the Planing Mill and Factory on Hatt-street Dundas, belonging to Mr. King and rented by Mr. Hawkins, was discovered to be on fire; and in about half an hour totally consumed. The firemen were on the ground in a few seconds after the alarm was given, and water was in abundance both in and about the mill, yet so rapid was the progress of the flames, that nothing could be done to save any part of the property, and it was only by the utmost exertions that Mr. Patterson's Fanning Mill Shop, and Mr. King's dwelling house adjoining were saved. Both Mr. King and Mr. Hawkins are insured in the "Gore Mutual" for \$1000 and \$600 respectively. The loss is estimated at \$3,500.—Dundas Warbler.

Mr. Morin, an employe in the Crown Lands department, has been sent to France to be employed in copying old plans and charts relating to this country.

The branch line of the Grand Trunk Telegraph Company from Hamilton to Galt, was completed on Thursday last, and communication between the two places was immediately opened.

BURNING OF THE MESSRS. STEVENSON'S TANNERY, NOTTAWASSAGA.—We regret to learn that the tannery of Messrs. J. and M. Stevenson, Nottawassaga, has been destroyed by fire. A large quantity of leather in the pits, and a larger quantity of green hides shared the fate of the building. Already have the indefatigable sufferers, to whose enterprise the neighbourhood is much indebted, commenced to rebuild, and their establishment will soon be again in order. Unfortunately there was no insurance on the tannery.

The Oshawa Freeman states that the schooner Lord Durham, loaded with wheat, flour and barley, went ashore a few miles from Long Point. Hopes are entertained of her being got off.

The ship Yorkshire, which left Quebec on the 11th of November, was wrecked at Matane.

Small pox seems to be prevailing at Kingston. The News reports some distressing cases—aggravated by poverty, and improper treatment.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Collections made in the several Churches, Chapels, and Missionary Stations, in the Diocese, towards the support of the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy of this Diocese, appointed for the 16th Sunday after Trinity.

Previously announced in Canadian Churchman, Vol. I. No. 19.....£260 19 6
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NOTICE.

The Secretary of the Church Society, Diocese of Toronto, Takes this method of notifying the Clergy, that he has caused packages of last year's Reports to be sent to such of them as have established local branches. At page 58 will be found a list of life Members and Incorporated Members. The Secretary is aware that the latter is very imperfect, and respectfully solicits, especially from the Clergy, and Secretaries of branches, assistance in correcting it. This would be comparatively an easy task, if each clergyman would, with the Secretary of his Branch, scrutinize the list, and forward to the Secretary at Toronto such information as they possess. In some cases it will be found that the names of parties deceased continue on the list, and the names of others who are entitled to the privilege have been omitted; some who were contributors may have ceased to contribute the stipulated amount. It is most desirable that a correct list, with the Post Office address opposite to each name, should be hung up in the Board Room of the Society, as a reference, if at any time a doubt should exist as to the right of a person to record his vote. Such a list the Secretary, hopes to be enabled to publish before the 1st February. Those who were annual subscribers of 25s. previous to 1844, and have continued to be so, are incorporated members, but since 1844, the mere subscription did not entitle the donor to be placed on the list, as the Act of Incorporation requires in addition that they should be proposed and balloted for, and it also limits the number so to be elected to 300.

THOMAS S. KENNEDY, Secretary.

IRELAND.

VISIT TO OUGHTERARD.

The society for Irish Church Missions has schools and a number of agents employed among the Roman Catholic population of Galway. There is no place in Connaught that there is more excitement and inquiry on the subject of religion than at Oughterard. As a stranger passes through the village he is at once struck with a conviction that this is controversial ground, for he sees large bills posted at the most prominent places on the differences between Roman Catholics and Protestants. The Roman Catholic Chapel is one of the most prominent buildings in the village, and the attention of a traveler is at once attracted to the number of bills that are posted on the front of it and immediately around its entrance. One of them is an answer to a letter of the Rev Mr O'Callaghan, the Protestant incumbent of the parish; and another an "Address of the Rev M A Kavanagh, PP, to the Catholic inhabitants of the parish respecting the efforts of proselytism. It commences thus, and proceeds—
 "Dearly Beloved Brethren—The Samari-

tan did not ask the Jew to change his religion. But the food—and clothing—and money bribe are presented to you. They are held up to your view to tempt you—and they are withheld, and taken away, unless you take the fatal jump into the arms of perversion."

"1st—As you meet them in the highways you will avoid all conversation with them, and even to mark our horror of their purposes you will pass to the side of the road. 2dly—As you see them enter your villages you will call your children to you out of their way, and close your doors against their entrance. 3dly—Should they effect an entrance into your houses, you will use your legal right to put them out. 4thly—Not to take up any book or pamphlet found on the roads or byways through the parish, and to put out of hands immediately any book of heresy that you may accidentally come by, as soon as you notice its character. 5thly—You will regard these unhappy men in every respect as 'ravaging wolves in the clothing of sheep,' and you will use all the measures your concern for your own salvation will suggest to save and protect yourselves.

"I desire to remain, dearly beloved brethren, in the love of Jesus Christ and his blessed mother, your very obedient servant and pastor.

"M. A. KAVANAGH, P P Oughterard."

The Rev Mr O'Callaghan, incumbent, who was formerly a student of Maynooth, is employed, with his assistant and a number of agents, who visit among the people in carrying on the missionary work. By their exertions a number of Roman Catholics have become converts to Protestantism, and are able readily to give their reasons for having left the Church of Rome, and bring arguments from scripture against her doctrines. Mr Kavanagh, in his address, has stated that the converts were bribed. The temporal condition of many of them is certainly improved; but this change in their circumstances has been produced through the influence of the instruction which they had received, teaching them to reflect, to exercise habits of forethought, and to industriously cultivate resources within their reach, but which they did not formerly know how to use with benefit to themselves. Some of the destitute children got a little Indian meal stirabout daily; but this is not considered a bribe by the people, for the food they could obtain in an other way, and they only receive it to enable them to enjoy the benefit of instruction, which they appear to value.

ENGLAND.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE BIRMINGHAM.—We find the following under the head "Important Movement in the Church," in this morning's papers. It relates to an important subject, indeed—one which nearly concerns, and will deeply interest, our readers. Privileges have been granted to this Institution which will be exercised from this day, October the 1st, and which it is supposed will have a considerable effect upon the clerical body throughout the Midland Counties of England. A new department has been added to the College, in which persons who have not been able to avail themselves of an university education may be educated for the ministry, the Bishop of Worcester and the adjacent Diocese having agreed to accept such persons as candidates for holy orders, without having recourse to a degree at Oxford or Cambridge. Graduates of Oxford and Cambridge will also be admitted for a brief space prior to their admission into holy orders. The expense for students is not to exceed £60 per annum; and only two year's residence is required to enable a student to present himself to the Bishop for Ordination. The department is to be placed under the care of the Rev. Horace F. Grey, to be styled "Professor of Pastoral Divinity."—Church and State Gazette.

CONVOCATION.—PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY.

Nov. 17—The procession of Bishops, consisting of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Bishops of London, Winchester, St. David's, Llandaff, Exeter, Chichester, Salisbury, Oxford, Lincoln, Peterborough, St. Asaph, Norwich, Rochester, Hereford, and Worcester, entered the Jerusalem Chamber, Westminster Abbey, at ten minutes past 11, the Archbishop being accompanied by his Chaplains, the Revs. John Thomas, and H. Sumner, and Dr. Travers Twiss, Vicar-General of the Province; Mr. F. H. Dyke, Registrar; and Mr. Felix Knyvet, the Secy.