

Apostolic principle which is probably the root cause of the defects of the matter of preaching.

Doctrinal truth is universally admitted to be one of and indivisible and must prevail by whatsoever instruments, because it is Truth. But the other aspect of Truth, i. e., Scripture, is overlooked or ignored, viz.: the Apostolic unity of exhortation, and this also points to fitting instruments, not any, but by Divine selection, and it is only then the Truth can prevail with certainty, because it is at one with itself. Dissenting ministers are, as a rule, the best popular preachers, because they move congregations by their eloquence and not so much by the truth, as such. While "lawfully (i. e., Scripturally) called, ordained or sent" ministers of our Church may lack oratory, eloquence and even excellence of speech and manner, will eventually succeed, if faithful and earnest, through the power of truth, as a whole, committed to their charge; and they ought to be as, if not more, earnest and diligent in the cultivation of every natural gift and talent and acquired power and excellence as though they had no more (than others) of truth committed to them, or rather accepted by them.

We do not mean to infer that all ministers of Christian denominations may not have Truth, but it is notorious that many reject an essential portion of Scripture—all Truth being necessary—under the fallacy that it is a non-essential of Scripture. So that, if my premises be true, oratory is to them a snare and eloquence a fault, and not a virtue, and the evil, continued and obstinate schism, is the sad result.

Another and primary cause is perhaps the forgetfulness, or want of a realization of the indisputable fact, that the minister of the Christian Apostolic Church is not a mere preacher, and otherwise he is not a mere priest.

Dr. Moberly, in his Bampton lectures (1868), states the whole difficulty by proving Congregationalism as great an evil and mistake, and suicidal in results, as strict Sacerdotalism; for in the first case the congregation becomes the church, and in the second case the ministry becomes the church; while in the joint and true theory both these inconveniences are avoided. He also lays his finger upon the sore, when in speaking of Dissent from the true Church and from and among themselves, he says "that the true doctrine of the spiritual presence of our Lord, and mysterious efficacy in the Holy Sacrament, is not sufficiently impressed upon the minds of men; and that the Church in her teaching at the revival which ensued, more or less upon the preaching of Wesley and Whitfield, preached religion in that subjective manner which they and their followers adopted." Here is the secret of the whole matter; the Sacrament is a merely commemorative rite, the minister officiating, as one of the congregation; and hence this leads to a scattering of the one true Church and its pure and harmonious doctrine. Fervid faith takes the place of repentance, good works and external means of grace; in a word, the Doctor intimates that a true and efficacious Holy Sacrament implies "a communicant fit to receive, and a proper and fitting priesthood or ministry to convey and not merely impart God's own grace."

VI.—CAUSE OF DEFECTS OF MANNER OF PREACHING.—Perhaps the principal cause is, that many preachers imagine their pulpit education has ceased with their college course. The result is, such preachers are the least alive to their faults and the most sensitive, even under the kindest advice. Others again hide their faults under the conscious dignity of office and position. Others by mistaking fluency for eloquence and noise for power; in this case want of rhetorical pause spoils what would otherwise be most excellent preaching or speaking; and again affectation of voice—of course all unconscious—because this defect has grown through want of some, kind judicious brotherly advice acted upon.

Now the only radical cure is for colleges to appoint a chair, for either elocution or a professor of what may be styled preaching elocution and training, and this to include not only the manner but the matter of delivery. It may be said this is generally done by the Principal of the college or by the Divinity Chair. No doubt it is attempted, but one man, however excellent, cannot attend to everything as it should be.

Another remedy (and this will indicate the cause of defect). No student should be ordained who does not give some indications of making a good preacher and speaker, especially in this country, where Dissent abounds and flourishes and where our Church has to stand entirely upon her own merits. Moreover, every newly ordained young man—I mean young not only as to age but experience, for there are old men as to years very young in other matters—these should spend at least twelve months with a clergyman of experience, or give some decided proof of their fitness before they become priests. It will be objected, this country is too new and needs laborers in the vineyard too urgently to make choice a necessity. True! but it is my duty to point out defects and their causes and to suggest a few remedies. This I have now done at your request, and with your permission lay before you.

## Diocesan Intelligence.

### MONTREAL.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

IN MEMORIAM.—On Monday last, 19th inst., all that was mortal of the late Mr. George S. Codd, of Waterloo, P. Q., were consigned to their last resting place in the cemetery of his native village. Mr. Codd was a member of our Church, and was greatly esteemed and beloved by a large circle of friends. His funeral was very largely attended, so that St. Luke's Church (a very spacious building,) was thronged to the doors. The funeral procession was met at the church entrance by three of the neighboring clergy, some of whom had known the deceased from his childhood. For some months past it was plain that consumption was doing its work with him, though few suspected the end was so near; he was only thirty-three years of age. "The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and there shall no torment touch them."

MONTREAL—Trinity Church.—A former member of Trinity Church has written the following very sensible letter to the *Daily Star*, published in this city. The letter appeared in the *Star* of 20th inst. The writer says:—

"Trinity Church should not be allowed to drift away. Throughout this Diocese and in almost every part of the world there are those to whom the memory of Trinity Church is dear and to whose faithful pastor, the Rev. Mark Willoughby, they owe a debt of gratitude for his nurture of their spiritual life. Those of another generation may have grateful memories of the no less faithful Dr. Bancroft. I am sure that hundreds, yea, thousands, look back with thankfulness to their association with Trinity Church and would gladly bear any sacrifice to see her once more doing the work of Christ. Mayor Christie when Montreal was a small place most munificently built Trinity in St. Paul street and should we stand by to see his work perish? I cannot think it well. 'The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much.'"

I. I would suggest that the parish, if it has any rights surrender them all to the Bishop.

II. That the Bishops should form a committee of old Trinity members to make an appeal to the Diocese, to the scattered members of Trinity Church wherever they can be found for the total payment of the debt.

III. That the appointment of the Rector be absolutely in the hands of the Bishop, and if the interests of the Church demand the amalgamation of St. Thomas and Trinity, he could do it on condition that the endowment of St. Thomas should be attached to that of Trinity and so insure a well furnished staff of ministers.

IV. The main thing is the payment of the debt. If the parish can be placed in the Bishop's hands and he has the appointment of the Rector there would be a guarantee that Trinity Church would be restored to its former usefulness and its traditions maintained. The fact that the Bishop will have the selection of the Rector will inspire confidence. It may be that such an appeal will prove that the memories of Willoughby, Bancroft and Mayor Christie are not forgotten in many an out-of-the-way place in the world, and though being dead they yet speak.

GRANBY.—It is now publicly stated that the Rev. F. A. Haslam has resigned the rectorship of this parish. Mr. Haslam is a young man of very great earnestness and piety of the *ultra* Evangelical sort, a ready speaker and a willing worker. The appointment of his successor rests with the Bishop.

ST. JOHNS, P. Q.—Rev. O. J. Booth goes in a short time to assume the rectorship of St. Thomas' Church, St. Catharines, which was offered him some weeks ago. This offer was made to Mr. Booth before he went to St. Catharines or ever preached in St. Thomas' Church. The salary is \$1600—not \$1200, as stated in our last.

### ONTARIO.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Pastoral Letter of the Bishop of Ontario:

REVEREND AND DEAR BROTHER,—I venture to remind you that Ascension Day, or the previous Tuesday (Rogation), has been named by the Archbishops and Bishops as a day of General Intercession on behalf of the Missionary operations of the Church of England.

As members of this great branch of the Holy Catholic Church, it is both a duty and a privilege to unite with our good brethren all over the world in solemn supplication for the Lord's blessing upon the work of en-

lightening with His Gospel the dark places of the earth, and hastening His kingdom. Alas! that so many places, so many millions, in our own British Empire, still remain in the gross darkness of heathenism and superstition.

If with thankful hearts, we can say, as we look back to the last few years, *Hitherto hath the Lord helped us*, we find that this help has been expressly granted in answer to the Church's special supplication; and we are encouraged to continue our obedience to the command, *Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest*, nor can we forget that we have "to pray and not to faint."

Finally, if one part of the vineyard of Christ have more claim upon our sympathy than another, it is that in which our one Canadian Missionary Bishop and his Clergy are engaged by our own appointment. No missionary work is more pressing than that which is attempting the evangelization of our Indian fellow-subjects, and the educating and civilizing of their children.

May I not, therefore, ask for your people's liberal alms, as well as their special prayers, on the day or days of Intercession, on behalf of *Alyoma*? The Secretary-Treasurer of our Diocesan Foreign Mission Committee, Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, M.A., Kingston, will gladly receive and acknowledge all the contributions sent to him for this or any other object of a missionary character.

I am, reverend and dear brother,

Yours very faithfully,

J. T. ONTARIO.

NORTH GOWER.—Opening services of Trinity Church, Thursday, April 22nd, will doubtless long be remembered in this rural parish as a "red letter day," for on it the beautiful new Gothic edifice, Trinity Church, was for the first time used for the purpose for which it was erected, the worship of Almighty God according to the use of the Church of England. The day began with tokens of sunshine, but these soon gave way to gathering clouds, and during morning service there was a sharp shower. Owing to this inauspicious circumstance very many were debarred from taking part in those services which had been looked forward to for some time. In spite of the unfavorable weather the congregation must be considered very satisfactory. The new stone church occupies a site exactly at the rear of the old wooden one, now removed. When we compare the present building with the past, one cannot be too thankful for the great change that has taken place in this parish; a change that is symbolized by the difference between the old and new churches, the former bald and mean, the latter built in accordance with correctness. There is a western tower, 12x12, 70 feet to the top of the fluted cross; a nave, 60x80; a chancel, 18x16; a commodious vestry at the north side, and organ chamber at the south. The entrance is through the tower. The nave is seated throughout with open benches, each supplied with kneelers. The chancel arch is beautifully proportioned. Two steps lead from the nave to the chancel, one more to the sanctuary, in which stands the altar becomingly vested raised upon a footpace, the Holy Table being thus elevated considerably above the nave. The chancel is handsomely carpeted throughout, and the aisles matted. Five chandeliers give light for evening service.

The principal service of the day began at 11 A.M., when the Church was comfortably filled. The clergy present were Revs. G. I. Low, Merrickville, A. Spencer, Kemptville, W. A. Read, Oxford Mills, I. J. Christie, Medcalf, H. B. Patton, Billings Bridge, A. C. Nesbitt, R. D. Richmond, W. Lewin, R. D. Prescott, Ven. Archdeacon Lauder, Ottawa, and the Very Rev. Dean Lyster, of Kingston. Mattins and Holy Communion were rendered in a hearty and reverential manner. The Dean was celebrant and preacher. The music was churchly and congregational. We were much pleased with the rendering of the "Ter Sanctus" in the Communion office. Besides the clergy about sixty of the faithful received the Blessed Sacrament. Evensong was said at 4 P.M., a fair congregation present. A number of short and practical addresses took the place of the earnest and learned sermon of the morning. We must congratulate the esteemed Rector and people of North Gower on the successful issue of the day, and to express our hope that the small debt still remaining on the building will quickly be liquidated, the offertories for that purpose during the day amounted to \$116.

The various hymns throughout the services were from "Hymns Ancient and Modern," last edition. There is as yet no bell, font, or credence, whilst the eastern Triplet window cries aloud for stained glass. The architect is W. Sheard, Esq., of Toronto, and the building committee were Messrs. Jas. Craig, Adam Bradley, Edward Mills, Jos. Craig, Edward Daly, with, of course, the energetic Rector, Rev. A. J. O'Loughlin.

BELLEVILLE.—*Christ Church*.—Arrangements are being made towards paying the debt on this Church.