

them positively impatient at the interruptions of the reading of the word of God, and sleepily indifferent to the Pauline zeal and enthusiasm of the preacher, who seeks to hand down to them unimpaired the elements of the faith once delivered to the saints. Sick at heart, I pass into the street again, and there at the fourth corner, with drum, and trumpet, and with blood red flag, with shouts and screams, and such fantastic tricks as make the angels weep, are a score or more of other zealots, doing their noisy devoir to attract the attention of the passing crowds. Ask any member of any of the assembled masses what is going on, and they will tell you that the people are attending "Divine Service," and are listening to the preaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, of whom it is spoken by the prophet, "He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street; a bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench, he shall bring forth judgment unto truth." All this is the result of unnatural craving, the abuse of the soul's appetite for spiritual food. What is to be the outcome of it I cannot say, but the fact remains that here the people are to-day, and thus they are engaged; and the time has come, as prophesied by St. Paul to Timothy, when "they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts heap to themselves teachers—having itching ears—and they have turned away their ears from the truth and are turned unto fables." Spiritual drunkenness and gluttony running riot with sensationalism and cant. One step more, and those who will not be content with the half measure will demand the whole, and who will wonder, when the theatre and concert are allowed to share in providing the people with proper "rest from labour" on the hallowed Sabbath of the Lord? The warning note is sounded before it is too late; we see our danger, let us avoid it while we may. Let us stem the torrent which will force us to so terrible a vortex of destruction. Let us seek after the true, plain soul food, after righteousness and the Prince of Righteousness, who gave His precious life for us, that His flesh might be meat indeed, and His blood drink indeed, unto all those who are sober and watch unto prayer. Let us learn our need, the need of spiritual abstinence from an unwise indulgence in unnatural stimulants. Let us take our medicine—bitter it may be, but not so bitter as the cup our Saviour drank—with fortitude and grace. Let us do our best, even at much pain and effort, to restore our hearts and those of all who come in contact with us, to their proper attitude in seeking after truth of life and nobleness of purpose, until we have truly cultivated the frame of mind which will enable each one of us to say with the psalmist, "Like as the hart desireth the water brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God."

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS

QUEBEC.

LENNOXVILLE.—*Bishop's College*.—The Missionary Union Day for the Lent term was held on Wednesday in Ember Week, March 9th, and passed off very satisfactorily. A special celebration was held at St. George's Church at 7.15 a.m. The special missionary collect, Epistle and Gospel were used. There was a very satisfactory attendance of students. The other special service of the day was the Evensong at 5 o'clock, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. Alfred Wheeler, a graduate of the New York General Seminary, and at present a missionary at Island Pond, in the diocese of Vermont. It is interesting to recall the fact that the Mission and Church of Island Pond sprang out of the missionary efforts of Lennoxville students, of whom the Rev. T. Blaylock, now of Danville, P. Q., was the chief. Mr. Wheeler's text was "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee," Acts iii. 6. He contrasted the lower wealth with the higher wealth, and set forth the high ideal of unselfish life, illustrated in mission work, and in fact, in all work for Christ. He showed how some of the best work, not only in the spiritual sphere, but also in the highest literature and art, had been alike neglected and unpaid for, instancing the career of the musician Mozart, and the reception awarded to Milton's Paradise Lost. He exhorted all to follow the higher ideal, regardless of present reward, and illustrated the subject by a beautiful extract from the poems by Isaac Williams, one of the sweet singers of the Oxford Movement. Hymn 220, "Jesus shall reign," was sung. At the evening meeting, hymn 261, "Through midnight gloom from Macedon," was sung. The short office was read, and routine business was completed. The Principal read a paper on Madagascar, dealing first with the general features of the island and its population, and the work done by the Church up to 1874; second a summary of the

history of the mission, derived from the S.P.G. account, "Fifteen years work in Madagascar," showing the solid work of Bishop Kestell-Cornish in raising a cathedral, a high school, school for girls and infants, and St. Paul's College for training native teachers and clergy, some of whom have been already ordained. The different centres of work in the island were mentioned, and an extract read from the annual report of the S.P.G. for last year, giving almost the latest news from the island. As the Missionary Union have contributed regularly to Madagascar, the information was received with much interest, and an idea was thrown out by Dr. Allnatt and favorably received, that it would be well in future to let our contributions be specially for St. Paul's College, a kindred institution to our own. Mr. I. N. Kerr, B.D., read a very interesting and enthusiastic account of the career of the late Bishop Steere, and graphically described the progress of the Mission in Eastern Africa, especially the progress manifested in the great centre of Zanzibar. In the conversation that took place after the reading of the papers, the Rev. A. Wheeler joined, and introduced some very interesting matter, relative to the career of several Assyrian Christians, two of whom started out with the impulse of preaching in Japan. Reaching New York, after considerable training under the American Church, one of them has become one of the mainstays of the Japanese Mission, especially from placing his linguistic talents at the service of the church there. The second has gone back to try and revive the purer form of faith amongst his Nestorian brethren. A third is working in New York amongst the scattered Assyrians there. The conversation was also joined in by Rev. N. P. Yates, and Messrs. Avery and Bishop. All felt that the day had been very enjoyable and suggestive.

LENNOXVILLE.—*Bishop's College*.—Members of the College Brotherhood are employed in several local missions. As regards the staff, on the first Sunday in March (6th inst.) Dr. Allnatt took the service at Sherbrooke. The Principal, with Mr. A. D. Nicolls, at Milby, a small mission church five miles from Lennoxville. The Rev. N. P. Yates, B.A., took the mission of Waterville, with Capelton Mines. The students were placed as follows: Mr. I. N. Kerr, B.A., Scotstown and Canterbury. Mr. W. T. Lipton, B.A., Hereford, Perryboro' and Beecher's Falls. Mr. H. A. Brooke, B.A., Stanstead, Beeche Plain and Griffin Corner. Mr. N. M. Bayne, B.A., Lake Megantic. C. E. Bishop, Barnston, New Boston, Way's Mills; Barnston is a vacant mission. Messrs. Barton and Avery, Suffield. Sunday, March 13th, presented much the same features of work for the student, except that Mr. E. K. Wilson, B.A., took the Barnston round; Mr. Bishop went to Norton Mills and Averill, and Mr. Lipton to Milby. The majority of the above places are scenes of a new and aggressive church work. Dr. Allnatt is the warden of the brotherhood, and the general mission work is under the direction of the Ven. Archdeacon Roe, D.D. The work of the brotherhood was fully referred to in a sermon of the Bishop of Quebec, published in the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN of March 10th.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—*St. George's Y. M. C. A. (Parish Hall)*.—Your correspondent was invited by a member of the society to attend a magic lantern entertainment, with views of Switzerland (10th inst.) Rev. Mr. Tucker gave an interesting account of his travels with Rev. Mr. Fessenden as a companion, both of whose photos were introduced, as also life size portraits of Dean Carmichael, Bishop Sullivan, and the Lord Bishop of the diocese; also some Swiss feminine costumes were exhibited on the screen; but one never wearies of the magnificent scenery of such a tour. Messrs. W. Drysdale and Sutherland, the latter of whom had visited Switzerland three times, found the lecture intensely interesting. Thanks were tendered to Mr. Beemer for kindly showing the 100 views with his splendid lantern, and to the lecturer for his entertainment; there was a large attendance.

St. Jude.—The rector of St. Jude's Church and the churchwardens held an "at home" in the church parlors last Thursday evening, March 10th. The attendance was large. A very entertaining programme of musical and social selections and recitations was given by Mrs. Parratt, Miss Kirkman, Miss Aiken, Messrs. J. H. Redfern, John Parratt and H. Dyson, after which the refreshments were served.

RESIGNATION.

March 10th, 1892.

Rev. T. Everett.

MY DEAR SIR,—On behalf of the corporation of St. Jude's Church, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 7th inst., tendering your resignation of your services for St. Jude's Church. I have laid the matter before the rector and my fellow warden Mr. Forgrave,

and while accepting your resignation, which we hereby do, we do so with regret, and wish to convey to you our thanks for the aid you have rendered us and for the earnest Christian-like manner in which you have done the work that has come in your way. Wishing you all good wishes for your future health and welfare, I remain, sincerely yours,

J. H. REDFERN, Warden.

Last Thursday evening, March 10th, by special request, Trinity Band of Hope repeated their charming entertainment with several pleasing additions. In spite of the unfavorable weather a large company assembled and testified by their enthusiasm their delight and appreciation. The highest praise is due to Miss LeMesurier, the superintendent, whose untiring efforts have proved a success. The kingdom of Mother Goose, old-time nursery rhymes and Mistress Mary, with flowers, bells and shells, all represented by living characters, was extremely pretty and fascinating. Such a combination of lively music, clear, sweet singing, bright young faces and gay costumes, could not fail to please the most fastidious. The various songs, recitations, etc., were all rendered in a highly creditable manner. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" by the Band of Hope, and the National Anthem, brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Trinity Church.—The fortnightly meeting of this Church Association was held last Friday evening, March 11. A short musical programme with a cornet solo by Mr. St. George was much enjoyed. Canon Mills gave his closing lecture descriptive of his trip through California and the Western States. Passing from Salt Lake City through Grand Junction, the homeward journey was proceeded with; Colorado Springs, Denver, the Queen City of the Plains, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and other places were described in a most interesting and graphic manner. Chicago, the lecturer said, since the great fire, had indeed grown in a most wonderful manner. It is a bustling city and the people are characterized by their rush and earnestness, and ambition to make their city one of the finest in the world. They have a marvellous railway system and magnificent buildings. Ground is very expensive, and in consequence the buildings are run up very high. Continuing through the well developed state of Michigan, past Detroit, in a short time we find ourselves once again in our own Dominion of Canada. The Canon, in conclusion, expressed an earnest wish that all the people of the Dominion, irrespective of nationality or creed, would unite in a loyal and hearty patriotism, and aid in every possible way the progress and development of the country.

ONTARIO.

The clergy of this diocese, it is to be hoped, are bearing in mind now that the parochial collections for missions are being taken up; that the Mission Board commenced the year with a deficit of \$1,700, and that it will certainly fall yet further behind and be forced to curtail its work by closing newly opened fields (which God forbid) unless, as our Secretary well says in his "Facts for Missionary Deputations"—not only every parish, but every parishioner capable of contributing, has been reached and induced to give, not as little as he dares, but as much as he can. This note of warning is uttered because there is reason to believe that the collections of the missionary meetings this winter have not come up to those of last year.

ARNPRIOR.—It is the Rev. A. H. Coleman, M.A., Rector of Richmond, and not Mr. Whalley, who succeeds Mr. Mercer as rector of this parish.

BELLS CORNERS.—This is the Rev. A. H. Whalley's actual destination, where he succeeds the Rev. Sydney Goodman, who has removed from the diocese to Deloraine, Manitoba. There is no doubt but what Mr. Whalley's earnestness and exceptional talent will tell in this fine rural parish.

PARHAM.—The Rev. F. W. Squire, after a very brief stay in this interesting Mission field, has tendered his resignation.

BEARBROOK AND NAVAN.—La Grippe has played sad havoc in these two Missions within the last few weeks, carrying off many members of the Church in both of them. Amongst those in the latter who have succumbed to its ravages is a notable Churchwoman, Mrs. Jackson, wife of Mr. Launcelot Jackson, a worthy ex-warden of St. Mary's, and in the former, Mr. John Lowe, an ex-warden and prominent Churchman of Trinity Church. Both of these were most worthy Christians and devoted Church people. They left large families to mourn their loss, and will be sadly missed in their respective parishes, where their influence for good was ever felt. "They