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HISTORICAL SKETCHES.

No. 113. THE CANONS OF ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, WINNIPEG.

THE Rev. J. Dallas O'Meara, M.A., is a son of the late Canon O'Meara, who for the last twenty-five years of his life was the beloved rector of Port Hope, Province of Ontario. He was born at Manitoulin Island, where his father labored for many years as an Indian missionary with remarkable success. Amid his varied labors he found time to prepare his son almost entirely for his matriculation in the University of Toronto, through which he passed with considerable distinction, taking first-class honors in Classics, and the gold medal in Mental and Moral Science and Political Economy. Leaving the university he took a course in theology at Huron College, and was ordained deacon by Bishop Hellmuth in 1872.

He was for a time engaged in educational work as principal of Brantford High School, and having resigned it to take up work in Manitoba, was ordained priest by the Bishop of Rupert's Land in 1873. On the establishment of the Cathedral Chapter in 1876, he was appointed Canon and Professor of Exegesis. In 1882 he was appointed deputy warden of St. John's College, and exchanged his chair for that of Systematic Theology and Apologetics, which he now fills. Like the other members of the chapter, his work has been very varied, and he has done much for the general Church life of the diocese.

He has had charge of various parishes and missions from time to time. He organized the parish of St. George's, Winnipeg, and was

for several years honorary incumbent, until the appointment of its present rector. He was also first incumbent of Christ Church, Selkirk, and at other times has had charge of Woodlands, Cook's Creek, and some missions in southwestern Manitoba.

In synod work he has taken a very active part in both the diocesan and provincial synods, since their inception. He represented Rupert's Land at the first General Synod, and is the chairman of the western section of its committee on missionary work.

He has also taken his share in the general educational work of the province, on the Board of Education, and as a member of the University Council, Board of Studies and Examiner. The canon is well known as a very effective public speaker and lecturer on important questions, and in this capacity he has done most valuable work for both the diocese and St. John's College, for which he has secured much financial help. He is also in great request as a lecturer on free-

masonry, being an enthusiastic Mason, and Past Grand Master for the Northwest.

CANON MATHESON, B.D.

The Rev. Samuel Pritchard Matheson, B.D., Canon of St. John's Cathedral, was born in the parish of Kildonan, Red River settlement, September 20th, 1852. He is a descendant, on his father's side, of one of the Scotch settlers brought to Red River by Lord Selkirk in 1812-14. His grandfather on his mother's side was Mr. John Pritchard, who came to the country from England in 1809, in connection with one of the trading companies, and who after his retirement resided in Kildonan, took a prominent part in Church affairs, and estab-



CANON MATHESON. CANON O'MEARA. CANON COOMBES.