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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

ONTARIO.

BROCKVILLE.—The Ven. Archdeacon Bedford-Jones, rector of St. Peter's church, has received formal notice of his appointment by the corporation of Trinity College, Toronto, as delegate to represent that university at the ternitary celebration of his *Alma Mater*, Trinity College, Dublin, this summer. The celebration takes place early in July. With the exception of His Lordship Bishop Lewis, the archdeacon is the only L.L.D. of Trinity College, Dublin, on the board of the corporation of Trinity University, Toronto.

The Bishop of Ontario has received from his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury a letter in which he states that it will be impossible for him to visit Canada in the near future. His archiepiscopal duties, his Grace says, keep him "at daily work of the most various kinds, and, apart from all the gravest questions, the nature of practical business would not dispense with me so long, or to such a distance. And now, indeed, grave questions are looming on which I may not turn my back, even to see the great sights, the great life and the great men beyond the Atlantic." The Archbishop closes by expressing the delight which he would feel at visiting Canada.

TORONTO.

At the regular quarterly meeting of the S. S. committee of the Diocese of Toronto, held on Feb. 10th, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved.—That the thanks of this committee are due, and heartily tendered to the gentlemen who acted as examiners in the recent Inter-Diocesan examinations, and that this resolution be published in the Church papers.

The examiners were: Rev. Canon Sweeny, D.D., chairman, Toronto; Rev. E. W. Sibbald, Lloydtown; G. B. Kirkpatrick, Esq., Toronto; S. G. Wood, Esq., LL.B., Toronto; Rev. Chas. L. Ingles, M.A., Toronto, secretary. *Local Examiners*.—Rev. James S. Broughall, M.A., Toronto; R. A. N. Defries, Esq., Toronto; Rev. E. W. Sibbald, Lloydtown; Rev. A. W. Spragge, M.A., Cobourg; Rev. I. H. Nimmo, M.A., M.D., Brockville; George L. Starr, Esq., Brockville; Rev. J. W. Burke, B.A., Belleville; Rev. L. Des Brisay, M.A., Strathroy; Rev. Thos. Rudd, Richmond, Que.

Trinity College.—The parish of Scarboro has for some months past been under the care of one of Trinity's graduates of former years. The Rev. Thaddeus Walker, M.A., the present Incumbent, has for many years been a labourer in the Master's vineyard; and has, as assistant in his present work at Scarboro, the Rev. J. Senior, of Trinity College.

The Rev. H. P. Lowe, M.A., of Aspidin, Muskoka, paid a flying visit to his *Alma Mater* last week. He was then returning from St. Catharines, where he conducted a mission in the parish of St. Barnabas, which is in the care of the Rev. Charles Shutt, M.A., also one of Trinity's recent graduates.

During the absence of the Rev. John Osborne, Rector of St. Clement's Church, East Toronto, the Sunday duties in that parish will be assumed by Mr. Stuart Madill.

Mr. E. C. Frankolme, B.A., is engaged with Sunday-school work in the parish of St. Cyprian.

Mr. J. Alan Ballard is in assistance with Sunday duties at the Church of St. Anne, Brockton.

On Sunday last the services at West Toronto Junction were taken by Mr. Johnston. Mr. Robert Orr assisted at Milton, Mr. V. Price at St. Jude's, Toronto, and Mr. C. B. B. Wright, B.A., at Thornhill, Ont.

Resolution of Condolence.—Moved by Rev. Canon Spragge, and seconded by Rev. J. E. Cooper, and resolved:—That the clergy of the Rural Deanery of Northumberland place on record the great loss that they have sustained in the death of the late Rev. John Davidson, M.A., Canon of St. Alban's Cathedral, Toronto, Rural Dean of Northumberland, and Rector of Colborne. He was a man of earnest piety, unflagging energy and kindly heart, who identified himself with the interests of his deanery and the Church at large. We also desire to convey to Mrs. Davidson and her family our heartfelt sympathy in their great trial and bereavement.

COOKSTOWN.—The concert of the season was held in the Temperance Hall, Cookstown, by the people of St. John's Church, on Wednesday evening, the 10th inst. The Rev. W. H. A. French, who had labored hard to make the concert a success, suddenly took ill and was not able to take part in the evening's entertainment. Mr. W. R. Coleman,

churchwarden, took the chair. The performers, who came from all parts, were warmly received by the large audience which completely filled every part of the building. People came from Bradford, Alliston, Ivy and Thornton. A most enjoyable evening was spent and the audience was very much satisfied with the programme. The proceeds amounted to \$90 or over.

British and Foreign.

The Bishop of Lahore held his first ordination of natives at Batala, on December 21st (St. Thomas's Day), when two native catechists received Deacon's Orders.

Chapters of St. Andrew's Brotherhood have recently been organized in St. Paul's church, East Saginaw, and in St. Joseph's memorial church, Detroit.

At a monthly meeting of the Monmouthshire Calvinistic Methodists at Nantyglo, it was decided, after long and animated discussion, to suspend the Rev. Watkin Powell, of Maes-y-cwmmer, from preaching for three months, the allegation against him being that he had applied to the Bishop of Llandaff for admission into the Church of England.

It is rather remarkable that the presidents of both the Oxford and Cambridge Unions for the present year are Irishmen. The Oxford president is Mr. Magee, son of the late Archbishop of York; and the president of the Cambridge Union is Mr. O'Rorke, son of the Rev. Henry T. O'Rorke, Rector of Feltwell, Norfolk.

The memoir of Mackay, missionary to Uganda, of which 10,000 copies have been sold, has led several men to consecrate themselves to the evangelization of Africa.

Last year English officers and civilians in the Punjab and Sindh, India, contributed \$18,500 to missions in those provinces. This shows what they think of them.

A Philadelphia lady has sent Bishop Morris a check for \$3,500 for the endowment of a bed in the Good Samaritan Hospital, at Portland, Oregon. This is the fifth bed in the hospital endowed by Philadelphians, at the aggregate cost of \$16,000.

At a recent meeting of the Council of the Church Association the following resolution was adopted: "That the Council of the Church Association desire to express to Mr. James Hakes their sympathy with him in the just indignation which he must feel at the abortive issue of a suit pursued by him for so many years, on public grounds, at his own cost, in which the offence was avowed, the law broken with a high hand, and the Courts of her Majesty wilfully set at naught."

The death is announced of the Rev. Brewin Grant, Vicar of St. Paul's, Bethnal Green, in the seventy-first year of his age. He was born of humble parents, was formerly a minister in the Congregational denomination, but as his views on the abolition of the Irish Church were opposed to those of most Nonconformists, he joined the Church of England, and was ordained by the late Bishop of London—Dr. Jackson—in 1870. Five years later he was appointed to the Vicarage of St. Paul's, and retained the living up to his death.

The Rev. W. Mitchell-Carruthers will be one of the deputation of two to go out to Australia, in response to a cordial invitation, backed up by the Bishop of Sydney, of the New South Wales Auxiliary. Possibly the deputation will go on to Canada also. Mr. Mitchell-Carruthers has been Assistant Clerical Secretary at the Church Mission House for nearly a year, but his health has been failing him, and it is hoped that the voyage will fit him to continue his labours with renewed vigour.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on Archdeacon Koshi Koshi, of Travancore, in recognition of his services as a chief reviser of the Malayalam New Testament. He is the second C.M.S. native clergyman who has received this distinction, the other being the Rev. Imad-ud-din, of Amritsar. The Rev. W. T. Sathianadhan, of Madras, received an Honorary B.D. degree so long since as 1859, and the Rev. D. Samuel, of the S.P.G., has the same degree. Archdeacon Koshi is (the *Intelligencer* believes) the only native archdeacon of the English Church in India.

The Rev. F. L. H. Pott writes from Shanghai: "If the news has not already been wired to America, you might mention in *The Spirit of Missions* that the latest news from Pekin announces that the Emperor of China is studying English. Think of that in conservative old China! I believe we younger missionaries will live to see great changes in the old empire." The report of this very significant fact received from China by the American press, stated, also, that the decision that the young emperor should study English was made by the dowager empress, and in opposition to the wishes of the imperial council of state.

The Bishop of Bedford admitted two ladies who will work in the parish of Stoke Newington as parochial associates. There have always been associates who rendered general aid to the Deaconesses in their work. There will now be "community associates," who are in very close communion with the Deaconesses, but do not desire to become Deaconesses, and who cannot devote themselves entirely to the work of the Church. And there will be "parochial associates," who will work under the direction of the parochial clergy. For the two latter orders an appropriate dress is provided.

An important extension of the industrial scheme established in connection with St. Matthias' Mission-room, Hull, has been inaugurated. The Mission has been established in the centre of a dense and very poor population, and has working with it conjointly boxwood-making and the cutting of firewood, so that employment might be provided for people temporarily deprived of permanent employment. In addition, penny dinners have been established, of which a multitude of impoverished people partake daily, and those who are without pennies are allowed to earn the money.

The new Archbishop of York is (the *Pall Mall Gazette* says) making some wholesome reforms. With two new suffragan bishops, he has more time to devote to details, and he is overhauling matters with a will, not even such apparently trivial incidents as district visiting escaping him. But he has been more especially original in dealing with curates. Every curate is to have one day a week for private study or rest, and one or two hours for reading every day. He is to be expected to preach one, and only one, original sermon a month, and if he should be called upon to preach more frequently he is to take a sermon from Liddon or Farrar, and publicly acknowledge the obligation! Further, no curate is to get a living until he has been in orders for ten years. Boy vicars or rectors, instructing their elders, is what the new Archbishop specially objects to. These orders are making quite a sensation in the north.

The Rev. W. O. B. Allen, secretary of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, Northumberland avenue, writes that the society will try this year (as in many previous years) to appoint chaplains on board all emigrant ships going out to Canada, Australia, and the Cape. "Our first rule is that our chaplain should conform to and support the discipline on board, and the harmonious relations which exist between us and the great shipping companies show that no danger need be feared of our interfering with any rules or regulations. For Canada and North America generally the Rev. J. Bridger, St. Nicholas' Vestry, Liverpool, will gladly give information to intending emigrants, or to any clergymen who may be desirous of going out as chaplains, while I should be pleased to do the same with respect to Australasia and the Cape."

Correspondence.

All Letters containing personal allusions will appear over the signature of the writer.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

N. B.—If any one has a good thought, or a Christian sentiment, or has facts, or deductions from facts, useful to the Church, and to Churchmen, we would solicit their statement in brief and concise letters in this department.

Biblical Criticism.

SIR,—Absence from home and sickness have prevented me from giving attention to Mr. Osborne's courteous letter, and now I see a second letter from Archdeacon Jones. I must try to say a few words in answer to each of them.

1. Mr. Osborne, as I think he will acknowledge if he will read my letter over again, has misapprehended me. When I wrote, "The only course left open to orthodox men when a point of faith is denied is to re-affirm it," I was speaking of the Declaration of the Thirty-eight, defending their action in having put forth the Declaration. I meant to say that what the