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## Poetry.

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AMIDST a thousand voices wild,  
Which is the false, and which the true?  
Blinded by doubt, by hope beguiled,  
We stumble in these pathways new.

Hark to one voice that sweet and clear  
Rings out through every age the same—  
The Church, that each returning year  
Calls by her absent Master's name?

What old and threadbare myths are these?  
The world needs doctrines new and fresh—  
She calls her children to her knees  
With that old tale, the Word made flesh.

"Oh, might some man Divine arise  
And free us from our weary load!"  
She spreads her Feast of Sacrifice,  
And cries, Behold the Lamb of God?

"Oh, for some guide to lead aright  
Our footsteps to our Father's home!"  
Rejoicing in December's night,  
She sings, the Son of God has come!

"When shall the Golden Age be born—  
When Justice, Truth, and Love shall reign?"  
She marks the first faint streaks of dawn,  
And answers, When He comes again.

Thus bears she witness to her Lord,  
Though men may heed, or men deride,  
Each year her Advent call is heard  
Unchanged, unmoved, whate'er betide.

Then rise from sleep, and in the faith  
Which we from her dear lips receive,  
Let us show forth in life and death  
That in her Lord we do believe.

EMILY SNAVER, in Churchman.

## Ecclesiastical News.

### CANADIAN.

#### DIocese of Ontario.

The usual meeting of the Mission Board was held in the office of the Clerical Secretary on Wednesday at 10 o'clock.

Present—The Bishop of Ontario. The Venerable Archdeacon Patton in the chair; Dean Lyster, Rev. Dr. Boswell, Richard Lewis, Maitland; J. A. Preston, Carleton Place; F. R. Tane, Brockville; Geo. W. White, Smith's Falls; Rev. Dr. Jones, Ottawa; J. J. Bogart, Napanee; J. W. Burke, Prescott; Dr. Henderson, Hon. James Patton and Mr. James Shannon.

The meeting was opened by the Archdeacon with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

An application was read from the Rev. K. L. Jones, applying for aid to the missions of Elizabethtown and Yonge. The usual grant of \$200 was made.

An application from the Rev. E. A. M. Baker, applying for aid to the mission of Carleton Place, having been read, a considerable discussion ensued; ultimately the usual grant was made.

The usual grant of \$200 per annum was made to the mission of Stirling for three years.

A grant of \$300 was made to the mission of Finch and Roxboro for three years.

A communication was read from Rev. Wm. Fleming, applying for \$125, which he claimed as arrears of salary. A long discussion ensued, which was terminated by a resolution that the Board had no power to comply with his request without an infraction of its rules.

Much sympathy was expressed for the Rev. Mr. Fleming, and at a later period a notice was given that at the next meeting the matter would be brought forward in another shape.

A communication from the Rev. E. Beaven, of Arnprior, applying for increased aid to his mission. From the discussion which followed it appeared that the mission of Arnprior is supported by a grant from the S. P. G., none of which was available. It was therefore decided that the Board could not entertain his application.

The question of additional aid to the missions of March and Huntley then came up. These missions suffered very greatly by the great fires which occurred in the Ottawa region during the past summer. At the last meeting of the Board it was decided to ask the Bishop to apply to the

members of the church in the diocese for aid in carrying out these missions. This was done on Sunday, and, as was stated by the Secretary, the result was most favourable; the parishes have been heard from up to the present time. These have contributed \$10,87, as against \$220.99 last year. A grant to each of the missions of \$400 for the year was voted, the sum to be payable quarterly.

A special grant of \$400 for three years was voted to the Bishop for missionary operations in the County of Renfrew.

The usual grant of \$100 was ordered to the Rev. Mr. Carey, missionary at March. Rev. H. H. Baker reported to the Board that the mission of Hillier was indebted to him in the sum of \$200.

A committee was named to investigate the facts and report.

The financial statement was then read as follows:

Mission Fund.	
Dr.	To Balance Sept. 1, 1870.....\$2060 01
	" Collections received to date... 752 76
	" Grant from the S. P. G..... 444, 81
	3357. 58
Cr.	By paid salaries for quarter.....\$1791, 66
	" Rent of Office..... 7. 50
	" Share of Clerical Secretary Salary..... 30. 00
	1829. 16
	\$1 528. 42

Substitution Fund.	
Dr.	To Balance Sept. 1, 1870.....\$473 69
	" Interest..... 241 37
	" Dividends on Bank Stock..... 44 33
	" Offertory at Occupation..... 32 56
	" Fractional balance of Gore Bank Stock..... 10 00
	801 95
Cr.	By paid to the land.....\$ 61 31
	" Purchased deposit receipt Bank of Montreal..... 600 00
	661 31
	Balance Dec. 1, 1870.....\$140 64
	The amount invested to date is \$19,293.15
	The meeting was closed with prayer.

#### DIocese of Fredericton.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROTHESAY PARISH CHURCH.—The Parish Church of Rothesay, situated at Hammond River, was consecrated yesterday by the Bishop of Fredericton, with the usual ceremonies of the Church of England. The Bishop was accompanied by the following clergymen:—Rev. S. B. Kellog, Rector of the Parish, Revs. W. E. Scovill, Wm. Armstrong, George N. Armstrong, of St. John, Rev. Harrison Tilley, of Portland, Rev. Mr. Warnford, Rector of Norton, and Rev. D. J. Wetmore, Curate at Kingston. The ceremony was commenced at a quarter to twelve o'clock by reading of the requisition by the Senior church warden, after which the Bishop and Clergy proceeded to the chancel reading the service. A large congregation was present, and the consecration ceremony was impressively performed. At its conclusion the usual morning service was held, followed by an address delivered by the Bishop, whose text was the 7th and 8th verses of the 132nd Psalm. Holy communion was then administered to over fifty persons, including the clergy. The collection at the offertory amounted to nearly \$20. After the ceremonies and service were over the Bishop and Clergy were entertained by the Messrs. Otty.

Mr. Kellog's field of labour is one of considerable extent, embracing the churches at Rothesay, Hammond River, and Gondola Point.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

—"N. S." in the New York Church Journal notes among other features of what he calls improvement in the mode of conducting divine service in the churches in Halifax, N. S. the discontinuance of the use of "the Romo-Geneva robe." He adds:—"I am happy to say, however, that the firmness of our Bishop is fast causing a brighter day to dawn in the matter of robes, and one after another the clergy are teaching their people the excessive absurdity of 'processionizing' up and

down the church four or six times instead of twice, for the pleasure of putting off and putting on, investing and divesting. In the country parishes the services are often most hearty, and in the musical department there is much improvement since the gradual disappearance began, of "dulcimers," "vocalists," &c., and the introduction of the S. P. C. K. Hymn Book, and Hymns Ancient and Modern, with their appendices."

#### GREAT BRITAIN.

—The Archbishop of Canterbury has left for Italy.

—Lord Penrhyn has given £1,000 more (a third donation) towards the restoration of the choir of Bangor cathedral.

—A mission church at Lunbridge dedicated to St. Stephen, and built solely for the use of the working classes, was opened on Tuesday, the 15th November.

—An anonymous donation of the final £1,000 is promised towards the £12,000 required to complete the nave of Bristol cathedral, minus the western tower.

—A small iron church has been opened at Salthill. A permanent chapel is much needed. The Vicar of Farnham Royal supplies the church with an evening service on Sundays.

—The nave of Chester cathedral, after undergoing restoration from the designs of Mr. G. Gilbert Scott, was re-opened on Sunday the 27 ult.

Withington church is about to be re-built. The cost is estimated at about £2,000. The Rev. J. F. Halke, the Vicar, has raised £1,000 for this object.

—St. Mary's church, Reading, is being enlarged. At present only a portion of the plan will be commenced; but it is intended to add a new north aisle.

—The Bishop of Manchester has revised and re-arranged the rural deaneries within the Archdeaconries of Manchester and Lancaster.

—Lord Downshire has granted the site of Corry's monument for a Protestant Hall for Newry. The building will be commenced next spring.

—On the 17th ult., the church of St. Alban's, Tattenhall, near Chester, was consecrated by the Bishop of the diocese after a thorough restoration, on which nearly 3,500l. has been expended.

—It has been decided that the dioceses of Kildare and Glandelagh, heretofore treated as part of Dublin, shall henceforward for synodical purposes be treated as separate dioceses.

—The restoration of the old parish church of St. Asaph is about to be undertaken, and Sir Hugh Williams, of Bodelwyddan, has offered to be at the cost of re-seating it.

—St. Saviour's church, Battersea Park, is approaching completion. It is built of Kentish rag with Bath stone dressing, and consists of chancel, nave, and side aisles. There is a bell cot for two bells over the chancel arch.

—The new Bishop of Orange River Free State, in Africa, is the Rev. Allan B. Webb, of Corpus Christi College, Oxon, Rector of Avon Dassett, near Leamington, and formerly vice-principal (under Bishop Wilberforce) of Cuddesden Theological College.

—The erection of St. Andrew's church, Nottingham, is being proceeded with, though for want of funds (deficiency about £1,500), the plans cannot be fully carried out. The church is to provide for a new district of 5,000 souls, and will contain 800 sittings, 465 being free.

—In his recent letter to the Patriarch of Constantinople, the Primate declared that the Church of England does not sanction prayers for the dead. This dictum has been broadly disputed in certain quarters; and now the York branch of the English Church Union has requested the Council of that Association to forward to

the headquarters of the Greek Church a protest against the Primate's repudiation of the doctrine of purgatory.

—At the Tuam Diocesan Synod, as well as that of Meath, it was determined to claim from the Government, under the Church Act, all the Church buildings of the diocese, without an exception.

—The re-opening of St. Nicholas church, Henley-on-Thames, has taken place. The works consist of an addition of a south aisle, new porch and vestry, the removal of the galleries and of the whole of the interior fittings, which have been re-placed by open sittings, the windows being filled with stained glass.

—The newly-erected church of St. Matthew, Anlaby-road, Hull, has been consecrated by the Archbishop of York. The style of architecture is Gothic of the thirteenth century. The new building comprises clerestoried nave, with north and south aisles, and a chancel terminating with semi-octagonal apse.

—The John Bull hears that at a recent royal baptism, at Athens, where a number of Greek Bishops were present, the Bishop of Gibraltar, accompanied by his acting chaplain, the Rev. W. H. Lamphier, was present by invitation in his robes, and took his seat with the Greek Bishops.

—The representative body of the Irish Church have agreed to allow all clergymen who have been three years in holy orders to commute and compound upon the scale which they have laid down, and to consider any applications that may be made on special grounds by clergymen who desire the same privilege, although they may not have been three years in orders.

—The Bishop of Manchester, speaking at an education meeting, at Bolton, said if Englishmen were willing to recognize the power of the policeman over the school attendance of their children, no doubt in the future they might be as well educated as Prussian and Saxon soldiers; otherwise, he looked forward with little faith to what could be done in the way of compulsion.

—The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have granted to the Rev. S. Charlesworth, Rector of St. Anne, Limehouse, the ship *Dreadnought*, lately a hospital ship, to be used as a church ship for the poor of the district, and the sailors from the ships in the river. Funds are, however, greatly needed to convert the *Dreadnought*, and make her suitable for her new functions.

—Mr. Skeat is preparing an elaborate edition of the Anglo-Saxon Gospel of St. Mark, from all existing MSS. The work will practically be a continuation of Kemble's A. S. Matthew, and, like it, will give the most important text, in full, in parallel columns, with the readings of the less important MSS. at the foot of each page. Owing to the inaccuracy of former editions, Mr. Skeat finds it necessary to work up all the texts from the MSS. themselves.—*Academy*.

—The *Builder* again calls attention to the disgraceful condition of Old St. Pancras graveyard. Herein are buried some of the oldest, noblest, and most distinguished families of the three kingdoms, and mingling with them are remarkable and noteworthy foreigners or exiles from almost every European state. On the first occasion when we visited this graveyard, says our contemporary, we noticed desecration, demolition, and neglect, and we deplored that it should be so. During these last few days we have again visited St. Pancras, and we were horror-struck at the wanton havoc, and the triplefold increased desecration evidenced.

—The "Manual of Short Prayers," which has for some months been a cause of much display of feeling at meetings of Irish Churchmen, was the subject of another discussion at the Synod of the Diocese of Dublin on Thursday 10th, when Mr. Hamilton rose to give notice that on the first opportunity he would present a protest against the Manual, which had been signed