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It may well be supposed that with the pastoral care of this large and important parish, and the duties arising from the theological institute, together with the editing of a "Church" paper—the best we have ever had—his labours were often very trying and anxious. Yet they were all duly and faithfully discharged, without ostentation or display, in a quiet, orderly, and strictly methodical manner, little calculated to win popular applause, or to attract public admiration. This love of order and strict punctuality was, I imagine, the secret of his success in life. He might, with truth, be said to "redeem the time." For besides the duties of his own parish, he found time to attend missionary meetings throughout the country, in such places as Port Hope, Cavan, Newcastle, Bowmanville, Peterborough, Seymour, Percy, Brighton, Colborne, and Grafton; and when all these places were visited, and meetings held, a general missionary meeting for the whole district, was annually held in this parish, attended by most of the neighbouring clergy.

About this time he was appointed Archdeacon of York, which added materially to his duties, as it involved some very extensive journeys, together with various commissions of inquiry, sometimes not of a very pleasant nature.

Thus his life was passed from day to day for nearly forty years, "spending and being spent" in his Master's service, in the quiet routine of parochial work, going in and out among his people, visiting the sick, comforting the sorrowful, and administering pastoral counsel and advice where it was needed. The happiest years of his life were spent here in the bosom of his family, and in the regular ministrations of the parish. But his Divine Master had still other and more responsible work for him to do, and he was now to be called to fill a higher position in the Church of God—a position of great responsibility—and surrounded by many peculiar trials and difficulties.

The aged and venerable Bishop of Toronto, now feeling the weight of years, and the heavy burden of duties, which he could not adequately discharge, desired a coadjutor, who should assist him in his duties, and eventually succeed him in his office. Accordingly, on the 19th of September, 1886, a special meeting of the Synod was held in St. James' Church, Toronto, for the election of a coadjutor bishop, and, after a protracted struggle of three days, the Venerable Archdeacon Bethune was declared duly elected. His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto, as chairman, in proclaiming the election of his friend and former pupil, said, "With great gladness of heart, I now declare, in all your hearing, that the Venerable Archdeacon Alexander Neil Bethune, has been elected coadjutor bishop of the diocese of Toronto, and I hope that his future life will be what his past has been—just and holy and upright, and in every respect worthy of the high station to which he has been called."

This was a noble tribute from one who knew him from his earliest youth, and who had largely assisted in developing those good and excellent qualities, which distinguished him through life. Upon his consecration as coadjutor, the new bishop took the title of Bishop of Niagara, and upon the death of Bishop Strachan, in 1867, succeeded him as Bishop of Toronto. For upwards of twelve years he continued to discharge the very arduous and trying duties of his new position, with the same assiduity and diligence which characterized him as a parish priest. But from various causes then existing in the diocese, his episcopate cannot be said to have been a happy one, and his gentle spirit was broken, and finally sank under the pressure of troubles which then afflicted the church, and which he felt himself unable to prevent.

He entered into rest on the 8th of February, 1879, in the seventy-ninth year of his age.

These troubles, thanks be to God, have now in great measure passed away; and let us hope that, with the blessing of God upon his labours, a long era of peace and prosperity may mark the episcopate of his successor, the present able and excellent Bishop of Toronto.

I have thus, my brethren, endeavoured briefly—but very feebly and imperfectly I fear—to bring before you a faint outline of the life and labours of your late pastor and bishop. And I trust that the tribute of affection, which you have so generously and lovingly paid to his memory, may serve to perpetuate in the hearts and minds of the people of this parish, and especially of the flock which he so long and faithfully served, the recollection of the many excellent qualities for which he was so distinguished.

—A recently published list of wedding presents in a rural paper runs: "From father and mother of the bride, one Jersey calf; from bride to groom, hair wreath made from hair of her entire family, and also six fine shirts; from brother Elias, one book of poems, one dream book, one "Politè Letter-Writer," and a dog; from Aunt Harriet, six hens and a rooster, also one jar tomato catsup; from Cousin Sarah, one poem made up by herself on bride and groom, 15 verses in all.

Home & Foreign Church News.

From our own Correspondents.

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MONTREAL.

LACOLLE.—The lord Bishop confirmed eleven candidates at St. Saviour's Church on the evening of Friday, October 1st. It is only a little over a year since the rector, Rev. J. C. Garrett, presented a class of fifteen for the apostolic rite. The Bishop noted the improvements in the church, which had taken place since his last visit, with great pleasure, especially the handsome and very sweet toned pipe organ and beautiful communion set. The church is considered the finest and most complete in the diocese outside of the city of Montreal, and one of its best peculiarities is its freedom from debt or encumbrance. There is a trifling debt on the parsonage, which was re-roofed some little time ago; but it is believed that a lecture, coupled with refreshments, to be given on behalf of it, will wipe it out completely.

ONTARIO.

PRESCOTT.—On Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., a deputation consisting of representatives of the choir and congregation, assembled at the rectory to present Miss Jane Twomey, who, for many years, has been the organist of St. John's Church, with an address and a purse of \$87, as a tribute of their great regard for her. The address was read by the rector, the Rev. W. Lewin, and suitable replies were made on her behalf by the president of the choir, Mr. H. W. Bennett, and Mr. G. T. Labatt, both of whom expressed their fears that the choir would fall from its present high state of efficiency on the departure of their valued organist. The following is the address:

Prescott, October 18th, 1886.

To MISS JANE TWOMEY.—We, the undersigned members of the choir and congregation of St. John's Church, desire to express to you our unfeigned regret at your resignation of the office of organist of our church. You have discharged the duties of that office for now nearly fourteen years, and have given great satisfaction to us all by your steadiness, diligence, faithfulness, and regularity in the performance of those duties. We wish you to accept the accompanying purse as an expression, inadequate indeed, we know, of our esteem and respect. We hope that in Toronto, you may have the opportunity afforded you of giving like satisfaction in your office as organist, which for so many years you have given us. And now, we pray that God may bless and prosper you and yours in your new home. Yours very faithfully.

Then follow the signatures of the rector of the parish, the president of the choir, and representatives of the congregation.

MORRISBURGH.—On Thursday, October 14th, a harvest service was held here in St. James' Church. Evening service to the end of the Psalms was said by the Rev. Canon White, of Iroquois, the lessons were read by Rev. R. W. E. Brown, of South Mountain, and special thanksgiving prayers were offered by the rector, Rev. C. L. Worrell. A very eloquent and suggestive sermon was preached by Rev. E. P. Crawford, of Brockville, from the text Psalm cxlv. 15 and 16. The preacher referred to the wonderful advances of the nineteenth century, and the luxuries which all classes of people to-day enjoyed. He spoke of the opening up of this continent as a grain producer for the Old World, whose teeming populations could not be fed by home productions. He urged how these and numberless other examples of provision for man's wants and pleasures all argued for the existence of a personal, loving, and intelligent God.

The musical part of the service was extremely attractive. The church, which was tastefully decorated, was crowded, and a large collection was taken up in aid of the building fund. It is proposed shortly to begin the erection of a parochial school house.

OXFORD MILLS.—Tuesday, October 2nd, was observed in this parish as a day of thanksgiving for the many mercies of the past year. To the disappointment of many, the day turned out to be very unpropitious, but though without all was wet and lowering, within the little fane all was bright and beautiful. The fruits of harvest were artistically arranged, and the altar cross shone out with mystic glow from its surroundings of brilliant flowers. At 11 a.m., in spite of drizzling rain, a fair congregation assembled for the celebration of the holy communion, which was rendered in a most devotional manner. The sermon, preached by the Rev. C. P. Emery, rector of Kemptonville, was of the most energetic and practical charac-

ter. Towards evening the weather rather improved, consequently the church was nicely filled for evening-song. The service was most hearty, and the sermon, delivered by the Rev. P. Owen Jones, rector of St. George's, Ottawa, drove home to the hearts of the people the many reasons for gratitude to a loving Father in Heaven. With the exception of the drawback caused by the weather, the day was a complete success. Too much praise cannot be given to the organist and choir for their rendering of the services. About forty received at the celebration, and the offertory was over \$20.

MERRICKVILLE.—On the 16th ult., a grand picnic was held on the agricultural grounds, Merrickville, in aid of the funds of the new rectory in course of construction. The day proved very unfavourable on account of rain, notwithstanding, the gross receipts of the day amounted to over \$300. The Hon. Thomas White, Minister of the Interior, was present, and delivered an eloquent address on the questions of the day. The ladies of the congregation had prepared a most bountiful and tempting repast for 1,000 people.

The new rectory is much admired by all who see it, being altogether different from the square block building one so often sees.

PRESCOTT.—A very interesting meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at the parsonage on the morning of October 7th, to receive Mrs. Greaves, a deputation from the Church of England Zenana missions. This lady, who has resided for ten years in India, and is thoroughly familiar with the language, manners, and usages of the East, drew a pathetic and vivid picture of the sad condition of the unhappy heathen women living, as many do, in actual as well as spiritual darkness, showing their shapeless idols, and robbing a young lady present in similar scarfs and jewels to those which form, alas! their only adornment, though great numbers, especially the child widows of India, are denied even the poor consolation of decking themselves in this Oriental splendour, but must live in hunger and misery, wearing only the coarsest clothing, and leading such lives as make those of our very beggars seem a favoured lot. Mrs. Greaves, in a few graphic sentences, depicted the work being done amongst these women, who can be approached only by their own sex. Much tact and judgment is required to avoid offence, their caste prejudices being so strong, but steady progress is made; their land is being delivered "from errors chain," and as this experienced worker reminded her fellow women, it is their high privilege as well as bounden duty, to give every possible aid.

TORONTO.

CARLTON WEST.—The Rev. C. E. and Mrs. Thomson, who have just returned from England, were welcomed home by the members of the congregation of St. Mark's Church, in the school house at Carlton, on Thursday evening. An address was presented to Mr. Thomson by the churchwardens on behalf of the congregation, congratulating him and Mrs. Thomson upon their safe return, and sympathizing with them in their late family affliction. The Rev. W. Toque, also on behalf of the congregation, presented a purse to Mr. Thomson, who responded, briefly, thanking them for the evidence of their good will.

ORONO.—St. Saviour's Church.—The annual anniversary services in connection with the above named church, (Perrytown mission) were held Sunday and Monday, October 10th and 11th. On Sunday, earnest and instructive sermons were delivered by the Rev. Canon Brent at 10.30 a.m., and at 3 p.m., by the pastor, Rev. R. A. Rooney. Large congregations greeted both reverend gentlemen. In the evening the church was packed to overflowing, many being unable to gain admittance, to hear the eloquent discourse delivered by the Rev. Rural Dean Allan. The choir of St. Paul's Church, Perrytown, took charge of the afternoon service of song, and acquitted themselves very satisfactorily.

On Monday following, a splendid supper was served in the vestry of the church, at which between 500 and 600 sat down. Altogether the neat sum of a little over \$125 was realized. The regular attendance at this church, through the earnest and zealous work of its pastor, is steadily on the increase, good congregations being present at each service.

THE JESTING REVIVALISTS.—A number of letters have been published, and many more written, from clergy and laymen, indignantly protesting against the language used by the American sensationalists engaged by the Methodist Society. One minister writes that if, as Mr. Sam Jones suggests, a railway car be set aside for men who indulge in profanity, then the first person who ought to occupy such a car would be