

tions. At this instant, when ominous clouds hang on the business horizon, the business men are few who are not wasting strength and energy in anticipating possibilities of trouble against which they cannot in any wise provide. To foresee trouble and get ready for it is not to borrow trouble. The foreseen trouble actually comes to us; the borrowed trouble is unnecessarily added. At this moment, when so many are unable to borrow money on what would ordinarily be considered good security, every man finds himself able to borrow trouble without putting up any collateral. Trouble is to be had in every market, and every man can take as much as he chooses. The more he borrows, however, the less likely will he be able successfully to deal with what actually comes to him. It is a fact of experience which we are slow to learn that the trouble we borrow never would have been ours in any other way. We appropriate what would never come to us otherwise. The real troubles of life are numerous and hard enough, but they constitute a very small proportion of its trials in comparison with imaginary troubles. To deal successfully with the real troubles we must refuse to consider the imaginary ones.

## REVIEWS.

MAGAZINES.—*Harper's Magazine* for December is a worthy number. There is just enough of Christmas and its associations to make it seasonable, also a sparkling variety in other contributions of more than ordinary merit. There is a continuation of "White Man's Africa," with a speaking likeness of President Kruger; another instalment of "The Martian," even more interesting if possible than the two former chapters. A pretty story, "Romance of an Ambrotype," by Howard Pyle, which those who chatter lightly of war might read with advantage. The achievements of the "Texas" Rangers half a century ago are exciting, and the drawings which accompany the record are spirited and attractive. There is a panegyric on the lamented "Dr. Wendell Holmes," by W. Dean Howells, and many other interesting stories by favourite authors. A little science; some sport—in fact a good deal of one thing and another which the general reader will appreciate. The number is well illustrated, the engraving of Joseph and Mary being especially fine.

*Scribner's Magazine* for December opens with an able review of the old Pre-Raphaelite section of the Royal Academicians, and of the late Sir John Millais in particular, who is grandly represented by many familiar specimens of his art. The other portion of the number consists principally of short and interesting stories capitally told, embracing many fine engravings. There is also an emblematic figure of Christmas and other artistic embellishments of considerable splendour.

## Home &amp; Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

## MONTREAL.

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MONTREAL.—*St. George's*.—At a special meeting of the vestry of St. George's Church last Tuesday evening, a letter was read from Mr. James Crathern asking permission to place a new organ in the church as a memorial to Mrs. Crathern and his children, and asking further that the \$2,000 to be received for the present organ be applied to the Tower Fund. Both propositions were gratefully accepted. The organ will be built by Messrs. Casavant Bros., who erected the organs in Notre Dame, St. Peter's and St. Patrick's churches.

*St. Jude's*.—A very successful concert was given last Tuesday evening in the lecture hall of this church under the auspices of the Church Association. The programme consisted of vocal and instrumental music, and tableaux vivants, all of which were of a very high order.

*Church of St. John the Evangelist*.—A successful concert was held last Tuesday night, in the school-room of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, to provide funds for the charitable branch of the Men's Society in connection with that church. The society does an excellent work in providing the poor with food, fuel and clothing during the winter months.

*St. Martin's*.—Last Tuesday evening's address by the Rev. G. Osborne Troop, on "Christ and Solomon," was the most delightful so far of any of his interesting talks at the Y.M.C.A. on the theme of "Christ in the Old Testament."

*The Lord's Day Alliance*.—A public meeting was recently held in Montreal, at which the above Society was organized for the Province of Quebec. Mr. George Hague was chairman and the meeting was addressed by some able clerical speakers. The tendency towards Sabbath desecrations in Canada was touched on by the chairman. Infidelity was given as a moving spring in this evil thing. One Mr. Harvey, from the E. T., spoke of the local desecration of the Lord's Day in the butter and cheese factories, causing financial loss in addition to the sin.

## ONTARIO.

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NAPANEE.—The Clergy of the Deanery assembled in Chapter on Thursday, Nov. 19th, at St. Mary Magdalene's church. Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rural Dean, E. H. M. Baker, at 10.30 a.m., after which the business meeting took place, occupying the greater part of the afternoon.

Evangelism was sung by the Rector at 7.30 p.m., the preacher being the Rev. J. R. Serson, of Tamworth, the other clergy of the deanery taking part in the service.

At 9 a.m. on Friday a committee of delegates from each parish assembled in the Guild room and nominated a sub-committee for the purpose of waiting upon His Grace and conducting him to the conference. An address was adopted for presentation to the Archbishop, and other committees struck for promoting the success of the meeting.

On the arrival of His Grace the visitation opened with a choral celebration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Archbishop being celebrant, and the Rev. R. S. Forneri and the Rural Dean epistoler and gospeler, respectively. The pastoral staff was borne by the Rev. W. G. Swayne, of Selby. A large number of representative Churchmen and Churchwomen from Napanee and the outlying parishes were present and took part in this inspiring service.

The clergy having retired, the conference assembled in the school room. When order was called a deputation, headed by the Rural Dean, came forward and presented an address to His Grace. The address was prepared by a sub-committee, consisting of his honor Judge Wilkison and Mr. W. S. Herrington, and was beautifully engrossed by Mr. James E. Herring.

The Archbishop replied briefly, saying that the address was peculiarly agreeable to him as it anticipated much that he intended to refer to in his charge. He would not now do more than thank the members of the deputation and those whom they represented, for the kindly expressions contained in the address, feeling sure that these indicated a receptive mood on the part of the Church people of Lennox and Addington.

Adjournment was now taken for lunch.

The conference re-assembled at 1.30 p.m. The Archbishop delivered his charge. His Grace said:

He now found himself at the head of what was practically a large missionary jurisdiction. He felt that he was now very much in the same position as he was 35 years ago. We had to begin afresh. In parting with the Diocese of Ottawa we were losing the most substantial part of the old Diocese of Ontario—the portion that contained the wealth and the best prospects of growth and stability; where as with us, remained the large Mission fields of North Frontenac, North Addington, North Hastings, and a large portion of Prince Edward, he advised a more systematic and faithful working of our present admirable machinery.

The mainspring of that machinery was the Diocesan Mission fund. How well that fund had prospered during his long episcopate might be better understood by a reference to a few plain facts. During the last 25 years it had enabled him to add an average of five new missions a year to the strength of the diocese. During that time he had consecrated close upon 300 new churches. We began with practically no invested funds, whereas last week the commissioners have been called upon to divide an invested capital of nearly \$750,000 between the two dioceses. The diocese had gone forward steadily in many other respects, and all this progress was due to a very large extent to the Mission fund. It was the means blessed by Almighty God, who always works by means, and if

the means be good, and our faith and hope good, the result is assured. For some time past this fund amounted annually to about \$10,000. This year we can, in the ordinary course of events, expect to raise only about \$4,000 in the diocese as now constituted, unless by united action and determined effort we put forth all our energies. To keep up to our old record we need at least \$6,000. He wished to place five more missionaries in the field by next spring, and unless we were enabled to do so, we must remain at a standstill. An advance of \$2,000 was not much to ask for, and this, more than anything else, was the object of his present visit—to ask this deanery to do its share towards raising that amount.

Whenever the Church was given a chance and an earnest missionary placed in the field, success was sure to follow. He instanced North Hastings and North Addington. In one of these missions the clergyman had 22 stations and much solid work was accomplished under the most trying conditions. In North Addington, though the field had been neglected for 40 years, Mr. Spencer had already, after only one year's work, erected a handsome church, a credit to any parish, and built up three flourishing congregations. These were but samples of the work that lay before us. And how must this work be done? Through the instrumentality of the mission fund and in no other way. We must send young, active, energetic men into these waste places, and support them there till they can make their missions largely self supporting. We do not give them a luxurious living, we offer them a bare existence. He had plenty of good men ready to undertake such a life of hardship, if the Church would guarantee them a stipend which he characterized as barely sufficient to keep them from starvation. The Archbishop then dealt with the apparently conflicting interests of other claims upon the liberality of Churchmen, and urged the necessity of regulating their gifts in proportion to the needs of each. He fully recognized the importance of domestic and foreign missions and other Church enterprise, but he submitted that one parish at least had failed to recognize the law of proportion when it had contributed \$20 to diocesan missions and \$220 to foreign missions in China and Japan.

What we needed is not new machinery, but a faithful and patient employment of the machinery which had worked so well in the past whenever it had been put in operation. We must realize that the Diocesan Mission fund was the life blood of the Church so far as temporalities were concerned. If so, it was plain that the collection of this fund must not be entrusted to incompetent and uninfluential hands. His Grace concluded a most interesting and impressive address by an appeal to those present to do their utmost to make known the needs of the diocese to their brethren, as well as to draw their attention to the encouragements, which in God's good providence were ours in meeting these needs. He wished especially that it might be in his power to keep up the traditions of the old diocese and add five new missions to our list before the meeting of the Synod next summer.

The Archbishop then called upon those present, and especially the laity, for an expression of opinion upon the issues now laid before them.

The first speaker was Judge Wilkison, who in the name of the laity thanked His Grace for the action he had taken in holding these visitations throughout the diocese. The laity were waiting to be led, and the words they had just heard were most stimulating. In support of the Bishop's estimate of the importance of the Mission fund, he quoted from the Synod Journal figures which showed that this deanery whilst contributing \$560 towards the fund received last year, grants to the extent of \$1,200. He felt, however, that the name "Mission Fund" was a misnomer, as applied to Diocesan missions, and that the laity were often confused by the multiplicity of missionary objects to which they were asked to contribute, and this militated greatly against the success of our fund. He begged, therefore, to move, seconded by Mr. B. S. O'Loughlin, of Yarker, The following resolution:

"That whereas, in times gone by, much confusion has arisen, in a large measure due to the existence of several distinct classes of missions claiming the support of the Church in the diocese, to wit: Diocesan missions, Domestic missions, Foreign missions and missions to the Jews;

And whereas, it is desirable to avoid such confusion and simplify our whole system of diocesan finance as much as possible,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Rural Dean be requested to bring before the Synod of the Diocese at its next meeting a resolution asking for such legislation as may be necessary in order to constitute our Diocesan Mission fund, the Sustentation fund of the diocese or Diocesan fund to be known as such, and also to bring about an amalgamation of our present funds known as the Diocesan Mission fund, and the Sustentation fund, and further, to change the name of the Mission Board to "Diocesan Board," thus leaving the word "mission" to be applied to