

gifts become positively injurious. The prime object of such men is to promote their own personal ends, regardless of the laws of the Church and the rights and interests of others. It is convenient for them to ignore episcopal authority and to trample down the wishes and rights of rectors and parishes when their selfish ends cannot be otherwise attained. And in furtherance of their schemes to supplant others and put themselves in their places, they intrigue and plot, lie and slander, disturb the peace of families and interrupt the harmony of parishes.

Such men are a reproach to the Church and a curse to society. There is nothing manly, and open and straightforward about them. They get along only by trickery, and misrepresentation, and fraud. We have had such men in the ministry; there are some of them among us now; and the injury one such unprincipled, dishonourable priest does more than counterbalances the hard, honest work of a dozen reputable ministers of Jesus Christ.

It is time some greater precaution was taken against these wolves in sheep's clothing. Our bishops should be more careful in ordaining men to the sacred ministry of the Church; our rectors and vestries should be more discriminating in recommending men for ordination. We want moral character as well as intellectual gifts. The Church requires gentlemen to serve at her altars—men who will walk uprightly, and speak the truth in their hearts, and backbite not with their tongues, and do no evil to their neighbors. There are some men of an opposite character in the ministry to-day, as there have been in all days. They are a blight upon their profession. The Church can never prosper under their influence. It is the duty of the Church to cast them out and to proclaim more forcibly than ever, "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord."—*Church Press.*

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Exeter Hall, London, presented an animated and festive appearance at the annual meeting of the Church of England Sunday Schools Institute. The meeting commenced at half-past six, prior to which the Church Sunday School Choir sang several choice selections from Gounod, Stainer, and other masters. The Lord Bishop of London was announced to preside, but was detained at the House of Lords. In his absence the chair was occupied by Mr. Wright, a Vice-President. An abstract of the report was read by Mr. John Palmer (Secretary). The total receipts for the general fund for the year were 2,445*l.*, and the expenditure was 2,909*l.* The receipts from the trade account were 12,005*l.* The total number of Church of England Sunday School and Bible-class scholars in England and Wales in 1886 was 2,555,399, being an increase of 323,623 since 1880. The total number of associations in union with the Society is 346. Of these, 47 are in the metropolis, 282 in other parts of Great Britain and Ireland, and 17 in India and the Colonies. During the year eleven new associations have been added to the list, and 840 visits have been made by the Institute's representatives. Indications of Sunday School progress have been seen on all sides during the past year. The celebration of local Sunday School centenaries has been of frequent occurrence. At the last Sunday School festival held at Lucknow, 2,000 children marched in procession. The Sunday School system was introduced into Sweden about twenty-five years ago, and there are now, it is stated, 200,000 scholars, who are taught by 20,000 teachers. About the same period a law was passed in Holland prohibiting the Bible to be read or any religious instruction given in any public school. The friends of religious education in Holland at once set to work to supply the deficiency by establishing at their own expense Bible schools throughout the length and breadth of the land. The work is progressing in the Colonies. Three years ago the Toronto Church

Sunday School Association started, with twenty Sunday Schools and 5,000 scholars. After three years' steady work the Association embraces every Church Sunday School in the city, and has in connection 835 teachers and 8,800 scholars—the population of the city being about 100,000. The Bishop of Adelaide, in giving his experience of Church work in South Australia, says: "When a church is built a Sunday School is at once begun in it, and no doubt the Sunday School in these Colonies is the key to the whole position." The Bible Reading Union for Young Churchmen has completed its fourth year, and has received a substantial increase in the number of members. The Union now numbers upwards of 30,000 members, and several branches have been started in the Colonies, and also in America.

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DOMINION.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—The Sunday School Association of the diocese held its regular meeting in the Synod Hall, on Monday evening, the 16th inst. The subject of the set paper being the "Early Ministry of the Church of England." The question for discussion was "the responsibility of teachers." One prominent member of the society astonished the meeting by denying the responsibility of teachers in the important duty of teaching distinct Church doctrine. It need hardly be said that the statement did not pass unchallenged.

A society has been formed in the south part of the diocese among the parishes bordering on the neighbouring Republic. Whether our brethren have caught the freedom of spirit it is not reported; but their constitution has the true ring of ecclesiastical liberty. The society is known as the "Bedford District Clerical Union," and the chief articles of its constitution read as follows:

1. We rejoice in the comprehensive character of our branch of the Church Catholic, representing primitive truth as embodied in the three Symbols of the Christian Faith, sustained by the General Council and reflected by the living voice and mission of the Apostolic Ministry as embodied in our "Book of Common Prayer."

2. We hold all baptised persons to be members of the Church Catholic, and regard it as the special duty of the Church of England, amid the scattered and divided members of Christ's flock, to endeavour prayerfully and to labour faithfully for the realization of the petitions of the Good Friday Collects.

3. We believe that a spirit of Congregationalism in any degree in any Parish, or Mission, is in conflict with the true nature of the Redeemer's Kingdom upon earth, and that as individual Priests and Deacons set over God's Flock, we shall best correct such influence by the enlarged sympathies which can be awakened or strengthened by frequent intercourse, communion and conference among the clergy whereby the spiritual life of each may be invigorated, the result of parochial isolation in a great degree lessened, and parochial experience, turned to the benefit and advantage of all.

Ominous rumours are already in circulation with respect to the coming Synod, and there are serious apprehensions that the reign of peace and good will is not yet established among the discordant elements of this distracted diocese. The dominant party are bound to control the diocese by every possible means, while the Conservative members of the Church feel aggrieved that their slightest wishes are disregarded and their men cast adrift. "O, pray for the peace of Jerusalem!"

Christ Church Cathedral Bnd of Hope.—The tenth annual business meeting of the above society was held on Tuesday evening in the Chapter house. The chair was occupied by the president, Rev. J. G. Norton, and there was a large attendance of members. After devotional exercises and opening remarks by the chairman.

The annual report was read by the Secretary, Mr. Raymond Binmore. The membership now numbers 1,874, showing an increase of 181 during the past year. The various temperance meetings have been largely attended.

The report of the treasurer, Miss Theresa Devey, showed a balance of \$75 85 on the right side.

It was decided to form a primary department in the Temperance school, consisting of children too young to take an intelligent part in the ordinary exercises,

and who would, therefore, need temperance training to be given in a very simple, clear and telling manner. Mrs. W. W. Stuart, who has kindly consented to undertake the by no means easy position of manager of this primary department, and under her direction it cannot fail to be a success.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:—
Patrons—Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Montreal; Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Huron.

Patronesses—Mrs. C. Abbott, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Bagg, Mrs. J. C. Baker, Mrs. W. Beach, Mrs. A. B. Chaffee, Mrs. James Day, Mrs. DeBeaumont, Mrs. J. E. Foster, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. M. H. Gault, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Leach, Miss Moffatt, Mrs. Jas. Norris, Miss Stuart.

President—Rev. J. G. Norton.
Lady President—Mrs. Norton.
Joint Managers—Misses S. Phillips, E. Macculloch.
Superintendent of Primary Department—Mrs. W. W. Stuart.

Secretary—Mr. R. Binmore.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Jerdon.
Treasurer—Miss T. Devey.

Manager of House of Refuge Branch—Mr. Capel.
Executive Committee—Mrs. Hubbell, Mrs. J. C. Kirkpatrick, Miss Barnjum, Mrs. M. Rhynas, Mr. Fred. Whiley, Mr. J. E. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Capel.

Visiting Committee—Mrs. W. W. Stuart, Misses Howard, Edith Sanderson, L. Stuart, Dakers, Ruebridge, M. Bethune, M. Ogilvy.

Teachers of Temperance School—Misses M. Abbott, Capel, Dakers, L. Craig, Howard, Jerdon, Kirkpatrick, E. MacCulloch, Purse, L. Stuart, E. Sanderson.

ONTARIO.

TWEED.—The Rev. S. Bennetts has resigned this mission much to the regret of all his parishioners. There are a number of parishes and missions vacant in this diocese.

DESERONTO.—The congregation of St. Mark's Church are finishing the church proper, and the work is well advanced. They have since the erection of the building been worshipping in the basement.

TORONTO.

TRINITY COLLEGE.—A meeting of graduates of Trinity College was held on the 2nd June, for the purpose of considering a proposal by a committee of the Corporation to have a representation of graduates in convocation. Mr. J. A. Worrall moved, and Dr. Kraus seconded, the following resolution, which was passed *nem. con.*

"That it is expedient, in the interests of the University, that the convocation representing its graduates should be at once revived in accordance with the provision of the Royal charter, and proceed to re-organize itself for efficient action."

Rev. J. D. Cayley moved, and Mr. G. A. Mackenzie seconded, the following motion, which was agreed to:—

"That this meeting of graduates in Toronto heartily accept the plan proposed by the corporation for the more efficient working of the convocation of our university, and pledges itself to its utmost efforts to carry out the same."

In supporting the motion Rev. Provost Body said the idea—which seemed to prevail where it ought not—that Trinity College was in a state of decrepitude or decline, was entirely erroneous. Within the last five years the college had doubled its teaching staff and greatly increased its efficiency, while the number of students and graduates was most satisfactorily increasing. He wished to disabuse the public mind of the impression that had somehow got abroad, and for which there was no real foundation, and he had no doubt the new organization they were that night inaugurating would among other services to the college help to dispel wrong views as to its condition and work.

Rev. A. J. Broughall, seconded by Mr. J. Davidson, moved, "That the following be a committee of Toronto graduates to prepare a draft constitution; to nominate the necessary officers, and to report to a full general meeting in October; to take all such other steps as are necessary for convening the graduates in the several centres; to take steps to add to the committee graduates from such other centres; that five form a quorum of the committee; that the Provost be the convener; and that the committee consist of the following gentlemen:—The Chancellor, the Provost, Dean, Revs. Prof. Roper, H. Symonds, C. E. Thompson and R. J. Moore, Drs. Kraus, Sheard and Temple, Messrs. S. J. Vankoughnet, G. A. Mackenzie, C. L. Ferguson, J. A. Worrall, J. Carson, N. F. Davidson and E. C. Cayley, with power to add to their number."