

too find courage to pray, to wrestle on your knees with our Lord that He would reveal His glory even to you. Humble yourself before Him who ever lives to save. See Him as He offers to the Father for you the finished sacrifice of His atoning work, and then turns even on you the tender look of infinite love and pity. Listen as He speaks those words of quickening power, "Be no longer faithless, but believing."

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

QUEBEC.

Memorial.—A very handsome piece of really artistic work, in the form of a memorial brass, has been designed and executed by the well-known firm of Pritchard & Andrews, Ottawa, and is to be erected in the cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Quebec, in memory of the late Major Charles John Short, "B" battery, who met his death at the time of the great fire at St. Sauveur in May last. The brass is being erected by the officers of the regiment of Canadian Artillery, and it bears the following inscription, "*Que fas et Gloria ducunt.*" In memory of Major Charles John Short, commanding "B" battery, who lost his life in the discharge of his duty at the great fire at St. Sauveur, Quebec, 16th May, 1889, aged 42 years."

St. Peter's.—The rector, Rev. A. J. Balfour, M.A., has announced his intention of giving a lecture on church history, illustrated by dissolving views, on Monday evening each week in the Sunday-school room. The first of these lectures was given on Monday evening last, and was largely attended. The idea is a capital one, and will be the means of educating the children and also some of the adults in the history of the Anglo-Catholic Church. If the plan was more generally adopted by the clergy, it would tend to remove a great deal of the ignorance which prevails about our church, and they would find out the church dates back long before the time of Henry VIII. in England, in fact to the time of the Apostles themselves.

St. Matthew's Men's Club.—At the last regular meeting, the rector, Rev. L. W. Williams, M.A., gave a very interesting and instructive illustrated lecture on the castles, cathedrals, and abbeys of England, before a large audience who were highly pleased with the successful entertainment.

Lent.—The Lenten services in the city churches are well attended, particularly the early services in St. Matthew's at 7.30 a.m. At the Wednesday evening services at the cathedral, sermons are preached by the various city clergy, and at St. Matthew's, the rector is preaching a special course in the Sunday mornings, and the curate on the Friday evenings. At St. Peter's the special services are held on Wednesday evenings.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—*St. Martin's.*—Rev. Mr. Troop has won a great victory for the free seat cause—and won it not over his people, but by their hearty help. Perfect harmony prevailed at the meeting of parishioners of St. Martin's, that had been called to consider the proposed abolition of pew rents. The meeting was a large one, and it was noticeable that not one voice was raised against the principle of free pews. A gentleman remarked to the writer previous to the meeting, that any who were against the proposal would stay away rather than vote against their rector. At any rate, the vote was found to be unanimous, and there was considerable hand-shaking at the result, especially among the younger members.

Among those present were the Rev. Mr. Troop, in the chair, the Rev. Canon Mulock, Messrs. S. Bethune, Q.C., Rev. W. Smith, J. P. Cleghorn, J. Y. Gilmour, J. R. Meeker, F. Nash, A. Hendry, John A. Moir, C. D. Hanson, Henry Macartney Goodhugh, William McGowan, W. B. Evans, W. Tatley, G. W. F. Notman, G. S. Hubbell, G. A. Roberts, J. B. Rose, A. T. Wiley, Dumaresq, C. W. Lindsay, H. M. Belcher, Sharpley, etc.

Mr. Troop opened the meeting with a short prayer, and afterwards added that he had nothing to say to what he had already intimated to them. He had spoken his feelings frankly from the pulpit, and he trusted the question would be discussed conscientiously. He prepared to withdraw from the meeting, and he wanted no man to shrink from expressing his opinion.

Mr. Bethune said it would be a great calamity to the meeting if Mr. Troop withdrew, and this sentiment was endorsed by a round of applause. Continuing, Mr. Bethune said the question was a delicate one, and ought to be approached with frankness,

Christian forbearance and brotherly love. Personally he felt that it was an anomaly that a certain class of people should be excluded from a church. The Saviour's message to St. John the Baptist was to preach the gospel to the poor, but looking at the question even from a business point of view, Mr. Bethune was of opinion that there would be more hearty giving when the pew rents were done away with. By all means let them get rid of the system of buying seats in the house of the Lord. Let them support their worthy rector and give the matter a trial for one year. He accordingly moved:

That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable to adopt the voluntary system, in lieu of rent of pews and sittings, proposed in the rector's Lenten circular, on trial for one year from the 1st of May next, the details of such system to be settled by the vestry at its annual Easter meeting.

Mr. J. P. Cleghorn seconded the resolution in a few remarks.

The rector, before putting the question to the meeting, invited some expression of opinion, and Mr. R. W. Smith rose. He felt somewhat aggrieved at the time the question had been raised, but after careful consideration he had come to the conclusion that the principle was right. He had consulted the agents for the mortgage, and they had no objection to the system of free sittings. They believed it would put the church in a better financial position. At present the pew rents amounted to \$3,800, and the plate collections to about \$5,000; surely they could add \$3,800 to the latter.

Mr. Bethune said there had always been \$200 or \$300 of arrears which were never collected. That meant that there were in the congregation members who would not, or as Mr. Troop said, could not pay. He believed that when the new system was adopted there would not be so many arrears.

Mr. Tatley said that if he felt assured that his family would not be scattered when he brought them to the church, he was quite in favour with the principle. Anyway he would stand by St. Martin's.

There being no amendment the motion was put to the meeting when every person in the audience rose. The result was vigorously applauded.

Mr. Troop said this was something to thank God for. It was no common thing among men to see such unanimity. He trusted it was an evidence of the Spirit of God among them.

The finance committee was requested to prepare the details referred to in the motion to be submitted to the vestry at its annual Easter meeting.

"How to do more aggressive work" was the continued subject at the clerical meeting. The motto from which Rev. Mr. Troop spoke in opening the subject, was: "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"—Matt. vii. 3. The Bishop pronounced the meeting the best of the session so far. Archdeacon Evans consented to consider the subject next.

TORONTO.

St. George's.—It was a pleasing scene in this church on Wednesday evening, the 5th inst., the occasion being the reception given by the rector and Mrs. Cayley to the Rev. Allan A. Pittman, late vicar of Tunstall, Staffordshire, and Rev. Mr. Dickinson, of the same place, both now curates of St. George's. The ladies of the church had decorated the school room and made most elaborate arrangements for the reception. The first and most important part of the reception was the presentation to the Rev. Mr. Moore, who has left St. George's to assume the charge of the new parish of St. Margaret. An address preceded the presentation, which consisted of a well-filled purse of gold and a gold watch handsomely engraved. Mr. Bruce Harman, on behalf of the congregation, made the presentation to which Mr. Moore replied in feeling terms. Afterwards followed a choice musical programme, including songs by Mrs. Anderson and Miss Lockart, and Messrs. M. Boyd and Walter Read. The Rev. Mr. Dickinson also gave a flute solo, an admirable effort, which everybody appreciated. The organist, Mr. E. W. Phillips, who controlled the musical programme, himself gave a few selections. Afterwards refreshments were served and a pleasant evening brought all too early to a close.

St. Margaret's.—That district of St. Andrew's Ward lying adjacent to Spadina avenue, it will be remembered, was lately set apart by the authorities as a new parish under the name of St. Margaret's, and having as rector the Rev. Robt. J. Moore, late assistant of St. George's. With characteristic energy the pastor, aided by an earnest band of helpers, raised funds for the erection of the church on the east side of Spadina avenue immediately to the south of Queen street. The church, a neat edifice of pressed brick and freestone facings, with splendid light and comfortable seating for about six hundred, was opened on Sunday morning by the Bishop of Toronto, who preached to a congregation which completely filled the building. The lessons were read by the rector,

to the song service the choir of the church, in fair, new surplices, gave valuable aid. Choir and organ occupy places in the chancel, which, with the altar, is finished with carved oak. Taking for the text of his sermon the words of Jeremiah 6th and 16th:—"Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways, and see and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein and ye shall find rest for your souls"—the preacher expressed the pleasure he felt as Bishop of Toronto in attending at the opening of another new church, the seventeenth church built in the city during the years of his episcopate. To the congregation who had laboured to erect the new parish he gave congratulations on the completion of so commodious and substantial, so seemly and well-appointed a church as the one they possessed, and to the rector on entering upon the duties of a new parish. It was his earnest prayer that they might enjoy the blessing of God on the work undertaken. At the close of the service the offerings were large, and many stayed to the Communion service. The church was again crowded in the evening, when the rector preached. The congregation has been largely recruited from the neighborhood. In this respect Mr. Moore has already performed valuable missionary service. The stained glass window was put in by the Dominion Stained Glass Co., Toronto. The beautiful, artistic workmanship is very much admired, and reflects great credit to the firm.

A Quiet Day for Women.—On Thursday, March 20th, in St. James' Cathedral, conducted by Rev. Canon DuMoulin and other clergymen, where as many as are minded can meet in one place, with one aim, and join in united prayer for God's blessing on all departments of Christian activity and religious life. Its special object is, for a day at least, to shut out, as far as possible, the world, and to be alone with God in His House of Prayer; to listen to special instruction on the practical heart-needs of Christian people; to meditate upon the Word spoken before it slips away; to turn resolves into prayers; and by prayer to consecrate soul and body to duty and service. A "Quiet Day" is intended to be full of the spirit of Christ's invitation—"Come ye yourselves apart, and rest awhile." It is therefore suggested that those who purpose to avail themselves of this opportunity, should arrange beforehand all their ordinary concerns, so as to secure, as far as possible, minds free from care and anxiety, and ready to receive a blessing. "I will hearken what the Lord God will say unto me." While all are cordially invited, yet as many cannot come, those who are kept away are earnestly invited to join us, during the same hours, at the Throne of Grace, and ask for a special blessing on this work. While it is urged that as many as possible arrange beforehand to give up the whole day "to gather themselves unto Jesus," yet those who cannot do so are invited to come for at least part of the day. After each address, a short space will be given for silent prayer and meditation. It is suggested that note books will be found useful, to treasure up any remarks which may appear of value for future thought. Order of service for the "Quiet Day": 10 o'clock a.m.—Holy Communion and Address, 12 o'clock—Litany and Address. Intermission for lunch from 1 o'clock to 2 p.m. 2 o'clock—Address. 3 o'clock—Address. 4 o'clock—Evening Prayer and Address.

Toronto.—*Ruri-Decanal Conference.*—The success of the conference of clergy and laity held on the 3rd inst., in St. James' school, and presided over by the Lord Bishop of the diocese, was not so great as it ought to have been. Its object was the extension of mission work in the Rural Deanery, but there was too apparent a want of premeditation and arrangement. The few clergymen and laymen were left at times to ask in their minds "what next," and the chairman to remind the meeting that there was nothing at present before them. As the Ruri-Decanal chapter promoted the conference, there lay on the members of it the duty of presenting a programme in a business form; the conference suffered from too evident a lack of enthusiasm and management. The former scheme, which had duly been formulated with its rules and by-laws, was set aside as too heavy and unworkable: many such schemes are laboriously committed to paper and left there for want of energy to carry them out. The motion that met with more general acceptance was for the appointment of a committee to consider the position of our mission work, see what requires to be done, how it had best be carried out, and then report to another conference. This seems plain and easy, and business like, but the discussion became complicated by the intrusion of the idea that the committee was to have power to invade and set down a mission with or without the consent of the Rector, and belonging to any school of teaching. Evidently the conference could not bestow what power it did not possess. But the idea was a good one, for the richer congregations to come forward and undertake the charge of budding missions; it would require some prudence to bring the idea

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