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QUEBEC.

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LENNOXVILLE.—*University of Bishop's College—M. U. Meeting.*—On Thursday, February 27th, the meeting of the Missionary Union for Lent Term was held. At 5 o'clock, evensong was sung in the chapel, followed by a sermon by the Rev. Canon Thorneloe, D.C.L. He took the subject of the Church's lesson for St. Matthias' Day (February 24th). Explaining that St. Matthias was chosen to fill the place of Judas, he dwelt with his characteristic, quiet, earnest force upon the dangers of false Apostleship, giving some excellent advice to the candidates for holy orders present. He pointed out that no man should presume to take upon himself the grave responsibilities of the priesthood unless from the highest motives, namely, feeling chosen of God to do so and then doing it to His glory and the good of His Church; on the other hand, no man should shrink from the call of duty when distinctly felt. The evening meeting was held in the hall at 7.30 p.m. The Rev. the Principal was in the chair, and there were present the Rev. Professors Scarth, Allnatt, Wilkinson and Parrock, a goodly number of students (including candidates for holy orders) and some ladies. The meeting was begun and ended with the usual offices. The chairman read an interesting article on the Cambridge Mission in Delhi, India. A most comprehensive sketch of the life of the late Right Rev. George J. Mountain, Bishop of Quebec and founder of this College, was the subject of a paper read by Mr. B. Watson, B.A. The Rev. Professor Scarth and Mr. J. S. B. Dickson, B.A., supplemented this paper—the former with anecdotes of the late bishop, from personal knowledge. The Rev. Dr. Allnatt discussed the article read by the chairman, pointing out the many difficulties in the way of overcoming the prejudices of the Hindoo in favour of everything Oriental. This ended a most profitable day spent in the interests of mission work of the Church.

Lenten Services.—Every morning during Lent at 7.45 (Sundays excepted) a short special service has been held in the chapel by the Principal, for the benefit of the students in Arts, with readings from the late Canon Liddon's "Elements of Religion."

Bishop's Visit.—The Lord Bishop of Quebec, Visitor of the College, paid his usual terminal visit on March 2nd and 3rd. Although very much pressed for time, and unable to remain as long as usual, His Lordship delivered the 4th lecture of a course on "English Church History." The earlier ones dealt with the planting of the Church in Britain, down to Mediaeval times. This one was on the "Dissolution of the Monasteries." His Lordship dealt with the matter in such a masterly manner as to make perfectly clear wherein were the weaknesses and the points of excellence in these establishments.

Jubilee Fund.—Amount previously acknowledged, \$2,785; Wm. Rae, Esq., Quebec, \$200; A. D. Nicolls, Esq., \$100; Miss Hastie, Quebec, \$48.22; E. N. Robinson, Esq., Quebec, \$25; George W. H. Milton, Esq., Montreal, \$20; "Trust and Strive," per Mrs. Robinson, Cookshire, \$10; Rev. T. Everett, Cookshire, \$10; Albert Bonwell, Esq., Quebec, \$9.60; Miss M. A. Ferguson, \$2; Edward LeGallais, Esq., \$1; Rev. Canon Thorneloe, D.C.L., Sherbrooke, \$150; Anonymous, Sherbrooke, \$500; C. R. Hosmer, Esq., Montreal, \$100; G. Hooper, Esq., Montreal, \$50; total, \$3,960.82. The sum of \$10,000 is required to be subscribed by July 31st next, in order to secure Mr. Robert Hamilton's offer of \$20,000.

TORONTO.

ARTHUR SWEATMAN, D.D., BISHOP, TORONTO.

St. Simon's.—A confirmation service was held in this church last Wednesday evening, when thirty-five young people were admitted into the church. Bishop Sweatman delivered a very appropriate address.

St. Stephen's.—Rev. Prof. Clark, of Trinity College, gave a most able and eloquent discourse on the subject of "Christian Missions" in St. Stephen's Church, last Thursday evening. In the course of his remarks special emphasis was given to the great power the missionary cause wielded for the civilization of the world, and compared to the failure of other religions in this respect. An earnest appeal was made to those present to take a greater personal interest in the subject, an equal return of spiritual benefit being assured.

St. Matthew's.—On Monday evening last the fourth anniversary meeting of the Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew met in the school-house on De Grassi street. Rev. J. Scott Howard, M.A., presided. Among those present who addressed the meeting

were Rev. H. C. Dixon, President of the Fred Victor Mission; and G. L. Starr, J. Blackler, Mr. N. Farrar Davidson, President S.A.B.; Messrs. Johnson, Adams, R. O. Montgomery, and others. The hand-bell ringers gave a pleasing performance.

Grace Church.—The Rev. R. J. Moore and the Rev. J. Pitt Lewis have been conducting a two weeks' mission in this church. Professor Clark preaches Sunday morning, and the above clergy in the evening.

Trinity Convocation.—The Executive Committee of the Convocation of the University met on Friday night, there being present Messrs. J. A. Worrell, Q.C. (chairman), N. F. Davidson, Kirwan Martin, of Hamilton; Charles MacInnes, J. G. Carter Troop, D. T. Symons and A. H. Young, the Clerk, the Rev. Prof. Cayley, the Dean, and the Provost. Convocation's annual grant to *The Review* was ordered to be paid. The Year Book Committee reported satisfactory progress in the preliminary canvass for subscriptions for the Year Book, but wished to have definite action deferred till the canvass has been completed. The Lecture Committee reported, among other things, that the Rev. J. C. Farthing, of Woodstock, had promised to lecture under Convocation's lecture scheme. One of his subjects is to be "Armenia and the Armenian Church." Various other matters touching the University's interests were discussed, one or two new members of Convocation were elected, and the committee appointed to draft a circular setting forth the objects of Convocation, was instructed to report as soon as possible.

Church of the Ascension.—The Rev. J. O. Stringer gave an address on life among the Esquimaux last Thursday evening in this church. He showed the native costume and illustrated his address with numerous views.

St. Luke's.—Mr. Thomas E. Champion lectured on Tennyson's "Geraint and Enid" last Thursday evening in the school-room. The lecture, under the auspices of the guild, was very well attended, and a hearty vote of thanks passed to the lecturer.

St. Albans Cathedral.—The choir, assisted by the St. Albans string octette and able professional and amateur talent, will give a concert in the school-room on Thursday evening, April 9th, at 8 p.m.

NORWAY.—The Bishop of Toronto has granted two years' leave of absence to the Rev. Charles Ruttan, rector of St. John's Church. Mr. Ruttan has been in charge of the parish for the past 24 years, during which time it has grown from the status of a mission field to its present important position. The rector, who has greatly endeared himself to the thousands who have come under his influence, celebrated his 75th birthday on Monday last, and has earned the brief holiday of a life that has been virtually denied it. The Rev. G. L. Starr, curate, will have charge of the parish during Mr. Ruttan's leave of absence.

MIMICO.—The many friends of Rev. Canon Tremayne, rector of Christ's Church, will learn with deep regret of the sudden death of Mrs. Tremayne, which occurred at the rectory early Tuesday morning. The deceased lady had been in her usual health up to the last, and her demise came as a terrible shock to the little community to whom she had so greatly endeared herself by many years of active work among all classes of her husband's parishioners. In addition to her venerable and revered husband, she leaves six children to mourn her loss—Rev. Herbert O. Tremayne, of Islington; Mr. Frank Tremayne, of Sutton; Dr. Ernest A. Tremayne, house surgeon Home for Incurables; Mrs. Hadapath, Lennoxville, Que.; Mrs. Lyle, who resides in the North-West, and Miss Fannie C. Tremayne.

St. Simon's.—The assistant rector of this church, Rev. Ernest Wood, has the sincere sympathy of his many friends in the death of his daughter, Margaret Vivian, who had been ill only a short time.

A meeting of the Rural Deanery of Durham and Victoria was held at the rectory, Newcastle, on Thursday and Friday, February 27th and 28th, 1896. Owing to the illness of a number of the clergy and to the state of the roads, the attendance was small. It was decided to hold the next in St. Mark's Parish, Port Hope, on May 28th and 29th, if it is convenient to Rev. C. B. Kenrick. Rev. Canon Farncomb was requested to introduce for discussion at the next meeting the advisability of holding a convention. W. J. Creighton, Secretary Rural Deanery Durham and Victoria.

The Very Rev. Dean O'Reilly died at his residence, Ashton, near Wigan; he was very popular, and was an enthusiastic cricketer, having on many occasions played for Wigan.

days wet and cold, and head winds, but I had the company and help of Dick and Kichekeshik. At Severn we spent a profitable two days, one being a Sunday with the few Indians who were there. This is a difficult place to work; the few Indians who come there, and the few days in the year that they do so, would not warrant a resident missionary, hardly even a permanent catechist, the consequence being that these few only get proper instruction for the few days that Dick, from Trout Lake, can be there, and some of them get even that perhaps only once in two years. What knowledge or progress in Christian faith and living can we expect from them? Happily the H. B. employee in charge is a Christian, and does what he can in the way of services and teaching. Here my progress was seriously imperilled. The Indians from Albany who were to have met me and taken me through the unknown parts did not come, and the canoe ready for me was quite unsuitable. Happily the H. B. officer there had kept back two Indian lads (Roman Catholics) who had once been over the route, and who could take me right through, and a kind friend in Canada had lent me a good canoe, which I had brought along from Churchill. It would take pages to do justice to this part of my journey, but I must be brief. I left Severn, August 19th, and that day four weeks reached Albany: during that time I saw not a house, scarcely a tent, very few Indians, and not a white man till I met the Archdeacon, and of course I was entirely dependent on my two lads, on the provisions we carried, and the game I shot or procured from Indians. My lads did very well, and I encouraged them by working hard with them, whilst they readily joined in my "family prayers" every morning and evening. For five days we ascended the Severn river; then another five up a creek or brook getting smaller and shallower and more obstructed with fallen trees, etc., daily, till it ended in a streamlet, just wide enough for the canoe, and thickly overgrown with willows which met over us, and where for a whole day we pulled ourselves along by the branches, cutting or breaking those that would prevent us, and parting the others, as we almost lay in the bottom of the canoe. Our hair, eyes and clothes became filled with leaves and particles of bark, and with water from the heavy rain, and with all our labour we did not make more than perhaps a mile in an hour. This stage was followed by the most dreadful "portages" I ever want to make, between small lakes or ponds, half mud, half weeds, and the rest water. We had to walk and carry everything over a succession of morasses, bogs and swamps; soft deep moss full of water, thick, deep, and quaking bog covered with water knee-deep, the bog sometimes breaking and letting one in thigh-deep, so that I was soon wet up to the hips. My lads had to cross each portage some three times, carrying the canoe and the heavier goods, whilst I generally crossed twice, carrying the lighter things, taking a load of some thirty or forty pounds each time, while they carried from seventy to ninety pounds or more! Then we travelled some days down the Wenisk, a fine rapid river, and a week up another, the Sasa Mattawa, and then by a creek like the former one through thick willows, and then came more lakes and muddy portages. Here some Indians were waiting for me, and I had a marriage and a baptism. I forgot to say that I baptized four babes by candle-light on my boat when in the Bay. Then came two or three days down the Equan River, where we had some exciting times in the rapids, and a pleasant sail of one day brought me to Archdeacon Vincent's camp at Capisko. I spent three days with him visiting Indians along the coast engaged in the annual "goose hunt," and after two very hard and rough and long days on the Bay, reached Albany on September 16th. On the 18th I left with two fresh men in my canoe, and after four days of hard paddling and drenching rain, reached Moose, Saturday evening, 21st, thankful for my many mercies, and glad to be at home again. My wife, three babes, and my sister, had arrived here on the 3rd, safe and sound, after a very wet twelve days canoe journey. I think that you will agree with me that this trip, although not a picnic, has been very successful, and that I have every reason to return hearty thanks to our gracious God and Father. I have written this account hoping that it may prove of interest to you and all friends of missions, and may encourage you to continue your prayers and your support; and I hope that it may be read to your missionary societies or circles and otherwise circulated as widely as possible. With gratitude for the past, and in hopes of your continued interest, I remain yours faithfully,

SERVOIS A. MOOSONEE.

Bishop's Court, Moose Fort, James Bay, via Temiscamingue, P.Q., Canada.

A crowded and enthusiastic meeting was held at Nottingham recently, with the object of pressing upon the Government the claims of voluntary schools to further support from the State.

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