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It has been decided by the central council of the Girls' Friendly Society, that a service shall be held, to which all members and associates, together with friends of the society, are earnestly requested to attend. This service will be held at the Church of the Holy Trinity, on All Saints Day, at 8 p.m., and the sermon will be preached by the Rev. Professor Roper, of Trinity College.

**St. Thomas'.**—The annual harvest thanksgiving service, was held in this church on Sunday evening, the 10th October. The church was very tastefully decorated by Miss McCollum, Mrs. C. R. Unwin, Miss Linnie Matthews, Miss Lulu Leigh, and other members of the congregation. The much esteemed rector, the Rev. J. H. McCollum, preached an excellent sermon. The service, which was choral, was beautifully rendered, and the church was filled to the doors.

**St. James' Church.**—*Sermon on the Times.*—Canon Dumoulin, following a fashion he, no doubt, saw in vogue in England, has commenced preaching each Sunday night, a sermon dealing with some question before the public mind. The first was on Christian unity, in the course of which, Canon Dumoulin took occasion to flagellate without mercy the party agitators and party press. The eloquent Canon spoke feelingly, of his being made the victim of the Toronto strife raisers, who can no more exist without having some one to harry and annoy, than a vicious dog can be content to keep silence in his kennel. The only weak point in the Canon's arrangement is this, that the offenders against whom he fulminates, do not attend church at night—they spend Sunday afternoons and evenings in actively helping the different sects—vote hunting.

**Trinity College.**—*Professor Clark.*—The friends of Trinity College, and all who take pride in seeing our Church represented in the pulpit and on the platform by the highest culture, will be glad to learn that Professor Clark has consented to remain some time longer at the college.

**The White Cross Army.**—*Meeting at Toronto.*—The "White Cross Army" was inaugurated in England by the good old Bishop of Durham, in 1884. Since then it has grown to large proportions in Britain, but is just beginning to be felt in the United States and Canada. The army, according to the custom in England, can be made an auxiliary of a Bible class, a Workingman's Club, or other similar organizations. Up to the present time the greater part of its members belong to the Church of England Societies, yet every one and all are free to join. The objects of the army, which are fully set forth in a series of little books written by Miss Ellice Hopkins, can be fairly well judged of by a perusal of the pledge which a new member takes, and which is printed below. The army extends its work as far as possible to secure parliamentary enactments for the protection of young girls and the punishment of debauchers. In short, its members are supposed to do everything in their power to protect women from every kind of wrong in every walk of life.

The central branch of the Church of England's Workingmen's Association of this city have taken up the matter, and two public meetings have been held. One took place in St. George's School house, at which Capt. C. A. B. Pocock presided. Men only are eligible for membership, and already some twenty-five, young and old, have subscribed to the pledge. A constitution was submitted to the meeting, and it will be discussed at a meeting to be held in the same place next Tuesday evening. Permanent officers will then also be elected. Last night's meeting was addressed by Mr. C. R. W. Biggar and Rev. O. P. Ford. Mr. Biggar, as a lawyer, gave the meeting several valuable suggestions about the inadequacy of the law for the protection of young girls. He endorsed the Charlton Act, as far as it went, but that was not nearly sufficient, although Mr. Charlton had made it as stringent as Parliament would let him. Rev. Mr. Ford spoke of the moral obligation that rested upon men for the protection of their wives, sisters, and daughters, and the wives and daughters of others, against the vices and infamy of the world. When the meeting was declared open for public discussion, one of the speakers said he was in favour of requesting candidates for Parliament pledging themselves for the enactment of laws covering the objects of the society.

Following is the pledge:

With the help of God I pledge myself

1. To treat all women with respect, and endeavour to protect them from wrong and degradation.
2. To endeavour to put down all indecent language and coarse jests.
3. To maintain the law of purity as equally binding upon men and women.
4. To endeavour to spread these principles among my companions, and try to help my younger brothers.

5. To use every possible means to fulfil the command "Keep thyself pure."

All that any one who wishes to join the "White Cross Army" has to do is to fill in a paper which is distributed at the meetings.

**WYCLIFFE COLLEGE.**—The opening session of this College for next year was celebrated by a conversation, at which the only clergy present, besides the staff and graduates, were the Rev. E. Greene, and Rev. J. F. Sweeney. The Principal delivered a somewhat startling address on Christian Unity, the tone of which, compared with his usual style, suggested the contrast between Saul the brother out of threatenings and slaughter, and Paul, the Apostle. The change indicates that, although our admonitions were at the time received without appreciation, yet that their influence has effectually worked so as to shame the Principal out of his party virulence. The Rev. W. J. Armitage, in a brief speech, expressed his attachment to the grand old historic Church of England, in such warm terms as must have given a slight shock to the Baptist and Presbyterian ministers present. It seems a sad pity that the Wesleyans are about to build a College for themselves, when there is not the least reason why they, and Wycliffe, and Knox, and McMaster should not give a practical exhibition of Christian Union, by making these colleges common to all the denominations of this Class. It was stated, that, in nine years, Wycliffe has only turned out twenty-eight graduates. *Parituriunt montes, &c.*

**RURAL DEANERY OF DURHAM AND VICTORIA.**—A very pleasant and profitable meeting of the rural deanery was held at the rectory, Millbrook, on Tuesday, October 5th. There were present the rural dean and ten of the clergy. The time was chiefly occupied in the arrangement of the appended plan of missionary services for the ensuing season, and in the discussion of matters pertaining to the spiritual well being of the church. The subject of mission services was considered at some length, and the opinion unanimously entertained that we could not better utilize the revival seasons of Advent and Lent, than in the general and concurrent use of a series of such mission services. We look forward hopefully to the adoption of such a course in this rural deanery at no very distant day.

**Plan of Missionary Services.**—Bobcaygeon, Rev. J. E. Cooper, Oct. 17th or 24th; Lindsay, W. C. Allen, Oct. 31st; Port Hope, St. Mark's and St. John's, W. Jones, Oct. 31st; Cavan, Dr. Smithett, Nov. 14th; Omamee, Rural Dean Allen, Nov. 14th; Manvers, J. Creighton, Oct. 31st; Cambray, W. Farncomb, Oct. 17th or 24th; Cartwright, W. Jones, Nov. 14th; Newcastle and Orono, W. Farncomb, to be arranged by deputation; Bowmanville, deputation and date to be arranged by the rector; Fenelon Falls, deputation and date to be arranged by the rector; Perrytown and Elizabethtown, Rev. W. C. Allen, date to be arranged. W. C. ALLEN, Sec. R.D.D.V.

The Work Committee of the Infants' Home, Toronto, gratefully acknowledge a gift of baby clothes, from Miss Elliott, of Orillia.

**DEER PARK.**—*Christ Church.*—The annual harvest festival service was held on Friday evening, October 1st, the church being beautifully decorated with grain, fruit, and flowers. The Rev. A. G. S. Trew, Dean of South California, was the preacher on the occasion. Mr. Trew was the first rector of the parish, and left it nine years ago, when compelled by ill health to seek a new home in California. His old friends in the parish were greatly pleased to see him amongst them again, after so long an absence, and large congregations greeted him both at the harvest service and on a previous Sunday which he spent amongst them. The rector, at the festival service, made some kindly remarks in reference to Mr. Trew's former connection with the parish, inviting the people to give thanks for the blessings God had bestowed upon him in his greatly restored health, and still to pray that the goodness of the Almighty might be continued to him in the land of his adoption, to which he was about to return.

**Obituary.**—On Sunday, the 10th of October, the Rev. John McCleary, incumbent of Hastings and Alnwick, died at his residence in the former village, after a very brief illness. For over ten years Mr. McCleary has fulfilled his duties conscientiously and faithfully in this mission, winning thereby the love and esteem of his flock. This was evidenced on Monday by the long array of carriages which followed his mortal remains to the grave, and by the sorrow so clearly shown by his numerous friends and parishioners throughout the mission. Mr. McCleary may be said to have literally died in harness. His illness lasted less than four weeks, during which period his congre-

gation showed extreme thoughtfulness and attention. He was a faithful and earnest worker for the Master, and during his long experience in the ministry of the Church of England, he devoted himself to his duties with unremitting zeal and assiduity. His lot was cast in no very prominent sphere, but his was just the character, to see in "the daily round and the common task," the opportunity for practising self-denial and self-sacrifice, and for doing the work to which God appointed him, so as to win the approval of his Lord at the great day of judgment. This he did earnestly and to the best of his ability. Mr. McCleary was ordained deacon on the 19th of October, 1862, and priest on the 28th of October, 1863, both by Bishop Strachan, in the Cathedral Church of St. James, Toronto. His several appointments were Mulmur, Erin, Hanover, and Hastings, in all of which parishes he has left abiding traces of his faithfulness and zeal. During a very severe and dangerous epidemic, which raged in his first mission shortly after his arrival there, he developed a nobility of character which might be termed heroic. Few men have shown a warmer attachment to the church and to ordination vows. Mr. McCleary leaves behind him his widow and a family of six children, two girls and four boys. Of the latter, one is rector assistant of St. George's Church, Detroit, and one is just commencing his studies at Nashotah College, Wisconsin, with a view of entering the ministry.

Among the clergy present at the funeral, were the Rev. T. Walker, incumbent of Campbellford; the Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, rector of Asburnham, and the Rev. John Gibson, missionary at Norwood. A brief address was delivered on the occasion by Mr. Bradshaw, and the remainder of the service was taken by the other clergymen. The closing hymn, "Thy Will Be Done," sung at the grave by all the clergy and an immense concourse of sorrowing parishioners, with uncovered heads, many of them being in tears, was most affecting, and had a very touching and striking effect. The congregation at Alnwick, where the funeral was held, draped the church as a token of respect, esteem, and sorrow, and they have shown in numerous ways, not only that their pastor was beloved by them, but that his efforts to instruct and encourage them in ways of righteousness have not been in vain. *O si sic omnes.*

## NIAGARA.

**ST. CATHARINES.**—Tuesday, October 5th, being the opening day of the County of Lincoln Agricultural Show, was made the occasion of holding a very appropriate service of praise in St. George's Church, which, as the preacher for the evening said, set an example worthy of imitation by other parishes, inasmuch as it may be a means of stamping with the approval of the Church these annual exhibitions, and giving them a character and prominence which might otherwise be attached to them, but which certainly belongs to them as the crowds gather together to see not merely what man has produced, but what God has blessed us with. The decorations of the church which were under the management of the sanctuary chapter of St. George's guild, were exceedingly chaste and appropriate, consisting principally of grapes and fruits, with trophies of vegetables arranged at the chancel steps and round the font. The altar decorations were very simple but beautiful, a magnificent floral cross on the ratable and bunches of grapes depending from the standards of the railing, while the gas standards were festooned with English ivy. The clergy present were Rev. G. A. Bull, rector of Stamford, who was the preacher. Rev. J. Gribble, O. J. Booth, of Buffalo; C. E. Whitcombe, C. W. Macnab, and the Rev. E. M. Bland, priest in charge, who entered by the west transept during the singing of the opening hymn. Service commenced at 8 o'clock, and picturesque old St. George's was well filled by an attentive and reverent congregation, fully prepared to enter heartily into the service of thanksgiving.

The musical part of the service was very effectively rendered by the choir under the direction of the organist, Mr. Charles C. Hampshire. The service opened with the hymn "Forward be our watchword." The Psalms cxlv. and cxlvii. were sung antiphonally to chants by Mornington and Savage. The cantata and deus, from Wridgewater, in A, the solos being taken by Mrs. Campbell, who has a particularly soft sweet voice, Mrs. Ellis, Mr. Ellis, and Mr. Towers. The anthem was Garret's "Praise the Lord O my soul," Miss May's rich voice sustaining the solo work with great power.

During the offertory the sentence, "Godliness is great riches," by Gaul, was sung, the remaining hymns being "Come ye thankful" and "Praise O praise," which were heartily taken up by the congregation. Altogether it was a service to be remembered and one that could not fail to have an elevating effect on the minds of all who participated in it, and we hope soon to hear that further services of song are being arranged for, now that the choir are thoroughly