

filled up the pleasant measure of one sunny southern day. It was a first experience in a southern town. The long market, the longest in the world, with its innumerable colored vendors of strange fruit, strange meats and stranger fish, each with his or her weird cry with rising inflection on the last word, the ceaseless procession of cotton laden carts, with accompanying mule and colored driver, all told us how far we were from home and how near to the tropics.

It was with some regret that we left the Charleston Hotel, when southern hospitality was dispensed at the rate of four dollars a day. But the rooms were large and handsomely furnished, the meals were good and the attendance was perfect. Here Semmes and Hobart and other heroes of the great conflict must have found a pleasant harbour of refuge.

From Charleston to Savannah the way is short but monotonous, and therefore tedious. A swamp, a pine forest, a negro's hut—this repeated every few miles gives a good idea of the desolate region near the coast. There is a greater diversity further inland of course; the land is better because higher, and the people are more prosperous as the chief product of their land is cotton, and cotton still holds a considerable place in the world's markets, even if it has lost its ancient sway. Four hours delay at Savannah gave us time to catch a glimpse of various points of interest in a city whose foundations were laid and prosperity assured by English capital and English energy when Oglethorpe was governor of this part of America. Streets unusually broad and beautifully shaded by rows of oaks on each side and in the centre, give a dignity to the city. The squares are many and well cared for. The houses still retain their ancient look of hospitable but reserved gentility, notwithstanding the reversion of fortunes their owners have met with. The churches are old and therefore quaint, while some of them may have heard the voice of John Wesley, whose labours in these regions were so painfully void of fruit. The colored gentry, as all over the South, abound, and seem prosperous. Here, for the first time, we feel the heat of a southern clime. The thermometer indicates 70 degrees in the shade on this 19th day of November, while a blizzard is raging in the North-west. The temptation to remain and explore the beauties of this place is great, but the orders are to reach Florida as soon as possible, so the train is boarded with reluctance. Again we weary ourselves behind a very slow engine and count the swamps, the pine groves, the grinning piccaninies who swarm about the lonely cabins, until night finds us thoroughly worn out but safely landed in Jacksonville, the "Commercial Metropolis" and Gate City of Florida.

MONTREAL.

## Home & Foreign Church News.

From our own Correspondents.

### DOMINION.

#### ONTARIO.

**PLANTAGENET MISSION.**—A sad gloom was cast over the whole community of Church of England members and others in our parish, when it became known that St. Stephen's day the beloved wife of our respected Pastor, the Rev. C. O'Dell Baylee, had passed away peacefully after a short but severe illness of a few days. The Rev. Mr. Baylee had a short time before his wife's death received the sad intelligence of his mother's death in Ireland. Mrs. Baylee was much respected by all who knew her best in the parish. Great sympathy was manifested by all Christian denominations by their attendance at the time of the deceased lady's funeral. Many were visibly affected when they beheld the Rev. Mr. Fleming standing by the side of the deceased, baptizing her new-born child.

**STAFFORD.**—On Wednesday, December 28th, a most enjoyable time was spent in the hall adjoining St. Patrick's church. A social tea, a concert and a Christmas tree were combined. More than two hundred presents were on the Christmas tree and they were of the most varied kind and caused great pleasure to all.

It is a thought of great satisfaction that there are more than two hundred children in the parish of Stafford belonging to the church. Our Eganville and Pembroke friends rallied round us. The Ven. Archdeacon Daykin gave an amusing and instructive account of his experience in South Africa, where he spent three years. The Rev. R. D. Mills, of Eganville, congratulated the parish on such a large gathering. Mrs. Mills presided with her great skill and ability on the organ. Miss Edith Hunter, of Pembroke, sang very sweetly, "Dream Faces." The thanks of all were heartily given to the Eganville and Pembroke friends. Messrs. George Mills and Carruth, with Misses Kitty, Maggie and Theresa Hawkins, the Misses Mary and Sophia Rath, gave very creditable performances. Mrs. Smitheman, the wife of the incumbent, sang an Indian song, dressed as a native lady.

#### TORONTO.

**The London Society for Promoting Christianity amongst the Jews.**—Canadian Branch. Rev. T. S. Ellerby, Secretary.—Subscriptions and donations—July 1st to Dec. 31st, 1887: Alberton, P. E. I., \$3; Port Dover—Miss Battersby, \$5; Niagara—Mrs. I. W. Ball, \$15; Toronto—Miss H. and C. Blachford, \$2, Rev. Prof. Boys, \$4, Hon. S. H. Blake, \$5; the late Robt. Baldwin, Esq., for bequest of £200 sterling, \$978.84; Toronto—A. H. Campbell, \$10, Mrs. Crooks, \$1; Burford—Mrs. G. E. Coverley, 25c.; Toronto—Rev. Canon Dumoulin, \$5, W. B. Evans, \$2; Lindsay—Miss Evans, \$1; Woodstock—W. H. Eakins, 50c., Mrs. A. Fletcher, \$10; Toronto—Mr. Peter Freeland, \$2; Brockville—a friend, \$7; Peterborough—a friend, \$5.25; Hamilton—Mr. Forbes, \$5; Toronto—George Finch, 45c., George E. Gillespie, \$5, Arthur W. Grassett, \$5, Rev. T. I. C. Groves, \$1, W. H. Howland, \$5; Collingwood—W. B. Hamilton, \$4; Montreal—George Hague, \$5; Toronto—H. Hutchison, \$2, S. B. Harman, \$2, F. W. Kingston, \$5, Walter Lee, \$2, Joseph Lesslie, \$3, Herbert Mortimer, \$3, Grant McDonald, \$10, I. H. McDonald, \$3, Mrs. McGaw, \$1, mission box, 20c.; Rochester, U. S.—Rev. Dr. Howard Osgood, \$2.00; Interest on deposit, \$1.97; proceeds of lecture by secretary, \$3.15; Toronto—Francis Richardson, \$5, Rev. Alex. Sanson, \$5, the Lord Bishop of Toronto, \$5; Riviere du Loup en bas—Rev. R. C. Tambs, \$3.54. Total, \$1,144.74.

#### NIAGARA.

**GRAND VALLEY.**—St. Albans.—His lordship the bishop held a confirmation in this church last Thursday. Evensong was sung at 7 p.m. The Rev. R. T. Webb, rector, intoned the service. The special lessons were read by the Rev. C. E. S. Radcliffe, priest in charge of Arthur. After evensong the bishop inducted Mr. Harry D. Moore as lay reader in this parish. The confirmation service then followed, the preface being read by the Rev. C. S. Sneypp, curate of St. Paul's, Mount Forest. There were ten candidates. The altar was vested in a new white frontal. On Friday evening a missionary meeting was held after the litany choral. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. E. A. Bland, of St. Catherine's, and the Rev. Alfred Bonny, of Moorfield. There was a good attendance.

**Freelton Missions.**—Services have been held in this new mission for the past three months. Early in the past summer the mission board made a grant towards the maintenance of a clergyman in this new field of the Church, and the Rev. W. R. Blachford was sent by the bishop to begin the work. Since the 1st of October three stations have been opened, Freelton, Crief, and Morriston. At Crief there is a weekly morning service, at Freelton a weekly afternoon service, and at Morriston a fortnightly evening service. All the services have been fairly well attended, those at Morriston being the best. Considering that at Crief church services were never held, at Morriston there has been none for the past seventeen years, and at Freelton faint spasmodic efforts to keep things afloat have been made for the past twenty years, we must not hope for too great results at first. At Freelton there is a church lot, bought about twenty years ago. It is our intention to build either upon it, or upon one in a more suitable place, next summer. If the sons and daughters of the Church here will do their duty, the work we anticipated can be accomplished. The missionary would remind the people that the Church expects each of her children to do his or her part in furthering the work of Christ's Kingdom. Much will be accomplished in the short space of a year, if this be remembered. A clergyman cannot do all the work single-handed. Let the people strengthen his efforts by their willingness and readiness and things will go on harmoniously and rapidly.

In almost every parish there are certain ones who, when work is proposed, are ever ready with the

words, "I'm afraid it can't be done; it's been tried before." The first thing these persons should think of is, have I ever given my help? The same work left undone because of fear of unsuccess, we can do it we make up our mind. The offertories at these stations for the quarter, exclusive of Christmas offerings, amounted to \$15.71. Of this amount \$4.50 go for rent of hall at Morriston. The remainder has been received by the missionary towards his stipend. The Christmas offertories, which are always contributions to the clergyman, were \$1.59.

**HANOVER.**—On the invitation of the Rev. A. Wright and Mrs. Wright, the congregation of St. James' Church spent a very pleasant evening, on the 20th instant, at the parsonage, which was well filled. This was the first of a series of social gatherings, arranged for, to be held during this winter. A very pleasing feature of this social was a purely voluntary offering (not a collection), which was made, amounting to \$14.25, to be applied to the building fund. The building fund has recently been placed under the management of the (newly organized) "Ladies' Aid." The ladies of the society have nobly undertaken the task of liquidating the existing debt on the church.

**BOWLING GREEN.**—Wednesday, Jan. 18th, was the day appointed for the consecration of the Church of the Good Shepherd, which has been built here and entirely freed from debt by the unwearied labours of a faithful people aided by equally faithful and true pastors. The church is a thoroughly ecclesiastical little building, accommodating about 120 worshippers, built of red brick with white facings, the interior being finished in grey plaster blocked in imitation of stone; the windows are triple lancet filled with lead lights, and all the appointments of chancel and sanctuary are such as befit the worship of the Church according to the use of the Church of England in Canada.

Matins were said at 10 o'clock by the missionary in charge, Rev. P. T. Mignot, who was assisted by the Revs. C. G. Sneypp, of Mount Forest, H. G. Moore, of Shelburne, and W. Carroll, of West Mulmur. At 11 o'clock the bishop arrived from Farmington, accompanied by the Rev. R. T. W. Webb, of Grand Valley, Revs. E. M. Bland and A. Bonny who are on missionary deputation work in this district, and Mr. H. B. Moore, lay reader, mission of Grand Valley. The consecration service was immediately proceeded with, followed by a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, when in addition to the clergy a goodly number of the congregation (who all reverently and orderly remained until the close) communicated. The bishop spoke on St. Matthew, xxi. 13: "My house shall be called the house of prayer," and addressed a very forcible instruction to the right discriminations between the respective obligations and benefits of prayer and preaching. After service the large congregation dispersed to the various neighbouring farmhouses, receiving the cordial hospitality of all the members who were unwilling to allow any to depart without at least a bite and a sup. At 3 o'clock the church was filled again for evensong, which was sung by the Rev. H. G. Moore, and the lessons read by the Revs. C. G. Sneypp and A. Bonny, when the Rev. E. M. Bland preached an eloquent and forcible discourse on Gen. xxviii. 17: "This is the gate of heaven," pointing out that the presence of God can make the dreariest spot a church, and the lowliest life full of heavenly comfort. At 7.30 the church was once more not only filled but crowded for the missionary meeting, when, after the litany had been sung, addresses were delivered on missionary topics by the Revs. C. G. Sneypp, A. Bonny, E. M. Bland, and the lord bishop, evidently with much acceptance, the offerings being larger than at any previous service. Every congratulation is due to the energetic missionary, Rev. P. F. Mignot, for the success of these services and the regularity and order which characterized them. May much blessings ever attend the ministrations of the Word and Sacraments in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Bowling Green.

**NIAGARA FALLS.**—The recently opened chapel of St. Stephen's is well attended at the Sunday services. The Sunday School was commenced with an attendance of 25 children, and is steadily improving.

**QUEENSTON.**—Obituary.—On Saturday evening, late January 21, the solemn duty of interring the mortal remains of Herbert Hamilton, Esq., took place in the family burying ground. Mr. Hamilton died after a short illness at his residence in Toronto. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him, and was greatly beloved among his relatives. Mrs. Hamilton, senior, his mother, aged 91 years, still survives at Queenston, where she has lived for many years.

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