

Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—*St. George's.*—The tower of St. George's church has been completed and is likely to be much admired in every way. The four slender spires of freestone are of excellent architectural conception. This will give a fresh feature of grace to Dominion Square. Dean Carmichael is greatly gratified at seeing this completion of the tower. The last thing that has now to be done is to replace the wooden steps leading up to the doorways by stone steps. This work is to be taken in hand at once, and will not likely occupy more than a fortnight's time.

St. John the Evangelist.—At the church of St. John the Evangelist on last Saturday afternoon the ceremony took place of the laying of the corner stone of the new baptistry. There was a procession of clergy and the choir from the church. Special prayers were said and special hymns were sung. Inside the stone was placed a casket, with this inscription: "This stone was laid by Arthur R. G. Howard, on August 25, 1894, being a stone of the baptistry erected to the memory of the late John Charles Spence, co-founder of this church; Rev. E. Wood, M.A., rector; A. R. G. Howard, L. Rees, churchwardens; Cox & Amos, architects."

St. Jude's.—Aug. 30.—The good people of St. Jude's church always provide an enjoyable outing when they take hold. Saturday's Sunday-school annual picnic to Cushing's Grove was no exception. It looked somewhat threatening in the morning, but soon cleared off. The more timid ones and some of the elder people, who could not leave earlier, went down by the afternoon boat, getting a delightful sail. About eight hundred had a good time. There were the usual games for the young people, who put in a very happy day, reaching home before dark, in plenty of time to witness the search light display on the war vessels. The rector, the Rev. J. H. Dixon, and the committee of arrangements, worked hard during the whole day for the comfort of the rest. Their efforts were successful. The Rev. Mr. Dixon wishes to return his hearty thanks to the friends who so kindly contributed to the list of beautiful and useful prizes distributed. At the picnic he heartily praised the games committee for the great pains bestowed in arranging and carrying out a very successful programme. After the picnic last year the teachers determined that regular attendance at the Sunday school would be strictly required on the part of all who obtained prizes in any of the contests. The committee carried this rule out strictly. It would do good if all Sunday schools enforced the same rule.

Trinity Church.—Nearly 200 blue jackets attended divine service at Trinity church on Sunday morning. The Rev. T. B. Jeakill, of Hemmingford, preached an eloquent sermon from the fitting text, "Be strong, quit yourselves like men." The anthem was Gounod's "Send out Thy Light," and was very finely rendered. The hymns were appropriate, "Onward, Christian soldiers," and "March, march onwards, soldiers true." During the collecting of the offertory Miss Duhamel, of Ottawa, sang with fine feeling the solo "Hear us, O Father." The blue jackets went away well pleased and well impressed by the service.

Christ Church Cathedral.—Christ Church Cathedral opened wide its doors, Sunday morning, to receive a large number of sailors and marines, who marched with swinging step behind the band of the 6th Fusiliers. The service was particularly impressive. The Rev. W. A. Mervyn delivered an eloquent sermon. The Cathedral was crowded with friends of the sailors, many of whom accompanied them back to the ships.

TORONTO.

Trinity's New Provost.—It is not expected that the new Provost will take charge much before the new year, as at present the nomination of a suitable person to that position is left to the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Durham.

BEETON.—A meeting of the Rural Deanery of South Simcoe was held at Beeton on Aug. 29th and 30th. The meeting began with evensong and sermon in St. Paul's Church on the 29th, when the clergy present took part in the service, and Rev. W. G. G. Dreyer, incumbent of Ivy, was the preacher, in the absence of Rev. A. C. Miles, the appointed preacher for the occasion. Although the weather was unfavourable, the attendance was very good. On the morning of the 30th, the Holy Communion was administered, by Revs. Rural Dean and incumbent, to the clergy

and a number of the congregation. Business session began at 10 a.m., Rural Dean in the chair, and the Rev. Geo. Scott acting as Sec. *pro tem.* Welcome was extended to the new member, Rev. Mr. Dreyer, and after the adoption of the minutes of the preceding meeting, a portion of 1st Tim. was read from the Greek and commented upon. On motion of Rev. W. E. White, seconded by the Rev. W. G. G. Dreyer, it was unanimously resolved that the Rev. J. Coper Robinson of Japan, be requested to attend a series of missionary meetings to be held throughout the Deanery. The organization of a Choral Union Society in connection with the Deanery was next discussed, and a resolution to organize such society, to be known as the South Simcoe Rural Deanery Choral Union, was passed, and a committee appointed, consisting of Revs. Rural Dean, Canon Murphy, E. Chilcott, W. E. White, and W. G. G. Dreyer, to make necessary arrangements and with power to act. It was further decided to have a meeting of the clergy and organists at Beeton in the month of October when the conductor will be present to practice the music decided upon. After several other items of business, it was decided that the next meeting of R. D. be held at Ivy. A vote of thanks being tendered the incumbent, the very interesting and helpful meeting was adjourned. During the past year a great number of improvements have been effected upon St. Paul's Church. An excellent bell of 950 lbs. weight has been placed in the tower, a new furnace put in, a new lectern and a very handsome circle of stained glass recently placed in the west end window by Jos. McCausland & Son of Toronto. A decided improvement in the appearance and comfort of the church is the result, and much credit is due the St. Paul's Ladies' Society in procuring the same. The congregations are good in this church and services hearty.

The Lord Bishop of the diocese will, D.V., hold the September ordination on the 23rd inst., in St. Alban's Cathedral, Toronto. The examination of candidates for both the Diaconate and the Priesthood will begin in the synod rooms on Wednesday, the 19th, at 9.30 a.m.

HURON.

DURHAM.—*Sunday School Teachers' Convention of the Deanery of Grey.*—The ninth annual convention of the Church of England Teachers' Association of the Deanery of Grey was held on July 18th, 1894, in this place, the following places being represented: Markdale, Rev. M. M. Goldberg and 18 delegates; Hanover, Rev. E. J. Jennings and 11 delegates; Dundalk, Rev. J. C. Jones; Owen Sound, Rev. Jas. Ardill and 5 delegates; also a large number from Durham Sunday school. Some of these delegates arrived the previous night and were very hospitably received by the good people of Durham; in fact the ladies of the congregation did all in their power to make the delegates comfortable. A sumptuous dinner was served in the Town Hall, and after partaking of the good things therein prepared, the teachers repaired to Trinity Church, where Divine service was held at 1.30 p.m.

The convention was held in the Town Hall, about seventy-five delegates being present, opening with singing and prayer.

The first piece on the programme was a very able address by the President, Rev. J. Connor, bidding the visitors welcome and expressing his regret at the absence of so many Sunday schools in the Deanery, most of whom were prevented by the length of the journey. Rev. J. Hill, of Chatsworth, was unable to be present through illness; one clergyman in his letter had suggested having two conventions held in different places. During his address the rev. gentleman mentioned that he was not in favour of Brotherhoods, but spoke very highly of St. Andrew's Society, which he did not consider in the same light as a Brotherhood; it makes the young men take a greater interest in the Church and also induces others to do likewise. The Recording Secretary then read the minutes of the convention held in Markdale, which were adopted, by a motion moved by Rev. E. C. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Wm. Gorslin. The first paper, the subject of which was, "The best method of creating an interest in the more systematic study of the Bible," was written by Miss Ardill of Owen Sound, and read by Miss Parker. This was an excellent paper containing several good suggestions, which were as follows: To train the children to bring their own Bibles to Sunday school, and in time they will become so used to their own books that they will be able to find the places much more readily. (2) To tell them a Bible story one Sunday and expect the scholars to be able to tell it themselves the following Sunday. (3) To have week-night classes for Bible study, and one very good suggestion, which if carried out would increase the knowledge of the Bible considerably; the plan was to form a club for the study of the Bible, in the same manner as Tennyson, Shakespeare, etc., are studied. Rev. M. M. Goldberg, of Markdale, replied, on this paper, that most people read the Bible in the same manner

as they would a novel, and not in a systematic way, studying it as they read. Rev. Jas. Ardill thought that there was a tendency to use too many text books, and that the Bible was used too much as a book of reference. He strongly advocated the practice of people bringing their own Bibles to Church, and if they did so and followed all the lessons through, at the end of the year they would have read the Bible almost through; so often you see people very particular about having a very handsomely bound Prayer Book, and perhaps no Bible at all, or a very inferior one. The rev. gentleman did not wish by any means to slight the Prayer Book, but that it should come second to the Bible, as it is taken from that precious book. The second paper, "How to secure and maintain a sufficient supply of teachers in our Sunday schools," was composed and read by Mr. Wm. Gorslin of Durham, and called forth quite a lively discussion on the subject of the "Leaflet," which Mr. Gorslin was in favour of using in all classes as a means of preparation. Rev. E. C. Jennings of Hanover, in replying to this paper, said the way to procure teachers for our Sunday schools all lies in the Bible class, and that the Sunday school and the Bible class should be under the supervision of the clergyman alone, following out the Canons, that the clergyman should take charge of the Sunday school. He did not approve of preparing a Bible class by a leaflet, as they would not know any more than the other classes themselves. Mr. Biggar, of Markdale, considered the Institute Leaflet a great assistance to the Bible lesson. Rev. J. C. Jones, of Dundalk, mentioned a plan that was adopted in England. The scholars are all prepared for teachers by three different examinations, the first when they are about 13 years old, the second 3 years after, and so on till they have passed the final, when they are considered competent to teach. Rev. Jas. Ardill thought that the Church of England was never at a loss as to what to teach their classes when they had the Church Catechism, which is not taught thoroughly enough in our Sunday schools, as shown forth when a confirmation class is formed. All the clergymen present agreed that the pupils had to be taught too much after entering this class, instead of being thoroughly grounded on it before, as set down in the Baptismal Service. The rev. gentleman said if we do what the Church lays upon us, God will do the rest. As regards the leaflets, when he went to Sunday school in the Old Country they never used them at all, but the Catechism was so drilled into them that they could almost read it backwards; but he did not think that it was in the leaflet but in the wrong use of it that the trouble lies; we too often substitute the leaflet for the Bible, which was not intended. The third paper, a very interesting one, was read by Rev. M. M. Goldberg, entitled "Sunday school work—its basis and its ultimate aim," in which the rev. gentleman said that the Christian public school cannot or will not do, what the parents will not do. The Church says: "I will impart to them this knowledge." The reason our Sunday schools are not more successful is owing to the fact that teachers are appointed in a haphazard way. The teacher must come to the class as the minister comes to the pulpit. Train up a child in the way, he should go, and be careful not to impart a faith in the child which will have to be broken in later life. Make Christians of them before Churchmen. Miss Gordon, teacher of the infant class in Owen Sound school, explained how she taught the principles of the Church in connection with the Bible; she began by teaching the reason why Christ came here, and connected that with Advent, and so on following Christ's career here on earth by the Church's year. Rev. J. Ardill said, "Never forget that you are teaching little sinners, so lead them through Christ to the Church and they will be good Churchmen."

The last piece on the programme was an address instead of a paper given by Rev. E. C. Jennings of Hanover, on "The offertory as it is in Church service." The speaker considered the offertory as much an act of worship as the rest of the service; men are to be taught to bring their whole lives into the house of God, for what is put on that collection plate must be honestly obtained. The money represents how he obtained it, and can he look at it and say he can lay it on the table of God without a blemish; also that the offertory comes from God—that that offertory is an account of what they have been doing throughout the week, and looked at in this light it will help to make better Christians. The offertory dates back as far as the days of Abel. Rev. J. C. Jones mentioned that a good plan was to give each child the name of a mission, letting him have some object in view. Rev. J. Ardill advocated that the collection was not the offertory, and that the Rubric did not say so. The custom of taking up collections in churches did not come into vogue till 1662. The rev. gentleman said that a very small portion of what was given in church went towards making up the clergyman's stipend, and he for one would not receive such as an alms. Rev. E. C. Jennings said when he mentioned that the offertory dated back as far as the days of Abel, it did not mean