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The Lord Bishop of Toronto will hold his next General Ordination in the Cathedral Church of St. James, Toronto, on Sunday, the 13th October next.

Candidates for Holy Orders, whether of Deacon or Priest, are requested to communicate, without delay, to the Venerable the Archdeacon of York, Cobourg, (the Rev. H. J. Grasset being absent from the country,) their intention to offer themselves; and they are required to be present for Examination in the Library of St. James' Parochial School House, Toronto, on Wednesday, October 9th, at nine o'clock A.M., with the usual Testimonials and *Si Quis* attested in the ordinary manner.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

We are requested to call the attention of our readers, and more especially of the Clergy, to the circumstance that in addition to the Scholarships announced in the advertisement, as open for competition to Matriculants at Trinity College, in October next, the Cameron Scholarship, lately held by Mr. Givins, now Allan Scholar, will also be vacant. The value of the Scholarship is £25 per annum, it is tenable for three years, and is restricted to the sons of Clergymen.

THE LATE MRS. (ARCHDEACON) BETHUNE

It is not often that the removal from amongst us of honoured and cherished friends creates so profound and general a feeling of regret and sorrow as the demise of this estimable lady, briefly announced in our last. The funeral procession on Wednesday last was perhaps the largest ever witnessed here; while it passed the shops were closed, and all of every condition seemed to manifest a genuine grief. On Sunday, St. Peter's Church was hung in black, and nearly all the female members of the congregation appeared in mourning—these have announced their intention to erect in the church a marble tablet to her memory. The Church services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Short, of Port Hope, from whose impressive sermon upon the occasion we are permitted to make the following extract.

"It is well said, 'The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong.' Death advances in his course of devastation, with impartial pace, he knocks equally at the cottage door and at the palace gate. He gathers the aged to their mature rest, and cuts down the young in their vigour and beauty.

"To her whom lately so large and sad a procession followed to the grave, we might naturally have looked for a longer life, another score of years would have brought her but little beyond

the Psalmist's limit of three score and ten, but God willed it otherwise, and we have all learned, I trust, to bow to the wisdom and fatherly love of His dispensations. My knowledge of her for more than twenty years leads me to say that many of us, nay all of us, might well, in our shortsightedness, have desired a different ordering of this Providence, naturally wishing that the good and useful might be continued long amongst us— anxious to have as long as possible the value of their counsils and the benefit of their example. In the present instance, we know how great the boon would have been if God had been pleased to grant it, how precious to this whole community, how inexpressibly precious to her husband and children. These will henceforward have comparatively a lonely way through life's pilgrimage—one of the best of wives removed, one of the most devoted of mother's taken away. If there be a phase of character which, in the departed wife of your rector, shone with singular brightness, it was the assiduity, the tenderness, the gentle consistency with which her duties as a wife and a mother were discharged. With all but a scrupulous purity in her heart and life, with little stain or ruffle from the evil and turbulent passions of the world, she pursued her christian work calmly, meekly, lovingly, with an utter thoughtlessness of self. And we have seen the results in the family she has reared—in the departed and surviving—to whom she contributed so important a share in training. It is not too much to say, that one and all they have been a pattern to the community in which they were brought up, an ornament to society, a blessing to the Church. Such results as these, it is true, are in God's hand, and the best and purest parental efforts will often end in disappointment, but the Almighty works neither arbitrarily nor capriciously, and it is His rule to bless and prosper the consistent, judicious, and prayerful endeavours of christian fathers and mothers. Mere counsel and exhortation are of poor avail, the gentle influence of a parent's unselfish love, and steady, patient duty does more than all the reiteration of and earnestness of words.

"Married at an early age, she never had a care for the world's giddiness or pleasures. Home was her charmed circle, and when friend or stranger came within its precincts, hers was always a cheerful and abundant hospitality. Four and thirty years made no change in her habits or tastes, they only matured what, from the outset of her married life, was a fixed and religious principle. And it is rarely the case that one so meek and unobtrusive, so little affected by her high position in society, and with so many of this world's comforts at her command, with so utter a deadness to its arts for show and consequence, it is rarely the case that one so quiet and retiring, so ready always to take the lowest room, should command here and elsewhere so large an influence and so deep a respect. But there was an untiring energy beneath that calm demeanour, within that delicate frame there was an active, cheerful spirit, and more than all, there was the persuasive powers of christian principle and example.

Home, I have said, was the scene where the triumph of this was most shown, but she was zealous in good works outside that happy circle. Many an afflicted one has been aided by her skill and counsils; many a sick bed comforted by those little helps so soothing and reviving to the suffering. Many a cordial has been administered, essential nourishment supplied to the weak and sinking, many a naked one clothed, which hardly those about her know of, and which only came to light in grateful thanks to her husband as hither and thither he dropped in upon poor and rich.

The religious education of the young, and the superintendence of the Sunday-School had been with her for many years a work of growing interest and pleasure, and her wonderful influence over the mind and tempers of those little ones, can only be that persuasive power which a consistent and earnest christian character always exercises. Her last attendance in this sacred place was at the Sunday-School, and never after had she strength to enter the house of God.

"Six months of suffering, with too early indications that they were likely to have a fatal issue, may have somewhat reconciled those to whom she was most dear to the sad bereavement that has followed. Long ago the hope of her recovery had to be abandoned—a solemn fact of which she had for many weeks been conscious. Special daily prayer with all her family around her was her privilege and delight, and her last reception of the blessed memorials of our Saviour's passion was shared in by all her children of sufficient age to join in the holy duty.

"When bodily distress was increasing week by week, her release from suffering by death might be almost welcomed; yet who, my brethren, but those that have experienced it, can understand the full sad power of the bereavement that ensues? Who can comprehend the depths of the heart's regret and agony,—not exhibited to the world, but controlled and stifled it may be in its sig. —which in privacy and loneliness must be borne from whom one so loving, good and gentle has been torn away?

"I rejoice to have been assured, my brethren, and I have been asked to say it, how much this deep distress has been lightened and softened by the warm and affectionate sympathy of high and low, and rich and poor, in this community, how much the keen sorrows of this great bereavement will be tempered by the remembrance of all your kindnesses in word and deed,—the constant enquiries, the anxious desire to be of service, the preparation of little comforts, gifts of choice delicacies, of fruits and flowers,—all betokening a loving interest from those whom in her own days of health and strength she tried to serve. All these things, I am instructed to assure you, touch and live in the hearts of the survivors, and they tell them that, if neither you nor they could, or would change the dispensations of God's wise Providence, they have those that weep and sorrow with them, and more than all, that they have your prayers that this great affliction and heavy trial may be blessed to their souls eternal good.