

christians, exercise towards our suffering and guilty fellow-men. It must be rooted in God and in love. It must spring up in a heart conscious of the redeeming love of Christ, it must result from the recognition of our fellow men as brethren in the great Elder Brother, as members of the same family under our great and gracious Father in heaven. Have we taken our place in this Divine family? Do we know that this is a truer and deeper relation than any other? If we do, then we shall instinctively recognize the truth that we must deal with our brother as we would that he should deal with us, were we to change places, as we would that God should deal with us in our time of need. How simple do the principles of the gospel become when we view them in the light of the Divine love, when we bring them face to face with the actual problems of human life!

We who live in this world of temptation and trial, of sorrow and sin—we are not faultless. We have not only sorrows to be soothed, we have sins to be forgiven, we have weaknesses to be strengthened. In our sorrow and our penitence and our weakness, we turn to God and to man for pardon, for comfort, for help. We are not so foolish as to imagine that it can be the same with us after we have offended God or man. Even when we are freely forgiven, the consequences of sin are not entirely removed. The broken constitution is not restored in full completeness. The lips that have been accustomed to speak false words do not quite easily fashion themselves to the utterance of simple truth. There is a long and weary struggle between the old nature and the new. Even when the evil sowing has ceased, there is still a reaping of that which has become the object of the Divine mercy. God has assured him of his fatherly love, has poured out His Spirit upon him, has promised and has given all needful guidance for the conduct of his life, so that he can go on his way with peace, and hope, and joy, feeling that the battle is now not hopeless, but that he can now fight the good fight of faith with the clear assurance that he shall be more than conqueror through Him who loved us.

Such is the mercy of God; and such should be the mercy of man. We do not expect that men shall at once forget the offences that we have committed against them. It would not be well for them or for us that they should instantly be buried in oblivion. But we do expect that they should help us to feel that the future is not hopeless. We expect of Christians that they shall have compassion for our infirmities, and that they shall extend a generous forgiveness, like the forgiveness of God, when we have done them wrong. We have fought our battle, poorly and ineffectually perhaps, we have not done our best, or any thing like our best; but our brethren may well take the most generous view of us, may well extend their compassion to us, for they also need mercy of God and of man.

To be concluded in our next.

## Home & Foreign Church News.

From our own Correspondents.

### DOMINION.

#### MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—Rev. S. Belcher, rector of Grace Church, Point St. Charles, writes appealing for assistance in restoring his church which has suffered such great damage by the flood. The floor has been lifted up bodily and the beams broken, while the organ is seriously damaged. The people in the neighbourhood are suffering from the flood themselves, and many of them are only working on short time, so that it will be impossible to raise the requisite funds among the congregation.

The Rev. E. Wood, rector of St. John the Evangelist, has generously offered to take up a collection for Grace Church, if the other churches will do the same.

Christ Church Cathedral.—A Star reporter interviewed Rev. J. G. Norton about the memorial of his opponents asking him to resign, but the Rev. gentleman declined to state what he intended to do, or to say anything at all about the affair. An intimate friend of the rector's, however, states that he intends ignoring the memorial entirely.

CHURCH HOME.—The annual meeting of the Church Home, was held at the institution, University street, Rev. Dean Carmichael presiding, and there being a good attendance. The report for the past year was submitted by the Secretary, Mrs. Stancliffe, and showed the institution to be doing good work. The financial statement showed the receipts to be \$2,161.

37, and the expenditure \$2,113.18, leaving a balance on hand of \$48.19. The building fund made a very satisfactory showing, the receipts being \$2,459.39, and the expenditure \$1,362.91, leaving a balance of \$1,096.48. The report was adopted, after which the following officers were elected:—Patroness, H. R. H. Princess Louise; President, the most Rev. Wm. Bond, Lord Bishop of Montreal; Honorary Board, Mrs. Oxenden and Mrs. Forsyth; First Directress, Mrs. Macdonell; Second Directress, Miss Moffatt; Third Directress, Miss Ramsay; Secretary, Mrs. Stancliffe; Treasurer, Miss H. M. Crawford.

#### ONTARIO.

FORTES FORTUNA JUVAT.—Under this heading, in speaking of the highest honour men at Trinity College medical examinations, ought to have been said Messrs. H. H. Hawley, the gold medallist, and J. R. Logan the silver, instead of putting the latter gentleman first. However, they will both, if spared, be a great acquisition to the medical profession wherever they intend to settle or practise; though we believe they both desire to visit England, (and will do so if nothing happens to prevent them) before settling down to regular work. These gentlemen, as Canada knows, are by no means devoid of experience or practice, having nobly won their spurs, not fighting against Reil and his followers, but against a terrible antagonist, the small-pox, regarding which each of them may be able to say under heaven "Veni, Vidi, Vici."

OTTAWA.—The parish of Christ Church is about to be divided. Church accommodation will be provided for the new parish by the purchase of the Methodist Church in the neighborhood for \$15,000.

NAPANEE.—Ordination Examinations.—At the ordination examination held lately in the schoolroom of St. Mary Magdalene's Church by the Archdeacon of Kingston, there were two candidates for priest's orders, Rev. A. T. Brown, Milford, and Rev. C. Scudamore, Huntley, and one for deacon's orders, Mr. G. J. Schroder. All passed very creditably. The time for ordination has not yet been fixed by the Bishop.

Ven. Archdeacon Bedford-Jones and wife were among the invited guests at the wedding of the second daughter of the Lord Bishop of Ontario, which took place at Ottawa in April. Lord and Lady Melgund, General Middleton and wife, Sir Leonard and Lady Tilley were also among the invited.

RENFREW.—Mr. G. J. Schroder, lately from England, a candidate for holy orders, is to have charge of this parish during the absence of the Rev. H. E. Pleese on sick leave.

Clerical Changes.—Rev. Frank Fraser has met a warm welcome at Shannonville. The Rev. D. E. Pick, late of Plantagenet, has taken Mr. Fraser's post at Osgoode. Rev. J. K. McMorine will assume duty in Kingston on Sunday, May 17th.

KINGSTON.—J. Stafford Kirkpatrick, died on May 3rd, aged 38 years. He was the youngest son of the late Thos Kirkpatrick, Q.C., and brother of the speaker of the House of Commons. He was a barrister, and until lately of the firm of Kirkpatrick & Rogers. Three years ago he was afflicted with paralysis, and has been an invalid since. The immediate cause of his death was erysipelas, produced by over-exertion. Hon. Mr. Kirkpatrick is greatly affected. Last January a brother died very suddenly, and last year another brother passed away.

#### TORONTO.

TORONTO.—Church of the Holy Trinity, Young People's Association.—The last concert of this season was given by the Young People's Association of Trinity Church. This young Society has had a most successful beginning, the number of members being as numerous as their room could conveniently hold. The concert was conducted by Mr. Blackburn, organist and the various pieces were given by Misses Marling, O'Reilly and Tinning, with Messrs. Hurst, Foster, Lees and C. Rudge, whose contributions were highly appreciated. The Association is deeply indebted to Mr. Rudge, the secretary, for his genial services, as well as the president, Mr. A. McDougal, C. E., and the rector-assistant, and etrate, the Rev. John Pearson, and

Rev. Mr. Nattrass. Other friends have helped in making the first season so pleasant a success.

SUPPLIES FOR THE VOLUNTEERS.—Upwards of \$2,000 has been subscribed in Toronto and spent in purchasing all manner of comforts for the troops serving in the North-West. We trust that a generous distribution of all these private supplies will be made, so that there will be no discrimination made between those who have private friends with means, and those who are making equal or greater sacrifices, but who have only their country to look to. Let us learn the lesson of unity by treating all volunteers alike as members of one body.

#### NIAGARA.

STAMFORD.—In all Saints' Church, Niagara Falls South, there was a special service, on May 1st, "St. Philip and St. James," with a celebration of Holy Communion to invoke the divine blessing and guidance on him who on that day was being consecrated as Bishop of Niagara, in the Cathedral at Fredericton, by the most reverend, the Metropolitan. A fair number availed themselves of the opportunity offered; and we have reason to hope that the act, that day accomplished, will result in blessings to our diocese and the Church at large.

ORANGEVILLE.—In this parish much is now being done to circulate good church papers. At present there are about fifty subscribers, and the work of extending the circulation by members of the church in the parish still goes on. It is felt by all parish workers here that such papers are necessary for the building up of the church; and it is hoped that ere long that every family belonging to the church here, will be supplied weekly with a church paper.

ELORA.—The ladies of St. John's Church are succeeding remarkably well in the work of providing for the payment of the debt on the building, having raised during the past five years about \$1,000.00, and still meeting with encouraging responses to their monthly appeals. A social lately given by four of them, has added \$24.00 to the above amount.

At the Easter vestry meeting, Judge Drew generously promised to the churchwardens to pay \$150.00 into their hands for the purpose of making the assets in the general account equal to the liabilities. This promise he has since fulfilled.

FERGUS.—The Rural Dean has succeeded in getting a number of the parishioners to double their annual contributions for salaries, etc. One person now gives \$100.00 per annum and several \$50.00 each. This is exemplary generosity.

ST. CATHARINES.—A pleasant surprise awaited the Rev. R. T. Moore on his return to this place, last week, to remove his family to a new sphere of labour in Toronto. During his absence of six weeks, his old parishioners made up a purse of \$146 which was presented by the Church-wardens of St. George's Church, in grateful appreciation of his work in the parish during the past three years.

#### HURON.

THE LATE JUDGE McMAHON.—Death, within the past few weeks, has made many demands upon Simcoe. Never before in an equal period of time has it lost so many of its old settlers and respected inhabitants. Now, Judge McMahon is added to the list. Who, knowing the strong man a few weeks ago, would have thought that to-day he would be sleeping the sleep from which there is no waking? Out off in the prime of life and in the full vigor of his manhood, when his young and numerous family greatly required the tender care of a father, why, no man can tell, and is only known to an over-ruling Providence who doeth all things well. The cause of death was erysipelas, and although for some time he was known to be dangerously ill, it was hoped by all, that his youth and strength would enable him to overcome the disease and would insure his recovery. The deceased was 48 years old. Ten years ago he came to Simcoe, a comparative stranger, when he was appointed County Judge—a position for which his legal knowledge and his high moral character well fitted him. In the discharge of his official duties he won the esteem of the legal profession and the general public. In educational, church, and other town and county matters, he