

REVIEWS.

"THE SOUL'S QUEST." By F. G. Scott. Kegan Paul, London. 1888.

A brief notice of the modest little volume bearing this title may be of interest to some of the readers of the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN. The poem, which gives its name to the book, would seem to describe the yearning spirit of our time, that seeking, "to-morrow and yesterday," fails alike to find hope and guidance in the dim, dawning light of the one, or rest and peace in the creeds of the other. Standing at length "In the shadowy light of the silent land," of doubt apparently

"Something in the road she spies,
Spurned under-foot, o'er-grown with moss,
Counted of foolish men but loss,
On the cold, hard road lies Jesus' cross."

"She lifts the sacred emblem up:"

finding in it the ending of her perplexities; the link that binds the work of the present to the faith of the past; the "to-morrow and yesterday." Partly perhaps from its allegorical form, the poem seems a little narrow in conception, but clear and strong in this and the following one. "Justice" stands out the thought, that in Christ alone is to be found the true help for the crying needs of our time. A deeper, fuller note rings out in "Evolution;" differing in form, it is animated by the same spirit of strong, sure hope for the future, that is so marked in the one little volume, "Spooke's Pass," left to us by another Canadian singer, Isabella Valancey Crawford.

The "What" and "Why," that must come at times to all thinking minds, and our limitations here are touched upon:

But on we pass, for ever on,
Through death to other deaths and life;
To brighter lights when these are gone;
To broader thought, more glorious strife;

To higher powers of will and deed,
All bounds and limits left behind;
To truths undreamt in any creed;
To deeper love, more God-like mind."

Very touching is "Wahonomin," Indian for a cry of lamentation, addressed to the Queen, with its burden of regret for a vanishing people.

"The world rolls onward, ever on and on,
Through clouded vast and moans of dying years.
Into the depths of sunset; but this light
Blinds our dim eyes, we cannot see the goat.
The spirit of the world is not for us;
We perish with the pine tree and the bird;
We bow our heads in silence. We must die.

Many subjects are touched upon in poems and sonnets of varying degrees of merit, only two; "Wahonomin," and that to the memory of those who fell in the North-West, are distinctly Canadian in character, showing at least that the author has ventured into wider fields, but all of vigour and freshness that will repay present perusal, and suggestive of promise for the work that we may yet hope to see done by the same hand in the future.—M. A. G.

Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

QUEBEC.

PORTNEUF.—The Rev. J. H. L. Zillman, who assumed charge of this parish last summer, in succession to the Rev. W. C. Bernard, has resigned and is about to return to Australia, from whence he came. The Rev. C. B. Washer has been appointed his successor. Mr. Washer was born at Horsham, Sussex, Eng. Educated at the Church Missionary College, Islington. Ordained Deacon, 1871; Priest, 1874, by the Bishop of Quebec. Has been in charge of the Missions of Inverness, Lake Beauport, Glen Murray, and of late at Barford, Eastern Townships.

THREE RIVERS.—The new Rector, Rev. H. C. Stuart, M.A., assumes charge of this parish at Easter. As yet no one has been appointed to succeed him at Bourg Louis.

QUEBEC.—Trinity.—The Rev. A. Bareham, Incumbent of this parish, who last year gained for himself such an unenviable character in connection with his visit to England to appeal for funds for his

church, has just cast another stain on this otherwise most happy diocese, by introducing Evening Communion in his church. This is the only church in the whole diocese where it is held, and as it is known that it has been previously prohibited by the Lord Bishop in another church, it is only a matter of time to see what the result will be in this case. It is hardly likely that his Lordship has yet heard of it, as it is not generally known, except by the members of the church.

Woman's Auxiliary.—The Quarterly meeting of the Diocesan Branch will be held this week in the St. Matthew's Parish Rooms, Quebec, when delegates are expected to be present from various parts of the diocese.

ONTARIO.

Renfrew Deanery.—The annual missionary meetings in the several parishes and missions comprising this deanery, have just been concluded with most gratifying results. Twenty-three meetings were held, and the collections have advanced forty per cent. over previous years. Of three deputations appointed by the Bishop, only one put in appearance, viz., Canon Burke, of Belleville, who held meetings in the missions of Mattawa and Petawawa, reports of which have already appeared in your columns. The other deputations not reporting for duty, loss of time ensued, and it was feared the cause would suffer, and the lateness of the season render the meetings a failure. Finally the Rev. J. F. Gorman, of Renfrew, and the Rev. S. Robinson, of Ashton, the former as convener, were appointed as substitutes in one instance, and the Rural Dean took the duty of the other deputation, the Rev. T. P. Smitheman, of Stafford, and the Rev. J. M. V. King, of Cobden, rendering valuable assistance, leaving their own parishes in the midst of Lenten work in order to aid the cause of missions in the diocese. The substituted deputations being thus hurriedly organised, it is all the more gratifying to be able to report such successful meetings. Rev. Messrs. Gorman and Robinson did excellent work in the parishes of Arnprior, Renfrew, Calabogie, Eganville, and Combermere, while the Rural Dean presented the claims of the mission fund to the congregations of Pembroke, Beachburg, Stafford, and Cobden. The former held seven meetings, and the latter ten. It is earnestly hoped that when the parochial cards are handed in next month from these twenty-three congregations, it will be found that this deanery has made a marked advance in its contributions to the mission fund. The work of church extension in this diocese is going on at so rapid a rate that the Bishop has appealed this year for \$3,000 more for the mission fund than it has ever yet reached. The reality and solidity of the Church's progress in this diocese is beyond question. For example, in this deanery alone—to say nothing of the diocese as a whole—three new missions have been founded during the past year, viz., Cobden, Calabogie, and Petawawa. That of Calabogie is yet without a resident missionary, and is worked from Renfrew. In addition to this, Eganville, which has for years received a large grant from the mission fund, will shortly become self-supporting, the grant having been reduced to \$100 and the congregations notified that another year it will be entirely withdrawn. For several months the mission has been vacant, but having increased their support the Bishop has sent them the Rev. Mr. Robinson, of Ashton, who will shortly enter on his new duties. Mr. Robinson is very popular with the congregations there, and they are congratulating themselves on his appointment. At Renfrew the Rev. Mr. Gorman has been working most energetically, and though but a few months in charge, has succeeded in rebuilding the church, and also in increasing his congregation; while at Stafford—the oldest mission in the county—the Rev. Mr. Smitheman has removed the debt on the parsonage—a new building erected during the incumbency of the Rev. Mr. Harvey, whose name and good works are held in loving remembrance by his former people. Mr. Smitheman has also secured to the diocese a building formerly used by the Methodists, and it is to be converted into a church. The new mission of Cobden, formerly a strong section of the Beachburg mission, owes much to its zealous pastor, the Rev. J. M. V. King, sent there but a few months ago as a young deacon; he has grappled with the wants of the surrounding district, and opened regular Sunday services at Douglas and Scotch Bush. The congregation at the latter place is unique. At 4 p.m. on a week day the deputation reached the school-house, having for miles faced a blinding snow storm, not inspired by the reflection that it was "all up" with that meeting. But, behold, the building was nearly full of adults, and the collection, which we thought might be 90 cents or so, was just six dollars. It is in some of our isolated, and for years neglected backwoods stations, that we find the truest evidence of the Church's vitality. Scotch Bush, with its hardy, bronzed, and

bearded sons of the Church, deserves that its good deeds be chronicled in the Church's paper. Now for the mission of Beachburg, last but certainly not least. Having lost the strong congregation of Cobden, and thus forced to depend more on their own resources, it was hardly to be expected that they could, during their first year as a separate parish, make very much advance on their previous offerings. But again we were agreeably disappointed. Their collection was in advance not only of any former record, but was the largest of any parish or mission in the deanery. It was \$85.97 (from three congregations, that of Forester's Falls being the highest) as against \$17.00 last year (from the same congregations), and was six dollars more than was collected at the meeting in the county town of Pembroke. Honour to whom honour is due, and the Rev. Mr. Anderson is to be congratulated in his pastorate over a people who, amid increased demands on their local resources, have yet boldly stepped forward to the very foremost position in the county in their support this year to the Church missions in the diocese. So much for the meetings. Will the cards show increase in like proportion, because it is mainly through them the revenue comes? Our hopes run high, and if realised then the deanery will have begun to do its duty, because it is evident to any one who knows the strength of the Church in parts of the county, that the contributions of past years have been utterly disproportioned to the means of the people. It is cheering indeed to see a change taking place, even at this late day, only let it not be said that it is phenomenal.

POINT ALEXANDER.—Services have at last been opened here and the station attached to Petawawa mission. The distance is twenty-five miles, yet the services are regularly held every second Sunday, and the congregations encouraging. The clergy are kindly entertained at Mr. Benjamin Moore's, whose family also lead the singing.

Getting On.—Rev. M. Whiting, in seconding a vote of thanks to Dr. Carman last week, said: "He is the Archbishop of our great Methodist Church in Canada. There is an Archbishop in Kingston, but his diocese is insignificant compared with the vast tract over which Dr. Carman's rule extends."—*Empire.* O tempora! O mores!

TORONTO.

St. Simons.—The Rev. C. Le V. Brine, Curate of this Church, has been appointed Rector of the new parish of St. John the Evangelist at Hamilton, and left Toronto on Thursday last to take charge. Mr. Brine, who is a Nova Scotian and a graduate of King's College, Windsor, in that Province, was appointed curate of St. Simon's soon after the parish was set apart, and during his occupancy of that office, by his many sterling qualities and his devotion to his duty, won the regard of all with whom he was brought in contact. On Wednesday evening the St. Simon's Bible class presented Mr. Brine with a solid silver communion service and a silver baptismal font as a mark of their esteem.

Toronto.—Home for Incurables.—The sixteenth annual meeting of the board of management, and those interested in the Home, was held on Saturday afternoon in the lecture room of the home on Dunn avenue. The room was well filled with Toronto's most influential and philanthropic citizens. The president, Mr. Alexander Manning, was in the chair, and on the platform with him were: Rev. Dr. Parsons, vice-president; Rev. Prof. Clark, Prof. Goldwin Smith and Rev. Dr. Sutherland. The secretary's report was presented and was most encouraging. The number of inmates now in the institution is 92, although at one time during the year the number exceeded 100. There were 41 new patients admitted and 27 of the members entered into rest, a mortality exceeding that of any previous year. The wards provided for consumptive and cancer patients are being increasingly used and meet a long-expressed need. The library contains 800 volumes and an appeal is made for contributions of books, particularly for those of a size which may be easily read in bed. Donations are also requested for additional wheel chairs, book rests and invalid tables, all of which will add to the comfort of the inmates. Bequests to the extent of \$22,750 were given during the year, besides a large amount in subscriptions and donations. The home is a voluntary charity, not a public institution of the state. It undertakes to provide each incurable who may come within its walls with a home for the remainder of his or her life. It exists solely upon the free gifts of those who may feel disposed to aid it. Resolutions were adopted thanking and expressing confidence in the lady superintendent, Mrs. Craigie; thanks to Miss Grace Mowat and her staff of nurses, and to the resident medical officer, Dr. Ainslie Ardagh. Regret

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