

death. We very much doubt the value of altruism as a sufficient explanation of the motives towards advancements in nature, although this chapter is one of the most interesting in the volume: also the statement that a certain increase of temperature will disassociate the constituent gases that form the chemical compound, water: also that in any sense it can be said that "crystals breed by some kind of contagion other crystals like themselves." There is, however, very much in the volume that is both interesting and valuable, although few will prize the scientist's prospects of immortality and conscious happiness. The great teacher is evidently Darwin, and the principle that has been at work in the universe is the "survival of the fittest," or natural selection. From the earliest organism to the human race there has been a continuous line of millions of individuals and types. But there is one consolation, that if man were to die out, there is no appearance of the ape developing into another man. Our author makes no attempt to account for the origin of nebulosities, or the generation of energy, or the maintenance of force, or the affinities and repulsions of elements. Science does not as yet appear to be sufficient to eliminate the Christian Faith, but Mr. Shaler makes a good showing on the naturalist's side.

CHARACTER BUILDING—TALKS TO YOUNG MEN. By the Rev. R. S. Barrett. Price 25c. New York: T. Whittaker; Toronto: Rowsell & Hutchison.

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Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

NOVA SCOTIA.

HORTON AND KENTVILLE.—The division of the parish of Horton is now, April 24, an accomplished fact. The deed of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, drawn up by the diocesan registrar, and duly executed and signed by the Bishop, and sealed with his episcopal seal, constituting Kentville a new and independent parish out of the parish of Horton, with the Church of St. James', Kentville, as its parish church, was read at the adjourned parish meeting in St. James' Church, Kentville, on Monday afternoon, April 24, at 8 o'clock. The boundaries of the new parish were recited in the deed. It embraces the western and larger half of the township of Horton. The eastern end of the township, whose parish church is St. John, Wolfville, retains the original name of the parish of Horton. At the above parish meeting in St. James' Church, Kentville, the Rev. Canon Brock, D.D., who has been four and a half years rector of Horton, was with entire unanimity and great cordiality elected rector of Kentville. Messrs. Charles Smith and G. W. Martin were elected wardens; Messrs. I. G. Byrne, L. D. V. Chipman, J. H. Dennison, T. L. Dodge, P. Giffins, W. J. Grono, J. H. Hiltz, J. Publicover, T. R. Robertson, J. C. Starr, R. Stead, E. A. Worsley, M.D., were elected vestrymen; Messrs. L. D. V. Chipman and P. Giffins, auditors, and W. B. Moore, M.D., vestry clerk.

WOLFVILLE.—At the parish meeting in St. John's Church, held on the same day, April 24, at 5 p.m., the Rev. H. De Blois, M.A., of Round Hill, N.S., was unanimously elected rector of Horton. It is hoped that he will be able to enter on his duties before very long. Meanwhile the Rev. Canon Brock, rector of Kentville, has been asked by the parish meeting to continue to take charge of this portion of his old parish till the Rev. H. De Blois, rector-elect, can come into residence. Both the above meetings were adjournments of the regular meetings held on Easter Monday, April 3.

QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—*St. Matthew's.*—In accordance with a resolution passed at the Easter Vestry meeting of this church, whereby it was resolved to erect with the church a suitable memorial to the late lamented Bishop Williams, who also took such a great interest in the Parish, a meeting of the congregation was held in the Parish Rooms on the 26th April. It was unanimously decided that the memorial should take the form of a Baptistery, and a committee of ladies

and gentlemen was appointed with full power to make all arrangements for the erection of it. A chancel screen had been thought of, but as it is the intention to enlarge the chancel, it was deemed advisable to delay the erection of the screen until the enlargement is made.

RIV. DU LOUP (en bas).—A very successful mission has just been concluded in this parish, of which the Rev. Edwin Weary is the rector. The Missioner was the Rev. Isaac M. Thompson, Rector of Levis, P. Q., and formerly Diocesan Missioner. During Mr. Thompson's absence, the services at Levis have been conducted by the Rev. T. A. Williams of St. Matthew's, Quebec.

Diocesan Synod.—The Diocesan Synod has been summoned to meet in the Cathedral Church Hall, Quebec, on Tuesday, May 30th. It will open with Matins, sermon and celebration of the Holy Communion in the Cathedral at 9 a.m. on that day. Immediately after Synod will be organized, and Tuesday and Wednesday will be devoted to the business of the Diocese, and Thursday, June 1st, will be entirely devoted to the celebration of the centennial of the Diocese.

RANDBORO.—The Rev. H. A. Dickson, incumbent of this mission, purposes taking one year's leave of absence, and it is expected that he will be succeeded by the Rev. G. G. Nicolls, M. A., now incumbent of Shigawake, P. Q.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—The Very Rev. R. W. Norman, Dean of Quebec, preached the annual sermon to the St. George's Society in Christ Church Cathedral. A large congregation was present. The Dean took as his text Deut. xv. 11, "For the poor shall never cease out of the land; therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt surely open thine hand unto thy brother, to thy needy, and to thy poor in thy land." After a eulogy on the beneficial effects of the St. George's Society, incidentally pointing out the combination of the several creeds for the common good, the preacher discoursed eloquently on patriotism. There was something radically wrong with the man who had no love for his country "It is sweet and honourable to die for one's country." The preacher, continuing, spoke in glowing terms of Canada's progress in art, science, and commerce, concluding with an earnest appeal to his hearers to give liberally to the society.

St. George's Y.M.C.A.—The regular fortnightly meeting of the St. George's Church Y.M.C.A. was held on Thursday evening, 20th ult. Dean Carmichael read an essay, "Concerning Sermons," in which he explained the difference existing between a preacher and a prophet. The former proclaimed the Divine will according to the measure of his understanding and spiritual gifts. But the latter spoke with authority, as the mouthpiece or oracle of the Almighty. Mr. Dunbar Brown, jr., read a very interesting paper on "Montreal, past and present." Allusion was made to some of the causes which impeded the progress of our city.

ONTARIO.

ODESSA MISSION.—We had a "Quiet Day" here on the Friday before Good Friday, conducted by Rev. F. C. Powell, assistant priest of St. Thomas' Church, Belleville. The addresses and instructions were all very helpful and suggestive, and the sermon at evening from the text, "a friend of publicans and sinners," was a most stirring one, calling upon all who love their Lord to work for the extension of His kingdom in the hearts of their fellow-men. The services during Holy Week, and especially on Good Friday, were well attended. On Easter Day the sanctuary was adorned with flowers, and there was a good congregation, and 17 communicants. Eight more made their Easter communion on Low Sunday at Hawley, making 25 communicants in the mission. Not a very large showing certainly, but an increase on former years. The vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday evening, and was well attended. The churchwardens' report was considered very satisfactory. The total income for the year at Odessa was \$196.05. Out of this we have met all our obligations, and have some \$80 in hand. An arrangement was made by which to meet the payment of \$100 on the principal of the debt, which becomes due next January. We are going to get 20 subscribers of \$5 each, in addition to the offerings for general purposes, which will remain as before. No difficulty is anticipated in obtaining this sum, as everyone shows a willingness to subscribe the required amount. Already over half has been subscribed. In addition to the above named sums we have sent something over \$30 to the diocesan mission fund, and over \$40 has been given in the offertories at Hawley school house. Mr. Thomas Graham was appointed as clergyman's warden, and

Mr. B. A. Booth was re-elected people's warden. The utmost harmony and good will prevail throughout the mission.

KEMPTVILLE.—The special services during Lent were fairly attended, those of Holy Week better than usual; the children were catechized twice each day. There were three services on Good Friday. The 3 p.m. service consisted of brief meditations on the seven last words from the cross, appropriate hymns and prayers. At the 7 p.m. service the solemn litany of the seven last words (in H. A. M.) was sung, with a short collect between each part. There were four services on Easter Day. At the two celebrations there were 89 communicants. In the afternoon the children's Easter service took place. After the Nicene Creed the rector, Mr. Emery, congratulated the parishioners on the debt being paid off on the church. On Monday in Easter week the vestry met in St. James' Hall; after routine business it adjourned for two weeks. At a meeting for electing delegates to the synod, Messrs. John M. Harding and George Keating, Sr., were elected. At the adjourned meeting Messrs. John M. Harding and George Eager were re-elected churchwardens. Sidesmen were chosen, a churchyard guild and an envelope guild were appointed. A committee was chosen to devise ways and means to procure a new churchyard fence. The committee purpose applying for help to the many former parishioners who have removed from this to other parishes, and have friends sweetly sleeping within this old churchyard. New Bibles were purchased for the Sunday school and used for the first time this Easter, taking the place of the old ones that have been in use for 35 years. Some fifty dollars worth of new books were added to the S. S. Library. The Ladies' Aid are going to place kneelers in the church. The Mission Church of St. Paul in Marlborough keeps up its members and evinces considerable signs of life and improvement, notwithstanding the departure of many for the North-west. The fortnightly catechizing after the second lesson has been very profitable to young and old.

CAMDEN.—With the encouraging reports one reads of the steady advance of the Church in Canada, especially during the late Lenten and Easter seasons, perhaps an item from this parish may not seem egotistical. We cannot brag of any great improvement, but there is certainly a steady advance. 1,185 communions have been made in this parish during the year, not counting private communions. On Easter Day we had a congregation of 28; full choir and semi-choral service at 6 a.m., with 21 communicants at St. John's, Newburgh; at this service a beautiful paten was dedicated—the gift as a thank-offering of a family in the congregation. At 8.30 a.m., 21 joined in the grand communion service at Holy Trinity, Yarker; 15 receiving. At 11 a.m. St. Luke's, Camden East, was filled, and yet many of the congregation living north of the church were unable to get out on account of the roads just breaking up. The service was really beautiful, and wonderfully well sung by the congregation, ably led by a large choir. The singing of the Agnus Dei, 1st by the sopranos, 2nd by the altos, and 3rd by the boys, was very effective and added much to the grandeur and beauty of the service. An anthem, "Lift up, ye gates," was sung at the offertory very creditably, the solo being beautifully taken by Mrs. Canfield Shorey. At this service there were 46 communicants, at least 10 being prevented by bad roads. In the evening at St. John's, the 110 people present went soon forget the magnificence and the heartiness of the service. Here also an anthem, "Consider the lilies," was very well rendered, the solo being beautifully taken by Mrs. Frinkle. During Lent and Easter 61 services were taken in this parish, of which the incumbent took 55; during Holy Week he drove through mud and snow 90 miles, and took 11 services, with a sermon at each, besides 5 baptisms on Easter eve. And on Easter Day he drove 28 miles and took 5 services, preaching 3 times. On April 11th, our small but enterprising congregation at Newburgh held a bazaar and tea and entertainment to raise funds for extraordinary expenses; they do not believe in raising funds in this way for ordinary expenses; it turned out most successfully, proceeds about \$85 net. We enter upon our new year with good prospects and deep thankfulness to Almighty God for the blessings of the year just past. The congregation at Newburgh mourn the loss of a faithful member, Mr. Stephen Hill, who, after nine months of great suffering, passed away in sure and certain hope of a joyful resurrection. For 35 years he was a consistent and uncompromising member in this village, standing faithfully by her when struggling along without parson or church. He saw a beautiful church erected, regular services carried on, and led and taught his children (who have grown up to follow in his footsteps and are a credit to his and his faithful and loving wife's training), to respond, and from them it has spread through the whole congregation, until now it is the general remark of every stranger who enters, "what splendid responding you

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