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CANADIAN CHURCHMAN.

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KINGSTON. In Memoriam. James A. Henderson entered Paradise Dec. 7th, 1890. Walter Walkem entered Paradise Dec. 7th, 1890. Eternal rest grant them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

TORONTO.

RURAL DEANERY OF DURHAM AND VICTORIA. Plan of Missionary Services, &c.

Parish or Mission	Date	Deputation
Cartwright	Jan. 10th.	Rev. W. McCann.
Lindsay	"	Rev. J. Creighton.
Port Hope.		
St. John's, a.m.	Jan. 10th.	Rev. W. H. French.
St. Mark's, p.m.	"	"
Emily	"	Rev. G. F. Hibbard.
Bobcaygeon	"	Rev. A. B. Chafee.
Fenelon Falls	"	Rev. W. J. Creighton.
Coboconk	"	Rev. W. Farncomb.
Perrytown	"	"
Elizabethville & Orono	"	Rev. W. C. Allen.
Bowmanville & Newcastle	Jan. 17th.	Rev. R. D. Creighton.
Cavan	"	Rev. E. Daniel.
Trinity Church	Jan. 18th.	Revs. E. Daniel and R. Rooney.
Manvers	Jan. 24th.	Rev. C. H. Marsh.
Ops	"	Rev. H. Burges.

N.B.—The clergy of the Rural Deanery are earnestly requested to preserve a copy of this plan, and to write for any further information to the Rural Dean or Secretary. WM. C. ALLEN, Sec. R.D.D.V.

St. Matthias.—On Thursday evening, 29th inst., the last of the series of Parochial Reunions managed by Mrs. Harrison, under the auspices of the Churchwardens and others, took place. The fact that Advent was drawing nigh may have occasioned additional vim. Certainly, the members of the various Parochial Guilds and Associations vied with one another to secure Mrs. Harrison's efforts to make a success. The result was an ovation to the spirit of united energy and tact. The bright and cheerful schoolrooms were prettily decorated, and crammed to their utmost capacity, notwithstanding the falling rain outside. Indeed the very passages were obliterated, and some could not find at last standing room within the doors. It does not do to come late to the affairs at St. Matthias, and it is safest to buy tickets long beforehand, instead of paying at the door. Among those who took part were Mrs. H. L. Dunn, and Mrs. W. Gray, the Misses Sewell, Milligan, H. & V. Wadsworth, Amine Wey, and Gertrude Timms; also, Rev. Professor Huntingford, Rev. F. G. Plummer, and Messrs. E. V. Stevenson, G. H. Birch, F. C. M. Mockridge, Davidson and Timms. When all did so well, it would be invidious to particularize, but one may say that the audience evidently appreciated the singular talent, both as singer and reader, of Trinity's new and popular Classical Professor. Though the primary and main object of the entertainments has been to bring the congregation together sociably, they have been so well managed, though the fee was very small, as to leave a large balance, over expenses, on the right side. The rector acted as chairman.

Grace Church.—The Rev. H. M. Edwardes, London University, has been appointed as locum tenens during the leave of absence of the Rector, Rev. J. P. Lewis, from the Dominion for travel in Asia.

All Saints.—The Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, of Montreal, lectured in the school room on Monday evening on "Ants." The large audience was delighted with the instructive address of the popular and eloquent dean. The lecture was on behalf of the literary society.

A meeting of the Trinity College Miss. and Theol. Society was held on the evening of St. Andrew's Day, Monday, November 30th, when an address on St. Andrew's Brotherhood was delivered by Mr. N. F. Davidson, M.A., '84. The Provost, in introducing the speaker, spoke of the very great pleasure it gave him to welcome on such occasions distinguished graduates of Trinity, and in the present case especially to welcome Mr. Davidson, who had identified himself so closely with the establishment and spread of St. Andrew's Brotherhood in Canada. The speaker began with a very happy reference to the great benefits he had derived from Trinity—the great emphasis laid upon the development of spiritual life had deeply impressed him. He then proceeded to speak of the necessity for the existence of such an order as the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, a simple organization with one great and sole object, the spread of Christ's kingdom among young men. Toronto had a larger proportion of young men than any other city he knew of; it was the centre of great educational activity, the students alone could be numbered by thousands; then there

were the thousands of young men employed in offices, banks, and stores. These men were most of them away from home and its influences, and exposed to all the temptations a great city spreads out before them. The work of the Brotherhood lay with these, who were often difficult of access to the clergy, even supposing the latter had not their hands more than full of other work, as was generally the case. The Brotherhood was thus designed to assist the clergy and supplement their work, and young men in any case could best be approached by young men. It was remarkable what a number of young men had been found willing to take hold of the work, and therefore a success had attended the Brotherhood far beyond what had been expected. In enumerating the work actually done, Mr. Davidson spoke of the means employed in different churches for carrying out the rule of service—by young men's Bible classes, by hospitality or sick visiting committees, and in many other ways. The late convention in St. Louis, of which a full account may be seen in the "St. Andrew's Cross," was a most marvellous gathering, composed of five hundred and forty-one members, practical, active men from all parts of the continent, overflowing with life and energy and enthusiasm. He then spoke of the reasons why divinity students especially should join the Brotherhood, to be in touch with a work of so much importance and interest to young men, for the sake of the valuable training it would give them in their contact with men, and that they might be in a position the better to establish Chapters when taking up parish work, where half the battle would be won by having men to back one up. Instances were quoted of the power of the badge as a help in initiating work, and a check and aid in everyday life. When Mr. Davidson had concluded his address a discussion followed, and in conclusion Mr. Woodruff, vice-president of the Canadian branch, and the Rev. the Provost, spoke warmly of the good points of such an organization.

St. James' Cathedral.—The first of a course of sermons to young men, to be given monthly throughout the winter, was preached in this church on Sunday, Nov. 29th, by the Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, of Montreal. This course of sermons is arranged under the auspices of the St. James' Cathedral Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and the members of the Chapter make a special effort to get as many young men as possible into the church at these services. The spacious cathedral was crowded and fully one-half of those present were young men. The singing by the surpliced choir under the direction of Mr. W. Elliot Haslam was excellent and thoroughly congregational. The dean preached an eloquent sermon from the 5th verse of the 137th Psalm; "I wish to say that Canada, for her own success, may take, with profit, the American ideal. Why allow ourselves to dream of any possibility for this country except success? Why listen to any words which would blind our eyes to our magnificent possibilities? Canada is no longer a great fringe along a water stretch or lake and river; it is a vast Dominion, literally extending from ocean to ocean, a link binding the hoary empires of the east with the more modern empires of the west. Surely we should live to believe in this country, to bite out our tongues before we give voice to the dastard thought that might rise in our minds that Almighty God has nothing great in store for us." Speaking of the question of party, the preacher said that he was for that party which cheapens not their country, but for that which holds greater than any party success the success of Canada. "This country needs to rise to a higher ideal, and, thank God, I believe it is going to do so. There are times when the blush of shame becomes a positive symbol of righteousness. That blush of shame is on the face of every honest man who loves his country and believes in its destiny. We need to demand that the laws of God shall be observed by those who govern this country. Government by party in some cases we must always have, but to make party the excuse for using corruption, to allow it to be the excuse for such an expression as 'I did not use one cent for myself, it was used for political purposes.' Oh! the stain of it! What a base and low ideal? What an insult to the magnificent freedom that the Mother has given us to govern ourselves! What an example to our young men, standing on the verge of manhood, to say that something must be done because party demands it! Are you ready to stifle such a degrading ideal of manhood, to say, when you possess power, 'I will follow party with all loyalty as long as party recognizes God; I will never raise hand or voice in its favor when it fails to do so.' I would not have you fall into the error that the sins of our public men are, of necessity, the sins of the nation itself. The secret of our prosperity lies in the sign of a healthy public opinion, and a determination that, strike wherever it may, justice shall be done, till we can say that the purest type in the country is found in the government of the country. God give us grace, if choice lies between an un-

scrupulous genius and a plodding honest man, to follow honesty wherever it may be." Concluding, the eloquent preacher said there could be no higher ideal than "For God and country," and if they were the last words that ever he should address to the young men assembled, he could not wish for a better motto to leave them.

The choirs of the Church of England in the city are taking steps to form a choir association, with the object of improving the singing of both choirs and congregations. Preliminary meetings have been held, at which the draft of a constitution has been prepared, and will be submitted to a full meeting of clergy and choirmasters on Saturday afternoon, December 12th. Already enough choirs have promised their co-operation to assure success, and it is proposed to hold a grand choir festival next Whitsuntide, when a full cathedral service will be sung.

FAIRBANK.—The first of a series of special Advent Services was held on Wednesday evening, December 2nd, when the Rev. Canon Osler was present and was assisted by Mr. G. F. Davidson (late of the Aspidin Mission, Muskoka). The service was very hearty, and an appropriate address was given by Mr. W. Creswick, who also spoke a few words of farewell after the close of the service, expressing his regret at leaving the mission, to which he had become deeply attached. The Rev. Canon Osler added a few cheery words of encouragement, and then presented Mr. Creswick, in the name of the congregation of Fairbank, with a substantial token of their esteem and gratitude for the untiring zeal with which he has laboured amongst them during the past eighteen months. After Mr. Creswick had expressed his thanks for this unexpected gift, and the kind feelings which had prompted it, Mr. Davidson briefly requested the prayers and co-operation of the people in the work which he had undertaken. Rev. Canon Osler then terminated the proceedings by pronouncing the Benediction.

NIAGARA.

GRIMSBY.—The meeting of the N. & W. Deanery was held at this place. The Rev. G. Johnson, Welling, was the preacher. A pleasant and profitable time was spent in the discussion on the "Preface to the Prayer Book." A resolution of condolence was passed to Mrs. Geddes for the great loss she had sustained in the death of the good Dean of Niagara. Allusions were made in the several churches as to the loss the diocese had sustained by the removal from their midst of the Venerable Dean Geddes. Trinity Church, Chippawa, where the Dean spent the first two years after his return from England, was draped in black, and a memorial service was held on Sunday, the 22nd ult. This W. A. branch, of which Mrs. Geddes was then president, at their meeting moved a resolution "expressing their deep sympathy with Mrs. Geddes in her great sorrow." So far the reports of those who held their missionary meetings in the fall are full of promise; the attendance has been good, and the offerings better, as they should be, after the bountiful harvest this year. Thanksgiving was generally observed in all the churches by appropriate hymns and sermons, and in some cases decorations. When we consider the diocese gives this day's offertory to the "Disabled Clergy Fund" (all too much needed), we cannot see how any church can be closed, for this reason, if no other.

NORVAL.—St. Paul's Church.—This parish has been vacant for about two years and a half, but has at last obtained the promise of a clergyman, Mr. T. L. Aborn, B.A., B.Sc., at present second master of the Church school for boys, who expects (D.V.) to be ordained on Sunday, Dec. 20th. Though Norval Church people have long felt the need of a resident clergyman, yet they have determined to make the best of their position, and going upon the maxim that "union is strength," they have stood together, and been the means of not allowing the Church spirit to diminish. Through the kindness of those at Trinity College, students have been coming ever since the vacancy of the parish, and their services have been most acceptable, the present state of prosperity being greatly due to them, the foremost of whom was Mr. W. F. Webb, B.A., whose untiring zeal and genial spirit have won for him many friends. Last Sunday (1st Sunday in Advent), the Rev. J. H. Ross, of Bullock's Corners, held a celebration of the Holy Communion, at which more than three-quarters of the congregation remained to partake of, a fair index of their Churchmanship. Surely some of our larger congregations can take pattern by them.

HURON.

GALT.—The first Sunday in the Christian year has for some time been set apart by the Rector of the parish as Sunday School Anniversary Day, the