

true, for the Baptists practise, in administering baptism, what seems more in accordance with the spirit of primitive antiquity. We, in turn, may be justly reproached for much that is inconsistent with our own professions; and we may not repel, we rather invite the rejoinder, "Physician heal thyself." In short, truth is to be sought and followed for its own sake; and he who accepts this as the law of his life, is already a Catholic at heart. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Such is the ennobling charter of the sons of God; and it includes a promise that should prompt all of us to efforts for securing the result. It is something to believe in Christ's promises and in the power of the Holy Ghost to make them good to all believers. It is a great thing to make one's life a contribution to this end, though it may seem unattainable. And if, as the mathematicians inform us, there are lines that can never meet, though perpetually converging, let us be sure that even such lines are a parable, and intimate that it is well to move in the right direction at least, because there is a life eternal, where what is aimed at in this world is sure to be realized. For one, I do not think there is any probability of Catholic welding among us, save through the fiery trial of persecution, and under the hammer of tremendous visitations of Providence; but such trials may be near at hand. Irreligion and alien invasion are multiplying the perils of our common country. What happened in France a hundred years ago may warn us that we are not invulnerable. The uprising of wage earners against the capitalist is but a token of what may be preparing in other complications. A general distrust of our politicians and governors forebodes a coming failure of all law, when the white heat of popular passion shall try every man's work. Our indifference to religion as it already exists may well remind us that the nation and people that will not serve God must perish by His judgments.

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FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—*St. Luke's Church*.—Rev. L. G. Stevens, Rector. On Sunday, May 3rd, Bishop Coadjutor Kingston administered the rite of confirmation to a class of 29 persons; 14 men and 15 women.

MONTREAL.

HOCHELAGA.—The corner stone of the new St. Mary's Church was laid on Saturday afternoon, 2nd inst. The weather was fine and there was a large congregation to witness the ceremony. The site for the new church is well chosen, and the price for the land was four thousand dollars; it is situated on the corner of Prefontaine and Rouville streets and is only a short distance from Notre Dame street. On the adjoining lot is the new Protestant Commissioners' school. In addition to the church now being built, there is enough spare ground on the church lot for an extension, at right angles to the nave at the north-east end of the church for Sunday school and parish purposes, and for a rectory also. For the present, the Sunday school will be held in the nave, separated by a movable partition from the rest of the church. The vestry is located in rear of the chancel and is the entire width of the chancel, and is large enough for week day services. The basement will be used for furnace, etc. Already the stone foundation work is built and the floor is laid, so that the congregation has held their first service in connection with their new sanctuary. In the absence of the Lord Bishop, Dean Carmichael officiated, assisted by Archdeacon Evans, Rev. Dr. Borthwick (the first rector) and the present rector, Rev. A. Bareham. In an interesting historical sketch of the parish by Dr. Borthwick, it was said that the parish was founded in 1828, and until the military were withdrawn in 1870, under the Gladstonian Government, it received support from that service; subsequently, it had been closed for a time, but through the efforts of the late Mr. Hawkins, of Mr. William Hobbs, and others, it was re-opened, and when St. Catharine street east was lengthened the old church was demolished (1890) and the new St. Mary's was begun to be built in the spring of 1891. The corner stone was laid by A. F. Gault Esq. Mr. J. J. Browne is the Architect.

POINT ST. CHARLES.—*Grace Church*.—Mr. J. J. Browne informed us that he had completed plans for the new church building in this lively parish. May the devoted rector long be spared to see the good work mature into an abundant harvest.

BRISTOL.—The incumbent of this mission and his wife are on a three months' visit to Ireland first, and then to England, or rather to Cork via Liverpool. Rev. Mr. Mills reports an increase in the offertories of \$80, and in the stipend of \$40 for the past year. He also reported a grant to the mission from A. F. Gault, Esq., of 50 Sunday school books and a parcel of tracts. Mr. Mills reports fruitful results from the recent parochial mission held at Bristol by Rev. Worthington Aitkin, rector of Rathbany Clonakilty, Ireland. A prayer union was then established of 50, which has since been increased by 25 outsiders, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Mr. Mills says his Lenten services were well attended. During his furlough, Mr. Harry Naylor, son of Rural Dean Naylor, is taking the services in the mission. Rev. S. Moore is working in Thorne mission and Mr. Pratt of the Diocesan College is at Onslow. Mr. Mount is assisting Rev. A. Bareham in Hochelaga.

MONTREAL JUNCTION.—A meeting was held at this mission on the 4th inst., in the house of Professor Parmalee, for the purpose of considering the best means of advancing the work of the mission district lately formed by the Rev. J. G. Norton, Rector of Montreal. Mr. Mervyn, the acting minister, presided, and proceeded to nominate the majority of the residents as vestrymen, with Professor Parmalee and Mr. Kirkpatrick as churchwardens. He then stated that the best thanks of the inhabitants of the district were due to Rev. R. Hewton, rector of Lachine, for attending to the spiritual wants of the people, and to Mr. G. L. Banks, for the use of his house for church purposes. Bishop Bond, the Rev. Dr. Norton, Dean Carmichael, Archdeacon Evans, and other influential ministers considered that as Montreal Junction was part of the diocesan district of Montreal, it was preferable to establish a separate mission there and allow it to develop into the dignity of a parish. A sufficient amount of land had been granted for the erection of a church, school house, parsonage and other buildings, and an appeal would be made to the generous members of the Montreal Episcopal churches to aid in the erection of the buildings and to provide the necessary current expenses. A grant of \$400 a year was made out of the Montreal Mission Fund, and it is hoped that the subscriptions and donations will be sufficient to carry out this important and necessary work. The meeting decided to proceed at once with the erection of a school house, to be used also as a temporary church. The following gentlemen were appointed a Building Committee, to commence operations immediately:—Messrs. Parmalee, Kirkpatrick, Thomson and Shonfeld.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—Mr. J. E. Birch has been appointed organist and choirmaster of this church. Mr. Birch, who is a son of the well known musical composer of that name, was for five years a chorister, and for two years leader in the Chapel Royal, Windsor, under Sir George Elvey; and afterwards for nearly four years assistant organist and music master in Wellington College, where his pupils gained the first prize every year. He was instructor in the violin to Prince Christian Victor. Master F. Williams, the famous boy singer who recently visited Montreal, was also for a time a pupil of Mr. Birch. Having been for two years conductor of a large Philharmonic Society in Hereford, and at the same time studying under Dr. Colborne, organist of Hereford Cathedral, Mr. Birch was promoted, more than two years ago, to the important position of organist and choirmaster of St. John's Church, Nottingham, London, a church noted for the beauty of its services. Here Mr. Birch won golden opinions both as an organist and choirmaster, and it is expected that he will be an important addition to the musical talent of our city.

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE.—The extension of this church has been commenced. It will be towards St. Catherine street, and will give increased seating accommodation for one hundred and twenty persons. There is also some talk of extending the chancel. Mr. Peter Nicholson is the contractor for the work.

ST. BARNABUS CHURCH, at St. Lambert, is also shortly to be extended to give additional seating capacity for fifty persons.

ONTARIO.

KEMPTVILLE.—A number of young men, at the request of the rector, Mr. Emery, met him in the vestry of the Parish Church to form a Church-yard

guild. The rector took the chair, a president, vice president, and other officers were duly elected. A list of rules, drawn up by Mr. Emery, was adopted. The guild has been brought into active service. They have repaired the fence around the church yard, cleared off the rubbish from the ground, straightened the headstones, stirred up the people to feel an interest in God's Acre, and are talking of a new fence in keeping with the church. Six of the young men were appointed by the rector as pall bearers, and the president, Mr. John Beddingfield, as ceremoniaris, to assist at the last rites in connection with the remains of Mr. Richmond Spencer, third son of the Rev. A. Spencer, Secretary of the Synod of the Diocese of Ontario, and a former Curate of Kemptville. They went to the C. P. R. junction to meet the funeral cortege, from Kingston, several of the parishioners accompanied them out of respect to their former curate. The altar, still adorned with its beautiful white Easter frontal and exquisite flowers, added brightness to the grand old service of the Church, bespeaking the reality of the "Communion of Saints." The departed was a fine young fellow, handsome and full of intelligence, a chorister in the choir of All Saints, Kingston, steadily devoted to Christ and His Church, using all diligence to prepare for the Priesthood, when, instead of having to endure hardness as a good soldier of Christ in the Church militant, he found that his master required his services in Paradise.

O soothe us, haunt us, night and day,
Ye gentle spirits far away,
With whom we shared the cup of grace,
Then parted, ye to Christ's embrace,
We to the lonesome world again,
Yet mindful of the unearthly strain
Practised with you at Eden's door,
To be sung on, where angels soar,
With blended voices evermore.

TORONTO.

ST. MARTIN'S. The names of the wardens are Messrs. Baird and F. Holmes.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH. A very successful congregational gathering was held in the basement of this church on Tuesday evening, on the occasion of the opening of the basement for Sunday school purposes. The various parochial organizations took charge of the entertainment. A choice programme was rendered during the evening, after which refreshments were served in the Sunday school, and the gathering took the form of a conversazione. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Canon Sweeney, D.D., Rev. A. H. Baldwin M.A., Sir Daniel Wilson, I.L. D., and Dr. Milman, and Mr. W. D. McPherson, the churchwardens. The choir rendered several selections during the evening and Mr. Gilby sang the "Soldier's Dream" and "Skipper and Boy" very acceptably. The meeting was confined to members of the congregation, and gave a splendid opportunity for them to become better acquainted with one another, in which respect it was a great success. From the reports of the various associations connected with the church, it is evident that the church is in a flourishing condition and doing a good work.

TRINITY UNIVERSITY.—On Sunday, the 10th inst., the Rev. Alfred Osborne, B.D., incumbent of Markham, preached an earnest and scholarly sermon in the chapel, as one of the required exercises for the degree of D.D. From the text, Romans xii. 6, "Prophecy according to the proportion of faith," the preacher pointed out that the conflict between faith and unbelief was ever one between two great spiritual kingdoms. Hence the supreme importance of dogmatic truth founded on the incarnate Person of our Lord, as the heart and core of Christianity. The duty of the Christian preacher in every age was to set forth this truth in due proportion. Lack of such proportion in much of the religious teaching of the day, and the absence of any adequate dogmatic basis therein, was forcibly pointed out, as well as the place of the Incarnation in the scheme of Christian doctrine as it stands related to the mysteries of the Atonement and the Sacramental system. One of the chief objects for which Trinity University was founded was to train up men qualified as Christian teachers to contend manfully for the due proportions of the faith once delivered to the saints. Mr. Osborne is the first Canadian clergyman who has succeeded in obtaining the degree of D.D. from Trinity by examination under the new scheme inaugurated in 1883, choosing for this purpose the apologetic division. We heartily congratulate him on the successful issue of a long course of study in this department.

BRIGHTON.—*St. Paul's Church*.—On Tuesday, the 28th ult., the Lord Bishop of Toronto held a confirmation service here. At the suggestion of the