

occasion of Dr. Cotton's consecration is as fine a one as any, and from which I make this extract. In which the preacher says "the new worker goes forth with the prayers of the Church upon his head, and checking the impulses of a natural affection, she rather asks for him that no nearer future may be suffered to become his horizon, but only that most distant of all, the anticipation of which, unlike every other anticipation, is purely invigorating, animating, and satisfying. With his heart in his work, and his hope placed above he asks of us to-day, not the prayer for a return, but the prayer for success and blessing, for a work that shall abide and a recompense that shall be permanent. He thinks not to-day of an early, and therefore disappointing, release from labour, but rather of the examples of those who before him have given life itself for Christ in the East; his eye rests upon those graves, to be honoured in all time, of Martyn at Tocat, of Schwartz at Tanjore, of Heber at Trichinopoly—upon one more recent still, opened for an Indian Bishop, full of years and of good works, in his own cathedral at Calcutta."

Everyone knows how signally this forecast was realized.

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

NOVA SCOTIA.

FREDERICK COURTNEY, D.D., BISHOP, HALIFAX.

Halifax.—All the city churches were beautifully decorated for the Christmas Festival, and the congregations were exceptionally large. At St. Paul's a varied selection of music was well sung by the choir, and besides preaching on the "Nativity" on Christmas Day, the rector, the Rev. Mr. Armitage, gave an interesting sermon on "Old Year Lessons" on the last Sunday of the year. At St. George's the services were bright and hearty; a new chandelier in the church was greatly admired. At the Cathedral Church of St. Luke there were four celebrations on Christmas Day. Forcible sermons were delivered by the Lord Bishop of the diocese, and on the Sunday after by the rector, the Rev. E. P. Crawford and the Rev. Dr. Bullock. The choir distinguished itself in singing Dr. Agutter's Eucharist service in G. Te Deums by Smart and Maunder. Christmas anthems by Handel-Hopkins, and Gounod. There were the usual Christmas gifts to the poor. At St. Stephen's Trinity, the Garrison and district churches, bright and happy services are recorded. An ordination service was held in the Cathedral church on Sunday, the 19th, by the Bishop.

MONTREAL.

WILLIAM B. BOND, D.D., BISHOP, MONTREAL.

Montreal.—The Lord Bishop of Montreal held an ordination service in Christ Church cathedral Sunday morning, the 19th ult., at which four clergymen were advanced from the diaconate to the priesthood, and one graduate of the Diocesan Theological College admitted to the diaconate. The names of those thus advanced in or entering holy orders were: The order of priest—Rev. W. W. Craig, B.A.; Rev. S. H. Mallinson, B.A.; Rev. F. W. Steacy, B.A., and the Rev. G. A. Gagnon, M.A. The order of deacon—Mr. James S. Ereaux. The service was most impressive throughout, and drew a large congregation. The sermon was preached by the Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal, who took as his text the sixth and fourteenth verses of the first chapter of St. Paul's Second Epistle to Timothy: "Stir up the gift of God which is in thee through the laying on of my hands. That good thing which was committed unto thee, guard through the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us."

St. James the Apostle.—Rev Canon Ellegood, M.A., rector, will have completed his fiftieth year in the ministry on Trinity Sunday, in June next. The occasion will be one of considerable rejoicing

in the Canon's church, and a meeting has already been held in the hall of the church to devise some suitable means of commemorating his jubilee. It was decided to present the Canon with an oil painting of himself. The Reserve Association of the Victoria Rifles, of which corps Canon Ellegood was appointed chaplain by the first commanding officer, Colonel Osborne Smith, will also present the Canon with an oil painting of himself as he appears in his regimentals.

St. Henri.—The rite of Confirmation was administered to thirty-three candidates by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Montreal in St. Simon's church on Sunday (Dec. 12.) Quite a number of the members of the congregation remained to receive the Holy Communion with the newly-confirmed members.

Beauharnois.—The opening and dedication of Trinity church took place last month. There were a number of clergymen present, and the services were very hearty. Owing to the absence of Dr. Seward Webb, the Ven. Archdeacon Evans performed the interesting ceremony of laying the corner-stone. In erecting churches and public buildings it is the general custom to lay the corner stone before setting up the superstructure. In the case of Trinity church, however, it was otherwise. It was completed and ready for occupancy before it was found possible to place the corner stone in position. The church authorities were anxious that Dr. Seward Webb, who has taken such a lively interest in the parish, should officiate at the ceremony, and he consented to comply with their request, provided a convenient date would be arranged. It was therefore with the keenest regret that the members of the church and congregation learned of his inability to be present. The services of the day began at three o'clock with the laying of the corner-stone. This ceremony finished, an adjournment was made to the interior of the church, where a short dedication service was held, the preacher being the Ven. Archdeacon Mills, of Montreal. During the service letters of regret at inability to be present were read from the Bishop of Montreal, the Mayor of Montreal and others. The new church is a neat and commodious edifice, and occupies a fine position on a bluff overlooking the lake and village. The ground upon which it stands was donated by Dr. Seward Webb, who also contributed the sum of \$500 towards the building fund. Its interior appointments are very complete, the general effect being pleasing to the eye. The building is free of debt, and will be consecrated in the spring. Through the generosity of several Montreal friends it has been provided with a richly embroidered altar frontal, dorsels for the pulpit, and reading desks, carpets for the sanctuary, an altar cross of polished brass, communion vessels, and altar linen. A powerful Bell organ has been placed in the chancel, and greatly assists the musical part of the service. The church was designed by a son of Bishop Potter, of New York.

St. Stephen's.—A devotional service under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was held last week in the chapel. Members of all the city chapters were present, as well as visitors. The service was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Evans, D.C.L., assisted by the Rev. Henry Kittson, M.A. Inspiring addresses were delivered by the Rev. F. H. Graham, rector of Trinity church, and the Rev. G. Osborne Troop, M.A.

St. George's.—The carol service and organ recital in the church was enjoyed by a large congregation. The Very Rev. Dean Carmichael presided. The programme opened with an organ solo by Mr. J. Percival J. Illsley, Mus. Bach., which was greatly admired. The choir showed careful training. The carols sung were: Barnby's "Twas in the Winter Cold," and "The Virgin Stills the Crying;" "See Amid the Winter Snow," by Göss; "Cradled all Lowly," by Gounod; "The Boy's Dream," by W. H. Monk, and "Sleep, Holy Babe," by the Rev. J. B. Dykes. "Noel" and the "Star of Bethlehem" were given as solos by Messrs. E. Burke and G. H.

McLeod, respectively. Dubois's "Marche des Rois Mages" was given by Mr. Illsley as one of two closing solos, both rendered with much sympathy of expression. A collection was taken up for the choir fund.

Greetings.—Your correspondent wishes to express cordial greetings to all the friends of The Canadian Churchman. Christmas brought regular old-fashioned frosty, snowy weather this year, and there has been much good cheer for the poor from those who have enough and to spare. At St. George's, where the Lord Bishop officiated on Christmas Day, the Dean made grateful reference to the amply generous response by the congregation—so that no deserving applicant for Christmas cheer was passed by unsatisfied, and Christmas offertories for the poor were given by several of our churches as usual. The Christmas services have been supplemented in some instances by carol services and organ recitals, thus enhancing the beauty of the decorations by the charms of vocal and instrumental music. St. Matthias church, Westmount, is justly a favourite place of worship for city Church-folk, not only from its natural beauty of situation, but also for its lovely adornment of Christmas dress, the somewhat sombre staining of the open roof and walls being relieved by white arches with suitable sentences thereon over the chancel and narthex windows, etc., but the best thing for me was of a spiritual beauty, for the designer of the Christmas motto of "Peace and Good-will," resolved, as a New Year's promise before witnesses, that he would not allow anything to hinder him from attending the Wednesday night service. Hoping that the New Year may dissipate the perplexities of "Perplexed" brethren, and advising all such to work and pray for Christian unity, with every good wish for the best success of the C.C. L.S.T.

ONTARIO.

T. LEWIS, D.D. LL.D., ARCHBISHOP OF ONT., KINGSTON.

Roslin.—It is a source of gratification that the Church people, and not a few others, in this parish manifested on Christmas Day a growing consciousness of the right observance of this glorious festival. By the excellent attendance, the earnest participation in the prayers and the praises, the well-appointed music and hearty singing, the liberal offertories in St. Paul's, Roslin, Christ church, Thomasburg, and St. John's, Moneymore, the worshippers evinced a realization of the truth that mere feasting and secular merriment is not a worthy celebration of this festival of holy joy, but rather that the intelligent Christian should go up to the house of God, on this day, imbued with the spirit of the angelic song, "Glory to God in the Highest! Peace on Earth, Good-will Toward Men." A celebration of the Holy Communion accompanied the service in St. Paul's, which edifice, as well as Christ church, was beautifully decorated, redounding to the credit of the ladies of the respective congregations. The offertory amounted to \$47, which was the incumbent's Christmas gift from his generous congregations. The expression of good-will in good deeds did not end here. The organist of Christ church, Mrs. Wesley Morton, was the recipient of a beautiful silver tea set, as a token of appreciation of efficient and noble (because gratuitous) service for many years.

The Archbishop of Ontario and Mrs. Lewis leave for England on January 12th, 1898, in company with Archdeacon Bedford-Jones and Judge Macdonald, on an important mission. It is likely the Archbishop will attend the marriage of his granddaughter in England.

OTTAWA.

CHARLES HAMILTON, D.D., BISHOP, OTTAWA

Ottawa.—The city churches on Christmas Day were attended by large congregations. The services were bright and hearty, and most of the churches were beautifully decorated.

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