

## DIOCESE OF QUEBEC

**PERSONAL.**—The death is announced of a very promising young Canadian officer, Lieutenant Von Iffland, R. A. Deceased was son of the Rev. Rector of St. Michael's, Sillery, near this city. He left Kingston Military College about two years ago, and while there, distinguished himself in such a manner that he received a commission in the Royal Artillery.

The following with reference to the late Rev. Armine Willoughby Mountain, an old Quebecker, will be read with interest:

Although not a few years have elapsed since the Rev. Armine W. Mountain removed with his family to England, yet his death will waken memories and recall associations which many will desire to strengthen by reviewing his life and character, and the principles which are so brightly illustrated by both. He was born in Quebec in 1822, attended a school conducted by the Rev. Dr. Lundy, many of whose pupils now occupy positions of importance and influence among us. After taking his degree as a member of University College, Oxford, he returned to Quebec. He was ordained priest in the Cathedral in Montreal in 1846. Actuated by the same spirit which possessed his father, he devoted himself to the loving, faithful care of the poor in the suburbs of Quebec, while he filled the position of evening lecturer at the Cathedral, and acted as chaplain and secretary to the bishop. Never have parochial visitation and pastoral care of the sick and afflicted been more faithfully and persistently discharged than by Mr. Mountain in all the parishes committed to his care.

After his father's death he was elected by a majority of the clergy to succeed him as bishop, but the laity withheld their concurrence. Through all the years of his separation from the Diocese of Quebec, he kept up his personal interest in, and his active efforts for, all that could advance its welfare. As commissary of the present Bishop of Quebec, he never spared himself in any matter which was referred to him. He had for several years been vicar of St. Mary's, Stratford, in Buckinghamshire, where, in spite of feeble health, he laboured faithfully. He has left a widow with two sons and four daughters, of whom only one is as yet established in life. The sympathy and the prayers of many loving hearts will be drawn forth by their bereavement and distress.

As a parish priest his work was incessant. An evening unoccupied was rare with him, for with his various classes, meetings and instructions, he reached and held the welfare of every individual in the parish. His health had been of the poorest for several years, but his activity was an unflagging as in the freshness of youth. Through it all one who knew him could see that he did it uncomplainingly, patiently and cheerfully, because he knew that to be a minister of the everlasting Gospel was God's will for him. Yet it was also apparent that it was simply a "waiting for the end." He has been seen doing his work when it was hard to keep back the tears, from pain and fatigue. Because of this willingness to do, friends both at home and abroad were constantly turning to him for help—which he always gave. With such a nature it seemed as if the supplies were unflagging.

In a larger sphere, as connected with various societies and energies of Church life, there is much which might be said for the debts of gratitude owed to him were large.

At the funeral service between twenty and thirty of the neighbouring clergy were present, also choristers from the adjoining parish church of Stoney Stratford, who joined his own choir in singing Mr. Mountain's favorite hymns. The body, in charge of the Rev. Mr. Le Jeune, curate, and two parishioners, was taken to Liverpool and placed in the catacombs of Anfield cemetery. When navigation opens it will be taken to Quebec, to rest in St. Michael's churchyard, by the side of Mr. Mountain's father and mother.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese has issued a special "Prayer in Time of War" for use in his Diocese at the present crisis. It is to the same effect as these already in use in other Dioceses of the Ecclesiastic Province.

**QUEBEC.**—*The Cathedral.*—During the season of Lent, special sermons are preached in the Cathedral every Wednesday evening. The subject of each discourse being one of the Old Testament characters who was a type of Christ.

## DIOCESE OF MONTREAL

**ILLNESS OF THE BISHOP.**—We deeply regret to learn that the Bishop of the Diocese has been somewhat seriously indisposed. His Lordship has our warmest sympathies and most earnest wishes for his speedy and complete recovery.

**PERSONAL.**—We are happy to announce that the Rev. Canon Mills is rapidly recovering from a very serious attack of illness.

The Rev. W. Windsor, of Eardley, was lately pleasantly surprised, at his residence, by a deputation from the congregation of St. Augustines Church. The party bore with them several useful presents, as tokens of the esteem and good-will of the parishioners of Lower Eardley towards their pastor. The necessary provision for spending a social evening was thoughtfully made by the visitors, and the gathering was one which proved a great source of happiness and entertainment to all present.

**JEWISH SYMPATHY.**—**PRAYERS DELIVERED IN THE SYNAGOGUE FOR THE SOLDIERS IN EGYPT.**—The following prayer for the soldiers in Egypt was delivered last week in every Hebrew Synagogue, throughout the British Empire:—"O Lord, God of Hosts! We draw nigh unto Thee this day, to supplicate Thee on behalf of the brave men who pass through seas and deserts, armed for war in a far-off country, faithful servants of their Queen and of their nation. Preserve, we beseech Thee their going out and their coming in; preserve them from all evil; may the sun not smite them by day, nor the cold by night. Cover their head in the day of battle; gird them with victory; may their lives be precious in Thy sight. Show the leaders of the hosts the way wherein they must go, and the work that they must do, to the end that the land may be at rest, that violence be no more heard within her bounds, neither wasting nor destruction. Thou who rulest on high! bless the Queen, the mother of our country. Vouchsafe a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of counsel and might to her ministers, to her nobles of the kingdom and the chosen members thereof assembled in Parliament. Prosper their deliberations and establish Thou the works of their hands. Grant welfare and plenty to our Empire, that there may be no discontent in her borders, no complaining in the streets of her cities. Speed the days when abundance of peace will flourish on the face of the earth, when the world will be filled with love and brotherhood and the knowledge of Thee, O living God. Amen.

## DIOCESE OF ONTARIO

**PEMBROKE.**—The Rev. Mr. Forsyth was called from the church last Sunday morning, Mrs. Forsyth, who has been ill for some time past, having become very low. Mr. W. Sweetman conducted the services of the Church very acceptably both morning and evening. We hope Mrs. Forsyth, who is slowly recovering, will soon be quite well. She is greatly esteemed by her husband's congregation, amongst whom she has become famous for her constant visiting, tender sympathy and kind attentions in time of sickness and trouble, and we feel sure she will have their prayers and best wishes for her speedy recovery.—*Pembroke Standard.*

**OTTAWA.**—Not a little surprise and regret were experienced by the Church of England people here, on learning a few days ago that the Presi-

dent of the Methodist Conference had refused to ratify the sale of the "Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church," to the gentlemen of Christ Church, on the ground that the price mutually agreed upon, is too little for the edifice. We understand the Methodist trustees have since held a meeting to re-consider the matter, but we are without information as to the result. The sum of the purchase money in dispute is only \$2,000. The building cost a little over \$21,000 not \$30,000, as at first stated. It is said that if the offer by the Church people is not now accepted, they will not buy it, but will secure a lot in the same section of the city and build a church for themselves.

**Church of St. John the Evangelist.**—A branch of the Young Men's Friendly Society is in course of formation among the members of the congregation of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Ottawa. Thirteen members were enrolled, at the preliminary meeting. The Rector, the Rev. H. Pollard, was elected president, the Rev. A. W. Mackay, Curate, vice-president, and Mr. Richard Doney, secretary. The meetings are held monthly. The object of this society is to help young men both spiritually and temporally. The meetings will be of a social kind. Canon Farar is President of the Central Council of the Society known as "On Guard."

We understand that the Bishop of Algoma has expressed a desire that the Rev. J. K. McMorine, the newly appointed rector of St. James' Church, Kingston, be permitted to remain at Port Arthur, his present charge, until the opening of navigation, to which request the Bishop of Ontario, after consultation with one of the Lay Delegates representing the congregation, has consented. The *locum tenens*, Churchwardens and two other Lay Delegates have since signed a firm but respectful request that Mr. McMorine be permitted to assume the rectorate of St. James' on Easter Day, as previously arranged.

The Rev. Stearne Tighe, B.A., incumbent of Lansdowne Front, has been appointed Convener of the Diocesan Missionary Meetings, which were to have been held by the late Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick.

A portrait of the late Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, painted by Mr. W. Sawyer, of Kingston, is now on exhibition in that city. The painting is said to be very creditable to the artist.

On Thursday, the 5th inst., a meeting of the committee of thirteen appointed by the Vestry of St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, was held in St. George's class-room, for the purpose of selecting the names of three clergymen agreeable to the congregation for the position of assistant minister of the Cathedral, one of which the Bishop will elect. Twelve names were suggested, but the following secured the majority of votes:—Revs. E. P. Crawford, Brockville; J. J. Bogert, Ottawa; and B. B. Smith, Sherbrooke, in the Diocese of Quebec. The selection of Mr. Crawford was almost unanimous. The choice was made by ballot, each member of the committee voting for three names, the above mentioned having the highest number of votes. The report of the committee will be laid before a meeting of the congregation.

On Sunday, the 8th inst., the Rev. Ernest Saunders, of New Brunswick, was the preacher after both Morning and Evening Prayer at the Cathedral. He has left New Brunswick and was *en route* for the Diocese of Huron where he will reside.

Mr. Creegan, ex-alderman, has been appointed leader of the choir of All Saints' Church, Kingston. The members of the choir have been greatly increased.

The young ladies connected with Trinity Church, Brockville, intend holding a tri-color social, in the basement of the church on the 7th of April—Easter Tuesday.