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LESSONS for SUNDAYS and HOLY-DAYS.

June 17...FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Morning—1 Samuel xii. Acts ii. to 22.

Evening—1 Samuel xiii. or Ruth i. 1 Peter ii. 11 to iii. 8.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 1883.

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FIRST CANADIAN

CHURCH CONGRESS.

HELD AT HAMILTON, 7TH AND 8TH JUNE, 1883.

Hamilton, the cathedral city of the diocese of Niagara, contains nearly 40,000 inhabitants; of these about 7,000 profess to belong to the Church of England. In the year 1875 the diocese of Niagara was set apart, Dr. Fuller, Archdeacon of Niagara was elected Bishop and consecrated on St. Philip and James Day in that year. There were then four churches, now there are six, with seating accommodation for 3,500 people. Of the clergy who then were ministering in the city only one remains, the Rev. R. G. Sutherland, M.A., rector of St. Mark's.

The very Rev. the Dean of Niagara, who laid the foundations of the church in Hamilton, still lives, but is on leave of absence in England.

Christ Church, the mother church of the city, and the cathedral, is situated on James' Street north, not far from the railway.

It is a stone structure, of somewhat stumpy exterior, owing to its unfinished condition. The interior however is in good taste.

There are in it some fine windows of stained glass, and it possesses a powerful organ of good tone.

The altar is low, and unworthy of the large and well proportioned chancel. The acting rector, the Rev. Dr. Mockridge, is a modest Churchman with plenty of work in him; he is always an instructive and at times an eloquent preacher. There is here a weekly celebration and a surpliced choir.

Since his coming to the parish Dr. Mockridge has been enabled to attract many to the church, and has by his teaching and example elicited large

and increased offerings towards the reduction of the heavy debt which weighs upon the mother church.

He has also provided a mission church for a district until then much neglected in the northern part of the parish.

This church is wholly paid for, and is ministered to by the Rev. W. Massey, M.A., under the Rev. Dr. Mockridge's supervision.

The parish of St. Thomas, the next in seniority, was set apart some thirty years ago, although the church is of more recent date.

The Rev. W. B. Curran, M.A., Hon. Canon of the Diocese of Saskatchewan, rector, is a Broad Churchman, genial in manner, and popular especially with the young men of his congregation.

As a preacher he is brief, pithy, and to the point in his addresses.

The church is very handsomely decorated with polychrome and possesses a fair organ presided over by J. E. P. Aldous, Esq., B.A., Cantab, who read a very judicious paper at the Congress.

The great feature of Rev. Canon Curran's parish work is his Young Men's Association. That is his delight, and in its steady growth year after year he finds his reward.

The Church of the Ascension, designed by the late Mr. Cumberland, is a cruciform structure of gothic architecture, seating about 800 people. It lies under what inhabitants of the ambitious city call the "Mountain," and is surrounded by the residences of the wealthy. The present Rector in Advent last succeeded his talented brother the Rev. Canon Carmichael now of Montreal. Coming so recently from a London curacy, the Rev. Hartley Carmichael, M.A., (Dublin University), brings with him the fresh air and the broader experiences and the wider culture of the world's metropolis.

If he belonged to any party in the Church we should class him amongst the constitutional Broad Churchmen. Although only some seven years in orders he has already published a volume of sermons, which exhibit proofs of critical study and independent thought.

Each of these three parish churches possesses a separate building used for Sunday-school and other purposes.

All Saints' Church, situated on the corner of King street west, and Queen street, was built by the late Hon. Samuel Mills, in the year 1873. For some years it was worked by the Very Rev. Dr. Geddes and his curates. In 1878, however, the district around it was erected into a separate parish, of which the Rev. Lestock DesBrisay is rector. This gentleman has gathered around him a large and increasing congregation. He possesses a well balanced mind, is no party man, and if asked would probably describe himself as a "Prayer Book Churchman." His preaching is mainly expository, and is of the kind that will educate and build up the people committed to his charge.

St Mark's parish was set apart in 1877, when the present rector, the Rev. R. G. Sutherland, M.A., was appointed. He is a High Churchman and maintains weekly celebrations and daily service. There is cassocked and surpliced choir. Mr. Sutherland is of that genial disposition and has that pleasant address which do much to commend

his divine message, conciliate objections and draw out the love and fidelity of his flock. We were glad indeed to hear him say that one of the happiest results of the Congress already seen was the drawing nearer together the clergy and laity of different schools in sympathy and confidence.

The church is of no architectural pretensions, but its interior is of unmistakably "Catholic" character. The Altar, the prominent feature, is well elevated, with wings or curtains at either end. Coloured stoles are used, and there are on the table a cross and vases of flowers.

This church, and St. Luke's, the mission church of the cathedral, have their seats free and unappropriated. The others have rented pews, but in mitigation it may be said that the pews have no doors. In five out of the six churches Hymus A. & M. are used; and in the other (St. Thomas) the S. P. C. K. book is in vogue.

The Hamilton clergy pull together in all matters connected with their sacred calling. If they differ it is not openly. Frequent meetings cement the bonds of fraternal charity, and enable them on all important points to exhibit to the world a united front. This is their praise, and it as deserved as it is rare.

The first Congress in connection with the Church of England in Canada, held its opening session in the school house of the Church of the Ascension on the 7th inst. This is one of the best decorated Church school-rooms we remember to have seen, everything being in such good taste and free from tiresome conventionality.

At the request of the Synod of Niagara to the Lord Bishop last year, asking him to take measures to summon a congress of members of the Church of England to consider in amicable converse the living questions of the day, a meeting was called in September last, when the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to make arrangements for holding such congress in the city of Hamilton: The Venerable Archdeacon Dixon, of Guelph; Rural Deans Bull and Holland, Dr. Read, Dr. Mockridge, and the Revs. R. G. Sutherland and W. B. Curran. Dr. Read was chosen chairman, and Dr. Mockridge secretary.

The committee felt that it was somewhat presumptuous for so small a diocese to lead the way in so important a movement. Since, however, older and stronger dioceses hesitated, and time was passing, they determined reluctantly to make a beginning. If their anticipations were in any degree realized a larger and more representative committee could, they believed, be got together from those attending the Congress, and so the second Canadian Congress at least would be worthy of the Church which it hoped to assist by its discussions.

From the notice paper of the proceedings it was evident that the subjects chosen for illustration were sufficiently varied. Some indeed are of intense interest to the members of the Church.

The foundation of an Anglican Sisterhood in Toronto next year lends point and interest to the papers upon Woman's Work in the Church, a subject upon which the learned and vigorous secretary, Rev. Dr. Mockridge, it is well known, holds very decided views. Again, the relation of the Church to the mother Church in England has assumed a somewhat alarming importance, in view of a recent Privy Council judgment upon the South African case.

It might, perhaps, have been expected, that what are called burning questions should have been allowed a place on the programme; but the interest manifested showed that the selection of subjects had been satisfactory.

Among the prominent gentlemen present were the following:—The Right Rev. Dr. Coxe, Bishop of Western New York; Rev. Dr. Kramer, Rev. Dr. Wilde, Rev. Canon Dumoulin, Rev. Prof. Clarke, Rev. F. Courtney, rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston; Rev. Dr. Wilson, Rev. Provost Body, Rev. Canon Curran, Rev. Dr. Mockridge, Rev. Dr. Brown, Buffalo; Rev. Canon Caswell, Rev. Canon Beal, Rev. Dr. McNabb, Rev.