

## Home &amp; Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

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

SYDNEY, CAPE BRETON.—A meeting of Sydney Rural Deanery was held in the parish of St. George, Sydney, on Thursday, February 13th. There were present: Ven. Archdeacon Smith, Rev. Rural Dean Lockyer, and Rev. Messrs. Draper and Abbott. The Holy Communion—preceded by Mattins—was celebrated at 11 o'clock by the Rural Dean; the Epistle was read by Rev. C. G. Abbott, and the Gospel by Rev. T. F. Draper. Rev. Mr. Draper was also the preacher, and having chosen as his text the words: "Endure Hardness as Good Soldiers of Jesus Christ," he preached a "Sermon for the Times," full of sound doctrine and practical lessons, contrasting the earnestness and self-denial, so obvious in the lives of many Christians during a political contest, with the careless indifference and selfish ease so often displayed by the same persons in the great contest with sin, and for the cause of Christ. The Chapter meets during the afternoon, and after prayer, the 11th chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, verse 32 to last was read in Greek

## ONTARIO.

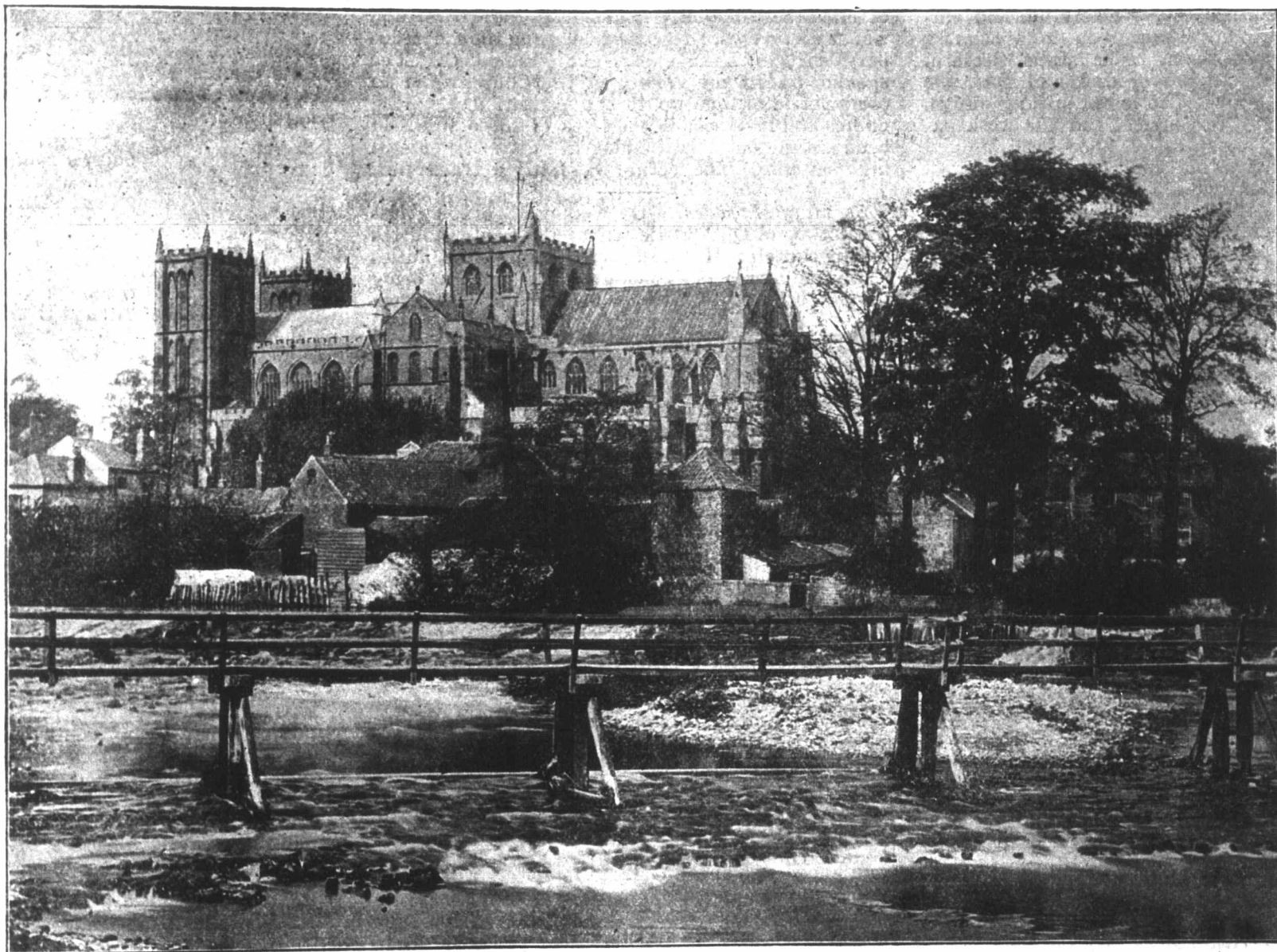
J. T. LEWIS, D.D., LL.D., ARCHBISHOP OF ONT., KINGSTON.

KINGSTON.—*The Armenian Relief Fund—The Metropolitan of Canada's Appeal.*—Offerings received by Canon Spencer during February: 3. Anonymous, \$1; 6. F. C. C. Heathcote, Toronto, \$10; 10. Miss Macklem, Toronto, \$500; 13. Church of the Messiah, Sunnidale, Ont., \$1; Rev. F. Robertson, Stayner, Ont., \$1; 14. Kingsey Mission, Quebec—Holy Trinity Church, Denison's Mills, \$4; St. Paul's Church, Sydenham Place, 32.; 18. St. James' Church, Dundas, Ont., \$24; 20. St. Mark's Church, Orangeville, Ont., \$4; 21. St. John's Church, Thorold, Ont., \$7.19; St. Paul's Church, Port Robinson, Ont., \$3.81; Niagara Falls South, Ont. (Rev. Canon Bull), \$16.60; St. Simon's Church, Toronto, \$84; 24. St. Bartholomew's Church, Ottawa, \$4.90; Montreal W. A., per Rev. Canon Empson, \$26.33; New Ross, N.S., per Rev. C. De W. White, \$7.80; Christ Church, Berwick, N.S., \$2.45; 25. St. James' Church, Parkhill, Ont., \$9.15; Grace Church, Greenway, Ont., \$1.25; Pakenham, Ont., per Rev. R. N. Jones, \$16; Trinity Church, Mitchell, Ont., \$10.45; Winchester and Chesterville, Ont., \$4.51; 26. St. Luke's Cathedral, Halifax, \$46.25; St. John's Church, Thamesford, Ont., \$3; Christ Church, Lakeside, Ont., \$3.65; Church of the

conquest of sin. The children were then questioned on the lesson, and in spite of the somewhat awe-inspiring audience of clergy and teachers, answered fairly well. Their ages ranged from 8 to 12 years. Canon Spencer then read an admirable paper on the necessity of preparing for Sunday-school teaching, dwelling on the importance of realizing that each baptized child was to be taught the high dignity of his calling, and to prepare himself for the position of a citizen of heaven. Some discussion followed in which the ordinary Sunday-school system, and the incompetence of teachers, were somewhat severely dealt with, though it was pointed out that many of the lessons which ought to be given were such as only a trained theologian could give properly, and so teachers were not to be blamed if they failed on such points.

*All Saints.*—The lantern services in this church have been resumed this Lent and occur every Wednesday evening. Great interest is taken in them by old as well as young.

*St. George's Cathedral.*—The Bishop of Qu'Appelle held a "Quiet Day" for Churchwomen in the cathedral on Thursday, February 27th. At least, so it was announced, but a large number attended only one or two of the addresses, and there was nothing especially addressed to women. It seems, therefore,



RIPON CATHEDRAL, FROM THE RIVER.

and discussed. The usual business of the Deanery was then proceeded with, and disposed of in order. The Rural Dean informed the meeting that it had come to his knowledge that it was Rev. Mr. Draper's birthday, and he (R. D.) wished to assure Mr. Draper of the general recognition of the good work done by him for God and His Church during the past thirteen years; of the indebtedness of the Deanery to him for his many acts of kindness and intellectual assistance, and to express the wish that God may grant him many very happy returns of the day. A standing vote attested the fact that the Rural Dean had expressed the sentiments of all present, and Mr. Draper's reply as clearly proved that he appreciated the kind words and actions of his brethren. Choral Evensong with an *ad clerum* sermon by the secretary (Rev. Chas. G. Abbott), brought to a close a very happy and profitable day. The next meeting will be after Lent, either at Port Morien or Sydney Mines. The visiting members of the Deanery desire to thank Mrs. Smith and Miss MacNeil for their many acts of kindness and generous hospitality on this and other occasions.

Mr. Freshfield has written a volume on the Communion Plate of the Churches of the County of London. It is thoroughly trustworthy on the subject in which it treats, which is to some minds a fascinating one.

Ascension, Port Perry, Ont., \$1.75; 27. St. Mary's Church, Walkerville, Ont., \$10; Alliston and West Essa, Ont., per Rev. W. E. Carroll, \$5.25; 28. St. Paul's Church, Essex, Ont., \$11; St. Stephen's Church, Chester, N.S., \$11.46; St. Mark's Church, Chester, N.S., \$2.37. A remittance of \$541.32 was made to the Duke of Westminster, K. G. Grosvenor House, London, W., on the 19th ult. Further offerings will be received up to April 8th.

A. SPENCER.

Kingston, Ont., February 29th, 1896.

A Convention of local Sunday-school teachers was held in the school-room of St. James' Church, Kingston, on the 25th ult. The attendance was very good, as were also the proceedings, consisting of a model class, instructed by the Rev. R. W. Rayson, and a paper by the Rev. Canon Spencer. Mr. Rayson was selected as the teacher on account of the interest awakened in the Dupanloup system of catechizing as used at All Saints' during the mission last October, and was given as subject: "The Reality of the Temptation of our Lord," and for scholars some six or seven children from the St. James' Sunday-school, entire strangers to the system and to him. The lesson occupied about twenty minutes, and embraced the dual nature of our Lord, His impeccability, and the force of the temptation which He endured, closing with a practical lesson on the

a pity that the few men who might have attended were not allowed to. Bishop Burn also preached in the cathedral on Wednesday, and in St. James' Church on Friday evening.

ADOLPHUSTOWN.—Since his wife's death, Rev. R. S. Forneri, the rector, has been seriously ill, and has been suffering from a carbuncle on the back of his neck. He is still in a weak and suffering state, but the doctor hopes to bring him through all right. Doctor Young and the parishioners are exceedingly kind and attentive.

RURAL DEANERY OF LEEDS.—George W. G. Grant, M.A., Rural Dean.—The thirtieth regular meeting of the Chapter of the Rural Deanery of Leeds was held in the parish of Newboro—Rev. G. H. P. Grant, M.A., rector—on February 4th and 5th. The weather was inclement, and only a few of the clergy were present. An interesting discussion took place on the approaching division of the diocese; a paper to be read by Rev. C. J. Young, and other subjects for discussion, were left over, to be taken up at the next meeting of the Chapter, which will be held in the parish of Gananoque on Tuesday and Wednesday, 5th and 6th of May.

DUNROBIN.—The opening for Divine service of one